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Big Spring harriers dominate weekend invitational.

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Sales tax rebates up slightly for Big Spring

By BILL MCCLELLAN

News Editor

Sales tax rebates were up slightly this month for the city of Big Spring, which eclipsed the \$3 million mark for 2005, according to the Texas Comptroller's Office.

received Big Spring \$312,663.24 this month, up 2.23 percent when compared to the \$305,819.63 taken in during

nine months of 2005, Big Spring has collected \$3,196,304.83, an amount ahead of last year's collections by 5.98 percent.

Most area communities received positive sales tax rebates when compared to a year ago, according to the Comptroller's Office — many in double figures, percentwise.

Coahoma received \$5,085.92

September of 2004. For the first when compared to the \$4,086.26 For the year, Forsan has \$81,106.16 received this month received a year ago. For 2005, Coahoma has received \$45,689.44, a pace that is 12.03 percent higher than 2004.

After two months of declining sales tax rebates, followed by a soaring increase, Forsan witnessed a fairly nominal 3.7 percent improvement this month. The community received \$4,300.28 this month compared for the month, up 24.46 percent to \$4,146.70 in September 2004.

received \$54,846.84, still a healthy increase of 18.63 percent.

Rebates went up 10.76 percent Abilene, comparing for September 2005 rates of \$2,313,884.88 to September 2004 rates of \$2,089,097.18. For the vear. Abilene has received **\$21,880,322.26**, up 8.46 percent.

Andrews enjoyed a doubledigit increase again. The See REBATES, Page 3A

is a 28.7 percent increase compared to the \$63,130.03 collected in September 2004. For the year, the city has collected \$763,102.21, up 18.06 percent.

Brownfield took in \$60,541.49 this month compared to \$59,069.78 a year ago, for an increase of 2.49 percent. For the year. Brownfield has taken in

Fun for a good cause



Several children take advantage of an inflatable slide during the Jesus Jams for Jayde fundralsing event at Comanche Trail Park Saturday. The event raised funds to help 14-month-old Makaylle Jayde Garcia, who suffered a stroke at birth.

Deadline to register for Nov. 8 vote nears

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Time is running out for **Howard County residents** to register to vote for the 2005 state constitutional amendment election slated for Nov. 8.

The deadline to register to vote in the November election is Tuesday, Oct. 11, and, according to **Howard County Voter** Registrar Saundra Bloom, it's time to check on your "voter readiness."

"The registration deadline for any election is 30 days prior to the election day," said Bloom. "This year, the deadline actually falls on a holiday -Columbus Day — so the state is giving everyone the following working day, which is a Tuesday, to get voter registration cards in."

Bloom said voters who currently hold a blue voter registration card will be able to use them in the November election since they are good until the end of December.

"If they haven't received their card or aren't sure if they're registered, all they have to do is come by the office," said Bloom. "They can fill out the voter registration card and their card should be mailed to them in time for the November election.

"For those who can't get out, they can call us and we'll mail them the form. They can fill it out and just mail it back to us. It's a very easy process."

Bloom said the registration cards require a Texas driver's license or See DEADLINE, Page 3A

Proposed amendments

Constitutional amendments on the ballot in November are:

Proposition 1: "Creation of the Texas rail relocation and improvement fund and authorizing grants of money and issuance of obligations for financing the relocation, construction, reconstruction, acquisition, improvement rehabilitation and expansion of certain rail facilities."

This proposition would create a Texas rail relocation and improvement fund in the state treasury and would authorize grants of state revenue issuance of public debt to relocate, rehabilitate, and expand privately and publicly owned passenger and freight rail facilities and to construct railroad underpasses and overpasses.

Proposition amendment providing that marriage in Texas consists only of the union of one man and one woman.

This proposition would provide that marriage in Texas is solely the union of a man and woman, and that the state and its political subdivisions could not create or recognize any legal status identical to or similar to marriage, including such legal status relationships created outside

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identification card number, or the last four digits of the prospective voter's

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Producers invited to EQIP meeting

Special to the Herald

The Howard Soil and Water Conservation District will host an Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) program development group meeting at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the USDA Service Center in Big Spring.

The EQIP program assists landowners/users who apply conservation practices on their land by providing tech-

nical assistance, cost-share payments, incentive payments and training to producers who enter into contracts on an EQIP plan of operations.

The purpose of the program development group is to provide advice and recommendations on the EQIP program to the local work group regarding resource concerns, conservation practices, costshare rates, ranking and

screen tools and other items of local concern.

Local producers interested in applying for the EQIP program are encouraged to attend the meeting and offer their input to the local work group. Any questions can be directed to the Natural Resources Conseration

Service at 432 267-1871, ext. 3. The USDA Service Center is located at 302 West

AT A GLANCE

What: Informational meeting on the Environmental **Quality Incentives Program** (EQIP).

Where: USDA Service Center, 302 West Interstate 20 in Big Spring.

When: 2 p.m. Tuesday.

Sponsor: Howard Soil and Water Conservation District.

Obituaries

Stella Mallory



Stella Mallory, 90, of Big Spring died Friday, Sept. 16, 2005, at Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Veterans Home. Private family services will be at a later date.

She was born April 6, 1915, in Clay City. Ky., to Lorena and Thomas Rawlings. She married Robert K. "Bob" Mallory Dec. 2, 1964, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death Oct. 10, 2004. She was an registered nurse at Medical Arts Hospital and had

lived in Big Spring for more than 60 years.

She is survived by two sons, Tom Hines and his wife, Inez of Big Spring and C.A. Hines and his wife. Pat of Springfield, Ore.; one daughter, Roberta Smith and her husband, Duane of DeLuth, Minn.; 17 grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by one daughter, Carol Webb.

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

Fern Wells Ellington

Fern Wells Ellington, 102, of Big Spring died Sunday, Sept. 18, 2005, at her residence. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Sam Becker

Sam Becker, 82, of Big Spring died Saturday, Sept. 18, 2005, at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Sheriff's report

Note: An arrest sheet was not available from the Howard County Sheriff's Office due to computer system problems.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department reported the following activity:

MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of Simler. One person was transported to SMMC.

TRAUMA was reported in the 2400 block of

Alabama. One person was transported to the VAMC. TRAUMA was reported in the 1900 block of Johnson. One person was transported to SMMC.

 TRAUMA was reported in the 1300 block of Stanford. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 200 block of North Benton. Service was refused.

• TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the 177 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20, Service was

· MEDICAL was reported in the 2400 block of Wast Marcy. One person was transported to SMMC.

· MEDICAL was reported in the 2700 block of Rebecca. One person was transported to SMMC

 MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of Marijo. One person was transported to SMMC.

