

## Conference center study due Monday

### Herald Staff Report

Members of the Big Spring Conventions and Visitors Bureau board of directors will hear the results of a feasibility study on the construction of a hotel conference center Monday.

The meeting is set for 5:30 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center. The presentation, which is expected to take about a half-hour, is open to the public.

Making the presentation will be Paul Sajovec, senior vice president with HVS Convention, Sports & Entertainment Facilities Consulting.

"They came to our town and looked at the options. They did statistical data, and now we're getting ready to receive the over-



Baker

all presentation from them," said Dana Baker, CVB director.

Despite what the report will show, Baker said she and the CVB board are optimistic

about the idea.

"We're always optimistic and we always want the best for our community," said Baker. "But sometimes we have to sit back and look at the reality of things. And that's why this organization is coming in and giving their perspective. They do this for a living and they do it internationally. And of course we'll take their comments and debate them, and see what we can come up with."

## Legislature adjourns, ending another failed session on schools

### By APRIL CASTRO

Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Legislature adjourned its special session Friday, ending the fifth failed attempt to restructure the way Texas pays for public education.

The 30-day special session — the third one Gov. Rick Perry has called on the issue — was required by law to end Friday.

"The Legislature tried. They worked hard on trying to solve the problems. They just couldn't get there," said Republican House Speaker Tom Craddick of Midland.

While many lawmakers have called the school funding issue the most

"The fact of the matter is this issue is not going away."



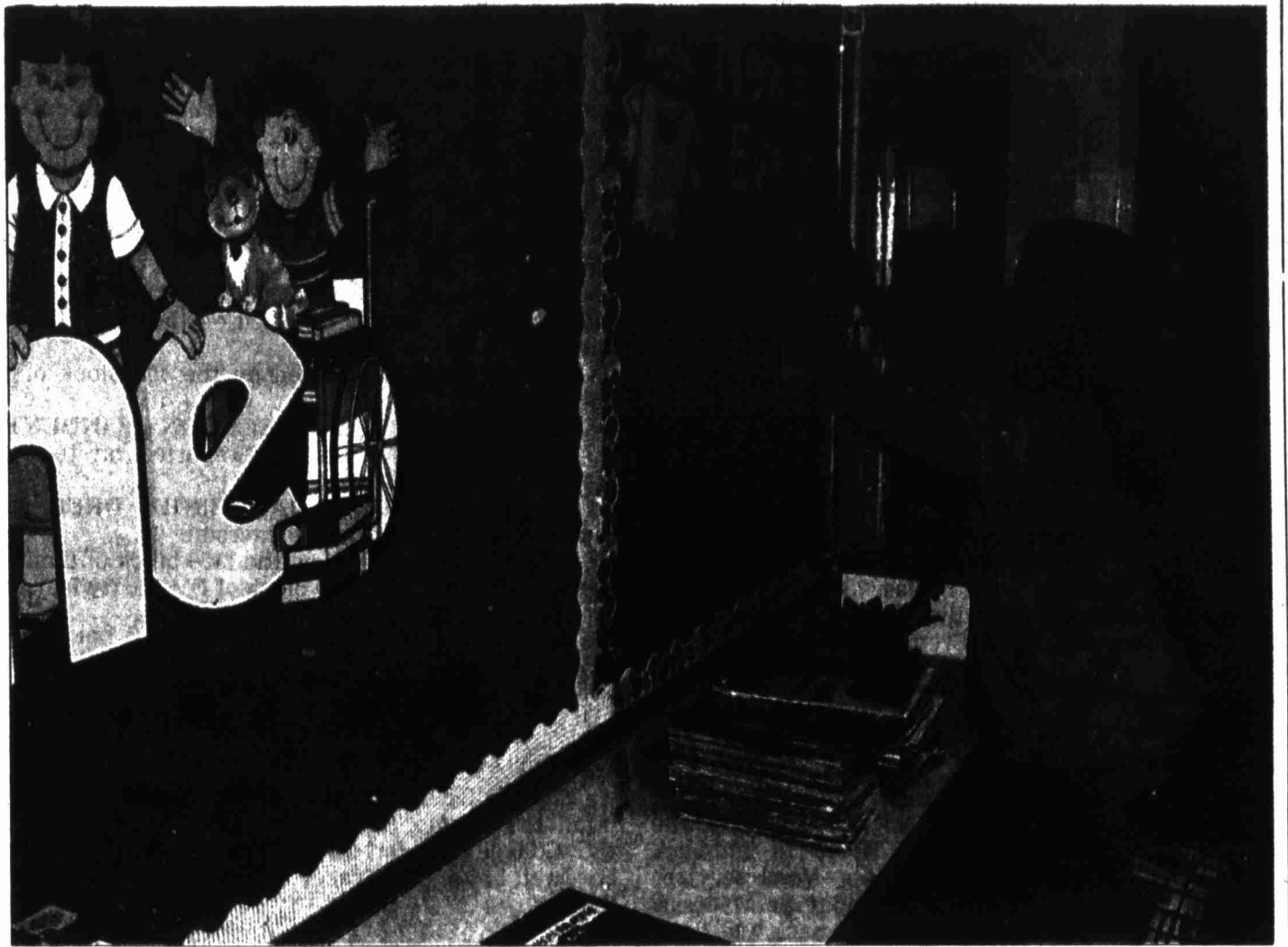
Perry

important of their careers, finding an agreeable solution for how to restructure the complex system hasn't been easy. The \$33 billion system educates 4.3 million children; every Texas homeowner helps foot the bill by paying school property taxes.

"This is the most important issue that any

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## GETTING SET FOR A NEW YEAR



Marcy Elementary fourth-grade teacher Lella Renteria puts material on the bulletin board in her classroom Friday afternoon. The 2005-06 school year for Big Spring Independent School District students begins Monday.

Herald photo/Steve Reagan

## County fair set to get under way

### Annual event officially opens Wednesday

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### By NANCY KOGER

Special to the Herald

The 33rd annual Howard County Fair officially opens at 4 p.m. Wednesday, but several preliminary events usher in the event.

Saturday, the Fair Queen's Contest was held at the Municipal Auditorium at 2 p.m., affording everyone a look at some of the local young women vying to become ambassadors for Howard County.

Tuesday, entrants will bring their offerings of baked and canned goods, produce, creative arts and crafts, art and

photography to the main fair barn from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Judging for those events will occur Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning.

Wednesday, area fifth-graders will experience the multiple stations of the "Ag in the Classroom" demonstrations, sponsored by the Farm Bureau and the Fair Association, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Each evening at 6 p.m., fairgoers can feast their eyes on a cooking demonstration in the creative arts area of the main barn.

Wednesday will feature Kathy Lusk with barbecue tips. Billye Grisham will show cake decorating Thursday.

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## Inflows provide six-footrise for Thomas, seven for Spence

### Special to the Herald

As the creeks and rivers are returning to near normal flows from rains that began last weekend, Lake J.B. Thomas and the E.V. Spence Reservoir showed gains of six to seven vertical feet.

"These rains brought water where we needed it most," said Colorado



Grant

River Municipal Water District General Manager John Grant. "The drought that began in the fall of 1992 has had the most impact

on Spence and Thomas. Reservoirs are not designed to operate at

extremely low levels and only drastic action has kept water flowing from the E.V. Spence Reservoir and Lake J.B. Thomas," he added.

Grant said it has been common during the past decade for the District to need cofferdams and

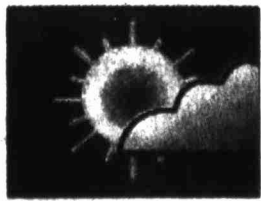
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## CRMWD lake levels

	THOMAS	SPENCE	IVIE	TOTAL
Total Cap	200,600	517,270	554,340	1,272,210
Beginning Elevation	2,228.50	1,847.22	1,535.48	
Begin Acre-ft	48,470	66,750	300,900	416,120
Percent capacity	24.16%	12.90%	54.28%	32.71%
Current acre-ft	70,390	99,380	309,500	479,270
Current Elevation	2,234.45	1,854.44	1,536.18	
Vertical Gain	5.95	7.22	0.70	
Percent capacity	35.09%	19.21%	55.83%	37.67%
Time	9:15 a.m.	8:45 a.m.	7:30 a.m.	8/19/2005
Net Gain	21,920	32,630	8,600	63,150

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## BURN BAN RESCINDED

Friday, Howard County Judge Ben Lockhart rescinded the county-wide burn ban that had been in effect since June 30. Lockhart made the decision, stating "Howard County has received substantial rainfall during the last two weeks and there is no longer the threat of disaster from wildfire."

County residents who burn trash or pastures in a "controlled burn" are, however, encouraged to use caution, particularly in high winds.



Lockhart

## VIOXX TRIAL VERDICT IN

Pharmaceutical giant Merck & Co. says it will appeal a \$253.4 million damage award a Texas jury gave Friday to the widow of a man who took its once-popular painkiller Vioxx in the first of thousands of Vioxx-related lawsuits to go to trial.

The three-digit damage award is likely to be drastically reduced.

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Cover Story: Talk show host Don Imus has turned his ranch in Ribera, N.M., into a summer camp for children who are cancer survivors. At this working ranch, the word "cancer" is never mentioned, and children are treated as if they are just like their healthy counterparts as they ride horses and enjoy other ranch activities.

## Obituaries

## Paul F. Soldan Sr.



Paul F. Soldan Sr., 85, of Big Spring, died Friday, Aug. 19, 2005, at his residence. Memorial services will be held at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 23, 2005 at the First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Matt Miles, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday at 124 Jonesboro Road.

He was born Nov. 20, 1919, in Chester, Neb., and married Frances Wauneta Allsman Sept. 22, 1940, in Chester. She preceded him in death March 1, 1982.

He had lived in Big Spring since 1940 and had worked for Fina Oil & Chemical for 42 years.

He was a member of First Presbyterian Church. He was a member of the Cosden 25 Year Club and was past president of the International Union of Operating Engineers. He had served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Survivors include a son, Paul F. Soldan Jr. of Big Spring; two daughters, Kathleen Tedesco of Midland and Christine Boling and husband Don of Big Spring; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandsons.

He was also preceded in death by his parents, eight brothers and two sisters.

The family suggests memorials be made to the First Presbyterian Church, 701 Runnels, Big Spring, 79720; to the American Heart Association, 3205 W. Cuthbert, Ste. A-5, Midland, 79701; to the American Cancer Society, in care of Lucy Bonner, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring, 79721-2121, or to the Texas Kidney Foundation, 1525 W. Mockingbird Lane, Dallas, 75235.

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

## Esperanza Alvarez



Esperanza Alvarez, 71, of Big Spring, died Saturday, Aug. 20, 2005, at the Micasita Nursing Home in Lubbock after a lengthy illness. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. James Plagens officiating. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born Jan. 20, 1934, in Loraine, and married Ramon Alvarez May 16, 1949, in Stanton. He preceded her in death April 9, 2004. She was a resident of Big Spring since 1938 and was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by three daughters, Lydia Valadez and Berlinda Paul, both of Lampasas, and Lucy Brito of Big Spring; four sons, Raymond Alvarez Jr. and Antonio Alvarez, both of Lubbock, David Alvarez of Odessa, and Jose Alvarez of Big Spring; a sister, Lupe DeLeon of Big Spring; a brother, Chavelo Lujan, of San Jose, Calif.; 13 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by seven brothers and sisters.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. You may pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com.

## Take note

• **SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH** celebrates 20 years of ministry in Big Spring with three Canadian ministers as guest speakers. Services are 7 p.m. Aug. 26, 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Aug. 27 and 10 a.m. Aug. 28. The public is invited to all these services. Call 267-5321 for more information.

• **DONATIONS OF NEW STUFFED TOYS FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES** are being accepted through Sep. 1. Drop off new, up to 18-inch stuffed toys at any fire station or at one of the EMS booths at the Howard County Fair. Cash donations to purchase stuffed toys are also being accepted. For more information, contact Joel Miller at 267-4082 or 213-1221.

• **DONATIONS TO DEFRAID COSTS OF FUNERAL EXPENSES FOR 14-YEAR-OLD ISIDRO GONZALES** are being accepted at Myer's & Smith Funeral Home. He died Aug. 12 from leukemia. Make donations directly to Myers & Smith at P.O. Box 2760, Big Spring 79721-2760.

• **THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY** need good condition books for an annual sale. Paperbacks and large print items are especially needed. Donated books can be delivered to the library weekdays during regular operating hours. If unable to bring the books to the library, call 263-4980 and request a pick up. All money from the sale goes to purchase items not included in the library's regular budget.

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

• **ROAD TO RECOVERY**, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call LaWanda Hamm at 263-7827.

• **BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1995 10-YEAR REUNION** is set for Homecoming weekend. For information about the events, contact bshs1995@yahoo.com or call Amanda or Stacie at 267-1353.

## Police blotter

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

- **NANCY ANN GUERRA**, 35, 600 Johnson, was arrested on a Howard County warrant.
- **KEVIN RAY KIRKHAM**, 36, no address given, was arrested on charges of possession of a dangerous drug and possession of a controlled substance.
- **STEVEN MICHAEL BURTON**, 30, Lubbock, was arrested on charges of possession of a dangerous drug and possession of a controlled substance.
- **RUPERTO REFUGIO RAMOS JR.**, 34, 910 E. 15th, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated, third or more offense.
- **TODD RAY KUYKENDALL**, 35, 4001 Gail Highway, was arrested on a charge of DWI.
- **FELIPE MANUEL LOPEZ**, 19, 209 Circle, was arrested on a charge of driving under the influence.
- **JOHNNY FAZ**, 18, 1002 N. Main, was arrested on local warrants and a charge of public intoxication.
- **AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON** was reported on the 1400 block of Johnson.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported on the 1600 block of Martin Luther King.
- **DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED, THIRD OR MORE OFFENSE** was reported on the 1400 block of Virginia.
- **FORGERY** was reported on the 400 block of E. Fourth.
- **FRAUDULENT USE/POSSESSION OF IDENTIFYING INFORMATION** was reported on the 700 block of Interstate 20.
- **POSSESSION OF A DANGEROUS DRUG** was reported on the 700 block of Interstate 20.
- **THEFT** was reported on the 1100 block of Lamesa Highway (twice), the 1700 block of FM 700 (twice) and the 700 block of Aylesford.

## Support groups

## TUESDAY

• The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 6 p.m., a new time, the last Tuesday of each month in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1005 Birdwell Lane. Call Tracey at 263-4948 for more information.

## THURSDAY

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

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

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

## FRIDAY

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

## SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8-9 p.m.

## Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 9-22-29-31-37.  
Number matching five of five: 2.  
Prize per winner: \$17,245.  
Winning tickets sold in: El Paso and Taylor.  
Matching four of five: 123. Prize: \$127.  
Matching three of five: 3,530. Prize: \$10.  
Matching two of five: 35,201. Prize: \$2.  
Next Cash 5 drawing: Saturday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-1-8

## Weather

Sunday—Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 90s. Light and variable winds. The chance of rain is 20 percent.

Sunday night—Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s. Light and variable winds. The chance of rain is 20 percent.

Monday—Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 90s. Light and variable winds becoming south around 10 mph in the afternoon.

Monday night—Partly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s. The chance of rain is 30 percent.

Tuesday—Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 90s. The chance of rain is 20 percent.

Tuesday night—Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s. The chance of rain is 20 percent.

Wednesday—Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s.

Wednesday night—Mostly clear. Lows around 70.

Thursday—Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 90s.

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Friday—Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s.

## Bulletin board

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

## MONDAY

• First day of school for Big Spring Independent School District students. High school and junior high school students class time from 8 a.m. until 3:35 p.m. Goliad and elementary students in class from 8 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

• Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

## TUESDAY

• Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

• League of United Latin American Citizens LULAC 4791 meets at 6 p.m. in the YMCA board room. Anyone interested in learning more about Howard County LULAC is encouraged to visit the site bigspring4791.blog.com or call 268-9155 and ask for Janey, LULAC 4791 secretary.

• The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 7 p.m. in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1105 Birdwell Lane. For more information, call Tracey Pounds at 268-4948.

## WEDNESDAY

• Howard County Fair opens.

• Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.

• Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

• Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center in the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or 267-1628.

• Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.

• Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

## THURSDAY

• Howard County Fair.

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

• Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in Gale's Sweet Shoppe.

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

## FRIDAY

• Howard County Fair.

• Love Your Lake Clean-up at Comanche Trail Lake is set to begin at 9 a.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

• Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Members bring their own lunch. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.

• AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.

• Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

• Spring City Senior Citizen's Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area seniors are invited.

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## HOWARD COUNTY FAIR 2005 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

<b>Tuesday</b>	
8 a.m. - 6 p.m.	Booth set-up
8 a.m. - 6 p.m.	Entries for Creative Arts, Fine Arts, Photography, Baked Goods, Canned Goods and Produce
6:30 p.m.	Judging for Creative Arts, Baked Goods, Canned Goods and Produce
<b>Wednesday</b>	
10 a.m.	Judging for Fine Arts and Photography
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Ag in the Classroom
4 p.m.	Fair Opens
6 p.m.	Cooking Demonstration-BBQ
7 p.m. & 9 p.m.	Jody Nix performs in the Event Tent
<b>Thursday</b>	
1 p.m. - 3 p.m.	Ice Cream Social & Bingo in the Show Arena
3 p.m.	Steers Arrive in the Steer Barn
4 p.m.	Fair Opens
6 p.m.	Dominos
6 p.m.	Cooking Demonstration-Cake
7 p.m.	Colgate Country Showdown in the Events Tent
<b>Friday</b>	
1 p.m. - 7 p.m.	Lambs Arrive in the Sheep Barn
4 p.m.	Exhibits and Vendors Open
6 p.m.	County Roping in the Rodeo Bowl
6 p.m.	Cooking Demonstration-Crepes
7 & 9 p.m.	Quebe Sisters perform in the Events Tent
<b>Saturday</b>	
8 a.m.	Lamb Showmanship in the Judging Arena
9 a.m.	Lamb Show in the Judging Arena
9 a.m.	Tractor Pull Registration at the Tractor Pull Track
10 a.m.	Exhibits and Vendors Open
10:30 a.m.	Kountry Kids in the Events Tent
11 a.m.	Tractor Pull and Lawnmower Races at the Tractor Pull Track
1 p.m.	Steer Show in the Steer Barn, Steer Showmanship after show
2 p.m.	Washer Tournament, register before 2 p.m.
3 p.m.	Goats Arrive at the Sheep Barn
6 p.m.	Cooking Demonstration- Spanish Tacos
7 p.m.	Battle of the Cheerleaders in the Rodeo Bowl
9:45 p.m.	Quilt Drawing
10 p.m.	Fair Closes
10-11 p.m.	Pick up entries for Creative Arts, Fine Arts, Photography, Baked Goods and Canned Goods
<b>Sunday, Aug. 28</b>	
11 a.m.	Goat Showmanship at the Sheep Barn
Noon	Goat Show at the Sheep Barn
1-3 p.m.	Pick up entries for Creative Arts, Fine Arts, Photography, Baked and Canned Goods

## FAIR

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Friday's culinary demonstration will be Spanish tacos by Marguerita Durand-Hollis, and Saturday's offering will be crepes from Nancy Koger.

Entertainment will be in the big tent south of the main barn, with Jody Nix and his Texas Cowboys leading off at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Local talent is showcased in the Colgate Country Showdown at 7

p.m. Thursday. Friday features the Quebe Sisters, three young fiddlers for two shows at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Winding up the week's entertainment is the Saturday night Battle of the Cheerleaders at 7 p.m. in the Rodeo Bowl.

On week days, exhibitors and vendors will open for business at 4 p.m., but hours are from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday.

From 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, the Show Arena will be open for an Ice Cream Social and

Bingo. Other daytime events during regular fair hours will be domino tournaments, lawn mower races, a tractor pull, washer tournament, the annual Kountry Kids show and lamb, steer, and goat shows.

The county roping reels off in the Rodeo Bowl Friday night.

The final event of the fair at 9:45 p.m. Saturday will be a drawing for the quilt embroidered by about 50 local women, featuring local brands and ranching motifs.

## LAKES

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barge-mounted pumps to maintain false elevations around the intakes and keep the intake column pumps submerged.

Spence Reservoir gained the most water, with a 7.2-foot vertical rise to about 99,400 acre feet and 19 percent of capacity. The last time it was this high was in March 1998. At Lake Thomas, inflows raised the lake by about six feet to hold about 70,400 acre feet or 35 percent of capacity. The last time Lake Thomas had this much water was in October 1992.

A little rain fell on the watershed of the O.H. Ivie Reservoir, which gained less than one vertical foot with an increase of 8,600 acre-feet to almost 56 percent of capacity.

"Overall, these rains brought in more than 63,000 acre-feet of water and improved quality as it brought the cumulative total of all three lakes to 37.7 percent of our capacity," Grant said. "Most of the gauges show the river and creeks returning to near normal but we will see just a little more water reach Spence since the Colorado River was still flowing at about 1,400 cubic feet per second this morning (Friday) at the Silver Bridge."

Wendell Barber, CRMWD water quality specialist, said the pattern of chloride readings from the inflow event was very encouraging.

"In an inflow event, we usually see our best water in the middle of the event, after the high chlorides in the first flushing flows and before the higher readings at the end of the event," Barber explained. "This time, we are seeing lower chlorides and less

turbidity over the full event."

He said chlorides for the first three days of inflows were less than 100 parts per million (ppm) with many of the readings in the 40 to 60 ppm range. Later readings were up slightly but he still characterized them as very good overall.

"Even though it was a general rain over the area, a lot of the heaviest rain fell very near the lakes or in parts of the watershed that have the least problems with soil salts," Barber explained. "I think better grass and soil conditions may also have contributed to reducing the turbidity (or muddiness) of the water."