 TRAUMA was reported in the 1300 block of West 11th. Service was refused.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to the VAMC.

 MEDICAL was reported in the 3200 block of Drexel. Service was refused.

· TRAUMA was reported in the 500 block of Johnson. One person was transported to SMMC.

 TRAUMA was reported in the 200 block of Galveston. One person was transported to SMMC.

MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd. One person was transported to Abilene.

 MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Blvd. One person was transported to Midland.

 MEDICAL was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.

 TRAUMA was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.

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· MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of Benton. One person was transported to SMMC.

Support groups

MONDAY

 Encourager's Support Group — All widows and widowers are invited to a covered dish dinner beginning at 6 p.m. in the First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Runnels streets. Enter through the north door. For more information, call 398-5522.

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 p.m. until 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 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Police blotter

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

 JESSIE JAY HERNANDEZ, 21, of 502 State, was arrested Saturday on charges of evading arrest with a vehicle and abandonment/endangering a child - criminal negligence.

EMZIE WOODARD, 24, of 3601 Connaly, was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while intoxi-

 ROSEMARY ALVAREZ, 32, of 1700 Settles, was arrested Saturday and held for the HCSO.

 MARCUS SAUJON, 31, of Abilene, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.

· CHRISTOPHER LEDESMA, 22, of 1510 Oriole, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.

• ROMAN HINES, 32, of 405 Westover Road, was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while license • DAVID FRANCO, 27, of 1407 E. 18th Street, was

arrested Sunday on a charge of interference of a public servant's duties.

• LUIS RIOS III, 21, of 800 Creighton, was arrested Sunday on eight local warrants.

· LACEY CHAVARRIA, 19, of 1105 Mesa, was arrested Sunday on two local warrants. · IRMA LINDA YANEZ, 32, of 1610 Carol, was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while license

invalid. • KEVIN BATES JR., 17, of 1513 Wood, was arrested Sunday on two counts of Class C Assault.

• RICHARD RAMIREZ, 40, of 611 N. San Antonio, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.

• JO ANNETTE MUNOZ, 39, of 204 N. Johnson, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.

THEFT was reported:

- in the 4800 block of Highway 80.

- in the 1200 block of 11th Place.

EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION WITH A **VEHICLE** was reported in the 500 block of State. CRIMINAL TRESPASS was reported in the 500

block of Union. BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported:

- in the 1000 block of Nolan.

- in the 1500 block of Sycamore.

- in the 2200 block of Johnson. ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 2000 block of Johnson.

 AGGRAVATED ASSAULT was reported in the 10000 block of Moss Lake Road.

 ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 400 block of Eighth Street.

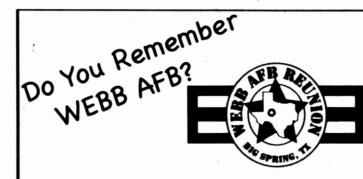
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the 500 block of State. RESISTING ARREST, SEARCH OR TRANS-**PORTATION** was reported in the 1700 block of Young. DELIVERY OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA was

reported in the 700 block of Johnson Pat 1 1000 & net of - 176 30 303. 200. 12 Lot being collected & dian ille

Take note

- "OUT OF THE SHADOW," a documentary focusing on schizophrenia, is presented free of charge at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the Dora Roberts Community Center.
- DENISE ZUBER was born Aug. 8, 1968, to a Gonzales family in Big Spring and placed for adoption. She now lives in Minnesota and hopes to contact relatives in Big Spring. Anyone with information may email her at nan_del@earthlink.net with Big Spring Adoption in the subject line. Or write to her, Denise Zuber, 9173 Vincent Ave So., Bloomington MN 55431-
- 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.



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www.hangar25airmuseum.com for more information and registration form.

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om at 263-7331 or e-mail life@bigspringherald.com

TODAY

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

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

• Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in the La Posada Restaurant. • DAV and Auxiliary Chapter 47 meets at 6:30 p.m.

at 610 Abrams St.

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

· 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, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

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

• "Out of the Shadow," a documentary focusing on schizophrenia, presented free of charge at 6 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Community Center.

• Big Spring Shrine Club meets at 6:30 p.m. for dinner with a meeting to follow at 1st and Goliad streets.

All Masons are welcome to attend. • Big Spring Art Association meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library. All working artists and

those interested in art are invited to attend. Concerned Citizens for Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the Howard County Library,

• Order of the Eastern Star No. 67 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

WEDNESDAY

268-4721.

• Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• Senior Circle meets at 11 a.m. in the Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721. · Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the

Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. · 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, · 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

Weather

Tonight — Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 60s. South winds around 10 mph.

Tuesday - Sunny. Highs in the lower 90s. Light and variable winds. Tuesday night — Mostly clear. Lows in the upper

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Thursday — Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 90s. Thursday night — Mostly clear. Lows in the upper

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 8-23-37-39-42. Bonus Ball: 3. Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 1. Winning ticket sold in: Lockhart.

Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: \$4 million. Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 13-24-28-30-37. Number matching five of five: 1. Prize per winner: \$32,832. Winning ticket sold in: Dallas. Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night, in order: 4-8-3

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday afternoon, in order: 1-2-6

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By DAVID CRARY

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AP National Writer

NEW **ORLEANS** Residents began trickling back Monday morning as part of a plan by the mayor to reopen New Orleans one ZIP code at a time, despite repeated warnings from the top federal official on the scene that the city is not ready.

Algiers, a neighborhood that is situated across the Mississippi River from downtown New Orleans and saw little damage from Hurricane Katrina, was the first section to be reopened to residents.

Over the next week, the Uptown neighborhood. the Garden District and historic French Quarter are also set to reopen to residents and businesses at Mayor Ray Nagin's invitation, bringing a total about one-third of New Orleans' half-million inhabitants back.

John Schwab, 31, came back to Algiers with his brother and encountered no checkpoint getting into the neighborhood, despite warnings from the mayor that police would be checking IDs. Schwab owns a janitorial service that had contracts with movie studios. They have all pulled out of New

Mandatory evacuations in Keys as Florida readies for Rita

By MICHELLE SPITZER lying Keys, which are a.m., and could be a Mississippi.

Associated Press Writer KEY WEST, Fla. -Officials ordered residents evacuated from the lower Florida Keys on Monday as Tropical headed Rita Storm toward the island chain. threatening to grow into a hurricane with a poten-

tial 8-foot storm surge. The evacuation covered 40,000 people living from below Marathon to Key West. Visitors were ordered to clear out of the entire length of the low-

Orleans because of the

"I'll probably have to

look for a job in construc-

tion," he said. "That's

about the only thing

A few gas stations and

convenience stores were

open, but little else. The

manager of Winn Dixie

supérmarket said he had

hoped to be open by

Monday, but it took

longer than he anticipat-

ed to clear out the spoiled

Thursday," said Grady Shavers. "Salvage crews

already took everything

out of the store. That was

"We're now shooting for

food and other debris.

storm

around."

connected by just one Category 1 hurricane by highway.

The weather was clear Keys, Monday morning but expected to deteriorate through the day with the approach of Rita's outermost bands of rain.

Hurricane warnings were posted for the Keys and the storm's eye was expected to pass between the islands and Cuba on Tuesday.

Rita, which strengthened Sunday into a tropical storm, had sustained wind of 60 mph as of 8

He cited a lack of drink-

able water and 911 ser-

vice, and expressed con-

cern that another storm

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Coast Guard Vice Adm. support them," he said on NBC's "Today" show. Thad Allen, head of the federal government's hur-He said hoped to meet with the mayor later ricane response, warned over the weekend that Monday to discuss his city services may not be concerns and work out a able to handle the influx timetable for bringing the

> city back. On Sunday, Tropical Storm Rita formed southeast of the Florida Keys and appeared to be headed for the Gulf of Mexico, though forecasters did not expect it to hit the battered Gulf Coast.

'Everybody wants the city of New Orleans to be restarted," Allen said Monday on CBS's "The Early Show." "The mayor

Key West streets were quiet Monday morning as Mike Pettengill, 54, packed his Harley-Davidson motorcycle. A resident of Stuart, he hoped to beat the rain and traffic heading north and wanted to be able to find gas before stations close or run dry.

"We walked by a bar (Sunday) and heard there was an evacuation. We were totally shocked. I couldn't believe it. Where did it come from?" he said.

has a vision. We agree with that vision. The discussion we're having with the mayor is over the timing of re-entry and how to do it safely."

Asked when it would be safe for people to return, he said, "We know potable water will probably be restored soon and the levees will be fixed, so that may mean days, weeks."

The vice president of the national hospital accreditation organization also cautioned against reopening parts of the city, saying several hospitals probably were damaged beyond repair,

while others may try to rush back into business before conditions are safe.

"Essentially the health care infrastructure of New Orleans is gone - it no longer exists," said Joe Cappiello, who had just completed a three-day mission to the city for the Illinois-based Commission Accreditation

Healthcare Organizations. Although the city has more than a dozen hospitals, none has resumed normal operations. Officials at Children's Hospital, which Nagin had hoped would be ready in time for the planned return of residents to the Uptown neighborhood, said they may need 10 more days to prepare.

The Garden District's Touro Infirmary, one of the city's largest hospitals, announced plans to reopen on Wednesday, when residents are due to start moving back there. That would make it the first hospital to reopen since the storm. Cleaning crews were busy Sunday carting out debris and readying the hospital.

Dr. Brobson Lutz, an assistant coroner for Orleans Parish, said the hospitals clearly will not be up to accreditation standards.

REBATES

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\$665,346.29, an increase of 8.63 percent.

Colorado City collected \$33,004.29 for September 2005. That's a 5.33 percent decrease when compared to the \$34,863.28 the Mitchell County seat collected in September 2004. For the year, Colorado collected City. has \$331,780.67, which is down 0.84 percent.

Fort Stockton collected \$127,803.50 this month, a 14.37 percent increase over the \$111,741.57 taken in during September 2004. For the year, Fort Stockton topped the \$1

million mark \$1,120,211.29, up 2,74 percent.

Kermit witnessed a stong dip in rebates, comparing the \$27,981.95 received in September 2005 to the \$31,935.16 received in September 2004. That's a decrease of 12.37 percent. For the year, Kermit has received \$260,470.70, up 8.13 percent compared to a year

Lamesa took \$61.527.50 received in 11.69 percent. September of 2004. For the year, the Dawson County has received seat \$685,644.44, up 7.39 per-

Lubbock, which increased its sales tax from 1.25 to 1.5 cents in November, saw rebates soar by 41.8 percent this month. The city received \$3,129,044.94, compared to \$2,206,582.74 in September 2004. For the year, Lubbock has received \$30,546,501.01, up 36.09 percent.

Midland collected \$1,838,283.06 this month, up 11.19 percent compared to the \$1,653,236.08 \$67,396.13 this month, an collected a year ago. For increase of 9.53 percent the year, Midland has when compared to the received \$18,107,992.62, up

> Monahans witnessed rebates go down 1.8 percent, comparing this month's collections of \$80,523.84 to September

2004's \$82,000.04. For the first nine months of 2005, Monahans has received \$781,160.37, an increase of 13.25 percent.

Odessa received \$1,278,092.47 this month, a 13.68 percent increase when compared to the \$1,124,235.74 received in September 2004. For the year, Odessa has received \$12,586,041.22, up 11.63 percent.

Pecos collected \$71,433.59 this month, 5.89 percent more than the \$67,457.02 received in September 2004. For the vear. Pecos has collected \$651,242.18, up 8.21 percent.

\$1,222,392.87 in the year's ninth month, up 6.87 percent when compared to the \$1,143,772.68 received in September 2004. For the year, the Tom Green county seat has collected \$11,481,658.73, up 4.43 percent.

Snyder collected \$137,184.41 this month, up 19.07 percent when compared to the \$115,207.01 the Scurry County seat received in September 2004. For the year, Snyder has struggled to recover from some early deficits. The \$1,252,221.38 collected for the year is down 3.31 percent when compared to the first nine months of

2004.Stanton, which raised San Angelo managed its tax from 1 cent to 1.75 cents in November, continues to experience

strong increases in sales tax rebates. The Martin County seat collected \$22,915.55 this September compared to \$11,862.24 a year ago — an increase of 93.18 percent. For the Stanton vear. received \$205,544.61, up a whopping 95.84 percent.

Sweetwater received \$184,067.88, a 9.73 percent hike when compared to the \$167,731.92 received in September 2004. The Nolan County seat has received \$1,675,048.61 for the year, up 13.08 percent.

Contact News Editor Bill McClellan at 263-7331 ext. 235 or by e-mail at newsdesk@bigspringherald.co

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of Texas.

Proposition 3: "Clarification that certain economic development programs do not constitute a debt."

Proposition 3 would provide that local economic development program loans or grants — other than debts secured by a pledge of ad valorem taxes or financed by the issuance of any bonds or other obligations payable from ad valorem taxes - do not constitute or create debt. Any provision of state constitutional law that may prohibit or limit the authority of a political subdivision of the state to incur debt does not apply to those loans or grants.