He said municipal water plant operators always brace for high turbidity that typically accompanies big inflow events.

"We didn't have the usual increase in turbidity. Several factors might have contributed to this," Barber said. "The rains fell steadily over a longer period rather than all at once, vegetation reduced the amount of mud that was picked up by the flowing water and, at Thomas in particular, we already had a little water in the upper end of the lake to slow the incoming river flow and blend with it."

Grant said the District will not know the full impact of the good water for a few weeks until the inflows fully blend with stored water.

"We typically have good water at Thomas and these flows will help there, but the most impact will be at Spence where evaporation had pushed the chlorides back up to around 700 ppm," Grant said. "I think we will see chlorides at Spence drop below 600 ppm."

Grant said the inflows will also have a financial

benefit to the District. They came on the heels of good inflows last February and November and will save the District both labor and pumping power. At Spence, crews had prepared the pump-back barge and were just at the trigger point to begin using it, when small inflows in early August kept washing out the cofferdam plug. This large inflow event insures a pump-back won't be needed for the better part of a year, even if no more inflows come to Spence in that time.

"Not only are pump-back operations expensive from a standpoint of labor to build them and then power to pump the water twice, the very fact that water supplies are so low at Thomas and Spence has forced us to rely more heavily on water from the Ivie Reservoir over the past several years," Grant explained. "Ivies is farther away and more of an uphill push, which requires a lot more electric power at a time when the cost of that power is soaring," Grant said. "This rain was a money saver and helped our water supply picture significantly."

## MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

Esperanza Alvarez, 71, died Saturday. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Monday. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

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## Friends of Martin County Library staging special paperback book sale

The Friends of the Martin County Library have announced a special sale on fiction paperback books at the library's new location.

The Friends have been conducting a used book sale every Thursday — and during the Old-Sorehead Trade Days — for several months, but ten for \$1 is a special "employee" price sale.

During this sale paperback, fiction books that normally sell for one dollar each will be on special for ten for a dollar. Fiction and nonfiction hardback books remain at \$3 and nonfiction paper-

backs are \$1 each. The used book facility has a wide variety of books including complete sets of atlases and reference books.

Hours of operation each Thursday are 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Boxes or sacks are provided for customers who wish to take advantage of this sale and acquire plenty of good reading material to last all winter.

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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## Memories from a mis-spent youth

Random thoughts while waiting for the weekend:

School starts here in Big Spring Monday.

That major groaning sound you hear is coming from thousands of kids knowing that the jig is up.

That major sighing sound you hear is coming from thousands of parents.

That major laughing sound you hear is coming from me.

That these kids — who have had months of sleeping late, playing, swimming and just generally goofing off while I slaved away at the office — now have to buckle down and get to work convinces me that the universe is once again properly aligned.

Welcome back to the real world, children. Now, learn something. Hahahahahahahahaha

Actually, I haven't been bitter knowing that all the kiddos had a summer vacation while I didn't. If anything, I was envious. I remember only too well those lazy, hazy days of summer vacation, when the world was young and so was I (wow, that's poetic), and I miss them terribly.

Something is very wrong with the world when good, decent people such as myself have to work every day when there's a perfectly good summer right outside our offices going to waste. It's criminal, I tell you.

Summer — dang, even the sound of the word sounds magical. The reality, as we know, is even better.

I know that almost everyone looks back on their youth as an idyllic time, and I'm no different.

I actually enjoyed school, for the most part. I had good teachers, I made friends, I actually learned a few things along the way that would help me in my professional life (*i before e, except after c* being the biggie) and I didn't cause my parents too much undue grief.

But, let's face facts: If you had your choice between nine months in a classroom and three months of unfettered freedom, which would you choose? Especially if you were between the ages of 5 and 18?

Come on, be honest. I thought so.

When that final school bell rang in May, releasing us into the wide, wide world for summer vacation, a mystical change overcame me. I was no

longer a sullen, unappreciative, somewhat lazy goofball. I instead became a charming, vivacious, full-of-energy goofball.

There were three months of idle time awaiting me, and I was planning to make full use of each minute. It may seem somewhat pathetic now, but I'm amazed how much energy I put into planning as much unproductive activity as humanly possible.

Summer, of course, was a time for family vacations and I will cherish the memories of our trips to Possum Kingdom Lake until they shovel dirt over me, but it was also a time for serious playtime with my friends. And I'm here to tell you we thought of some of the goofiest pastimes to while away the daytime hours.

I remember a friend and me spending *waaaaay* too much time trying to figure out a way to convert his bicycle into a helicopter. We almost developed a working prototype, but became discouraged when his mother wouldn't allow us to test-fly the contraption off the roof of his house.

I also remember becoming fascinated with an air gun I had back when I was 6 or 7, so fascinated, in fact, that I had to learn exactly how it worked. So I loaded the barrel with sand, looked down said barrel and pulled the trigger.

Amazingly, I didn't lose my sight. I was washing sand out of my eyes for what seemed like months, however. And I'm sure my parents had a long conversation about their apparently brain-damaged third son.

Those summers were also a time when I was convinced that I was only a few short years away from becoming a major league baseball player. Why, with a little time and effort, I'd soon be pitching in a big league stadium while my parents adoringly applauded from the stands.

It never occurred to me that I would actually have to have some talent for the game. Bitter reality had no place in the summers of my youth.

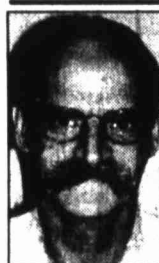
Anyway, adulthood is a different kettle of fish. Summer vacation now means getting a week or few days off here and there, hopefully with enough energy and money to actually go somewhere or do something.

But kids still get the thrill that only a three-month summer vacation can bring.

At least until Monday, that is.

Hahahahahahahahaha

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STEVE REAGAN

## Where should a new jail be located?

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This is the third in a four-part series concerning the proposed construction of a new Howard County Jail, focusing on the opinions of several county leaders. For this question, there was no word limit.

### Commissioner Gary Simer



SIMER

The matter of a new jail is one of the most important items on the agenda for the Howard County Commissioners at the present time.

Everyone is in agreement that a new jail must be built, but the final decision needs to be made as to the size and location of the facility.

There have been several sites mentioned for the new jail; however, I believe that the most financially feasible would be to locate the jail directly west of the courthouse.

This would place the jail adjacent to the District Court Building, helping to reduce not only security issues, but also the cost involved with transporting prisoners to court.

There would be no need to build additional office space, as the existing offices in the courthouse could be utilized. By going this route, the cost would be less than half that of building the proposed Law Enforcement Center.

### County Judge Ben Lockhart



LOCKHART

In reference to the location of the jail, I believe it should be located as close to the existing court buildings as possible.

### Commissioner Jerry Kilgore



KILGORE

When we first started searching for a location, my first reaction was that we should be able to find something downtown near the courthouse. After starting our search, we realized that most everything from Third Street north was in a flood zone. Needing almost four blocks for the Law Enforcement Center and jail, most of the locations were too small to fit these needs. The cost of purchasing the property, the environmental study, the removal of any hazardous materials and the site preparation would be astronomical. One of the main problems with the downtown sites would be the cost and the lack of parking for the police department, the sheriff's office and jail staff and visitors coming to the jail. With all these problems in the downtown area, we then began to

look outside of the downtown area and the best location that suited all of the needs for a Law Enforcement Center and jail was the location at FM 700. This location offers enough room for all police and sheriff's activities, parking and expansion, if ever needed, and would be much less expensive than any other area that we found.

### Commissioner Emma Brown



BROWN

I would like to see the new jail built as close as possible to the courthouse.

### Commissioner Bill Crooker



CROOKER

First of all, the Commissioners Court has not finalized a location for a law enforcement center or jail. We have had several proposed. At this time, one location — at FM 700 and 11th Place — is favored by some Commissioners, the Sheriff, and Police Chief.

When the question of a location for a jail facility arises, there are several factors to be considered:

- Will the facility be a law enforcement center to include a jail, the sheriff's office and city police department?
- Will it be the sheriff's department and the jail?
- Will it be the jail facility only?

These three possibilities will require different amounts of land space, with the first factor requiring the most land and option three requiring the least.

Option One could easily require as much as four city blocks of land. Options Two and Three would require considerably less — with just a jail requiring as little as one block.

Acquiring four city blocks for a law enforcement center next to or within walking distance of the courthouse would be difficult — possibly requiring condemnation and razing of old buildings with both being very expensive and time-consuming.

The problems with old structures is asbestos and lead paint which must be handled professionally by qualified workers. There is also the problem of a 50-100 year flood plain which exists on land near the railroad. This would require special construction and other possible considerations.

Converting the Settles Hotel to a jail is fraught with problems and would be extremely expensive to design and construct so that it would meet Texas Jail Commission standards. Anyone familiar with jail construction and operation would immediately reject this idea.

If Option One — a law enforce-

ment center — or Option Two — a sheriff's department and jail — are considered, the location must be accessible to major thoroughfares such as FM 700, Gregg Street, and Third and Fourth streets. This would keep response time to emergency calls to a minimum and also reduce prisoner transport time between the jail and courthouse.

### District Judge Robert H. Moore III



MOORE

It is my firm belief that there is usually a big difference between what we would wish for and what we actually need. I say this first because any location selected, is of necessity, a function of whether we are to build what some would think is merely desirable, as opposed to what is in reality needed.

If anything, we "need" is a jail facility that brings us into full compliance with prevailing jail commission standards and provides us with the prisoner capacity sufficient to meet our historical usage, as well as "reasonable" predictions with regard to future demands.

Although I am not fully convinced that a new jail is a necessity and a good idea; on the other hand, I'm not fully convinced it is a bad idea.

But, if we are to build a jail, I firmly believe that a 96-bed jail would, without a doubt, satisfy any reasonably projected need for a very long time to come.

Such a jail can be built, as well it should, as close to the existing courthouse complex as is physically possible. Meaning, right next door.

The building of any facility in a remote location would create problems and new risks far in excess of any alleged benefits.

Were the sheriff's office to be moved away from the existing courthouse complex, problems would arise that we have never experienced and will not experience if any new jail were built on site and integrated with our existing courthouse complex.

Currently, transportation of prisoners from the county jail to county or district courtrooms is accomplished with safety and without any appreciable burden or cost to the resources of the sheriff's office. Transportation from any remote location would add to the costs of vehicles and manpower and increase risks of escape and place officers at increased risk.

In addition, were the sheriff's office to remove their staff from the existing courthouse complex (main courthouse, district court building and annex), it would be left without security and protection currently afforded by the sheriff's office.

These are just a few of the many reasons I oppose any jail facility removed from the immediate area of the existing complex.

## Here's what one reader thinks:

I think all we need is a 96-bed jail because the population of Big Spring hasn't increased over 20 years, and if we were to build a bigger jail it would raise the taxes and many of the elderly can't afford it. If we were to go

over 96 it would still be cheaper to send prisoners away than it would be to build a 144-bed jail.

AMBER SIMER  
BIG SPRING

## What do you think?

The Herald encourages readers to weigh in with their opinions on the county jail issue. You can e-mail your opinions to Managing Editor John A. Moseley at editor@bigspringherald.com or to Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at citydesk@bigspringherald.com. Opinions can also be mailed to P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring 79721-1431. They can also be dripped by our offices located at 710 Scurry Street. Please limit responses to 100 words or less.

## Next week's question: How do we pay for a new jail?

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# It's important to employ the right strategies

In reply to the community inquiries concerning physicians leaving the community over the past several years, we need to look directly to a strategy employed by a Lubbock Health System to employ physicians who would direct patients to their hospital facilities from the rural communities.

Despite the system establishing clinics and employing more than 15 physicians in Big Spring and many more in the surrounding communities, their strategy was incurring financial losses of purportedly over \$7 million per year throughout West Texas. Most all of these physician's contracts have been terminated over the past several years by the Lubbock Health System, or renegotiated to a production-based contract resulting in not only physicians leaving this community, but many other rural communities. Only employed physicians have left Big Spring. All independent practitioners are well-established in Big Spring and have put down roots in the community because they enjoy the small community atmosphere and friendliness of the people. We also continue to have several employed physicians who are very popular and are very active in the community.

Scenic Mountain Medical Center is currently recruiting physicians to the community who wish to be independent practitioners and who are seeking a more rural lifestyle with the intent of raising their families and becoming an inte-

gral part of the community. All physicians have trained in the "big cities" at the University Medical Centers. We are fortunate to have excellent physicians who choose to live and work here. Unfortunately, many people have the misconception that "bigger is better." In reality, you most often get more personal attention and time with your local physician who is also more likely to know your family medical history.

You have seen advertisements on our new independent pediatrician, Kimberly Saenz, MD who has opened her office in the Family Practice Center on Gregg Street. We presently have a practice start-up contract offer to a family practice physician who was born and raised here. His parents and brothers still live here. He plans on opening his practice prior to Jan. 1.

Another family practice physician who used to practice in the community several years ago is wishing to return with his family. A practice support start-up offer has been made to him and he would like to make his decision in time to get his children enrolled in school by Sept. 1.

We continue to review many physician candidates and will actively recruit those who have a genuine interest in tak-

ing care of people and who are good fits with the community.

In addition to medical staff interviews with these candidates, we invite community leaders to visit with these physicians. Fairly consistently we reach the same conclusion on the candidates which we feel are a good fit with the community.

Scenic Medical Center has both independent physician practitioners and employed physicians on its medical staff. Many of our employed physicians have been here for many years and are active in the community. Physicians often leave communities for a multitude of reasons, varying from divorce, opportunity to re-join classmates, spouses who prefer larger cities, satisfaction of visa requirements for permanent visa, retirement, etc.

One of our physicians was studying to become a nephrologist (dialysis physician) prior to joining our medical staff. He lacked one year of completing his fellowship when he contracted with the hospital and moved to Big Spring. His university recently contacted him because a physician dropped out of their program with one year remaining. It is a perfect opportunity for the physician to complete his nephrology fellowship and the community needs to support him in this effort to become a physician specialist.

He and his family enjoy the area and will likely return upon completion of his fellowship. This physician will continue to practice in our emer-

gency room on weekends as his fellowship time allows.

We have another physician who has an opportunity to return to her old hospital to be closer to her new grandchildren and children. However, she will continue to work part time at Big Spring.

Physician practices are small businesses located within your community. They typically employ three to five local employees and actively use local services of CPAs, phone services, purchase office supplies, utilities and maintenance services. It is important for the community members to understand that a dollar spent locally has a multiplier effect within the community of 1.4 to 1.6 for most business.

Due to the higher education requirements and labor intensity of a physician or hospital service, a medical dollar which stays in a community has an even greater economic multiplier effect of 3.4 to 3.6. Typically, these are Medicare and Medicaid tax dollars, which have been sent to Washington, D.C. for most of your working lives. You can either give them to the big cities so they can get bigger, or you can get an economic multiplier effect spending them locally.

When a metropolitan health system imposes itself on a rural community with the intent of referring patients to its urban facilities and physicians, it undermines the local economy as well as the local hospital and physicians who chose to live and work in the

community. Ultimately, when a community cannot maintain a variety of amenities and services it will be unable to attract medical professionals to its community.

I am proud of the efforts of Mayor Russ McEwen, the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Moore Development for Big Spring and community leaders who are consistently trying to convey the importance of supporting local business, which in turn helps support the overall economic environment within the community.

As a reminder, the West Texas VA Health Care System will be holding its second public hearing on Thursday, Sept. 1 at the Howard College Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. At this meeting, the public will hear more about the options VA contractor PricewaterhouseCoopers has developed.

The public will have an opportunity to provide feedback via open testimony at the meeting, via the Internet site at [www.va.gov/cares](http://www.va.gov/cares); or via postal mail at VA Cares Studies-Big Spring, PO Box 1427, Washington Grove, MD 20880-1427. Your participation at the public hearing and input is important. Get it on your calendar and bring a friend.

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MIKE PRUITT

# Ken was a symbol of dedication to his profession

My good friend, Ken Mayhall, passed away recently, much to my dismay. He was to me, not only a good friend, but a comrade-in-arms, a fellow firefighter.

Additionally, he was an unsung hero to those of us who knew him.

It was shortly after I signed on to the fire department that I met Ken, and got to know him. For the most part he was a quiet fellow, but enjoyed seeing some of the pranks within the department. Some of the pranks were elaborate but most were simple.

After working in the fire department for a few weeks, I had sat down to watch a movie on TV. Most everyone had gone to bed except for Ken and me. I don't even remember the name of the movie. I do remember I had not seen it as yet and it looked to be a good one.

The hour was late but we were now deeply into the movie. He had mentioned to me earlier how he had seen it some time ago but liked it and wanted to see it again.

Toward the end, you could hear the music which accompanies movies begin to get a fevered pitch. Especially during the exciting scenes. It was during one of those scenes I asked Ken, since he had seen the movie, what happened to the lead character. He did not want to tell me.

I am one of those kind of people that don't mind hearing how it ended. It does not take the meaning of the movie away, nor does it disappoint me in any way. I just look forward to the ending even more so.

Ken said, after I had badgered him for a while, "Well, the guy and gal fall in love but when they get back things get bad for them and then toward the end of the movie things really get

bad and then the gal's old boyfriend comes in and shoots him and he dies."

I said, "Oh no! Really?" Ken said, "Yep!" "Aww, come on! Not Really," I said? Ken said, "Yep, really!" I was really engrossed in this movie and it just broke my heart the movie would end this way. I have seen other movies that had "lousy" endings like this so I just braced myself for this to end terribly.

Then, in a few minutes, the movie ended. I was furious with Ken. The movie ended on a good note and the aforementioned couple got married and lived happily ever after. I threw a couch cushion at him and he just laughed and laughed. He was able to pull a prank on me and then just enjoy the whole movie while I waited for a bad ending that never happened. He loved it.

Ken was one of our "senior" officers, meaning he had been there for a long time and had much more experience fighting fires as he was on the fire department previously and with the military as well.

During those days our training was "on the job" and we were expected to do as we were told and very rarely were you to ever, ever question orders given by the lieutenant or captain. So he was a great role model to learn from.

It was during one of those hot summer days, we had an explosion at our local refinery. Those on duty responded immediately and those off duty heard the explosion and saw the heavy, dark, acrid smoke billowing into the sky and responded to the station long before the order was given to call in all off-duty personnel. We just worked that way.

Most fires you see on TV are planned or "staged" fires. They make it look terrible and dangerous but they are

controlled fires and while not totally safe, they are easily controlled and can be put out without any threat to those in the scene.

The fires at the refinery are not controlled and are very dangerous. They can be put out but only after the fuel burns out. We are talking thousands if not millions of gallons of fuel. In any case, if the fuel is not contained, we are talking a possible situation where the firemen and the personnel at the refinery are in extreme danger.

The fire chief, at the time, called upon two men who had some experience in wearing the crash and rescue suit the Air Force used during airplane crashes. When the Air Base closed we were able to get a couple of those suits. Most of us had never used them. We'd put them on maybe out of curiosity to see what it felt like but never wore them in an actual fire.

One of the men was Larry Ringener and the other was Ken Mayhall. Now, when you are in a fire like that you have all kinds of things going through your mind. The sound of the fire is like something from hell. Very scary, indeed.

This whole place, you think, could blow up. Now the chief has asked his men to put on these suits and walk into the very fire area and turn the valves to the various piping in order to cut the fuel supply, after which the fire would burn out. These suits are not fire proof but do supply better protection than what a fireman ordinarily wears.

I watched these men go in, and what seemed like an eternity, walked out, pulled off their huge head protective gear, sweat rolling off their heads and into their eyes, with a great big smile on their faces. They had turned the valves off. During all this



Former Fire Marshal Burr Lea Settles

time other firemen had been spraying water onto them and the super heated pipes to keep them cooler than they would have been without the water. I had often wondered if the chief had asked anyone else, would we have, could we have done as well? I would

like to think so. Nevertheless, Ken was, in my eyes, the hero of the fire department. If nothing else, he stood as a symbol to others of our dedication to our chosen profession. In the years following, I enjoyed working with Ken. I know he is with our

Father in Heaven. And if the call ever comes, to him and others like him, they will gladly go to hell and put the fires out.

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# Merck & Co. found liable in nation's first Vioxx trial

ANGLETON (AP) — Pharmaceutical giant Merck & Co. says it will appeal a \$253.4 million damage award a Texas jury gave Friday to the widow of a man who took its once-popular painkiller Vioxx in the first of thousands of Vioxx-related lawsuits to go to trial.

The three-digit damage award is likely to be drastically reduced, to no more than \$26.1 million, because Texas law caps punitive damages — which made up \$229 million of the total.

But attorneys for plaintiff Carol Ernst were no less ecstatic, gleefully shouting "Amen, amen," while Ernst began to cry. Her lawyer, Mark Lanier, bear-hugged her.

"This is right. Justice is done, amen," said Lanier, who trained as a preacher before he turned to law.

A seven-man, five-

woman jury deliberated for 10-1/2 hours over two days before returning the verdict in a 10-2 vote.

Jurors in the semi-rural county rejected Merck's argument that Carol Ernst's husband, Robert, 59, died of clogged arteries rather than a Vioxx-induced heart attack that led to his fatal arrhythmia. Ernst, a produce manager at a Wal-Mart store, ran marathons and taught aerobics classes on the side.

The case drew national attention from pharmaceutical companies, lawyers, consumers, stock analysts and arbitrageurs as a signal of what lies ahead for Merck, which has vowed to fight the more than 4,200 state and federal Vioxx-related lawsuits pending across the country.

Ernst called the verdict a "wake-up call" for pharmaceutical companies.