Proposition "Authorization of the denial of bail to a criminal defendant who violates a condition of the defendants release pending trial."

Proposition 4 would authorize a district judge to deny reinstatement of bail or new bail to a person accused of a felony, if the person's bail had been revoked or forfeited as a result of the person's violation of a condition of release related to the safety of a victim of the alleged offense or to the safety of the community.

Proposition "Authorization for the legislature to define rates of interest for commercial loans."

This proposition would authorize the Legislature to exempt commercial loans from state usury laws that set maximum interest rates. "Commercial loans" are loans made primarily for business, commercial, investment, agricultural, or similar purposes and not primarily for personal, family, or household purposes.

Proposition 6: "An amendment relating to the memberof the State ship

Commission on Judicial Conduct."

This proposition would increase the size of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct from eleven to thirteen members by increasing from four to five the number of public members and by adding a constitutional county court judge. The additions would ensure that the commission has an odd number of members, which required by another provision of the state constitution.

Proposition "Authorization of line-ofcredit advances under a reverse mortgage."

This proposition would authorize new options for reverse mortgage agreements for senior homeowners allowing them to draw advances at unscheduled intervals, if and when needed, and only in the amounts needed, during the loan

These are in addition to options that would allow a

lump sum payment after settlement or regular periodic, predetermined amounts over a term of years or the lifetime of the

homeowner. Additionally, this proposition would prohibit the agreement from requiring the use of a credit card, debit card or similar device to obtain an advance; prohibit the charge or collection of a transaction fee solely in connection with any debit or advance, after the time the extension of credit is established; and prohibit the lender or holder from unilaterally amending the extension of credit.

Proposition 8: "The clearing of land titles by relinguishing and releasing any state claim to sovereign ownership or title to interest

in certain land."

This proposition would clear individual land titles by relinquishing and releasing all claims of state ownership interests, including mineral interests, in two local areas, namely, a roughly 4,600 acre area located roughly 14 miles southeast of Gilmer, and a separate 900 acre area located north of Tyler.

Proposition "Authorization for the legislature to provide for a six-year term for a board member of the regional mobility authori-

This proposition would authorize the Legislature to provide staggered six year terms of office for board members serving on regional mobility authorities, with no more than one-third of the

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Social Security number. "If the person register-

ing doesn't have any of that information, there's a box on the card that they can check and still complete the process,' said Bloom. "However, their name will be flagged in the computer, and when they go to the polls to vote, they will be asked to present identification."

Bloom said anyone who isn't sure about their registration status should contact her office, and if a replacement card is needed, one can be provided

free of charge. Early voting in the election will be held at the Howard County Courthouse from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. two weeks prior to election day.

The new yellow voter registration cards are expected to be mailed out ald.com

the first of December, according to Bloom. For more information, call 264-2273.

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OUR LUNS

Eagles schedule event to benefit **Big Spring VMC**

That are your plans for the weekend? Well, members of the Fraternal Order of the Eagles Aerie No. 3188 have something to consider for Saturday night.

The Eagles Lodge will have a benefit hamburger and hot dog Saturday to raise funds for the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial Committee's latest project "placement of an "All Veterans Monument" at the memo-

The All Veterans Monument will be nine feet tall and constructed of black and while granite a six sided cone with a lighted prism on top. Each branch of the armed forces - Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard and the U.S. Merchant Marine will be honored with their emblem placed on one of the six sides.

The monument will honor all veterans of all branches of all conflicts and wars past, present and future. It will carry a total price tag of between \$12,000 and wital importance to the nation. He

The Eagles will be hamburger and hot dog plates beginning at 6 p.m. The meal will be \$5 per plate for adults and \$3 for children under the age of 12.

So, we encourage our readers to make plans to have supper at the Eagles Lodge Saturday and help support the Vietnam Memorial Committee.

And even if the supper doesn't work into vour plans this weekend, we here at the Herald ancourage all those who can to make a tax-deductible contribution toward the project simply by mailing a donation to: Vietnam Memorial Committee, P.O. Box 2854, Big Spring 79721.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we seek out Your experts advise, Lord, by reading Your word.

Amen

A man of restraint, pragmatism

74-year-old man stood tall and steady with an imposing presence before us. Over the black leather **Bible held by Senator Strom** Thurmond, he swore that he would be impartial as the trial's presiding officer. Then he turned to us: "Do you soleninly swear that in all things appertaining to the trial of the impeachment of William Jefferson Clinton, president of the United States, now pending, you will do impartial justice according to the Constitution and laws, so help you God?" The other Senators and I

walked to the well of

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Senate's marblegreen oath book. When we resumed, this man of great dignity, Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, pronounced, "the Senate will convene as a court of impeachment."

replied, "I do," and

the Senate to sign

our names in the

Over the course of the next five weeks, I began to see, in person, who this giant of jurisprudence was. He was a man who spoke loudly by speaking softly. He was patient, fair, and unobtrusive. He conducted proceedings in an orderly manner without ever revealing a hint of his own thoughts on the outcome of the trial. And while he was always fair, he was also practical—at one point forgiving small deviations from the strict rules indicated by the Senate parliamentarian, explaining with a laugh, "the parliamentarian says that all of this is out of order." This man, one of the most powerful men in the country, stood before us, day after day, and deliberately exercised very little of that power.

When some people do not exercise power, it is because they do not know exactly what to do. However, Chief Justice Rehnquist knew precisely what he was doing. When he decided not to exercise power, he was doing something of vital importance to the nation. He the way in which a chief justice should conduct an impeachment trial. He was not only a judge, but a historian who wrote several books on the history of the Supreme Court and the American

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legal system. In addition to his vast general knowledge of the Court, he had researched and written in detail on impeachments, writing a book that examined the two most prominent impeachment trials in the history of the country: Grand Inquests: The Historic Impeachments of Justice Samuel **Chase and President Andrew** Johnson.

This account of Chief Justice Rehnquist before the Senate reveals more than his conduct in one trial. It reflects his impact on the Court and the law generally. Time and again, he insisted that power be exercised only by those who had the proper right to it.

Chief Justice Rehnquist recognized the need for the federal government to refrain from interfering in affairs which the Constitution, by design, left to the states. In our country, the federal government only has powers specifically given to it by the Constitution; the states have the other powers of government. For example, in what has become known as the "commerce clause," the Constitution gives Congress the power to regulate commerce, "among the several States." However, over the years, Congress had used this power to justify interfering in more and more of the business which previously had been left to each state to decide for itself.

Early in his career, Chief Justice Rehnquist had a vision of the federal government leaving more power to the states, as the Framers intended. Later, in United States v. Lopez, he delivered the opinion of the Court realizing that vision. Congress had passed a law prohibiting people from possessing firearms in specific areas. Lawyers for the federal government argued that Congress had the power to make that law under its power to regulate commerce among states, despite the fact that the prohibited areas lay entirely within individual states. Speaking for the majority of the Court, Chief Justice Rehnquist disagreed, pointing out that, "if we were to accept the Government's arguments, we are hard pressed to posit any activity by an individual that Congress is without power to regulate." The issue before the Court was not whether the law was a good law or a bad one, but whether the power to make such a law belonged to the federal government or the states themselves. The

Constitution had left it to the states, so Chief Justice Rehnquist rightly restrained the federal government from meddling in their affairs.

He was also a pragmatist who recognized times when he should refrain from exercising his power, even though he stood on solid legal ground. Following the legal doctrine of stare decisis, he saw that there were times when the need for legal precision was outweighed by the country's need for legal stability. He had argued early in his career that the Supreme Court was wrong in 1966 when it decided that the Constitution required police to read Miranda rights to suspects. The Constitution did not actually indicate that police had to give those warnings so many of us have heard on television. Yet, when the issue came before him 34 years later, he upheld the decision, explaining that "Miranda has become embedded in routine police practice to the point where the warnings have become part of our national culture." Chief Justice Rehnquist believed that practical circumstances called for restraint because of the multitude of negative practical consequences such a decision would have after the country had been relying on the Court's prior ruling for well over three decades. Finally, Chief Justice Rehnquist

also showed his character by the even-handedness with which he, as chief justice, ran the Supreme Court. Even justices who often disagreed with him recognized his great fairness and impartiality. Justice William Brennen Jr. stated that, "he's meticulously fair in assigning opinions. I can't begin to tell you how much better all of us feel...and how fond all of us are of him personally." Justice Lewis Powell Jr. described him as both "very generous," and "principled." And Justice Thurgood Marshall declared simply that he was "a great chief justice.

When Chief Justice Rehnquist left the Senate at the end of the impeachment trial, all 100 of us applauded for him. He responded with great humility, suggesting that he had learned something from us by observing the Senate in action: "I leave you now a wiser, but not a sadder man When he died, leaving our country on September 3, 2005, it saddened us: but he left us a wiser and bet-

ter nation.

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Don't evict them from 'The Big Easy'

SNBC's Dan Abrams, reporting on Wednesday from New Orleans, interviewed law enforcement officials who had arrested looters stealing jewelry. The cops brought the looters to a police station, where whoever was in charge cut them loose.

It made no sense. The cops were risking their lives to arrest the looters. New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin had announced a pending mandatory evacuation. Yet the authorities dídn't evacuate the looters — they released them back later saw the same looters where they

SAUNDERS into the city. Abrams had been apprehended, even though they had been told not to

How can a city prepare to arrest law-abiding citizens who don't want to leave their homes, while letting criminals roam freely on the streets?

It made sense to require people to leave when a hurricane threatened the city and the lives of those in it. But the evacuation failed. It doesn't make sense now to use the blunt club of government to pluck law-abiding people from their homes against their will, when these people survived and the city is improving, if slow-

Don't get me wrong. If I had a relative in New Orleans who wanted to stay, I would beg him or her to leave. The water is toxic. The possibility of fire looms. Crime has taken innocent lives. I can't imagine more miserable living conditions, and I'd rather see a loved one survive without possessions than perish with them.

I also think officials should remove children from unsafe homes, as well as adults who endanger others. The floodwaters are poisonous, but many neighborhoods are not underwater. And while some warn about airborne infection, network reporters walk through the French Quarter. They complain of the stench, but not disease.

And because it stinks, you have to figure that residents who choose to stay either are lucky enough to live in a pocket of land that is untouched by the toxic waters, or they believe they will be better off in their damaged homes. Such determination suggests the kind of can-do spirit that it will take to rebuild the Big Easy. Why kick these tough-asnails citizens out?

There are businesses that are cleaning up. Employees at the Royal Sonesta Hotel have sanitized everything with bleach. The general manager told the Times Picayune that he can open for business five days after the electric power is restored. Why make such hard workers leave?

Residents who weathered days of stormy weather and flooding are self-sufficient folk. Those who want to stay are not asking for the government to save them. The levees failed, the shelters were scary, law enforcement evaporated. They have little reason to rely on the government for help — although some law enforcement would be welcome.

If they want to stay and are able to care for themselves, it is their right to do so. It is not the role of the government to force them from their homes. Authorities instead should respect their right to self-determination.

Better yet, let the authorities pay these residents to work on cleaning up the city. Now is not too soon to start. Authorities argue that it could take up to three months to pump out the city. That timetable simply is unacceptable. The feds should concentrate on evacuating water from the city not the residents.

If the powers that be can allow reporters to stay in the city, then surely they can allow taxpayers to stay in their homes.

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Dozen slated to interview for chance at new face

By MARILYNN MARCHIONE

AP Medical Writer

CLEVELAND — In the next few weeks, five men and seven women will secretly visit the Cleveland Clinic to interview for the chance to have a radical operation that's never been tried anywhere in the world.

They will smile, raise their eyebrows, close their eyes, open their mouths. Dr. Maria Siemionow will study their cheekbones, lips and noses. She will ask what they hope to gain and what they most fear.

Then she will ask, "Are you afraid that you will look like another person?"

Because whoever she chooses will endure the ultimate identity crisis

Siemionow wants to attempt a face transplant.

This is no extreme TV makeover. It is a medical frontier being explored by a doctor who wants the public to understand what she is trying to do.

It is this: to give people horribly disfigured by burns, accidents or other tragedies a chance at a new life. Today's best treatments still leave many of them with freakish, scar-tissue masks that don't look or move like natural skin.

These people already have lost the sense of identity that is linked to the face; the transplant is merely "taking a skin envelope" and slipping their identity inside, Siemionow con-

Her supporters note her experience, careful planning, the team of experts assembled to help her, and the practice she has done on animals and

dozens of cadavers to perfect even possible. the technique.

But her critics say the operation is way too risky for something that is not a matter of life or death, as organ transplants are. They paint the frighteningly surreal image of a worst-case scenario: a transplanted face being rejected and sloughing away, leaving the patient worse off than before.

Such qualms recently scuttled face transplant plans in France and England.

willing to try it.

The first two are now in place. The third is expected to be shortly.

The "consent form" says that this surgery is so novel and its risks so unknown that doctors don't think informed consent is

Here is what it tells potential patients:

Your face will be removed and replaced with one donated from a cadaver, matched for tissue type, age, sex and skin color. Surgery should last 8 to 10 hours; the hospital stay, 10 to 14 days.