"This has been a long road for me," she told reporters later. "But I felt strongly that this was the road I needed to take so other families wouldn't suffer the same pain I felt at the time."

After news of the late-afternoon decision, Merck shares fell 7.7 percent to close at \$28.06, wiping away almost \$5.2 billion in market capitalization.

Merck lawyer Jonathan Skidmore said the appeal would center on what he termed "unreliable scientific evidence."

"It'll be based on the fact that we believe unqualified expert testimony was allowed in the case; there were expert opinions that weren't grounded in science, the type that are required in the state of Texas," he said. "We don't believe they (plaintiffs) met their

burden of proof."

The jury awarded \$450,000 in economic damages for Robert Ernst's lost pay, \$24 million for mental anguish and loss of companionship and \$229 million in punitive damages.

But state law caps punitive damages at twice the amount of economic damages — lost pay — and up to \$750,000 on top of noneconomic damages, which are comprised of mental anguish and loss of companionship.

That would give Ernst a

maximum of \$1.65 million in punitive damages, meaning her total damage award could not exceed \$26.1 million.

"This case did not call for punitive damages," Skidmore said in a prepared statement. "Merck acted responsibly — from researching Vioxx prior to approval in clinical trials involving almost 10,000 patients — to monitoring the medicine while it was on the market — to voluntarily withdrawing the medicine when it did."

Juror Derrick Chizer, who voted for Ernst, said the 10 like-minded jurors believed a heart attack triggered the Texas man's fatal arrhythmia, or irregular heartbeat.

"It could have been prevented," Chizer, 43, said. "That is the message (to pharmaceutical companies). Respect us."

But juror James Friudenberg, one of the two who voted for Merck, said he "couldn't go with the probabilities" of what caused Robert Ernst's death.

## SCHOOLS

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legislature ever deals with," said Perry, who called the most recent failure a "tremendous disappointment."

The Legislature also failed in its regular sessions in 2003 and 2005.

After the failure of legislation that would have funded textbooks and given teachers a pay raise, Perry announced he has directed the Texas Education Agency to raise the minimum teacher salary schedule. That means about 8,000 of the state's lowest paid teachers, mostly in small and rural districts, will get a raise, starting at \$670 a year. More experienced teachers will get more.

While teachers expected to get the raise this school year, it had been removed from the education budget that Perry signed last week.

Perry also said Friday that he has started the process of directing \$295 million to fund textbooks that were due in classrooms this year. Publishers last week started shipping the unfunded books to schools on the promise of state leaders that they would be funded.

"Students need the newest materials in the classroom as soon as possible," Perry said. The mechanism being used to fund the books could not be legally initiated until the Legislature was out of session.

The session seemed to fizzle when Craddick earlier this month said it had become a waste of time and money and that it didn't appear the Legislature would pass a complete school finance plan.

But Perry and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, fellow Republicans, said they wanted to keep working.

So, the Texas Senate approved a \$2.8 billion education spending plan last week that would have given teachers a pay raise. That plan was dependent on a separate tax-swap bill that never materialized in the House.

Republican leaders have vowed to give Texans property tax relief. But Texas also is under court pressure to change its education finance system, which is largely reliant on local property taxes.

State District Judge John Dietz last year ruled Texas' school funding method unconstitutional and ordered it changed by October of this year. Lawyers for the state appealed that decision to the Texas Supreme Court.

"The fact of the matter is this issue is not going away," Perry said. "We have days and months ahead of us. The Legislature will deal with this at some time in the future."

Craddick has long said the Legislature should not tackle the issue until lawmakers have guidance from a court ruling, which is expected in the coming weeks or months. Several senators and Dewhurst said they

expect Perry to call them back into session after the Texas Supreme Court rules.

"Public education is not a compromise issue. The future of our state is our children," said Sen. Eddie Lucio, D-Brownsville. "I hope that when we return, we'll have thought about what we need to do."

Perry convened the current special session July 21, the day after the previous 30-day session ended without a plan.

The governor may call as many special sessions as he wants, in addition to the regularly 140-day sessions every other year. Each can last up to 30 days. Perry has called six special sessions since becoming governor — three on redistricting and three on education funding. Then-Gov. George W. Bush never called a special session while in office.

While Craddick blamed the most recent failure on education groups and superintendents for pressuring their representatives to vote against proposed school funding plans, Dewhurst blasted lobby efforts from special interests such as the oil and gas industry, who he said didn't want to be stuck with new taxes.

"I think if there's a culprit, it's special interests ... who didn't want school finance to pass, particularly certain lobbyists ... rich, greedy lobbyists for petrochemical companies, for some oil and gas companies," Dewhurst said. "I'm very disappointed with that."

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**Ex-Marine gets Texas tuition rates**

AUSTIN (AP) — A decorated Texas-born Marine who was told he didn't qualify for the cheaper state resident college tuition can now pay the lower-priced rate.

Carl Basham, 27, was initially told by staff at Austin Community College that he didn't qualify for Texas resident tuition, meaning he would have to pay around \$2,600 instead of about \$500 a semester in tuition.

On Friday, Basham received the in-state designation after he turned in documents officials found would provide him with waivers to the residency rules.

The school's first response surprised Basham, who was born in Beeville, is registered to vote in Travis County and has a Texas driver's license.

But under Texas law, members of the military are presumed to maintain the same residence as when they enlisted in the service.

Although he grew up throughout Texas and lived most of his youth in Waco, Basham graduated from high school and enlisted in the Marine Corps in Monroe, La.

After conducting research, Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson found Basham designated his official residence as Austin more than a year ago with the military. Basham also meets two waivers to the law: he has a valid will in Texas, plus he's had a vehicle registered in Texas since 2001, according to Patterson.

Also on Friday, ACC President Steve Kinslow and Basham called lawmakers to change state law to make it easier for veterans to qualify for in-state tuition rates, regardless of residency.

**Former teacher sentenced to 23 years in husband's death**

HOUSTON (AP) — A former Spring elementary school teacher has been sentenced to 23 years in prison after being convicted of murdering her estranged husband.

Jenny Harvey Eisenman, 27, must serve at least half of her sentence before being eligible for parole.

She was convicted of shooting Westfield High School coach Andrew "Drew" Eisenman in May 2004. Drew Eisenman was likely sitting on the couch in his wife's apartment when he was shot in the throat, chest, abdomen and hand, prosecutors said.

Before announcing their sentence Friday, jurors reviewed video of an interview Jenny Eisenman gave to detectives hours after the death of her husband, from whom she was seeking a divorce.

It showed her looking through a magazine, eating cherry pie and drinking a soft drink while she was alone in the interview room.

Jenny Eisenman contended that she shot her husband protect herself and their baby. She testified that her husband physically, verbally and sexually

abused her during their five-year marriage.

"You cannot ignore the instance of sudden passion in this case," defense attorney Wayne T. Hill said, adding that the crime "was not planned; it certainly was not thought out. It was something that happened."

Prosecutors say she shot her husband out of fear that he would take their son and because she was angry about his relationship with another woman.

Initially, Jenny Eisenman didn't call police and instead went with her infant son to buy supplies to clean up the crime scene.

Jenny Eisenman later admitted discarding evidence and dragging her husband's body down a stairwell in a storage bin. When she couldn't lift her husband's body into his truck, Jenny Eisenman called her sister, who convinced her to call police.

Police found a gallon of gasoline in the truck.

"She was going to set him on fire," said prosecutor Mia Magness.

**Boy scheduled to testify in molestation case dies**

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — A 12-year-old boy who was expected to testify in a child molestation case next week died after apparently shooting himself.

Jorge Antonio Cavazos sustained a self-inflicted gunshot wound at his parent's La Feria home Thursday afternoon and later died at Valley Baptist Medical Center in Harlingen.

Jorge was expected to testify Monday about sexual abuse allegations he and three other boys made against former St. Anthony Catholic School janitor Manuel Ortiz Muoz of Harlingen. The boys accused Muoz of molesting them in the school's bathroom in April 2004.

Prosecutors have filed a charge of second-degree indecency with a child against Muoz based on Cavazos' allegations.

The case will be postponed for a few weeks to allow the family time to grieve, but the boy's death wasn't expected to change the charges against Muoz, said District Attorney Armando Villalobos. Prosecutors will likely show a videotaped forensic interview of the boy in court.

Muoz, 62, was arrested on Friday after he failed to appear at a hearing earlier in the day and remains in custody without bond.

**Peruvian man subdued by pepper spray dies**

DALLAS (AP) — A Peruvian citizen living in North Texas died Friday morning, two weeks after a struggle with two Allen police officers who the department said used pepper spray when the man resisted arrest.

Edgar Vera, 45, had been on life support in a McKinney hospital, which had orders from his relatives not to resuscitate him, said family attorney Steve

Salazar of Dallas.

Salazar said no lawsuit has been filed against Allen police. He plans to await autopsy results and medical records from the incident.

A cousin, Luis Pacchioni, said once the Collin County Medical Examiner's Office completes its autopsy, the family will hire its own doctors to perform an examination.

"We want to make sure we get all the information so we can understand what happened," Salazar said. "We don't expect much cooperation from the Allen Police Department."

Capt. Robert Flores said the department is investigating the incident and would not comment. The FBI and Texas Rangers are also investigating, Flores said.

Officers Laura Gilmore and Gino Ruatta have been placed on paid administrative leave.

**Texas constable charged with seeking out a child for sex**

CANON CITY, Colo. (AP) — A Texas law enforcement official has been charged with seven felonies for allegedly trying to set up a sexual liaison with a child through the Internet.

Larry Floyd, 62, a constable in The Colony, Texas, was charged Thursday with one count of soliciting for child prostitution, three counts of enticement of a child and three counts of attempted sexual assault on a child.

A message left for defense attorney Deborah Grohs was not returned.

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**Monday:** Lunch, pepperoni pizza, pineapple tidbits, melon slice (high school second choice, tuna salad.)  
**Tuesday:** Lunch, chicken fajita, corn on cob, fruit juice, Spanish rice, tortilla (high school second choice, sloppy Joe.)  
**Wednesday:** Lunch, steak fingers, mashed potatoes, cheesy green beans, Jello, rolls (high school second choice, chili dogs)  
**Thursday:** Lunch, popcorn chicken, Mandarin oranges, mac & cheese, wheat rolls (high school second choice, meatloaf.)  
**Friday:** Lunch, hamburger salad, French fries, border beans, pudding (high school second choice, chalupas.)

## Coahoma ISD

**Monday:** Breakfast, Pop tarts, grape juice, ham, milk; Lunch, Del turkey or sloppy Joes, potatoes, peaches, bread, milk.  
**Tuesday:** Breakfast, biscuits, ham, gravy, apple juice, milk; Lunch, homemade burritos or corn dogs, ranch beans, oranges, milk.  
**Wednesday:** Breakfast, oatmeal, ham, orange juice, milk; Lunch, chicken fried steak, creamed potatoes, gravy, green beans, rolls, milk.  
**Thursday:** Breakfast, pancakes, sausage-on-a-stick, grape juice, milk; Lunch, tostadas or burritos, salad, sherbet, pinto beans, milk.  
**Friday:** Breakfast, donuts, sausage, applesauce, milk; Lunch, hamburgers, chips, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, cantaloupe, milk.

**Monday:** Breakfast, cereal, Poptarts, juice, milk; Lunch, burrito, pinto beans, Spanish Rice, tossed salad, mixed fruit, milk.  
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donuts, juice, milk; Lunch, chicken strips, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, hot rolls, Jello with fruit, milk.  
**Thursday:** Breakfast, toast, peanut butter/jelly, juice, milk; Lunch, baked potato, broccoli with cheese, Texas toast, pears, milk.  
**Friday:** Breakfast, cinnamon rolls, juice, milk; Lunch, buffalo burger, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, chips, baked beans, assorted fresh fruit, milk.

**Sands ISD**  
**Monday:** Breakfast, biscuits and sausage; Lunch, corn dogs with mustered, pork-n-beans, macaroni and cheese, applesauce, milk.  
**Tuesday:** Breakfast, potatoes, eggs and burritos; Lunch, steak fingers with gravy, slice potatoes, black-eyed peas, rolls, cake, milk.  
**Wednesday:** Breakfast, hot pockets; Lunch, chalupas, salad, pinto beans, cornbread, oranges, milk.  
**Thursday:** Breakfast, donuts; Lunch, hamburger steak with brown gravy, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, rolls, fruit, milk.  
**Friday:** Breakfast, cereal; lunch, spaghetti with meat sauces, corn, salad, salad, batterbread, peas, milk.

**Spring City Senior Citizens Center**  
**Monday:** Lunch, hamburger steak, potatoes, squash, salad, milk, rolls, fruit.  
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**Wednesday:** Lunch, beef tips and rice, mixed vegetables, salad, milk, rolls, fruited gelatin.  
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**Stanton ISD**  
**Monday:** Breakfast, pancakes, syrup, cereal, buttered toast, juice; Lunch, hot dogs, combination burrito, chili, buttered corn, vegetable sticks, fruit cocktail.  
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**Wednesday:** Breakfast, blueberry muffin, little smokies, cereal, buttered toast, juice; Lunch, cheeseburger, hamburger, French fries, hamburger salad, pears.  
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## Former boyfriend arrested in death of missing woman whose remains were found near Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Police have recovered the remains of a missing 24-year-old pregnant woman and arrested the father of the unborn child on murder charges, authorities announced Saturday.

The suspect, Stephen Poaches, is a former boyfriend of 24-year-old LaToya Figueroa, who has been missing for a month. When Poaches, 25, was arrested in nearby Chester, police said he was wearing a bulletproof vest and carrying a pistol.

LaToya Figueroa's father, Melvin Figueroa, said he was relieved that an arrest had been made.

"Now she can rest in peace," he said. "All I want is justice with that peace."

Figueroa, who was five months' pregnant when she disappeared and already the mother of a young girl, was last seen on the afternoon of July 18 in West Philadelphia.

The remains were recovered in a grassy, partially wooded lot near homes and a road in

Chester. The area was cordoned off by yellow police tape Saturday morning.

A few dozen members of the Figueroa family and supporters arrived at the scene shortly after day-break, clustering close to the police tape and embracing each other.

"Our hearts our broken ... we just want to spend some time here and take a

look at this place where LaToya unfairly was murdered," said a cousin of Figueroa, Philadelphia City Councilman Juan Ramos.

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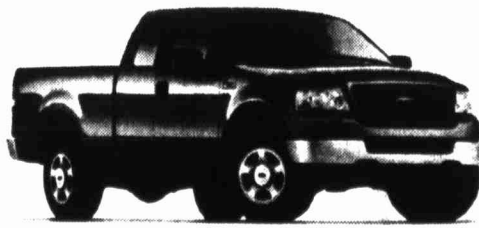


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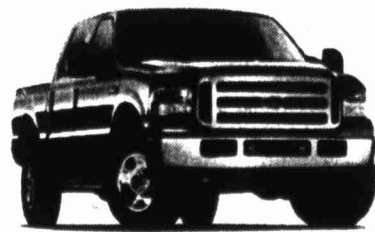
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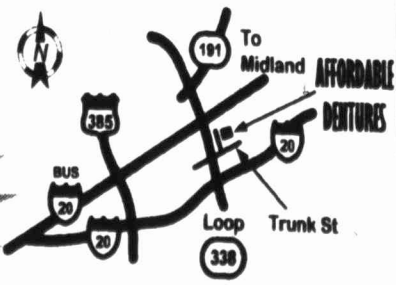
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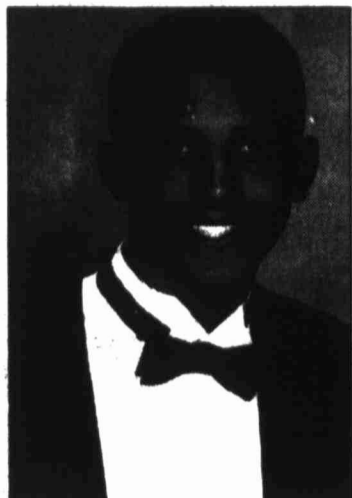
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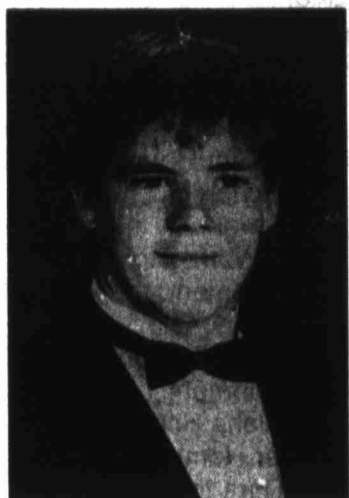


Corey Green

### Two BSHS students receive scholarship

Corey Green and Zachary L. Phillips are among the 2005 scholarship recipient of the Permian Honor Scholarship Foundation Inc.

A 2005 Big Spring High graduate, Green was awarded a four-year scholarship worth \$7,600 to attend Howard College for two years and then transfer to the University of Texas of the Permian



Zachary L. Phillips

Basin in Odessa for the final two years.

Corey plans to major in mathematics with a minor in political science. His parents are David and Tabitha Barbee of Big Spring. His sponsor is Western Container of Big Spring.

Phillips, a 2005 Coahoma High School graduate, was awarded a four-year scholarship worth \$7,600 to attend Howard College and the University of Texas of the Permian Basin. He plans

to major in mathematics. Zachary's parents are Russell and Mona Phillips of Coahoma. His scholarship sponsors are Wells Fargo Bank of Odessa and Dunagan Foundation Inc. of Monahans.

### Kami Shanks

Kami Shanks of Big Spring was named to the Distinguished Students 2005 spring list for Tarleton University in Stephenville. To qualify, freshman and sophomores students must have a minimum grade point ratio of 3.25 with no grade lower than C; junior and senior students must be in good standing with the University and have a minimum GPR of 3.5 with no grade lower than C.

### Three BSHS students named to All-State Journalism staff

Nathan Booth, Tony Emerson and Alyssa Rains, all of Big Spring High School, have been named to the 2004-2005 All-State Journalism staff.

"The staff was created to recognize those journalism students who have gone above and beyond to improve their writing and reporting abilities," said Jeanne Acton, UIL Director of Journalism.

To become a member of the All-State Journalism Staff, students must accumulate points over the year based on their achievements at UIL journalism competition and

other writing and publication contests, both statewide and nationwide. Then students apply to UIL to become a member of the staff.

### Krista L. Blagrove

Krista L. Blagrove was named to the President's List for the spring 2005 semester at Midland College. She obtained a 4.0 grade point average for the semester.



Krista L. Blagrove

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Western Texas College Nursing Program held their graduation and pinning ceremony at the First United Methodist Church at 7 p.m. Aug. 18 with a reception following in Wesley Hall. There were 10 graduates and seven nursing students who were pinned including these junior nursing students. Front row from left to right Serena Perley, Spur; Shamone Weaver, Stamford; Lisa Gonzalez, Snyder; Back row, left to right, April Craighead, Snyder; LaChleale Caffey, Snyder; Amy Alvarez, Snyder; Juanita Carreon, Big Spring.

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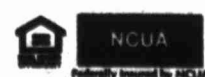
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2. "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition," ABC.
3. "Without a Trace," CBS.
4. "CSI: Miami," CBS.
5. "60 Minutes," CBS. (From Nielsen Media Research)

Film

1. "Four Brothers," Paramount.
2. "The Skeleton Key," Universal.
3. "The Dukes of Hazzard," Warner Bros.
4. "Wedding Crashers," New Line.
5. "Deuce Bigalow:

European Gigolo," Sony. (From Exhibitor Relations Co.)