Complications could include infections that turn your new face black and require a second transplant or reconstruction with skin grafts. Drugs to pre-Ultimately, it comes to this: a vent rejection will be needed hospital, doctor and patient lifelong, and they raise the risk of kidney damage and cancer.

After the transplant you might feel remorse, disappointment, or grief or guilt toward the donor. The clinic will try to shield your identity, but the press likely will discover it.

The clinic will cover costs for See TRANSPLANT, Plage 6A

the first patient; nothing about others has been decided.

Another form tells donor families that the person receiving the face will not resemble their dead loved one. The recipient should look similar to how he or she did before the injury because the new skin goes on existing bone and muscle, which give a face its shape.

All of the little things that make up facial expression mannerisms like winking when telling a joke or blushing at a compliment — are hard-wired into the brain and personality, not embedded in the skin.

Some research suggests the end result would be a combination of the two appearances.

Surgeons will graft skin to cover the donor's wound, but a

Some yearn for return of Vioxx

Even a Food and Drug Administration advisory panel voted its support for Vioxx, although by a slim margin. The panel, convened in February, said lower dosages of Vioxx, Celebrex and Bextra — all Cox-2 drugs — were the safest. It noted increased risks of heart attack and stroke, particularly at higher dosages.

By BRUCE JAPSEN

Knight-Ridder

ANGLETON - After the August \$253 million verdict against Merck & Co. in the nation's first Vioxx-related civil trial, Lisa Stringer is worried that the loss will stop the company from bringing the only painkiller that gives her relief back to the market.

Stringer, 38, of Chicago, suffers from a spinal condition that causes nerve pain, particularly in her hands. She lives with pain all the time and gets little relief from other drugs.

She is saving her last three, precious Vioxx tablets for the really bad

"Some people say other drugs work just as well but they don't understand pain," Stringer said in a telephone interview from her Chicago home in August. "Mentally, you want something else to work, so if there is some psychosomatic thing, then it should work. But other drugs don't."

Stringer is among thousands of patients who swear by Vioxx despite its recently publicized health risks - including one 2000 study that found its use increased the risk of heart attack by a factor of five when compared to someone taking an older Naproxen, painkiller.

More than 20 million took Vioxx for relief of arthritis and other types of pain. An estimated 75 million Americans, or one in four, are living with chronic pain, according to The National

Pain Foundation. Stringer and others can't get more Vioxx now because Merck pulled the arthritis drug off the market in September after a study linked its steady use with increasing the risk of heart attack and stroke.

And when a Texas jury found on Aug. 19 that Vioxx contributed to the heart-related death of 59year-old triathlete Robert Ernst, patients like Stringer worry they are further from ever getting Vioxx again.

And they may be right. The company still has to fight 4,200 civil cases alleging harm, and losses in this and future cases could turn regulators and consumers away from the drug. Analysts have sug-

gested that if Merck ever told doctors, regulators decides to pursue a mass settlement, which the company said it would not do, it could be one of the biggest pharmaceutical product liability payouts in history. Analysts are projecting a total payout of \$4 billion to more than \$30 billion.

The Aug. 19 verdict of \$253 million is steep compared to the \$675 million Merck has set aside to litigate all 4,200 cases. Merck would not disclose how much, if any, it set aside for payouts. The company said it planned to appeal the ruling.

The Food and Dr is not preventing the drug from returning to the market. Earlier this year an FDA advisory panel recommended stricter warning labels on Vioxx but supported its continued use. Merck has not given up on the possibility of bringing Vioxx back to the market.

is Merck's own fault, company critics and medical observers say. Among the allegations Merck faced in the trials was that it was not forthcoming about heart risks early on — as far as a decade ago, some witnesses said.

If the company had disclosed heart risks promiplaintiff's attorneys argued they did not do. the drug might still be on the market today.

"They should have fessed up in the very beginning," said Dr. Benedict Lucchesi, a University of Michigan pharmacology professor who testified as a plaintiffs' witness. "They should have straightened out their packaging and labeling and identified those who are at risk. You can list those who are at most risk in the label and in the advertising, and they didn't do that.'

Plaintiff's lawyer Mark Lanier said during August closing arguments that Merck should have

and consumers "the good. the bad and the ugly" about Vioxx long before pulling the drug from the market last year.

But Lucchesi agrees Vioxx can be an effective and safe treatment for people without health risks and it could be marketed again if it carries the FDA's stiffest blackbox warning and not be prescribed to patients at risk for heart attacks or strokes, such as the elder-

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Celebrex, which was criticized by FDA advisors for similar risks and That the drug is off the has endured massive market in the first place amounts of negative publicity, still generated \$401 million in sales for Pfizer in the second quarter of this year. Analysts say Celebrex will still be a blockbuster, generating more than \$1 billion in U.S. sales this year alone.

Vioxx used to bring in more than \$2.5 billion in sales annually to Merck. nently in its labels, which It's unclear what its earning potential would be if it returned to the market.

> The lowest dosage of Vioxx would be 12.5 milligrams followed by higher dosages of 25 and 50 milligrams, which FDA advisors said had greater

Analysts believe any plans Merck has of bringing the drug back on the market would be at the lowest dosage.

"We are continuing our discussions with the FDA," Merck spokesman said in mid-August.

Merck critics say the company could have spared those who need the drug problems by being more upfront.

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Lisa Stringer of Chicago, III., still takes Vioxx to alleviate pain from a spinal condition. The drug has been removed from the market. She is hoping Merck will make the drug available

the majority of the people suffered five times as courts. could take this drug without concern," Lucchesi said. "We must be able to identify those who are at risk."

Stringer says she thinks she's one of them.

"I don't have heart disease so I don't worry about Vioxx," she said.

But others wouldn't have known to ask, according to Lanier, who showed documents suggesting Merck shielded studies from regulatory scrutiny and was successful at delaying an FDAsuggested October 2001 labeling change. There was a push to change the label after a 2000 study that showed Vioxx users

many heart attacks as those who took an older painkiller, naproxen, also known under the brand name Aleve.

The delay into 2002 allowed Merck, Lanier said, to sell Vioxx another four months without the added risk information and win another \$229 million in sales it would have lost if the label was changed. That's also the amount the jury awarded Carol Ernst in punitive damages.

Merck has denied the allegations, which will almost certainly come up again and again with more than 4,200 lawsuits ahead in state and federal

Stringer is still left with her three Vioxx pills and the hope Merck will begin winning some cases or at least work out an arrangement with the FDA for permission for certain patients to use the drug.

Merck would not comment on whether they would do that.