Hot Five

1. "We Belong Together," Mariah Carey. Island. (Platinum — certified sales of 1 million units)
2. "Don't Cha," The Pussycat Dolls (feat. Busta Rhymes). A&M.
3. "Po'n de Replay," Rihanna. SRP.
4. "Let Me Hold You," Bow Wow (feat. Omarion). Columbia.
5. "You and Me," Lifehouse. Geffen. (Gold — certified sales of more than 500,000)

(From Billboard magazine)

Albums

1. "Chapter V," Staind. Flip.
  2. "Now 19," Various Artists. The EMI Group.
  3. "Fireflies," Faith Hill. Warner Bros.
  4. "The Emancipation of Mimi," Mariah Carey. Island. (Platinum)
  5. "Monkey Business," Black Eyed Peas. A&M. (Platinum)
- (From Billboard magazine)

Concert Tours

1. Dave Matthews Band.

2. Kenny Chesney.
3. Anger Management Tour/Eminem/50 Cent
4. James Taylor.
5. Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers. (From Pollstar)

VHS Rentals

1. "Guess Who," Columbia TriStar Home Entertainment.
2. "Alexander: Director's Cut (Widescreen)," Warner Home Video.
3. "Constantine," Warner Home Video.
4. "XXX: State of the Union," Columbia TriStar Home Entertainment.
5. "Man of the House," Columbia TriStar Home

Entertainment. (From Billboard magazine)

VHS Sales

1. "Dora the Explorer: Super Babies," Paramount Home Entertainment.
2. "Shrek 2," DreamWorks Home Entertainment.
3. "Shark Tale," DreamWorks Home Entertainment.
4. "Aloha Scooby Doo," Warner Home Video.
5. "Dora the Explorer: It's a Party," Paramount Home Entertainment. (From Billboard magazine)

DVD Sales

1. "Guess Who," Columbia TriStar Home Entertainment.
2. "Alexander: Director's Cut (Widescreen)," Warner Home Video.
3. "Alexander (Special 2 Disc Edition)," Warner Home Video.
4. "Ghost Busters 1 & 2: Double Feature Gift Set," Columbia TriStar Home Entertainment.
5. "XXX: State of the Union (Widescreen)," Columbia TriStar Home Entertainment. (From Billboard)

Best Sellers — books

Publishers Weekly Best Sellers

Hardcover Fiction

1. "Lifeguard" by James Patterson and Andrew Gross (Little, Brown)
2. "The Da Vinci Code" by Dan Brown (Doubleday)
3. "The Historian" by Elizabeth Kostova (Little, Brown)
4. "Undomestic Goddess" by Sophie Kinsella (Dial)
5. "The Interruption of Everything" by Jerry McMillan (Viking)
6. "No Country for Old Men" by Cormac McCarthy (Knopf)
7. "Match Me If You Can" by Susan Elizabeth Phillips (Morrow)
8. "Sweetwater Creek" by Anne Rivers Siddons

9. "Until I Find You" by John Irving (Random House)
10. "The Mermaid Chair" by Sue Monk Kidd (Viking)

Nonfiction/General

1. "Natural Cures "They" Don't Want You to Know About" by Kevin Trudeau (Alliance Publishing)
2. "The Fair Tax Book" by Neal Boortz and John Linder (Regan Books)
3. "1776" by David McCullough (Simon & Schuster)
4. "100 People Who Are Screwing Up America" by Bernard Goldberg (HarperCollins)
5. "Freakonomics" by Steven D. Levitt, Stephen J. Dubner (William Morrow)
6. "Your Best Life Now: 7 Steps to Living at Your Full Potential" by Joel Osteen (Warner Faith)
7. "The World Is Flat: A

- Brief History of the Twenty-first Century" by Thomas L. Friedman (Farrar, Straus and Giroux)
8. "The Perricone Promise: Look Younger, Live Longer in Three Easy Steps" by Nicholas Perricone (Warner Books)
  9. "Blink: The Power of Thinking Without Thinking" by Malcolm Gladwell (Little, Brown)
  10. "New Rules" by Bill Maher (Rodale)

Mass Market Paperbacks

1. "Angels & Demons" by Dan Brown (Pocket)
2. "Frankenstein: Book 2 City of Night" by Dean Koontz & Ed Gorman (Bantam)
3. "The Rule of Four" by Ian Caldwell and Dustin Thomason (Dell)
4. "The Wedding" by Nicholas Sparks (Warner)
5. "White Hot" by Sandra Brown (Pocket)

6. "Trace" by Patricia Cornwell (Berkley)
7. "Night Tales" by Nora Roberts (Silhouette)
8. "Lost City" by Clive Cussler with Paul Kemprecos (Berkley)
9. "Final Scream" by Lisa Jackson (Zebra)
10. "Memorial Day" by Vince Flynn (Pocket Star)

Trade Paperbacks

1. "The Kite Runner" by Khaled Hosseini (Riverhead)

2. "The Secret Life of Bees" by Sue Monk Kidd (Penguin)
3. "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time" by Mark Haddon (Vintage)
4. "Wicked" by Gregory Maguire (ReganBooks)
5. "My Sister's Keeper" by Jodi Picoult (Washington Square Press)
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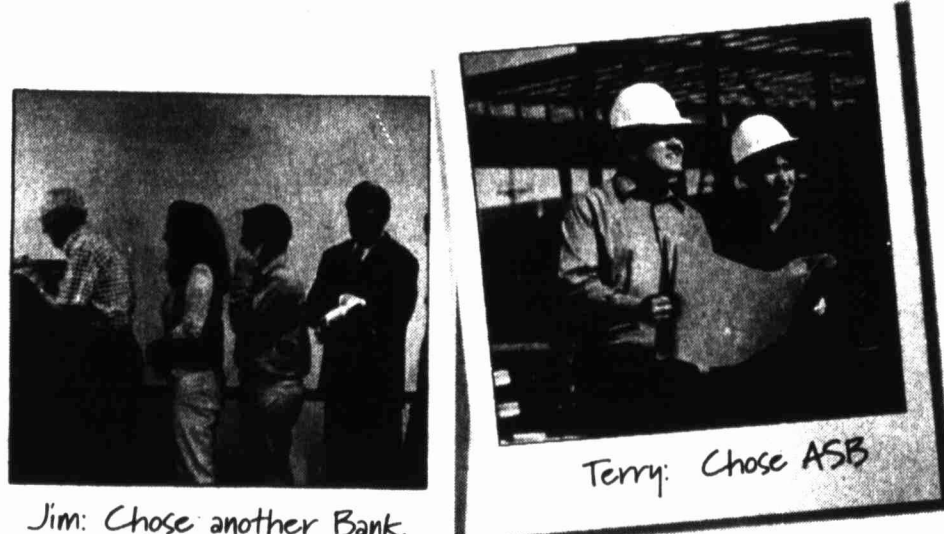
7. "Guns, Germs and Steel" by Jared Diamond (Norton)
8. "The South Beach Diet" by Arthur Agatston, M.D. (St. Martin's)
9. "The Tipping Point: How Little Things Can Make a Big Difference" by Malcolm Gladwell (Back Bay)
10. "Dress Your Family in Corduroy and Denim" by David Sedaris (Back Bay)

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## IN BRIEF

### Signups for football to occur all summer

The Crossroads Youth Football Association signups are currently underway and will continue throughout the summer.

For more information, call Daphne Castilaw at 714-4693.

### B.S. travel football team now forming

The Big Spring Youth Football Travel League is now being formed for anyone in grades three through six who would like to play.

If interested, contact Randy Phillips at 267-7141 or Denise Carillo at 816-1685 or 263-1945.

### Coahoma sets booster club dates

The Coahoma Athletic Booster Club will meet each Monday at 7 p.m. in Coach Kim Nichols' classroom through football season. The meetings after football season will take place only when needed.

For more information, contact Donna Wright at 267-6723.

### Henson Memorial fund-raiser set

The Second Annual Pro. Clayton W. Henson Memorial Scholarship Fund-raiser golf tournament has been set for Sept. 10.

The tournament will be a four person scramble and will cost \$80 per person.

It will take place at the Phoenix Golf Club in Stanton.

Tee times be from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. while a BBQ, auction, and night golf scramble will take place later in the evening.

For more information, contact Wally Hazelwood at 756-2424 or the Phoenix Golf Club at 756-2556.

### YMCA to host youth volleyball league

The Big Spring YMCA is holding registration for youth volleyball through Aug. 20. The registration fee is \$40 per player and covers all expenses including a team jersey and player awards.

For more information, contact Pete Thiry at 267-8234.

### Local bowling leagues now forming

Bowling leagues at BowFA Ramia Lanes are now being formed.

There will be several leagues throughout the week.

A senior league will take place Fridays at 6 p.m. for players 55 and over. The league meeting will take place Sept. 9 at 6 p.m. and the league will begin Sept. 16.

Also, a children's league will take place Saturday mornings at 10 for bowlers aged 4 through 17.

The children will also have the chance to bowl for scholarships.

## Dallas OL Rogers suffers 'serious' knee injury

By JAIME ARON  
AP Sports Writer

OXNARD, Calif. (AP) — Jacob Rogers' career with the Dallas Cowboys hit another dead end Friday. Perhaps the last one.

After hardly playing as a rookie offensive lineman, then spending most of training camp on the sideline with what were thought to be minor injuries, Rogers is headed to injured reserve because of a knee problem that will require

surgery — elective surgery, that is.

Team owner Jerry Jones, hardly able to conceal his disgust, noted that "I'm sure you can take a lot of these players out here and find they need some surgery."

"We just didn't think it was as serious," Jones said. "We've had many play through that and do well, especially at that position, so it was discouraging when he decided he wanted to have

surgery. ... The main thing is that we were planning on him being out at practice the next day when he decided to have surgery."

The Cowboys are obviously running out of patience with Rogers, an All-American left tackle at Southern Cal whom they drafted in the second round last year. He was moved to the right side as a rookie but couldn't grasp the change. He played just two games,

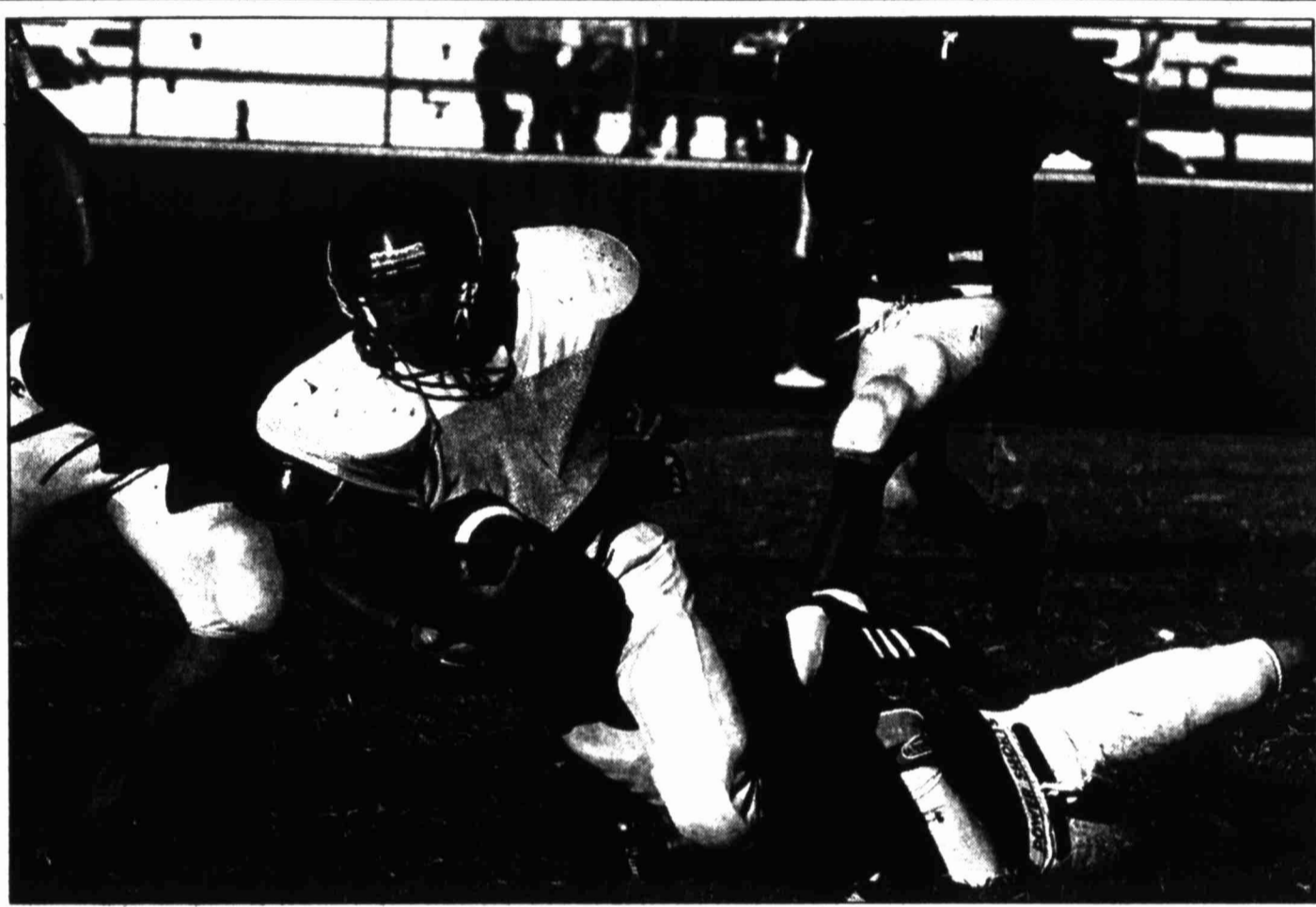
strictly on special teams. He was active but not used in six games and inactive the other eight.

He had shoulder surgery this offseason, then came into training camp — coincidentally in his hometown, where his dad was his high school coach — as the front-runner to start at right tackle. He was doing well until he went out of the lineup with another shoulder problem, returned, then went down

again with a knee injury after playing only two plays in the preseason opener.

Rogers will have the operation Friday in Dallas and will eventually go on injured reserve. He may never make it back to the roster. Asked if he expects to see Rogers wear a Cowboys uniform again, Jones said: "I don't know. It's hard to say. It's not looking good."

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Coahoma's Antonio Gonzales fights for extra yardage Friday during the Bulldogs' scrimmage against Pecos. Coahoma begins the season this Friday at Reagan County.

## Texas falls to Tampa Bay, bats silenced

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Devil Rays manager Lou Piniella knows exactly why his team is playing well.

"The secret really is for our starting pitchers to give us an opportunity," Piniella said. "That's exactly what happened here."

Seth McClung allowed one run and three hits in seven innings, leading Tampa Bay past the Texas Rangers 2-1 on Friday night.

McClung (4-7) struck out five and walked one as the Devil Rays improved to 21-12 since the All-Star break.

Joe Borowski ran his scoreless stretch to 16 1-3 innings with a perfect eighth before Danys Baez got three outs for his 27th save in 34 opportunities.

Alex Gonzalez had an RBI single during a two-run sixth for Tampa Bay, which has won three straight and six of seven. Center fielder Joey Gathright made a leaping catch at the wall to take an extra-base hit away from Alfonso Soriano in the seventh.

The Rangers got a run-scoring single from Mark Teixeira, one of their three hits overall. It's only the third time this year they have been held to three or fewer. Texas has lost 10 of 11 during a 13-game road trip.

Jonny Gomes opened the Tampa Bay sixth with a double and went to third on Travis Lee's single. Lee screened second baseman Soriano on Gonzalez's single, which wound up in center and drove in Gomes.

Toby Hall put the Devil Rays up 2-1 with a sacrifice fly later in the sixth.

Texas took a 1-0 lead on Teixeira's run-scoring single off McClung in the first. He has 12 RBIs in his last 14 games.

McClung retired 13 straight after Teixeira's hit before Adrian Gonzalez singled with two outs in the fifth.

Tampa Bay had two hits in the first and one in each of the next four innings but failed to score. Gomes popped out to end the first with runners on first and third. Julio Lugo singled and then stole second and third in the fifth, but was stranded when Juan Dominguez (0-3) struck out Aubrey Huff for the third out.

Dominguez allowed two runs and nine hits over 5 1-3 innings in his second start and 14th appearance of the season. He struck out five and walked one.

"I felt fine," Dominguez said. "Everything was working."

## Woods struggles on No. 18, still leads at NEC

### • Top two ranked players in the world in championship hunt

By DOUG FERGUSON

AKRON, Ohio (AP) — Tiger Woods hit nine drives over 300 yards, most of them in the middle of the fairway. He loves Firestone, a course where he has won three times and has never finished worse than fifth.

So when he ended his second round with a double bogey that cost him the outright lead Friday in the NEC Invitational, Woods didn't lose his perspective.

"I've got to play solidly," he said. "And this time do it for 18 holes."

Woods turned a good round into an average one by chopping up the final hole, giving him an even-par 70 and dropping him into a share of the lead with Luke Donald of England.

They were at 4-under 136, leading by one shot over Vijay Singh, PGA runner-up Thomas Bjorn and three others. Another 15 players were within five shots of the lead going into a weekend where anything can happen.

The tee times Saturday were moved up to avoid afternoon storms in the forecast, so conditions might be easier than the swirling, deceptive wind that produced so many rocky finishes.

Woods' tee shot on the 18th sailed into the trees and scattered the gallery. An 8-iron caromed off a tree and 20 yards to the right. From there, a 7-iron bounded through the green and into deep rough. A pedestrian chip stopped 20 feet away. The putt was short, just like

so many others in the second round.

"I didn't shoot myself out of the tournament by making double, and that's a good thing," Woods said. "We've got a long way to go and I'm playing well, so I just need to keep

doing what I'm doing."

Singh was tied for the lead at 5 under until he dumped his third shot into the water on the 667-yard 16th hole and had to chip in with a fairway metal for a bogey. He spun his approach off the

17th green and failed to save par from 10 feet, and he nearly made it three straight bogeys until he escaped with a pitch to 4 feet on the last hole.

He shot a 71 and was at 137.

Henrik Stenson also was at 5 under, one shot behind Woods, until he found the left rough on the 18th hole, took two shots to advance the ball to the front of the green and also took double bogey for a 71. Still, that left him only one shot behind when Woods came through a few groups later and made double bogey.

"On a day like this, it's easy to let it get away if you get angry for your mistakes," the Swede said. "I just kept my head in the right place and fought my way around there."

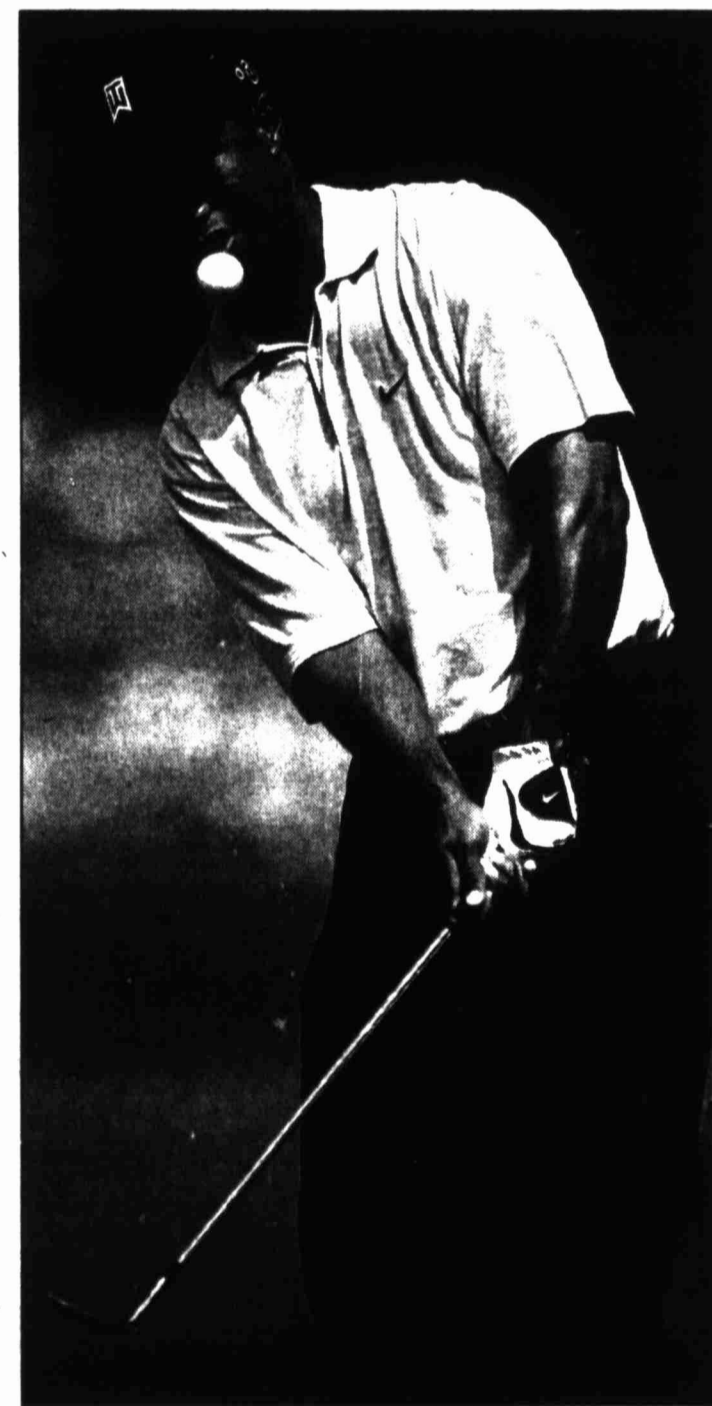
Not everyone struggled at the end. Bjorn played bogey-free for a 67, while Paul McGinley and Masters runner-up Chris DiMarco also avoided such calamity — McGinley with a 66 and DiMarco with 18 pars.

"Any time you don't make any bogeys around this place, that's a good thing," DiMarco said. "Usually when you don't make any birdies, that's not a good thing. But I'm OK."

PGA champion Phil Mickelson had a 72 and was at 141, among 22 players within five shots of the lead.

Woods was playing so solidly, it looked as though he might not make any bogeys the entire tournament. His driving was immaculate for most of the round, and par was often the worst he could do.

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Tiger Woods keeps his eye on his chip shot onto the second green during the second round of the NEC Invitational World Golf Championship at Firestone Country Club in Akron, Ohio, Friday. Despite a double bogey on No. 18, Woods is still tied for the lead at four under par.

**IN BRIEF**

**Community pep rally set for Monday**

Fans will get their first chance to see the teams for Big Spring's fall sports season as the community-wide pep rally has been set for Monday at the Amphitheater inside Comanche Trail Park. The event will start at 8 p.m. All sports teams from seventh through 12th grade will be included.

**Howard sets mini cheerleading camp**

Howard College will hold a mini cheer camp Aug. 27 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum for grades first through six. Registration will take place at 8 a.m. and the cheer/dance class session will take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Participants are supposed to bring a lunch to eat at noon and bring a water bottle and wear tennis shoes.

They are also supposed to put their names on their belongings and plan on meeting the Howard College cheerleaders.

All registered participants will also compete at the Battle of the Cheerleaders at the Rodeo Bowl that night during the county fair.

The cost of the camp is \$25. For more information, call 264-5024.

**Quarterback club sets remaining weekly meetings**

The Big Spring football booster club (quarterback club) will meet every Monday at 7 p.m. at the ATC through the football season. However, there will not be a meeting Aug. 22 due to the community pep rally.

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

**B.S. football season tickets on sale now**

Football season tickets for the Big Spring Steers are now on sale for the general public.

Tickets can be purchased at the Big Spring Athletic Training Center from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (closed from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.).

For more information, contact Kay Cook at 264-3662.