"I was hoping to petition Merck for a special use of Vioxx for me since I only have three left," said Stringer, who switched to Bextra when Merck pulled Vioxx from the market last Sept. 30. "Once that runs out I don't know what I will

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courtesy photo/Carla Harrold, Gree Karyl Thames Dunne was selected Friday night as the Big Spring coming home queen during homecoming festivities at Big Spring ISD. Dunn was accompanied by her son Jeren. She graduated in 1975, was a four-year member of the band and also won band sweetheart her senior year.

Newcomers' night at the Emmys: `Lost' wins best drama, Huffman takes best comic actress

By BETH HARRIS

Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES Viewers won't be deserting Wisteria Lane just because ratings winner "Desperate Housewives" didn't bag the Emmy Award for best comedy series. But "Lost" could find new fans after earning Emmy gold.

The ABC series about plane crash survivors stranded on a mysterious island won trophies Sunday night for best drama and directing.

"To get this award right now right before our second season kicks off is incredibly exciting and puts us in a really good spot," said Matthew Fox, the leading man of an ensemble cast.

Although "Lost" found a steady audience in its first year, it trailed another ABC newcomer, the suburban satire

"Desperate Housewives," which consistently landed in the Nielsen weekly top 10 but lost the best comedy award to "Everybody Loves Raymond."

Earning best drama honors over perennial champ "The West Wing" could propel "Lost" even higher.

"It's possible. There are ratings spikes for shows that win the top awards," said Tom O'Neil, author of "The Emmys."

Felicity Huffman's firsttime victory as a harried homemaker was one of two for ABC's "Desperate Housewives" at the 57th annual Emmy Awards.

She beat out her more glamorous and talkedabout co-stars, Teri Hatcher and Marcia Cross. The other housewives, Eva Longoria and Sheridan, Nicollette weren't nominated.

"I hugged them and they kissed me," Huffman

said backstage. "We all support each other. A win for one is a win for all."

The show also won a directing Emmy.

Its finale already aired, "Everybody Loves Raymond" bagged one last major honor in a surprise.

"It was a shock to win," Romano said backstage, telling reporters, "even you guys, admit it, you thought `Desperate Housewives' was going to win."

"Raymond" joined "Barney Miller" and the "Mary Tyler Moore" show as only the third series in 30 years to win top honors in its last season.

The CBS comedy also won supporting actor and supporting actress trophies, with Brad Garrett and Doris Roberts — who played meddling motherin-law Marie Barone adding to their collections.

Romano, however, was beaten out by Tony Shalhoub of HBO's "Monk" for best comedy

"To my fellow nominees, whoever they are -I'm not that familiar with their work, I just want to say, there's always next year. Except, you know, Ray Romano,' Shalhoub joked.

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It was also a good night for ABC's "Boston Legal," \mathbf{E} . David Kelley's revamped version of the former series Practice." James Spader was named best dramatic actor for his portrayal of an ethically challenged lawyer and veteran William Shatner won supporting actor.

Besides Huffman, another first-time winner was Patricia Arquette, who plays a crime-solving psychic on NBC's "Medium." She won for best actress in a drama series.

TRANSPLANT

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closed casket or cremation will be required.

It took more than a year to win approval from the 13-member Institutional Review Board, the clinic's gatekeeper of research. Siemionow assembled surgeons, psychiatrists, social workers, therapists, nurses and patient advocates, and worked with LifeBanc, the organ procurement agency she expects will help obtain a face.

At first, not everyone was on her side, acknowledged the board's vice chairman, Dr. Alan Lichtin. After months of Siemionow brought in photographs of potential patients.

Looking at the contorted images, Lichtin said he was struck by "the failure of the present state of the art to help these people." He decided he didn't want to deprive the surgeon or patients of the chance.

The board's decision didn't have to be unanimous.

In the end, it was.

Surgeons wished they could have done a transplant six years ago, when a 2-year-old boy attacked by a pit bull dog was brought to the University of Texas in Dallas where Dr. Karol Gutowski was training.

Other doctors had tried to reattach part of the boy's mauled face but it didn't take. The Texas surgeons did five skin grafts in a bloody, 28-hour surgery. Muscles from the boy's thigh were moved to around his mouth. Part of his abdomen became the lower part of his face.

Two forearm sections became lips and mouth.

"He'll never be normal," said Gutowski, now a reconstructive surgeon at University Wisconsin-Madison.

Surviving such wounds can be "life by 1,000 cuts." Patients endure dozens of operations to graft skin inch by inch from their backs, arms, buttocks and legs. Only small amounts can be taken at a time because of bleeding.

Surgeons often return to the same areas every few weeks, reopening old wounds and building up skin. Years later, many patients are still having surgeries. A face transplant — applying a sheet of skin in one operation could be a better solu-

Despite its shock factor. surgery. One or two pairs of veins and arteries on either side of the face would be connected from the donor tissue to the recipient. About 20 nerve endings would be stitched together to try to restore sensation and movement. Tiny sutures would anchor the new tissue to the recipient's scalp and neck, and areas around the eyes, nose and mouth.

"For 10 years now, it could have been done." said Dr. John Barker. director of plastic surgery research at the University of Louisville, where the first hand transplant in the United States was performed in 1999.

Several years ago, these doctors announced their intent to do face transplants, but no hospital has yet agreed. They also are working with doctors in the Netherlands; nothing is imminent.

However, Siemionow had been doing experimental groundwork. She already had creatures that resembled raccoons in reverse — white rats with masks of dark fur from years of face transplant experiments. She developed a plan and got clinic approval before going public, and insists she is not competing to do the first case.

"I hope nobody will be frivolous or do things just for fame. We are almost over-cautious," she said.

Siemionow, 55, went to medical school in Poland, trained in Europe and the United States, and has done thousands of surgeries in nearly 30 years. The success of this one depends on picking the right patient.

She wants a clear-cut it involves routine micro- first case. No children because risks are too great. No cancer patients because anti-rejection drugs raise the risk of recurrence.

> "You want to choose patients who are really disfigured, not someone who has a little scar," yet with enough healthy skin for traditional grafts if the transplant fails, she

The person must bond with the transplant team, especially Siemionow. How much would she want to know about the person?

"Everything possible. It's a commitment on both sides," she said.

Dr. Joseph Locala will decide whether candidates are mentally fit. His chief concern: making sure they realize the risks.

"They almost need to understand as much as the surgeon," he said.

A psychiatrist who has worked with transplant patients for 11 years, Locala knows they often have been coached on what to say to be chosen. He'd veto candidates who had abused alcohol or drugs, because they may not comply with medications.

Likewise someone who had attempted or seriously threatened suicide, or with little family or friends for support.