**NEC**

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And then came the 18th. His tee shot went into the trees to the right, but Woods saw what he thought was plenty of room to run an 8-iron up the fairway toward the green.

"It was an easy shot, like shooting a pea into the ocean," he said.

The ocean turned into a puddle when his ball struck a tree, and a double bogey was the best he could do. But he still had a share of the lead, and felt in control on a Firestone course where he has won three times.

"It's easier to come back and to go forward," Woods said.

Donald, a medium-length hitter who seems

to thrive on big courses, started his round on the back nine and quickly put himself into the mix with three straight birdies, starting with a 25-foot putt on the 13th hole. He hit a 6-iron into 6 feet on the 14th, then a 5-iron into 5 feet on the par-3 15th.

"I like firm and fast," he said of the conditions.

Donald has won only once on the PGA Tour, at the Southern Farm Bureau Classic three years ago. He was poised to win at Torrey Pines and The Players Championship before struggling late.

Justin Leonard also shot a 66 and was in a large group at 138 that included David Toms (67), Sergio Garcia (70), Stuart Appleby (70) and David Howell of England (68).



KRT photo/Ed Suba Jr., Akron Beacon Journal  
Justin Leonard hits a chip shot to the fourth green during the second round of the NEC Invitational World Golf Championship at Firestone Country Club in Akron, Ohio, Friday.

**Cowboys looks for leadership from vets**

By JAIME ARON  
AP Sports Writer

OXNARD, Calif. (AP) — Marco Rivera and Jason Ferguson joined the Dallas Cowboys on what became a celebrated day in March. Their arrival was supposed to shore up the offensive and defensive lines, while adding some leadership and levity to the locker room. It was a reason for everyone to be optimistic about the chances for this season.

This past week, Rivera and Ferguson shared something else: side-by-side stationary bicycles, each nursing a minor injury.

While their aches weren't cause for concern, the scene was. It perfectly illustrated the downside of what can happen when a team counts on older players — and the Cowboys are counting on a lot of them.

Dallas has 15 players in their 30s in training camp. While that's not an extraordinary number in the NFL, the Cowboys have nearly all of them in key roles this season, such as starting quarterback, both receivers and two offensive linemen.

The benefit is experience and proven ability. And since most are in their early 30s, they could

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**ROGERS**

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With Rogers out of the mix at right tackle, the competition is between rookie Rob Petitti and deposited starter Torrin Tucker, with Kurt Vollers set to back up both tackle spots. Coach Bill Parcells said Petitti and Tucker will get nearly all the work in practice and in preseason games.

"That can be a good thing," Parcells said, adding that he's also considering signing a veteran.

While the Cowboys are encouraged by how quickly Petitti is making the conversion from left tackle in college to right tackle in the pros, Parcells also is impressed with how Tucker has reasserted himself.

"I see a little progress," Parcells said. "So as long as I keep seeing that, then I'm willing to give him everything I've got."

The Cowboys have seen Tucker's talent and his flaws the last two years, with weight problems and penalties testing their patience. However, Parcells said he believes "football is important to him," which means a lot to the coach.

He added that Tucker likely developed those bad habits because he was able to coast on his wealth of physical skills in high school and college.

"He's really a likable kid, and I think deep down in his heart, he does like this game very much. It's important to him, not just for economic reasons," Parcells said. "He's had quite a few ultimatums here. But every time he gets one, he understands and he does a little bit better."

Without Rogers, he'll certainly have more of a chance.

**Astros sneak past Brewers**

• Houston comes from behind, Lidge earns 30th save

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Astros couldn't deny their three-run rally in the seventh inning was unusual.

Pinch-hitter Jose Vizcaino tied the game with a single and the Astros added two more runs in the big inning on a wild pitch and an error and beat the Milwaukee Brewers 5-3 on Friday night.

"We managed to get three runs with strategically placed balls," manager Phil Garner said with a smile. "We got a

couple of things to go our way then, and it makes you think somebody's looking out for us right now."

With two outs in the seventh, Chris Burke singled and Brad Ausmus walked to chase Doug Davis and bring on Kane Davis. Vizcaino singled to make it 1-1 with Ausmus going to third. Kane Davis then threw the wild pitch, and Ausmus scored to make it 2-1.

After Willy Taveras walked, Craig Biggio hit a dribbler down the first-base line, and Kane Davis hit Biggio with the ball trying to throw him out. It was ruled a

single, and Vizcaino scored on the subsequent throwing error for a 3-1 lead.

"I didn't want him to tag me," Biggio said of the play. "I was just trying to run hard, and when he and I got there together, I tried to avoid the tag by putting my arms up. We caught a break."

The Astros, who had lost five of six games, will take it.

"Beggars can't be choosers," Ausmus said of the rally. "We'll take anything right now, even if it's five straight errors by the opponent."

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The games will be on Saturdays, beginning Sept. 10 and athletes can sign-up from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 13, 20 and 27 at the Big Spring Mall. The cost is \$35.

For more information, contact Ron Shafer at 432-213-3747.

Softball tournament set to benefit LULAC

The La Raza Unida softball tournament, which will benefit the LULAC scholarship, will take place Aug. 26-27 at Cotton Mize Field inside Comanche Trail Park.

The entry fee is \$110 per team and the tournament begins the evening of Aug. 26.

For more information or to enter a team, contact Janey at 263-6351 or leave a message at 268-9155.

Forsan to host pep rally Tuesday

Forsan ISD will be holding a community-wide pep rally at the Forsan football field Tuesday beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The event will introduce the football team and cheerleaders and the band will be performing as well.

Reds pound Ortiz, Arizona at home

(AP) — Austin Kearns needed two innings to break out of a five-game slump.

The Cincinnati right fielder hit three-run homers in consecutive innings and set a career high with six RBIs, leading the Reds to a 17-3 home victory over Arizona Friday night.

Kearns was 1-for-18 in his last five games before breaking out in a breakout game for the Reds, who scored six runs in the third inning and 10 in the fourth.

The Reds had a season high for runs in a game and an inning, and it came the night after they had five hits in a 4-2 win over San Francisco.

In other NL games Friday, it was: Pittsburgh 11, Philadelphia 2; New York 1, Washington 0; San Diego 12, Atlanta 7; Florida 3, Los Angeles 0.

Redskins struggle against Palmer, Cincinnati

• Pennington sharp in first preseason game since shoulder injury

LANDOVER, Md. (AP)

The good news for Carson Palmer and Patrick Ramsey is that they have three more weeks to get ready for the regular season. From the look of things, both need all the time they can get.

Ramsey threw two interceptions. Palmer threw one, and they combined to complete just four of their first 16 passes in the Cincinnati Bengals' 24-17 victory over the Washington Redskins.

Palmer started 2-for-9 with an interception against the first-string Redskins defense before putting together two scoring drives against Washington's backups. He hit Kelley Washington on the run for a 45-yard touchdown pass against rookie first-round draft pick Carlos Rogers, one play after T.J. Houshmandzadeh had Rogers beat on a similar play but dropped the ball.

Palmer ended his night with a shovel pass to Chris Perry, who ran 13 yards for a touchdown to help give the Bengals a 14-10 lead at halftime.

Palmer finished 12-for-24 for 152 yards and gave way in the second half to Jon Kitna, who hit Kevin Walter for a 22-yard touchdown in the third quarter. In two exhibition games, Palmer is 16-for-35 for 189 yards and two interceptions.

Ramsey's first three drives went nowhere, but Rogers' interception and 30-yard return gave Washington the ball at Cincinnati's 25. On the next play, Ramsey found James Thrash over the middle in the back of the end zone for the score.

Ramsey finished 9-for-18



Washington Redskins Patrick Ramsey, left, is sacked by Cincinnati Bengals Odell Thurman in the first quarter of their preseason game at FedEx Field in Landover, Md., Friday night.

for 190 yards and was replaced by Mark Brunell after halftime. Ramsey is 17-for-30 for 267 yards and three interceptions over two games.

Jets 28, Vikings 21

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — So his first few passes didn't zing. So he dumped one off here and threw another short one there.

Once he got warmed up, Jets quarterback Chad Pennington made everything look easy. Playing in his first game since off-season surgery on his right shoulder, Pennington went 9-of-10 for 86 yards and a touchdown.

Daunte Culpepper looked just as good for the Vikings (1-1), going 11-of-13 for 146 yards while leading them on one scoring drive. Minnesota

staged a second-half rally with two scores from their third and fourth stringers, tying the game at 21 before Cedric Houston scored the game-winner on a 10-yard TD run with 5:52 remaining.

But the show stopper was Pennington's 20-yard score to Laveranues Coles in the second quarter, a beautiful pass down the middle that hit Coles in stride.

There was a moment in the first half that must have given New York (2-0) pause: Pennington was forced to scramble on third-and-1 for no gain. Pennington hurt his

shoulder last year following a scramble in Buffalo.

The Vikings went up first when Moe Williams scored on a 1-yard touchdown run.

Pennington had an answer. He ended a drive with the 20-yard score to Coles, who finished with six catches for 57 yards and a touchdown. That was the final play of the game for Pennington.

Minnesota kept making mistakes. Michael Bennett was stripped by Sione Pouha, and Joey Evans recovered. Jay Fiedler needed two plays to put the Jets up 14-7, throwing an 18-yard

touchdown pass to Wayne Chrebet.

The Jets converted another turnover into a score in the third quarter, when Daryl Jones fumbled a punt from Australian kicker Ben Graham. Jericho Cotchery recovered, and Fiedler scored on a 1-yard run for a 21-7 lead.

Minnesota got closer when first-round pick Troy Williamson had a nifty 54-yard reception, then scored on a 13-yard touchdown pass from Shaun Hill to make it 21-14. Adimchinobe Echemandu tied it on a 1-yard run.

Texas starts season at No. 2 in first poll

By RALPH D. RUSSO

AP Sports Writer Here's why Southern California is No. 1 in The Associated Press preseason poll:

Every player who scored a touchdown in the Trojans' 55-19 victory over Oklahoma in last season's Orange Bowl is still playing for USC. And so is Heisman Trophy winner Matt Leinart, who threw five TD passes.

Leinart, Reggie Bush and the rest of Pete Carroll's crew provided a scary glimpse of what was to come in 2005 when they wrapped up their second straight national

title on that warm January night in Miami.

This year's goal is three in a row, something that's never been done.

USC (1,619 points) received 60 out of a possible 65 first-place votes in the media poll released Saturday, grabbing the top spot in the preseason for the fifth time in school history.

No. 2 Texas (1,500 points), coming off an 11-1 season and a Rose Bowl win, got four first-place votes. Tennessee is No. 3 and Michigan and LSU round out the top five.

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Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

Last year, the HOWARD COUNTY property tax rate was \$0.55337. That rate raised \$6,318,611, a portion of which was used to fund operations such as:

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This year, HOWARD COUNTY is proposing a property tax rate of \$0.54546. That rate would raise \$6,795,386, which is \$476,775 more than taxes imposed last year.

There will be two public hearings to consider that increase. The first public hearing will be held on August 29, 2005 at 10:00 AM at Commissioners Court Room, 2nd Floor. The second hearing will be held on September 12, 2005 at 10:00 AM at Commissioners Court Room, 2nd Floor.

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still be in their prime or close to it. However, the more years they're in the league, the more they cost, leaving less room under the salary cap for competent backups.

The bottom line is, the Cowboys are taking the risk that their 30-somethings will remain healthy and productive, hoping the reward is turning around last year's 6-10 record.

Rivera is the poster child for the pros and cons of this age-old debate.

He earned his \$20 million, five-year contract by starting his last 99 straight games, earning three straight trips to the Pro Bowl along the way while blocking for Brett Favre in Green Bay.

But a week after signing his contract, Rivera was jogging on a treadmill and hurt his back so badly that he needed surgery.

He was so upset that he offered to return his \$9 million signing bonus and tear up the contract.

Luckily for Dallas and Rivera, his bulging disc — a classic example of a wear-and-tear injury more common in someone 33 than, say, 23-year-old rookie Rob Petitti — was easily repaired.

He recovered in time for the start of training camp and played the preseason opener, too.

It was when the team got back to training camp that trainers thought his nagging hamstring injury needed rest.

Laughing off the injury as "normal camp stuff," Rivera vowed he'll be his

usual, durable self when it matters most.

In fairness, Rivera and Ferguson, who turns 31 in November, were the only members of the team's 30-something club who missed practice this week, while there were plenty of guys in their early and mid-20s who were dinged up.

In fact, most of Dallas' older players have been the type you can count on for 16 games.

Fellow newcomer Ferguson, who missed about a week of camp, including the preseason opener, with an ankle problem, has played every game the last three years.

Another newcomer, 33-year-old cornerback Aaron Glenn, has missed only 12 games in his 11-year career.

"You know the cliché, 'Age is nothing but a number?' It's really true," Glenn said, smiling.

New quarterback Drew Bledsoe, also 33, started every game his last three years in Buffalo despite being sacked 140 times along the way.

The only exception among the bunch is receiver Terry Glenn, who was lost to a foot injury after six games last season.

He's only made it through one of his nine seasons without missing a game because of injury.

Glenn also is a linchpin to Dallas' offense. He is Bledsoe's deep threat and no one else on the roster has proven they can fill that role.

Funny thing is, Glenn also was Bledsoe's deep threat when they were teammates in the mid-1990s with the New England Patriots.



Washington Redskins Ladell Betts (46) runs for a short gain as he is pursued by Cincinnati Bengals Kevin Kaevelham (34) during the first half of their preseason game at FedEx Field in Landover, Md., Friday night.

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No. 12 Louisville received the other first-place vote.

Ohio State is No. 6, one point ahead of Oklahoma and star tailback Adrian Peterson.

The Sooners have lost the last two Bowl Championship Series title games, and have to replace 11 NFL draft picks and 2003 Heisman winner Jason White this season.

Defending Atlantic Coast Conference champion Virginia Tech is No. 8. The Hokies have a new Vick at quarterback, Mike's little brother, Marcus.

Miami is No. 9 and No. 10 Florida, with new coach Urban Meyer, gives the Southeastern Conference three teams

in the top 10.

USC's AP championship repeat was the 10th, and first since Nebraska did it in 1994-95.

USC has won 22 straight games and has one huge advantage over that '96 Nebraska team: Leinart is a three-year starter at quarterback.

Miami's 21-week run at No. 1 during its 34-game winning streak a few years ago is the longest consecutive stay atop the AP rankings.

USC has been No. 1 since the final regular-season poll of the 2003 season, when the Trojans won the AP title but were left out of the BCS title game for LSU and Oklahoma.

Last season, the Trojans were the second team to be a wire-to-wire No. 1, joining the 1999 Florida State team.

No. 11 Iowa starts the

second 10, followed by Louisville, Georgia, Florida State and Purdue. Auburn, which finished last season 13-0 and No. 2 in the country after being left out of the BCS title game, is No. 16.

No. 17 is Texas A&M, Boise State is ranked 18th, California is 19th and Arizona State is No. 20.

The final five are Texas Tech, Boston College, Pittsburgh, Fresno State and Virginia.

Missing from the poll is Utah, last year's BCS buster from the Mountain West Conference.

The Utes went 12-0 and finished fourth in the final AP rankings.

The last team to finish that high and go unranked in the following preseason poll was Arizona State, which was No. 4 to end the 1996 season.

ASTROS

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Vizcaino was 0-for-13 before his hit in the ninth.

Doug Davis (9-9) failed to win his 10th game for the 11th straight time. He has eight no-decisions to go with three losses in that span. He hasn't won since June 22 against Chicago.

Davis, who scattered four hits and struck out eight in 6 2-3 innings, dropped to 0-6 in seven starts at Minute Maid Park.

"I was trying to be too fine, and I ended up walking him," Davis said, referring to Ausmus. "One run is a thin margin, and it's hard to be perfect. But thin margin or not, when you've got a one-run lead you're not in a position to walk anybody."

The win moved the Astros one-half game ahead of Philadelphia and Florida in the NL wild-card race.

Russ Springer (4-3) pitched 1 1-3 perfect innings for the win. After two relievers pitched another 1 1-3 innings, Brad Lidge got the last two outs for his 30th save.

Jason Lane hit a two-run homer in the eighth to put Houston up 5-1.

Damian Miller hit a two-run homer, his seventh of the season, off Mike Burns in the ninth to make it 5-3.

Houston starter Ezequiel Astacio pitched 5 1-3 innings and allowed one run and six hits.

After Corey Hart led off the sixth with a double, Lyle Overbay's RBI single to right broke a scoreless tie.

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- 2001 Ford Expedition Eddie Bauer - White/Beige, Leather, All Power, Local One Owner w/77,000 Miles. Was \$19,995. NOW \$16,995
- 2001 Nissan Pathfinder SE - Silver, Navigation System, DVD, Very Nice, One Owner w/53,000 Miles. Was \$17,995. NOW \$16,995
- 2000 Ford Explorer Eddie Bauer 4X4 - Red/Arizona Beige, All Power, One owner w/37,000 Miles. Nice - Nice. Was \$13,995. NOW \$12,995
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- 2003 Ford F150 Supercrew Lariat - Dk. Red w/Leather, All Power, Fiberglass Teneau Cover, Local One owner w/39,000 Miles. Was \$25,995. NOW \$24,995
- 2003 Ford F150 Supercab Flareside XLT - Black w/Cloth, All Power, Local One Owner w/23,000 Miles. Was \$20,995. NOW \$19,995
- 2003 Ford F150 Supercrew Lariat - Green/Arizona Beige, All Power, Locally Owned w/46,000 Miles. Was \$18,995. NOW \$17,995
- 2003 Ford F150 Supercrew XLT 4X4 - Blue/Silver, 5.4 V-8, All Power, Local One owner w/37,000 Miles. Was \$25,995. NOW \$23,995
- 2002 Ford F150 Supercab XLT - Arizona Beige, All Power, Local One Owner w/44,000 Miles. Was \$17,995. NOW \$16,995
- 2002 Ford F350 Crew Cab Lariat Diesel 4X4 - Black/Silver, Leather, One Owner. Was \$25,995. NOW \$24,995
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- 2002 Ford F250 Crew Cab Lariat 7.3 Powerstroke Diesel - White w/Tan Leather, Very Nice Diesel, Local One owner w/48,000 miles. Was \$29,995. NOW \$28,995
- 2001 Ford F250 Supercrew Lariat Diesel - Arizona Beige w/Cloth, Nice, Nice Local One Owner w/45,000 Miles. Was \$22,995. NOW \$21,995
- 2000 Ford Ranger R/C XLT - Silver, All Power, Air, 71,000 Miles. Was \$7,995. NOW \$6,995
- 2000 Nissan Frontier King Cab Desert Runner V-6 - Screaming Yellow, Automatic, Local One Owner. Was \$10,995. NOW \$9,995
- 2000 Nissan Frontier King Cab - Gray, Automatic, Owned Locally. Was \$9,995. NOW \$8,995
- 1998 Nissan Frontier King Cab XE - Sierra Gold, 4 Cyl., 5 Speed, Air, One Owner w/42,000 Miles. Was \$9,995. NOW \$8,995
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### RSVP Ice Cream Social



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Connie Chase with her mother, Flora Lee Dyer



Rayburn and Gwen Tyler



Herald photo/Marsha Sturdivant  
Bobbie Thomas, Ida Bell Bankston and G.W. "Bill" Birrell listen to the music performed by the Senior Moments during the RSVP ice cream social.



Bobby and Jo Sledge



Herald photo/Marsha Sturdivant  
Fran Emerson, left, and her husband, Lee Emerson, talk with Jobeth Corwin during the ice cream social.

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Births



Landry Bailey Stevens

Landry Bailey Stevens, a girl, was born Aug. 15, 2005 at 1:50 p.m. in Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene, weighing 6 lbs., 14 oz. and was 19 inches long.

Her parents are Jared and Randi Stevens of Clyde. Her grandparents are Rolland and Lisa Rose of Big Spring, Vance and Donna Stevens of Deer Park, Lana Follis of LaPorte and Mike and Becky Harmon of Abilene.

Her great-grandparents are Jann Stevens of Big Spring, Bud and Angel

Grantham of Elbow, Don and Cheryl Stevens of Carrollton, Harold and Galle Shelton of Abilene and Mary Lou Bottoroff of Soldotna, Alaska.

Her great-great-grandmother is Wynelle Bailey of Big Spring.

Her uncle is Jason Stevens of Deer Park and she also has three aunts, Jesse Rose of Big Spring, Casie Harmon of Abilene and Morgan Follis of LaPorte.

She was welcomed home by her big sister, Stokley Ann Stone.

Paid announcement

Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. Rocky Allen today and in 1955



Allens celebrate 50 years

Rocky and Gina Allen of Big Spring celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday.

The couple met in high school at Colorado City and were married June 30, 1955, in Colorado City.

During their 50 years of marriage, they have lived in China Grove, Midland, Colorado City and Big Spring.

Rocky worked and retired from Cosden after 33 years. Gina worked off

and on as a secretary.

The Allens have three sons, Kerry Allen of Big Spring, Kirk Allen of Big Spring and the late Kris Allen, two daughters-in-law, Karen Allen and Darlynn Allen, nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

The couple love to spend time with family and are called Ma and Pa by their grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Quinceañera

Quinceañera honors Martinez

A Quinceañera honoring Alexia Marie Martinez was celebrated at 3 p.m. Aug. 20, 2005, in the Howard County Fair Barn.

Johnny Arguello gave a special blessing and a reception followed. Marcha was provided by Max Hernandez and Molly Rodriguez. Music was by DJ Freddie Castillo.

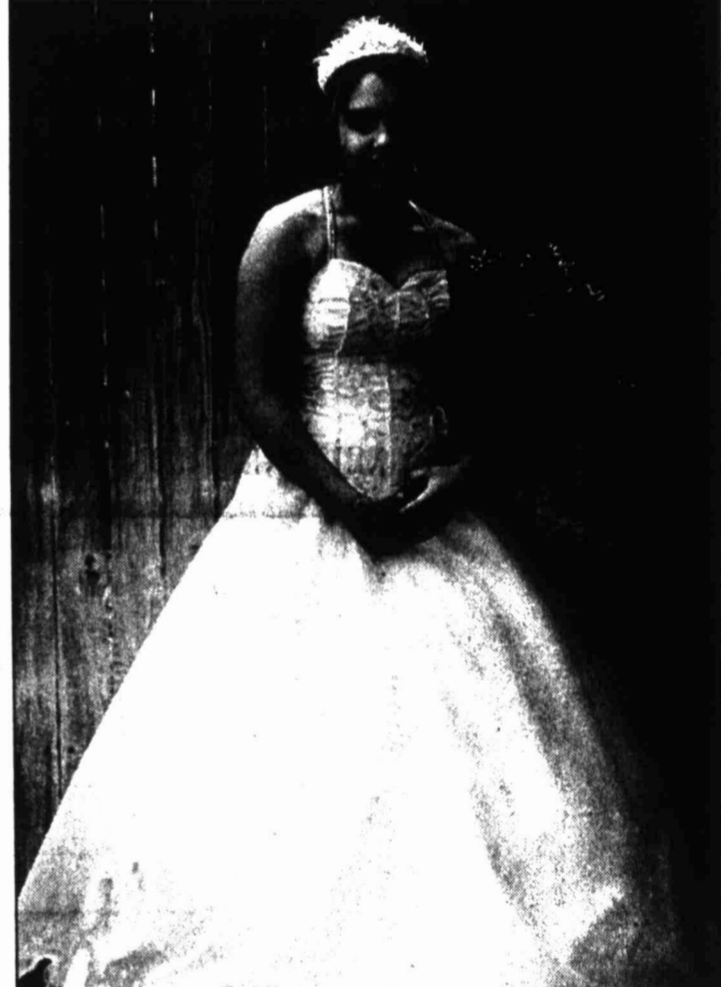
The Quinceañera party included Alexia Martinez, Ashley Castillo, Gabby Deanda, Maria Carrillo, Kimberly Gutierrez, Bridgette Rodriguez, Marisa Mendoza, Ashley Rangel, Erica Hilario, Chelsea Chavarria, Amanda Lopez, Tonya Arriaga, Brandy Garcia, Patricia Morales and Amber Rivera.

The Chambelanes included Rudy Rodriguez, Nick Nervaiz, Gabriel Rodriguez, John Avant, Anthony DeLeon, Josh Yanez, Isaac Martinez, Brian Solis, Jordan Bernal, Tom Canales, Raymon Rodriguez, Adrian Carrillo, Adam Diaz, Bryan Castillo and Tony Martinez.

Sponsors for the event included: dress, Roland and Sylvia Garcia; Bouquet, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Castillo; crown, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Martinez; ring, Mr. and Mrs. Garry Rodriguez; bracelet, Jesse Flores Jr.

and Joann Aranoa; earrings, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Valverde; necklace, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Garcia; Rosario, Mr. and Mrs. Marcos Rocha; Bible, Mr. and Mrs. Stacie Perez; cake knife, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Nerbaiz; guest-book, Tony and Jeanette Flores; muneca, Pat Aleman; invitations, Chelsea and Taylor Partlow; cake, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Flores Sr. and Roland and Sylvia Garcia; photos, Jesse Flores Sr.; Shoes, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Flores Sr.; wine glasses, Mr. and Mrs. Jesus Alarcon; decorations, Rosa Canales, Sandra Martinez, Francis Martinez and Erma Castillo; security, Mr. and Mrs. Frankie Flores, Rosendo Franco (security provided by Gerald LeClair); nails, Tony and Jeanette Flores; hair, Sandra Tercero Garcia; reception, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Flores Sr., Janie Paige, Joe and Gloria Rodriguez, Harvey and JoAnn Payen, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Martinez, Chuck Howard and Marisa DeLeon, Mr. and Mrs. David Molina, Mr. and Mrs. Vilele Garcia, Ruben and Gloria Martinez, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Martinez, Mary Rodriguez and Melissa Martinez.

Dance sponsors included: Mr. and Mrs. Freddie



Alexia Marie Martinez

Rodriguez, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Roberts, Irene, Edward and Mary Flores, Yolanda Gomez, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Garcia, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Trevino, Tony Moran, Mr. and Mrs. Royce Islas, Betty Martinez, Mr. and Mrs. David Arguello, Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Dominguez, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Saracho, Mr. and Mrs. Fernando Castillo, Ms. Adrianne Salgado Calderon, Mr. and Mrs.

Joe Miramontes, Trisha Diaz, Danelle Castillo, Chelsea and Taylor Partlow, Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Morano, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Haro, Mr. and Mrs. Locadio Luera, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Valverde, Danny DeLeon, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Martinez, Angelica Ortiz, Mr. and Mrs. Jesus Alarcon, Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Diaz and Josie Castillo Garcia.



Jackson Rhea Hopper

Jackson Rhea Hopper, boy, was born July 22, 2005, at 8:24 a.m. weighing 8 pounds, 5 ounces and was 21 1/4 inches long.

His parents are JaCoby and Stephanie Hopper of Big Spring.

His grandparents are Steve and Gay Herren, Jimmy Hopper and Janice Hopper, all of Big Spring.

Jackson was welcomed home by big sister M'Kenna Hopper.

Jasmine Michelle Ramirez, a girl, was born Aug. 13, 2005, at 5:15 p.m. weighing 6 pounds, 11 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Her parents are Jose Ramirez Jr. and Jessica Chavera of Big Spring. Her grandparents are Arnulfo and Rosemary Chavera and Jose and Guadalupe Ramirez, all of Big Spring.

Jasmine was welcomed home by big brother Jose Ramirez III.

Graciella Sofia Gonzalez, a girl, was born Aug. 13, 2005, at 10:54 a.m. weighing 7 pounds, 11 ounces and was 20 1/4 inches long.

Her parents are Marisela Saucedo and Gonzalo Gonzalez of Big Spring. Her grandparents are Jerry and Dolores Saucedo and Juan and Delia Gonzalez, all of Big Spring.

Graciella was welcomed home by big sister Gabby.

Nicholas Emmanuel Juarez, a boy, was born Aug. 12, 2005, at 10:41 a.m. weighing 8 pounds, 2 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long.

His parents are Victoria Ramos and Ruben Juarez Jr. of Big Spring.

His grandparents are Lydia Rios of O'Donnell, Victor Ramos of Brownfield and the late Sylvia Lopez.

Nicholas was welcomed home by sibling Ruben E. Juarez III.

Machaela Ysavel Avina, a girl, was born Aug. 5, 2005, at 9:21 a.m. weighing 6 pounds, 15 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

She is the daughter of Jose and Lorie Avina of Big Spring. Her grandparents are Telesforo R. Galán, Isabel O. Allred, both of Big Spring and Ramon and Theresa Avina of Chicago, Ill.

Machaela was welcomed home by siblings Angel Avina, Trevor Smith and Casey Smith.

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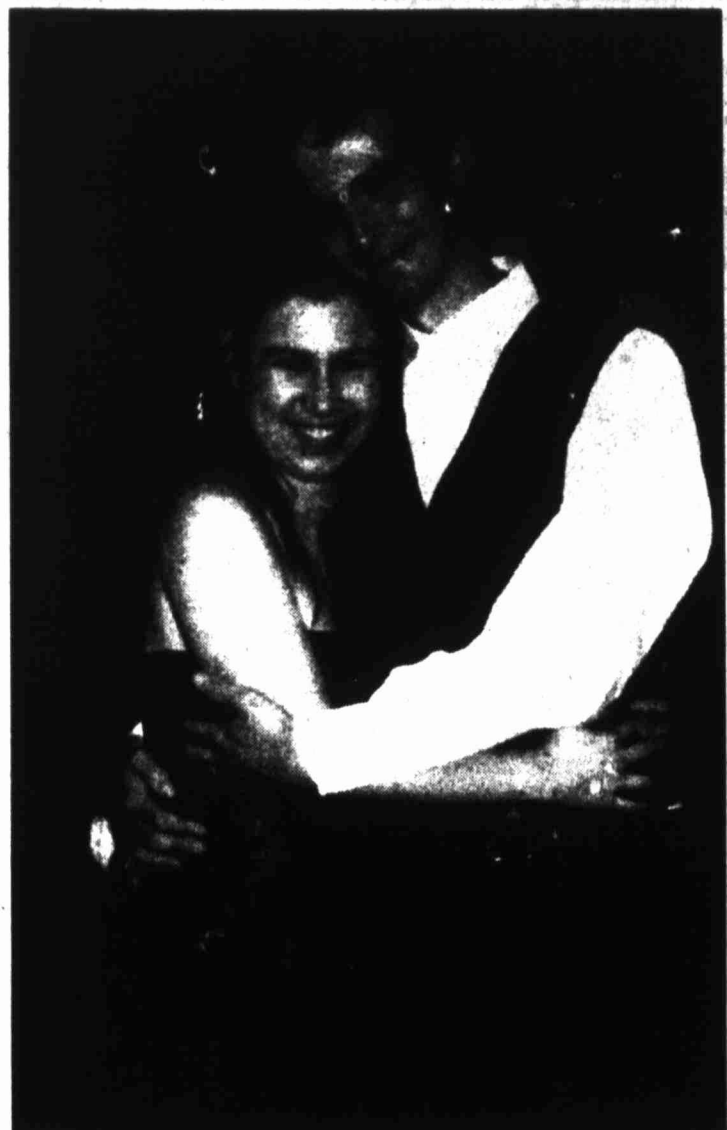
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Wedding



Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Kelley Nixon

Gent, Nixon wed

Sherri Lynn Gent and Samuel Kelley Nixon, both of Big Spring, exchanged wedding vows at 1:45 p.m. Aug. 11, 2005, in Coahoma with Justice of the Peace Quail Dobbs officiating.

The bride is the daughter of David and Shelia Gent of Richardson.

The groom is the son of Douglas and Carol

Nixon. The bride wore a dark purple gown and carried a bouquet of purple irises.

Made of honor was Ashley Hodnett and Travis Milton served as best man.

Following the ceremony, a reception and barbecue luncheon was held at the home of the groom's parents.



Mr. and Mrs. John Casey Peters

Barnett, Peters wed

Tiffany Marie Barnett and John Casey Peters, both of Big Spring, were united in holy matrimony at 6 p.m. April 16, 2005, at Christ Community Church with Pastor Michael Johnston officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Patsy McLeod Barnett of Bay City and Barry Barnett of Big Spring. She is the granddaughter of Pat and Jean McLeod of Bay City, Norma and Jim Charlton of Grand Junction, Colo., and the late J.C. Barnett of Runaway Bay.

The groom is the son of Beth Peters of Big Spring. He is the grandson of Iris and the late Willie Phillip of Big Spring.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore an Alfred Angelo gown of ivory luster satin with a hug-the-shoulder neckline and scalloped basque waistline and an eight-foot semi-chapel train. The gown was embellished with schiffli lace, crystal beading and covered buttons to the hem.

She carried a hand-tied all white bouquet of calla lilies and Casablanca lilies, tied with pink, mauve and green ribbons.

Personal assistant to the bride was Melinda

Smith. Ashley Barnett, sister of the bride, served as maid of honor and bridesmaids were Rebecca Casarez, Anna King, Tina Harrell, Cossondra Morrill and Michelle Steward.

The bridesmaids' accessories were handmade by Barbara Carter.

Flower girls were Ashton Beach and Daphne Mirrl. The flower girls' dresses were handmade by Leah Johnson.

Candle lighters were Jeanette and Teresa Mirrl.

Joshua Peters, brother of the groom, served as best man and groomsmen were Jeremiah Peters, brother of the groom, Sean Peters, brother of the groom, Wesley Platte, James Darling and Joshua Barnett, brother of the bride.

A reception and dance was given at Kokopelli's with a barbecue dinner.

Special attendants were Kathleen Peters, Lockie Darling, Kendra Casteel, Debbie Rieger, Lisa Beevers, Emily McLeod and Glenna Osborn.

The bride's cake was a three-tier French vanilla cake decorated with Cornelli Lace and topped with a double heart, porcelain topper.



Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Robert Abbott

Cave, Abbott wed

Sterling Eilene Cave became the bride of Christopher Robert Abbott in a double-ring ceremony Aug. 13, 2005, in Royal Lane Baptist Church in Dallas.

Kyle Kaigler, director of family ministries for Watermark Community Church performed the ceremony.

Dr. and Mrs. James R. Cave of Snyder, formerly of Big Spring, are parents of the bride. Parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Abbott Jr. of Austin.

The bride is the granddaughter of Mrs. Eilene Cave and the late James Cave, formerly of Roby and the late Mr. and Mrs. Foster S. Price of Sterling City. The groom's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. James Connolly of Fort Worth and Mrs. Jane Abbott and the late Robert Abbott of Virginia.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore an ivory A-line gown in silk duchesse satin. Silver-metallic beadwork and hand embroidery adorned the bodice and the outer sections of the circular train. Her waist-length veil was crowned with crystal and silver accents. She carried a bouquet featuring pale

floral selections of mini-callas, roses, hydrangeas, orchids and touches of wheat.

The bride's sister, Robin Cave of Lubbock was the maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Lindsey Griffin, long time friend of the bride and Jennifer Floyd, sister of the groom, both of Dallas.

Best Man was Michael Van Boven, of Dallas. Groomsmen were brothers of the bride, Matthew Cave of Weatherford, and Mark Cave of Denton.

Ushers were Stephen Roberts, David Roberts and Robert Resutek of Austin; from Dallas, William Wyatt and Kenneth Floyd, brother-in-law of the groom, and Paul Lincoln of San Diego.

Sterling received a bachelor of arts degree from Abilene Christian University is employed by HBK Investments in Dallas.

Chris received his master of business administration from Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University. He is employed by Bain & Company as a consultant.

The couples' honeymoon was in Crete and Italy. They will make their home in Dallas.

HULL FAMILY REUNION



Clydena (Hull) Garrett, left, Helen Earl (Hull) Worthan and Buford Hull.

Fifty descendants of Samuel L. and Augusta Hull gathered for their annual reunion Aug. 6 at Salem Baptist Church. Samuel Leonard and his father, Samuel Smith Hull, moved from the Colorado City area to the Salem Community in 1906 to homestead and farm land.

Samuel L. and Augusta had 11 children who are all deceased.

Their descendants continue the tradition of the reunion.

Traveling the greatest distance to the reunion was Pat Brightbill and family of Abernathy, descendants of Clydena Hull Garrett.

The oldest person there was A.J. Dean and the youngest person there was Kolby Dento, son of David and Kerrie Denton and grandson of Randy and Barbara Hull.

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### ALON USA reports record quarter and six-month results

Special to the Herald

ALON USA Energy, Inc. (NYSE: ALJ) announced this week net income of \$27.5 million for the three months ending June 30, 2005, compared to net income of \$15.3 million for the three months ending June 30, 2004, an increase of \$12.2 million or 79.7 percent.

This represents the highest quarterly income in the company's history. Net income for the six months ended June 30, 2005 was \$49.9 million, compared to net income of \$16.8 million for the six months ended June 30, 2004, an increase of \$33.1 million or 197 percent. This represents the highest six-month period income in the company's history.

Operating income for the three months ending June 30, 2005, was \$49.5

million, compared to operating income of \$33.8 million for the three months ended June 30, 2004, an increase of \$15.7 million or 46.4 percent. Operating income for the six months ending June 30, 2005, was \$93.8 million compared to operating income of \$42.6 million for the six months ended June 30, 2004, an increase of \$51.2 million or 120.2 percent.

ALON's six-month 2005 results included a gain on disposition of assets which was related to the contribution of three product pipelines and three product terminals to Holly Energy Partners, L.P. ("HEP") in the first quarter of this year. The gain contributed \$17.8 million to net income and \$29.2 million to operating income for the six

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### Upcoming activities

#### Ribbon Cuttings

Monday, Aug. 22, 10 a.m., By Invitation Only, 2309 Scurry, inside Elrod's Furniture.

### Center sets 32nd annual Sheep and Goat Field Day

The 32nd annual Sheep and Goat Field Day conducted by the Texas A&M University System Research and Extension Center has a new twist.

For the first time since its inception, Texas A&M will partner with Angelo State University for the Sept. 1. event.

Registration starts at 8 a.m., with tours to follow at 9 a.m. at the Texas A&M center and Angelo State's nearby Management, Instruction and Research Center.

"This is the first time this event has been held in conjunction with ASU, although in the past



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many of the projects presented involve faculty and students from both institutions," said Dr. John Walker, the Texas A&M center's resident director of research and a field day coordinator. "This year we are taking the opportunity to highlight the long-term collaboration between the two institutions."

Morning Texas A&M  
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### PROFFITT DAY CARE CELEBRATES 25 YEARS

Lynda Proffitt traces the hand of Jay Martinez on to a happy birthday sign Friday, celebrating 25 years in business for Proffitt Day Care, 1600 Wason. As part of the day's celebration, the children made Friendship Pins for those students headed to school Monday. The beaded safety pins remind the children to be friends at school. Proffitt opened the business Aug. 18, 1980. She has cared for 57 children each year since she began, decreasing slightly in 2002 due to health concerns. Today she has about 30 children enrolled, and accepts children from 18 months old up to 13 years.

Herald photos/Marsha Sturdivant



### Eradication assessment notices to arrive soon

Special to the Herald

ABILENE — Boll weevil eradication assessment notices were recently mailed to cotton producers in the Permian Basin and St. Lawrence eradication zones.

The assessments are based on information cotton producers provide the Farm Service Agency when they certify their

crops. If growers find an error in the information on their billing, they will need to correct the information at their local FSA office and forward the corrected information to the Foundation.

Payment is due Sept. 30, but a 2 percent discount is available to growers who pay the full assessment by Sept. 15.

To aid growers who have been affected by

adverse weather conditions, the TBWEF is offering payment extension agreements for producers whose accounts are current.

"For those having difficulty paying their assessment, help is available by contacting the assessments department and arranging an extension agreement," said Chief Financial Officer Tina Ballard.

Producers entering into an extension agreement must make a 10 percent down payment, and they will be charged a late fee of 1 percent per month until their accounts are paid. This late fee begins on the date the signed agreement and down payment are received by the Assessments Department. Producers who are delinquent in payment and who do not have an exten-

sion agreement are subject to a late fee of 1.5 percent per month.

Producers with extension agreements have 150 days to pay their accounts.

For more information contact the Assessments Department in Abilene at (866) 672-2800.

Counties in the Permian Basin zone are Borden (part), Dawson, Ector, Howard, Martin and

Midland (part). Counties in the St. Lawrence zone are Glasscock, Reagan and Upton.

The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation is a nonprofit, grower-initiated and funded organization dedicated to eliminating the cotton boll weevil from the state in the most cost effective and environmentally responsible manner possible.

### TDLR sets Midland meeting for barbers, cosmetologists

Special to the Herald

William Kuntz, executive director of the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR), and Brian Francis, TDLR's deputy executive director, will conduct a town hall meeting in Midland for individuals involved in the barber and cosmetology professions to acquaint them with the agency and solicit information that will help shape the future of barber and cosmetology regulation in Texas.

"The barbering and cosmetology professions are

about to undergo their most significant change in decades and we want everyone involved to have a voice in the future of their professions," Kuntz said. "TDLR is committed to working with the members of these professions to ensure that our regulations are fair and reasonable and based on common sense."

The meeting will be on Friday, Aug. 26, at the Region 18 Education Service Center, 2811 LaForce Boulevard in

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### RIBBON CUTTING

A group of employees, employers, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce representatives and Ambassadors celebrate a ribbon cutting at Best Home Care, 111 E. Seventh St. Suite C.

From left are, front row, Debbye Valverde; Tito Arencibia; Cindy Lopez; Holly Atkins, A.D.O.N.; Sheri Nichols, D.O.N.; Sara Patton, O.T.; Blanca Fitzgibbons, Clarence Harthold; middle row, Raul Marquez; Kathy Monteleone, administrator; Leah Gordon; Misti Fuller; Janice Bond; and back row, Enchantra Mendoza; Leigh Ann Leal; Tana Gutierrez; and Kelley Howard, office manager.

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Jacob Unger, Co. Rd. 402, Seminole  
Krisell Oden Womack, 710 Bell, Sweetwater  
Shuang Cheng Zhang, 1201 Gregg, Big Spring

County Court Decisions:  
Judgment and Sentence: John Martinez Ramirez, theft - more than \$500 less than \$1,500, \$250 fine, \$311 court costs, 90 days in jail.  
Probated Judgment: Jerry Ray Montano, driving while license suspended, \$250 fine, \$281 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).  
Judgment and Sentence: Randy Ray Mier, resisting arrest, \$500 fine, \$261 court costs, 60 days in jail.  
District Filings:  
H.E. Butt Grocery Co. vs. Howard County Appraisal District, other civil.  
Mickey Lynn Kennedy vs. Donna Marie Kennedy, divorce.  
Rhonda Laesann Beach vs. Daniel Scott Beach, divorce.  
Zuleika Melendez vs. Noe Soltz, divorce.  
Gloria Myra Wood vs. Brandon Dee Rushin, individual damages.  
Asley L. Hamm vs. Alamo Iron Works, individual damages.  
Wells Fargo Bank N.A. vs. Jody Nix,

accounts, notes and contracts.  
Graze Karns vs. Jan Nichols, et al. other civil.  
Date Coates vs. Denales Coates, divorce.  
Marriage Licenses:  
Cody Dean Hagle, 20, of Cedar Creek, and Linda Michelle Branham, 20, of Big Spring.  
Hebece Diaz Lopez, 55, and Rosa Elva Gonzalez Martinez, 33, both of Big Spring.  
Charles William Mase, 58, and Zella Mae Merrick, 43, both of Big Spring.  
Everett Quinton Singleton, 65, and Patricia Summers Shubert, 60, both of Big Spring.  
Warranty deeds:  
Grantor: Teri Nell Martinez  
Grantee: Ricky M. Martinez  
Property: Lot 44, Block 13, Douglas Addition  
Date Filed: Aug. 8, 2005  
Grantor: Jesse Perkins and Elva Perkins

Grantee: Justin Lloyd and Mandy Turner  
Property: A 1 acre tract out of Section 33, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date Filed: Aug. 9, 2005  
Grantor: Troy Koenig  
Grantee: A.C. Mize  
Property: Lot 1, Block 1, Amended Piner Heights  
Date Filed: Aug. 9, 2005  
Grantor: Lloyd Robinson and Mary Sue Robinson  
Grantee: Parks Fuels Inc.  
Property: A tract out of Section 43, Block 33, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date Filed: Aug. 9, 2005  
Grantor: Walter Smith Jr.  
Grantee: Ralph Dennis and Jane Dennis  
Property: Lot 15, Block 1, Colonial Hills Addition  
Date Filed: Aug. 10, 2005

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tour topics are:  
Nutritional Programs for Small Ruminant Production Systems by Dr. Travis Whitney, research nutritionist at the Texas A&M center;  
Dorper vs. Rambouillet Comparison Study, Dr. Dan Waldron, Texas Agriculture Experiment Station research geneticist;  
and Super Juniper Eating Goat, Dr. Erika Campbell, Experiment Station research associate at Sonora.  
The Angelo State tour will be conducted by university animal science department personnel. Topics will include:

Trends in Buck Performance on the Central Meat Goat Performance Test, Dr. Mike Salisbury; Food Safety and Product Development Laboratory Tour, Dr. Mandy Carr; and Development and Consumer Acceptance of Pre-cooked Lamb and Goat Roasts, Dr. Gretchen Hilton.  
A noon meal is planned at the Texas A&M center to benefit Angelo State's meats judging team and meat science programs. Following lunch, the afternoon session will convene at the Texas A&M center's auditorium for industry and research updates.  
The field day will conclude with a talk on goat

marketing by Wade Polk, Texas Cooperative Extension economist at San Angelo, and Jack Groff, Extension sheep and goat specialist emeritus and rancher from Kerrville.  
Three Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units will be available.  
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Tommy Yeater is the Cooperative Extension agent, agriculture, for Howard County. His office is in the bottom floor of the Howard County Courthouse. He can be

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TDLR

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Midland. To ensure that all interested individuals have the opportunity to participate, TDLR will conduct two sessions:  
9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. — Barbering schools and shop owners and cosmetology schools and shop owners;  
1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. — Barbers, cosmetologists and specialty licensees, such as manicure specialists, facial specialists, hair weaving/braiding specialists and shampoo specialists.  
Senate Bill 411, which was passed by the 79th

Texas Legislature and signed by Governor Rick Perry on June 18, transferred regulation of the cosmetology and barbering professions to TDLR, effective Sept. 1.  
The town hall meeting will allow barbers and cosmetologists to become acquainted with TDLR and agency leadership. Barbers and cosmetologists who are unable to attend the meeting still may provide comments and suggestions to TDLR in writing or by email, at strategicplan@license.state.tx.us.  
For more information about the meeting, barbers and cosmetologists may call (512) 463-3173.

ALON

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months ending June 30, 2005. The HEP transaction also netted ALON approximately \$118.0 million in cash. This cash — plus an increase in cash from operating activities to \$49.0 million for the six months ending June 30, 2005, compared to \$23.9 million for the six months ended June 30, 2004 — allowed ALON to retire total debt of \$33.8 million in the first six months of this year. As of June 30, 2005, ALON's cash and cash equivalent balance was \$168.5 million which was \$10.6 million greater than its total debt balance of \$157.9 million.  
The first half 2005 results include the effects of a 25-day major, five-year cycle turnaround completed in the first quarter of this year at which time the Big Spring refinery's crude oil throughput capacity was increased from 82,000 barrels per day to 70,000 barrels per day. Due to the Big Spring Refinery expansion, total refinery throughput for the second quarter 2005 increased to

a record 72,107 barrels per day compared to 62,578 barrels per day for the second quarter 2004.  
The second quarter results benefited from an increase in diesel/jet fuel yields compared to gasoline yields in the second quarter when average diesel and jet fuel prices were higher than average gasoline prices. The Big Spring Refinery's diesel/jet fuel yields increased to 36.1 percent in the second quarter 2005 compared to diesel/jet fuel yields of 32.2 percent in the second quarter 2004.  
ALON's first-half 2005 results have benefited from record industry refining margins and above average differentials between WTI and WTS crude oil ("WTI/WTS"). For the second quarter 2005, Gulf Coast 3-2-1 crack spreads increased to an average of \$10.18 per barrel compared to an average of \$9.09 per barrel for the second quarter 2004, and for the second quarter 2005, WTI/WTS crude differentials increased to an average of \$3.74 per barrel compared to an average of \$2.87 per barrel for the second quarter 2004.

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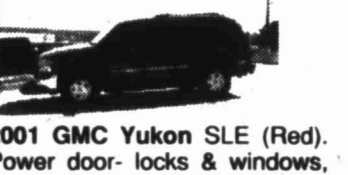
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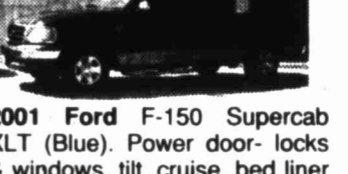
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A cashier's check, certified check or acceptable bidder's bond, payable to the Colorado River Municipal Water District in an amount not less than five (5%) percent of the bid submitted, must accompany each bid as a guarantee that, if bid is selected, the Bidder will, comply with the terms set forth in the Proposal and Special Conditions. Performance and Payment Bonds will also be required of Bid winner. In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness in stating proposal prices, the Colorado River Municipal Water District reserves the right to adopt the most advantageous construction thereof, to reject any or all bids, and to waive formalities. The District anticipates that it will notify the successful bidder (s) by awarding a contract within thirty (30) days after the bid date. No bid may be withdrawn within one hundred twenty (120) days after date on which bids are opened. **COLORADO RIVER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT**  
John W. Grant, General Manager  
#4674 August 21 & September 4, 2005.

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#4672 August 21, 2005

Legals

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**Annie's Mailbox •**

Dear Annie: My husband and I have been married 15 years, and we have two beautiful daughters, ages 7 and 10. "Luther" works hard as a fireman and is a good husband and father, except for one small problem — he goes out with his buddies to a bar every single weekend, until all hours of the morning. I've asked him to compromise and go out only once in a while, but he won't budge. He feels he is owed "guy time."

We never go out together like we used to, and I never get "girl time" because he is always out. Our children also are suffering from not having their daddy around more. I'm certain he's not cheating, but I do feel that his buddies, all of whom are single, are coming between us.

What should I do? I am thinking of leaving because it makes me angry that he cares so little about my feelings. Please help. — Brokenhearted, Lonesome Wife

Dear Lonesome: Firefighting is a stressful occupation, and Luther apparently believes going to bars with his friends is a good way to decompress. However, he should not discount his family's needs. It's OK for him to have a guy's night

out once a week, but if you no longer spend any time together, he is using the bars to avoid his family.

It would help if Luther could relax with his wife and kids. How about a trip to an amusement park or the beach? Maybe he'd like to go bowling, play miniature golf or take everyone to the movies. If he isn't willing to find time for his family, you need to see a marriage counselor, together or by yourself, and work it out.

Dear Annie: I am 17 years old and am having a problem with my mother. Throughout school, I always have received average grades. My teachers tell me that I don't apply myself, which, at times, is true.

For the past three years, my mother has been referring to me as "stupid." I know I am not, but whenever I confront her about it, she says I am overly sensitive. I scored a 34 on my ACT, yet now she refers to me as a "congenital idiot." And whenever we speak about something, if I forget a fact or two, she says, "Your memory is shot!"

I don't want to yell at her because she has Multiple Sclerosis (which affects the brain). She takes over nine pills a day. But it's getting to me, and I am starting to feel hopeless and insecure. I am totally frustrated. I love her dearly, and I pray every day for her love and acceptance. What is the problem with our relationship? — Her Son

Dear Son: Anyone who scores a 34 on his ACT is obviously not a "congenital idiot." That's a terrific score. Congratulations.

You know that your mother's ability to respond to you appropriately is hampered by her medical condition. In fact, her unkind comments may be directed more at herself than at you. If possible, talk to your father about ways to handle the situation. You also can discuss it with your school counselor and family members who will be more understanding and may intervene on your behalf.

**Legals**

**CITY OF BIG SPRING  
ADVERTISEMENT AND  
INVITATION FOR REQUEST  
FOR QUALIFICATIONS  
FOR QUALIFIED SERVICE  
PROVIDERS**

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Director of Public Works, 310 Nolan, 2nd Floor, until 2:00 P.M. Thursday, September 1, 2005, to solicit qualifications from "qualified service providers" (Service Provider) that describe their capability to engineer, design, finance, install, maintain, monitor, and manage a large-scale, comprehensive energy and operational efficiency program with guaranteed energy savings to the City of Big Spring, Texas.

Immediately following the closing time for receipt of proposals, proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any proposal received after closing time will be returned unopened. Proposals will be evaluated and presented to the City of Council for award on September 9, 2005.

The City of Big Spring reserves the right to reject any of all proposals and to waive any or all formalities.  
#4661 August 14 & 21, 2005.

**Legals**

**Public Notification of  
Nondiscrimination in Career and  
Technology Programs within the  
Big Spring Independent  
School District**

The Big Spring Independent School District offers career and technology education programs in Agriculture Education, Consumer and Family Economics, Trade and Industrial Education, Business Education Career Preparation, and Industrial Technology Education. Admission to these programs is based on interest, aptitude, age appropriateness, and class space available.

It is the policy of the Big Spring Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, or handicap in its career and technology programs, services, or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

It is the policy of Big Spring Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, or age in its employment practices as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Acts of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

The Big Spring Independent School District will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.

For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator Rey Villarreal, Assistant Superintendent, and/or Bobby Waldrop, the Section 504 Coordinator, at Big Spring I.S.D., Administrative Offices, 708 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720, Phone Number (432) 264-3600.

La Notificación Pública de No Discriminación en la Carrera y el Programa Tecnológico dentro del Distrito Independiente Escolar de Big Spring

El Distrito Independiente Escolar de Big Spring ofrece la carrera y los programas de la educación de la tecnología en la Educación de la Agricultura, en la Economía de Consumidor y Familia, en el Comercio y la Educación Industrial, en la Carrera de la Educación del Negocio de Preparación, y en la Educación Industrial de la Tecnología. La admisión a estos programas se basa en el interés, la aptitud, la conveniencia de la edad, y la espacio de clase disponible.

Es la política del Distrito Independiente Escolar de Big Spring de no discriminar a base de raza, de color, de origen nacional, o sexo, ni a base la desventaja en sus programas de la carrera y la tecnología, en los servicios, o en las actividades como requerido por el Título VI del Acto Civil de Derechos de 1964, cuando enmendado; el Título IX de las Enmiendas de la Educación de 1972; y la Sección 504 del Acto de Rehabilitación de 1973, cuando enmendado.

Es la política del Distrito Independiente Escolar de Big Spring de no discriminar a base de raza, de color, de origen nacional, o sexo, a base la desventaja, ni la edad en las prácticas de empleo como requerido pro el Título VI del Acto Civil de Derechos de 1964, cuando enmendado; el Título IX de las Enmiendas de la Educación de 1972; el Acto de la Discriminación de la Edad de 1975, cuando enmendado; y la Sección 504 del Acto de Rehabilitación de 1973, cuando enmendado.

El Distrito Independiente Escolar de Big Spring tomará los pasos para asegurar esa falta de habilidades del idioma inglés no será una barrera a la admisión y la participación en todos los programas educativos y vocacionales.

Para información acerca de sus procedimientos de derechos o queja, contacte al Coordinador del Título Rey Villarreal, Supendente Ayudante, o Bobby Waldrop, Coordinador de la Sección 504, en las Oficinas Administrativas del Distrito Independiente Escolar de Big Spring, en lugar 708 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas, 79720, el número de teléfono (432)264-3600.  
#4676 August 21, 2005

Newsday Crossword

SATURDAY STUMPER by Merle Baker
Edited by Stanley Newman
www.stanxwords.com

ACROSS 1 They may be seen on the range
8 Bronchus connector
15 Troop formation
16 Prepare for a new job
17 Shy away
19 Day beginning
20 Suit in a Spanish deck
21 Name on some compacts
22 900+, for Adam and Noah
25 Sort of asst.
28 Like the ancient Phoenicians
32 Low point
34 Mil. award
35 Son of Rebekah
36 The Taking of Pelham One Two Three actor
38 Cornwall Beach sights
40 Colorful fish
41 Long hit: Abbr.
43 Scrutinize impertinently
44 Number
47 Importune
48 Salmon selection
50 Vatican headgear
53 Where Capitol Reef is
54 Hungarian hero
58 Holes
61 Where buffalo roam
62 French form of Stephen
63 Make use of centrifugal force
64 Busta Rhymes, for one
DOWN 1 Objectives of some night students: Abbr.
2 It means "height"
3 Pretended
4 Angkor Wat vis-a-vis the Khmer Empire
5 Biblical judge
6 refrigeration (air conditioning unit)
7 Boring events
8 Infringement
9 Phone-bk. letters
10 Aegis carrier
11 Researcher's help
12 "My Funny Valentine" lyricist
13 German article
14 Faulkner character
18 Advanced cautiously
23 Creep
24 Entangled
25 Greek for "vapor"
26 Decorative touch
27 Smith's material
29 Grenoble's river
30 Grammy Award org.
31 Outbursts
33 "I was stuck!"
37 Omnipresence
39 MSNBC offering
42 Crude ones
45 Tried to see better
46 Less chaotic
49 Trig symbol
50 Mexican kin
51 to one's ears
52 Drama beginning
55 Nonstandard contraction
56 Nick Cassavetes' mom
57 Nieuwpoort's river
59 Byelorussian
60 Cut off

Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS
Since the sun is moving from Leo to Virgo tomorrow, a farewell to the carefree days of summer is in order. Summer officially lasts until the entrance of the sun into Libra. But the tone changes in the final weeks, evolving into something more grounded and mature. The Aries moon gives a burst of energy best spent in an entirely frivolous way!
ARIES (March 21-April 19). It's a relationship of mutual attraction that you're after, so that's what you get. You're able to love with open arms and open palms, refusing to clutch and clamor in order to make someone stay.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The planets favor going where the crowd goes - both to feel the collective energy and to form your own opinion. You're so adept at being in the group but not of the group.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your innocence keeps you wanting the best out of people and getting the most, too - more than anyone could get if they really knew what to expect. You're truly inspiring to young people, who will be watching you closely.
CANCER (June 22-July 22). Casual visits and unexpected calls are featured. Feeling good helps you forget about money woes, and because you neglect them, they go away. Tonight, the young will teach the old.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's OK if you seem to have missed a break or passed up a chance for something big. You're still learning. There's nothing to regret. Just ask yourself what you can do to be more deserving of the next opportunity.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You spend the morning reading minds. You know the secret: It's easier to do than most people think it is. Attitude says it all. Don't wait for confirmation. Act on what you know.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Maybe you've got a thing for someone who you think others wouldn't approve of. There's a good reason you feel the way you do. Be a rebel - love whoever you want to love.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Life is too precious to spend even an hour being bored. However, things around you could get lethargic if you don't stay on top of it. Liven up everything about yourself (your smile, your conversation, etc.), and others follow suit.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The people you hang out with should be supportive of your dreams and goals. If they are not, now is the time to jump into a different circle. This starts by making one new friend.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The better you understand your nature, the more you can mold your behavior. Today, you may finally understand why you do something. Cherish the one who will tell you things straight.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Deadlines are impossible to meet if there's no incentive. You need a reward that makes you feel fabulous. Examine your to-do list. Is there anything fun on there? If so, do that first.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). If you're feeling off-purpose, simply get back on by doing something, anything, from start to finish. Wash the dishes, mow the lawn, climb a mountain or dig a ditch.
CELEBRITY PROFILES: Kim Cattrall rhymes with "femme fatale," which her famous character Samantha Jones of the HBO series "Sex and the City" definitely is. With three planets in Leo, bold characters are a natural fit for this liberated actress. Leo women love to shock and show off - just ask Madonna! Now an author, too, Cattrall could license one of her nonfiction works to a film company this year.

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Legals

NOTICE OF ELECTION TO THE RESIDENT QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF COAHOMA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a bond election will be held in the Coahoma Independent School District on Saturday, September 10, 2005, as provided in the Order calling the election passed by the Board of Trustees of Coahoma Independent School District as set forth in full herein.
AN ORDER BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF COAHOMA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT CALLING A SPECIAL BOND ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN SAID DISTRICT, MAKING PROVISIONS FOR THE CONDUCT AND THE GIVING OF NOTICE OF THE ELECTION; AND CONTAINING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING THERETO
WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of Coahoma Independent School District (the "District") finds and determines that it is necessary and advisable to call and hold an election for and within the District on the proposition hereinafter set forth;
WHEREAS, the Board has determined that said election shall be held on September 10, 2005, a uniform election date established by Section 41.001 (a) Texas Election Code; and
WHEREAS, the Board finds and declares that the meeting at which this Order is considered is open to the public, and that the public notice of the time, place and purpose of the meeting was given, as required by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, as amended; Now Therefore,
BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF COAHOMA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:
Section 1. Findings. The statements contained in the preamble of this Order are true and correct and are hereby adopted as findings of fact and as a part of the operative provisions hereof.
Section 2. Election Ordered: Date, Proposition. An election (the "Election Day") shall be held for and within the District on Saturday, September 10, 2005 (the "Election Day"). At the Election the following proposition (the "Proposition") shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the District in accordance with law:
PROPOSITION NO. 1
SHALL THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF COAHOMA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE AND SELL BONDS OF THE DISTRICT IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$11,900,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING, RENOVATING AND EQUIPPING SCHOOL BUILDINGS OF THE DISTRICT, THE PURCHASE OF NECESSARY SITES THEREFOR, ACQUIRING SCHOOL BUSES AND FOR PAYING THE COSTS OF CREDIT AGREEMENTS EXECUTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE BONDS, AND SHALL THERE BE LEVIED, PLEDGED, ASSESSED AND COLLECTED ANNUALLY AD VALOREM TAXES ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE DISTRICT SUFFICIENT, WITHOUT LIMIT AS TO RATE OR AMOUNT, TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS AS THE SAME BECOME DUE, AND TO PAY THE COSTS OF ANY CREDIT AGREEMENTS EXECUTED IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; SAID BONDS TO BE ISSUED IN ONE OR MORE SERIES OR ISSUES, TO MATURE SERIALLY OR OTHERWISE, NOT MORE THAN 40 YEARS FROM THEIR DATE, AND TO BEAR INTEREST AT SUCH RATE OR RATES NOT TO EXCEED THE LIMIT PRESCRIBED BY LAW AT THE TIME OF ISSUANCE, AS THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES IN THIS DISCRETION SHALL BE DETERMINE?
Section 3. Official Ballot. (a) Voting at the Election on Election Day and early voting by personal appearance and by mail shall be by the use of lawfully approved voting systems and ballots. The preparation of the necessary official ballots for the Election shall conform to the requirements of the Code.
(b) The official ballots for the Election shall be prepared in accordance with the Code so as to permit the electors to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the Proposition which shall be set forth on the ballots substantially in the following form:
PROPOSITION NO. 1
FOR )
AGAINST )
"THE ISSUANCE OF \$11,900,000 OF SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS FOR ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING, RENOVATING AND EQUIPPING SCHOOL BUILDINGS, PURCHASING NECESSARY SITES THEREFOR, ACQUIRING SCHOOL BUSES, AND THE LEVYING OF A TAX IN PAYMENT OF THE BONDS AND TO PAY THE COSTS OF ANY CREDIT AGREEMENTS EXECUTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE BONDS"
Section 4. Persons Qualified to Vote. All resident qualified electors of the District shall be eligible to vote at the Election.
Section 5. Election Precincts, Voting Locations and Voting Hours on Election Day. The District hereby designates one voting precinct for the Election. The District shall consist of that portion of the Howard County voting precinct identified below that is within the boundaries of the District.
The voting location for voting on Election Day shall be as follows:
District Precinct No. 1
Howard County Precinct No. 207
Coahoma Community Center
306 N. Avenue
Coahoma, Texas 79511
On Election Day the polls shall be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Section 6. Early Voting Locations, Dates and Times. (a) Early voting by personal appearance shall be held on the dates, at the times and at the location specified on Exhibit A.
(b) Applications for early voting by mail must be received no later than the close of business on Friday, September 2, 2005; applications must be directed to the Early Voting Clerk, Gina McEndree, Coahoma Independent School District Administration Office, 600 N. Main Street, Coahoma, Texas 79511. Gina McEndree is hereby appointed as Early Voting Clerk and Judy Dobbs is hereby appointed as

Deputy Early Voting Clerk.
1.1 Section 7. Appointment of Election Officers. Prior to the Election Day, the Board of Trustees shall appoint the Presiding Judge and Alternate Presiding Judge(s) to serve at the Election, the Early Voting Ballot Board and such other officials as are necessary and appropriate to conduct the Election in accordance with the Code.
Section 8. Election Materials. The Election materials enumerated in Secs. 272.001, et. seq., of the Code, shall be printed and furnished in both English and Spanish for use at the voting locations and for early voting, and provisions shall be made for oral assistance to Spanish-speaking voters.
Section 9. Notice of Election. Notice of the Election shall be given by: (i) publishing a substantial copy of this Order in both English and Spanish one time at least (10) but not more than thirty (30) days prior to the Election Day in a newspaper of general circulation in the District, and (ii) by posting, not later than the 21st day before the Election day, a substantial copy of this Order on the bulletin board used for posting notices of meetings of the District's Boards of Trustees.
Section 10. Necessary Actions. The President and the Secretary of the Board of Trustees and the Superintendent of the District, in consultation with the District's attorney and bond counsel are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all actions necessary to comply with the provisions of the Code and the Federal Voting Rights Act in carrying out and conducting the Election, whether or not expressly authorized herein.
PASSED AND APPROVED this 30th day of June, 2005.
Coahoma Independent School District Board of Trustees
EXHIBIT A
Early Voting by Personal Appearance
Location for Early Voting
Main Early Polling Place
Coahoma ISD Administration Building
600 N. Main Street
Coahoma, Texas 79511
Dates and Times
Beginning Wednesday, August 24, 2005, and ending Tuesday, September 6, 2005 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. each day except Saturdays, Sundays and state holidays.
AVISO DE ELECCION
A LOS ELECTORES AUTORIZADOS Y RESIDENTES DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE COAHOMA: POR EL PRESENTE AVISO SE LES NOTIFICA QUE SE REALIZARA UNA ELECCION SOBRE LA EMISION DE BONOS EN EL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE Coahoma el sabado 10 de septiembre de 2005, tal como se provee en la resolucion que convoca a elecciones emitida por el Consejo de Administracion del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Coahoma, segun se explica detalladamente en el presente documento.
RESOLUCION DE LA JUNTA DE FIDUCIARIOS DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE COAHOMA, QUE CONVoca A

UNA ELECCION ESPECIAL RELATIVA A LA EMISION DE BONOS QUE SE LLEVARA A CABO DENTRO DE DICHO DISTRITO. ESTABLECE DISPOSICIONES EN RELACION CON LA MANERA DE LLEVAR A CABO Y NOTIFICAR LA ELECCION, E INCLUYE OTRAS DISPOSICIONES RESPECTO DE DICHA ELECCION POR CUANTO, la Junta de Fiduciarios (la "Junta") del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Coahoma (el "Distrito") determina que es necesario y conveniente convocar a elecciones y llevarlas a cabo dentro del Distrito, sobre la base de la propuesta establecida a continuacion en el presente;
POR CUANTO, la Junta ha determinado que dicha eleccion se llevara a cabo el 10 de septiembre de 2005, una fecha unica de elecciones establecida en la Seccion 41.001 (a) del Codigo Electoral (Election Code) de Texas; y
POR CUANTO, la Junta de Fiduciarios declara que la reunion en la cual se considera esta Resolucion esta abierta al publico, y que se ha publicado el horario, el lugar y la finalidad de dicha reunion, segun lo exige el Capitulo 551 del Codigo de Gobierno (Government Code) de Texas y sus modificaciones. Por lo tanto,
LA JUNTA DE FIDUCIARIOS DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE COAHOMA RESUELVE:
Section 1. Conclusiones. Las declaraciones incluidas en el preambulo de la presente Resolucion son verdaderas y correctas, y por las presentes son adoptadas como conclusiones de hecho y como parte de las disposiciones operativas de la presente.
Section 2. Se resuelve llevar a cabo la Eleccion: fecha, propuestas. Se llevara a cabo una eleccion (la "Eleccion") dentro del Distrito el sabado 10 de septiembre de 2005 (el "Dia de la Eleccion"). En la eleccion se deberan someter las siguientes propuestas (las "Propuestas") a los electores del Distrito en condiciones de votar de conformidad con la ley:
PROPOSTA NUM. 1
¿SE DEBE AUTORIZAR A LA JUNTA DE FIDUCIARIOS DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE COAHOMA PARA QUE EMITA Y VENDA BONOS DEL DISTRITO POR LA SUMA DE CAPITAL DE \$11,900,000 CON EL OBJETO DE ADQUIRIR, CONSTRUIR, RENOVAR Y EQUIPAR EDIFICIOS ESCOLARES DEL DISTRITO, COMPRAR LOS PREDIOS NECESARIOS PARA DICHOS EDIFICIOS, ADQUIRIR AUTOBUSES ESCOLARES Y PAGAR LOS COSTOS DE CONTRATOS DE CREDITO CELEBRADOS EN RELACION CON LOS BONOS? ¿LOS IMPUESTOS AD VALOREM ESTABLECIDOS, COMPROMETIDOS, DETERMINADOS Y COBRADOS POR AÑO RESPECTO DE TODOS LOS BIENES GRAVABLES DENTRO DEL DISTRITO, SIN QUE EXISTAN LIMITES EN CUANTO A LA TASA O CANTIDAD, SEAN SUFFICIENTES PARA PAGAR EL CAPITAL Y LOS INTERESES SOBRE ESTOS SE TORNEN CUJIBLES, Y PARA PAGAR LOS COSTOS DE CUOQUIER CONTRATO DE

CREDITO CELEBRADO EN RELACION CON LOS BONOS, QUE SERAN EMITIDOS EN UNA A MAS SERIES O LOTES Y QUE VENCERAN EN FORMA SUCEIVA O DE OTRA MANERA, A MAS TARDAR, A LOS 40 ANOS DESDE SU FECHA DE ENTRADA EN VIGENCIA, Y DEVENGARAN INTERESES A UNA TASA O TASAS QUE NO SUPEREN EL LIMITE ESTABLECIDO EN LA LEY AL MOMENTO DE LA EMISION, SEGUN LO DETERMINE LA JUNTA DE FIDUCIARIOS A SU ARBITRIO?
Section 3. Papeleta oficial. (a) La votacion en la Eleccion el Dia de la Eleccion y la votacion anticipada en persona o por correo se realizaran usando sistemas de votacion y papeletas aprobados legalmente. La preparacion de las papeletas oficiales necesarias para la Eleccion cumplira con los requisitos del Codigo.
(b) La preparacion de las papeletas oficiales para la Eleccion cumplira con los requisitos del Codigo de modo que permita a los electores votar "A FAVOR" o "EN CONTRA" de la Propuesta, que se indicara en las papeletas, sustancialmente de acuerdo con el modelo del siguiente formulario:
PROPOSTA NUM. 1
A FAVOR )
EN CONTRA )
"EMISION DE BONOS PARA EDIFICACION ESCOLAR POR \$11,900,000, DESTINADOS A LA ADQUISICION, LA CONSTRUCCION, LA RENOVACION Y EL EQUIPAMIENTO DE EDIFICIOS ESCOLARES; LA COMPRA DE LOS PREDIOS NECESARIOS PARA DICHOS EDIFICIOS; LA ADQUISICION DE AUTOBUSES ESCOLARES Y LA APLICACION DE UN IMPUESTO PARA EL PAGO DE LOS BONOS Y LOS COSTOS DE LOS CONTRATOS DE CREDITO CELEBRADOS EN RELACION CON LOS BONOS"
Section 4. Personas autorizadas para votar. Todos los votantes residentes del Distrito autorizados para votar podran votar en la Eleccion.
Section 5. Circunscripciones electorales, mesas electorales y horario de votacion para el Dia de la Eleccion. Por el presente, el Distrito designa una circunscripcion electoral para la Eleccion. La circunscripcion del distrito estara formada por la parte de la circunscripcion de votacion del Condado de Howard que se encuentra dentro de los limites del Distrito.
Las mesas electorales para votar el Dia de la Eleccion seran las siguientes:
District Precinct No. 1
Howard County Precinct No. 27
Coahoma Community Center
306 N. Avenue
Coahoma, Texas 79511
En el Dia de la Eleccion, las mesas de votacion permaneceran abiertas desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m.
Section 6. Ubicacion de las mesas electorales, fechas y horario para la votacion anticipada. (a) La votacion anticipada en persona se llevara a cabo en las fechas, los horarios y las mesas indicados en el Anexo A.
(b) Las solicitudes para realizar votaciones anticipadas enviadas por

correo deben ser recibidas, a mas tardar, al cierre de las operaciones comerciales, el viernes 2 de septiembre de 2005; las solicitudes deben dirigirse a la encargada de la votacion anticipada: Gina McEndree, Coahoma Independent School District Administration Office, 600 N. Main Street, Coahoma, Texas 79511. Por la presente, se designa a Gina McEndree como Encargada de la Votacion Anticipada y a Judy Dobbs como Asistente de la Votacion Anticipada.
1.1 Section 7. Designacion de los funcionarios electorales. Antes del Dia de la Eleccion, la Junta de Fiduciarios debera nombrar a un Juez Titular y un Juez o Jueces Suplentes para la Eleccion, a la Junta de Votacion anticipada y a otros funcionarios, segun sea necesario y apropiado para llevar adelante la Eleccion de conformidad con el Codigo.
Section 8. Materiales para la Eleccion. Los materiales para la Eleccion indicados en las Secciones 272.001 y subsiguientes del Codigo seran impresos y suministrados tanto en ingles como en español para ser usados en las mesas electorales y en la votacion anticipada, y se arbitrarán los medios correspondientes para ofrecer ayuda verbal a electores hispanohablantes.
Section 9. Notificacion de la Eleccion. La notificacion de la Eleccion se efectuara por los siguientes medios: (i) publicacion en ingles y en español de una parte significativa de esta Resolucion una vez, con una anticipacion minima de diez (10) y maxima de treinta (30) dias con respecto a Dia de la Eleccion, en un periodico de circulacion general en el Distrito; y (ii) publicacion de una parte sustancial de esta Resolucion en el tablero de anuncios utilizado para notificar las reuniones de la Junta de Directores del Distrito, a mas tardar 21 dias antes del Dia de la Eleccion.
Section 10. Medidas necesarias. El Presidente y el Secretario de la Junta de Fiduciarios y el Superintendente del Distrito, asesorados por el abogado del Distrito y el asesor para la emision de bonos, quedan autorizados por la presente a adoptar todas las medidas necesarias a fin de cumplir con las disposiciones del Codigo y de la Ley Federal de Derechos Electorales (Federal Voting Rights Act) para organizar y celebrar la Eleccion, sean o no autorizados en forma expresa en esta Resolucion.
APROBADA a los 30 dias del mes de junio de 2005.
Distrito Escolar Independiente de Coahoma Junta de Fiduciarios
ANEXO A
Votacion anticipada en persona
Ubicacion de las mesas para la votacion anticipada
Mesa principal de votacion anticipada
Coahoma ISD Administration Building
600 N. Main Street
Coahoma, Texas 79511
Fechas y horario
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correo deben ser recibidas, a mas tardar, al cierre de las operaciones comerciales, el viernes 2 de septiembre de 2005; las solicitudes deben dirigirse a la encargada de la votacion anticipada: Gina McEndree, Coahoma Independent School District Administration Office, 600 N. Main Street, Coahoma, Texas 79511. Por la presente, se designa a Gina McEndree como Encargada de la Votacion Anticipada y a Judy Dobbs como Asistente de la Votacion Anticipada.
1.1 Section 7. Designacion de los funcionarios electorales. Antes del Dia de la Eleccion, la Junta de Fiduciarios debera nombrar a un Juez Titular y un Juez o Jueces Suplentes para la Eleccion, a la Junta de Votacion anticipada y a otros funcionarios, segun sea necesario y apropiado para llevar adelante la Eleccion de conformidad con el Codigo.
Section 8. Materiales para la Eleccion. Los materiales para la Eleccion indicados en las Secciones 272.001 y subsiguientes del Codigo seran impresos y suministrados tanto en ingles como en español para ser usados en las mesas electorales y en la votacion anticipada, y se arbitrarán los medios correspondientes para ofrecer ayuda verbal a electores hispanohablantes.
Section 9. Notificacion de la Eleccion. La notificacion de la Eleccion se efectuara por los siguientes medios: (i) publicacion en ingles y en español de una parte significativa de esta Resolucion una vez, con una anticipacion minima de diez (10) y maxima de treinta (30) dias con respecto a Dia de la Eleccion, en un periodico de circulacion general en el Distrito; y (ii) publicacion de una parte sustancial de esta Resolucion en el tablero de anuncios utilizado para notificar las reuniones de la Junta de Directores del Distrito, a mas tardar 21 dias antes del Dia de la Eleccion.
Section 10. Medidas necesarias. El Presidente y el Secretario de la Junta de Fiduciarios y el Superintendente del Distrito, asesorados por el abogado del Distrito y el asesor para la emision de bonos, quedan autorizados por la presente a adoptar todas las medidas necesarias a fin de cumplir con las disposiciones del Codigo y de la Ley Federal de Derechos Electorales (Federal Voting Rights Act) para organizar y celebrar la Eleccion, sean o no autorizados en forma expresa en esta Resolucion.
APROBADA a los 30 dias del mes de junio de 2005.
Distrito Escolar Independiente de Coahoma Junta de Fiduciarios
ANEXO A
Votacion anticipada en persona
Ubicacion de las mesas para la votacion anticipada
Mesa principal de votacion anticipada
Coahoma ISD Administration Building
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# A USER'S GUIDE TO THE BIG SPRING HERALD

Each day. The *Big Spring Herald* receives calls from readers - just like you - who have important questions about how the newspaper works and the services it offers. For your information and convenience, we have compiled this page of answers to readers' most frequently asked questions.

Save this page for future reference

## HOW TO

### REPORT THE SCORE

You can report your sports results between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. by calling 263-7331, faxing 264-7205 or drop your results at the *Big Spring Herald* office at 710 Scurry, Big Spring.

## HOW TO

### OBTAIN BACK ISSUES

Back issues of the *Big Spring Herald* are kept on file for one year and may be purchased during regular business hours. However, some back issues sell out quickly and we cannot guarantee that any given issue will be available. You may also check with the Howard County Library reference department at 264-2262.

## HOW TO

### SUBMIT NEWS INFORMATION

To announce activities or events, mail or bring by the office a typed news release or fact sheet to Editor John Moseley as far in advance as possible. The release should include the who, what, why, when, and where of the event, and the name and telephone number of a contact person. If you have a timely news item, call John Moseley at 263-7331, ext. 230.

## HOW TO

### SUBMIT MARRIAGE, ENGAGEMENT OR BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

To submit engagement, wedding, or birth announcements come by our office at 710 Scurry and pick up a form. You may also download a form from our website at [www.bigspringherald.com](http://www.bigspringherald.com). If you have questions regarding the guidelines for these announcements, discuss them with Marsha Sturdivant at 263-7331, ext. 236.

## HOW TO

### LOCATE A SPECIFIC STORY

If you are unable to locate an article, call 263-7331, or come by the *Big Spring Herald* at 710 Scurry, and we will try to assist you. Remember, we can only provide information that appeared in the *Big Spring Herald*.

## HOW TO

### PLACE A CLASSIFIED AD

Phone our office at 263-7331 or come by 710 Scurry. Ads can be placed between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

## HOW

### OBITUARIES ARE HANDLED

Obituaries, whether paid or non-paid, are provided to the *Big Spring Herald* by funeral homes. Non-paid obits follow a standard form, while paid obits can include virtually anything the deceased's family requests. Any questions should be directed to the Editor John Moseley at 263-7331, ext. 230.

## HOW TO

### PLACE A DISPLAY AD

Phone our office at 263-7331 and ask for a retail advertising sales representative or visit our office at 710 Scurry. Telephone lines are open 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

## HOW TO

### GET DELIVERY TO YOUR HOME

Call our office at 263-7335 or come by 710 Scurry. Our subscription rate is \$93.42 per year or \$8.65 per month.



Submit your information by fax at 432-264-7205  
Call us at 432-263-7331  
Come visit us at  
710 Scurry Street  
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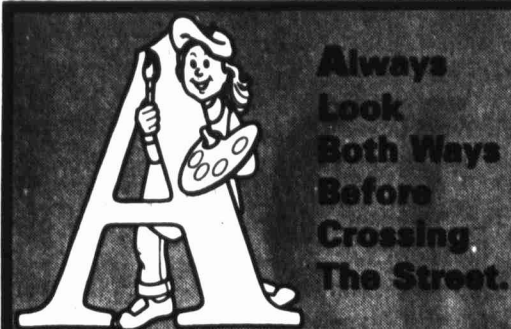
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# BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY ABCs



Always  
Look  
Both Ways  
Before  
Crossing  
The Street.

**A-Bob's Bail  
Bonds**

110 E. 3rd St. 263-3333

Whether your child is going back to school, or will be attending for the very first time, play it safe by taking time to review these important safety "basics" together.



Buckle  
Up When  
Riding -  
It's The  
Law!

**Blum's**

Inside Big Spring Mall  
267-6335



Cross The  
Street At  
Crosswalks  
Only.

**Comet Cleaners**

FM 700 & Virginia 267-2584



Don't  
Pet Or  
Annoy  
Unfamiliar  
Animals.

**The Dance Gallery**

2303 Goliad 267-3977



Eat  
A Good  
Breakfast  
Every  
Day.

**ALON**

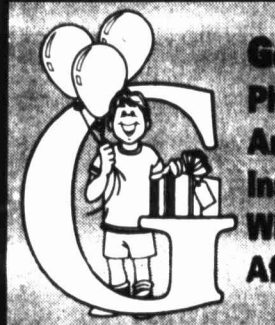
Big Spring Refinery



Fire  
Safety Is  
Important,  
At Home  
And At  
School.

**First Bank Of West Texas**

394-4256 267-1113



Go Over Important  
Phone Numbers  
And Safety  
Instructions  
With Your  
After-School Sitter.

**Gill's**

Gold-N-Crisp Fried Chicken  
2100 S. Gregg 263-4391



Have Your  
Child's Eyes  
Checked For  
Problems,  
Before  
Starting  
School.

**Fish Ophthalmology Clinic**

Diseases And Surgery Of The Eye  
John R. Fish, M.D. • Larry Fish, M.D.  
207 E. 7th 267-3649



**Domino's Pizza**

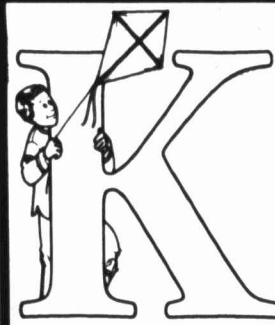
2111 S. Gregg 267-4111



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Is  
Dangerous.

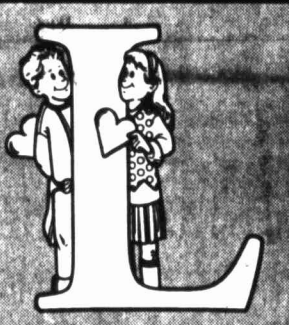
**CASA Of West Texas**

263-4162



Know The  
Background  
Of Your  
Child Care  
Provider.

**Big Spring Education Employees  
Federal Credit Union**  
1110 Benton 263-8393



Let Your  
Parents  
Know If You  
Go  
Somewhere  
After  
School.

**Four Seasons Insulation  
& Siding, Inc.**

264-8610



Motorists  
Should  
Exercise  
Extra Caution  
Around  
School  
Areas.

**The Medicine Shoppe**

1001 Gregg St. 263-7316



Never Go  
Anywhere  
With A  
Stranger.

**Nalley-Pickle & Welch**

906 Gregg St. 267-6331



Obey  
Your  
School  
Bus  
Driver Or  
Crossing  
Guards.

**AAA Mini Storage**

3301 E. FM 700 263-0732



Parents Should  
Discuss Safety  
Issues And  
Emergency  
Procedures  
With Their  
Children.

**Pizza Inn**

1702 Gregg 263-1381



**Trio Fuels**

3112 N. Hwy. 87 267-9434



Remain In  
Your Seat  
While The  
School Bus  
Is In Motion.

**Rainbow Christian Pre-School**

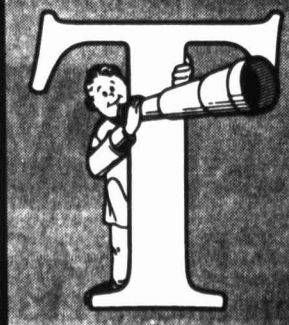
409 Goliad St. 267-4515



Stick To A  
Populated,  
Familiar  
Route When  
Walking  
Home From  
School.

**Sonic Drive Inn**

1200 Gregg 601 E. FM 700  
267-6790 263-2700



Tell Your  
Parents Or  
Teacher If  
Someone Is  
Bothering  
You.

**Trinity Baptist Church**

810 E. 11th 267-6344



Use  
Your Head  
- Wear  
Your  
Helmet  
While  
Biking.

**Big Spring Symphony  
Association & Guild**

808 Scurry 264-7223



Vacant  
Lots And  
Buildings  
Should Be  
Avoided.

**Victim Services**

263-3312



Walk To  
School  
With  
Friends,  
Not  
Alone.

**Western Container**

Big Spring Plant



X Marks  
Dangerous  
Railroad  
Tracks.

**Home Realtors**

110 Marcy 263-1284



**Big Spring Herald**

710 Scurry 263-7331



Zzzzzz  
Getting A  
Good Night's  
Sleep Is  
Important To  
School  
Performance.

**Howard Cottage**

1001 Birdwell Ln. 264-5185