"I'm looking for a psychologically strong person. We want people who are going to make it through," he explained.

Dr. James Zins, chairman of plastic surgery, expects to be among the 10 to 12 doctors involved in the transplant and has been screening patients.

"We get some pretty strange calls from people who are really not candidates," he said. For someone to be chosen, "they're going to have to get a pass from every member of the team."

Matthew Teffeteller. might seem an ideal candidate. Hair is driving him

crazy. What used to be a beard can't grow through the skin-graft quilt that Vanderbilt University doctors stitched over parts of his face that were seared off in a car crash. Trapped under this crust, hair festers, leading to staph infections, pain and more surgeries.

"It's a nightmare and it never ends," he said. "Being burned is the worst thing that can happen to you. I'm about sure of it."

Teffeteller, 26, lives south of Knoxville, in the foothills of Great Smoky **Mountains National Park** where he worked, ironically, as a fire fighter. The day after Valentine's Day in 2002,

he was taking his pregnant wife to buy a cowboy hat and go country line dancing to celebrate their first anniversary. "The next thing I

remember, everything just went all to pieces...there was a big explosion. I remember seeing gas splash off of the windshield," he said.

Rear-ended by a truck, his car flipped and caught on fire. His wife died. He was burned trying to free

"They said my face was charcoal black," he said. He didn't see it for two months, until he glimpsed a mirror on his way to therapy.

thought. "I remember see- approve a potential face. ing my eyes pulled open. I remember my ears were burned off, and I remember my bottom lip being pulled down."

Three years later, his face still frightens children. Yet he wouldn't try a transplant.

"Having somebody else's face ... that wouldn't be right. When I look in the mirror, I might be scarred but I can still tell that it's me," he said.

"I'd be afraid something would go wrong, too. What would you do if you didn't have a face? Could you live?'

Bioethicist Carson Strong at the University of Tennessee wonders, too.

"It would leave the patient with an extensive facial wound with potentially serious physical and psychological consequences," he wrote last summer in the American Journal of Bioethics. Such worries led the

Royal College of Surgeons in England and the French National Ethics Advisory Committee to decide it shouldn't be tried. Any doctor considering it should examine soul and conscience, Strong wrote.

Ironically, people most emotionally devastated by disfigurement are those most likely to seek a transplant and least able to cope with uncertain results, media attention and loss of privacy, ethicists from England wrote in the same journal.

One worried that a donor family might have unhealthy expectations of seeing a loved-one "live on" in another person's body, or that recipients "Oh, my God," he might want to see and

No way, said Siemionow.

"It's not a shopping mall. They need to rely on our judgment. If they are starting to shop, they are not good candidates," she said.

Siemionow said critics should admit that risks and need for the transplant are debatable.

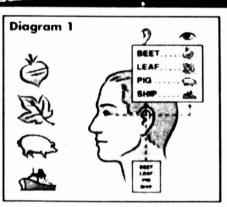
"Really, who has the right to decide about the patient's quality of life?" she asked. "It's very important not to kind of scare society.... We will do our best to help the patient."

If all of the candidates back out, "that's OK. It means that we are not ready yet," she said.

But if a transplant succeeds, many people who live in misery could benefit, said Gutowski, the Wisconsin surgeon. "Someone's got to push

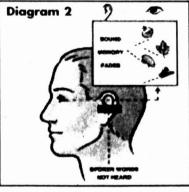
the envelope," he said.

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compartments.

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Diagram 2 illustrates what happens after a long period of not hearing. The sound memory fades, yet the visual memory remains.

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fused when he again hears speech and natural background sounds. He must go through a period of reeducation. If the person's hearing loss is greater in the higher frequencies (speech), then the period of re-education will probably take longer. This is one of the important reasons for early use of hearing aids: to keep alive the memory of natural sounds and to keep the association faculties exercised so that sounds and their meanings can be quickly recognized.

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Big Spring starts

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Big Spring tennis

pro Ted Olesen has

announced the start-

ing of a junior tennis

The league will take

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for the next six weeks.

It will take place at

the Figure 7 Tennis

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For more informa-

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Longhorns run away from Rice in Austin

AUSTIN (AP) -

Charles ran for 189

yards and three touch-

downs in his first

career start to lead

Texas to another win

Charles had a pair of

25-yard scoring runs

in the first quarter

and added another 4-

yard TD in the second

as Texas (3-0) built a

42-0 lead by halftime.

Texas has won 38 of

the last 39 meetings in

a rivalry that dates

Vince Young was 8for-14 for 101 yards

with one interception,

no touchdowns and 77

NFL hands out fines

from Monday Night

LUBBOCK (AP) -

Cody Hodges threw

for 356 yards and four

touchdowns in the

first half to lead Texas

Tech to its highest

scoring game in 52

years as the Red

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Do you have an interesting sports item or story idea? Call Troy Hyde at 263-7331, Ext. 237. Email results to: sports@bigspringherald.com

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Big Spring harriers dominate host invitational

 Aguilar tops Tobar in girl's varsity run

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

The Big Spring boys' cross country team ran its way to another victory Saturday at the Everett Blackburn Memorial

Cross Country Meet. Five the team's six varsity runners crossed the finish line in the top 10 as the

Steers scored 34 points, 46 points ahead of Midland Lee, which took seco n d

Lubbock TOBAR Monterey finished third, Andrews

was fourth and Abilene

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High just beat Midland High for fifth. Big Spring's best finish came from junior Michael Rodriguez. Rodriguez ran a 17:49 and crossed third, but was surprisingly beat by Andrews' Ryan Roberts, who cross 47 seconds before Rodriguez. Big Spring's Chris Salazar

finished just behind

Rodriguez in fourth with

a time of 17:52. The winning time was recorded by Lubbock Monterey's Brandon Birdsong. Birdsong raced through the race with no challenge and finished in

"We won the meet, but this one isn't important," said Big Spring coach Randy Britton. "Next week in Lubbock, that one is important."

The Steers captured the

final three spots in the top 10, as well. Freshman Jordan Valle grabbed eighth in 18:34, Jessie Sanchez was ninth in 18:39 and junior Chris Martinez came across in 10th in 18:40. Big Spring's final runner - Mike Salazar — finished 14th with a time of 19:06.

As much success as the Steers have had this year, Britton still expects the team to get better.

"If they want to get better, they will and if they don't, then they won't,' he said. "Michael getting to state last year wasn't a fluke. He'll get faster. He just has to be patient. I am not worried about his times now. All that matters is that he runs well at district and regionals."

Big Spring is still unable to fill a team on the girl's side. However, sophomores Mistie Aguilar and Esther Tobar ran well Saturday.

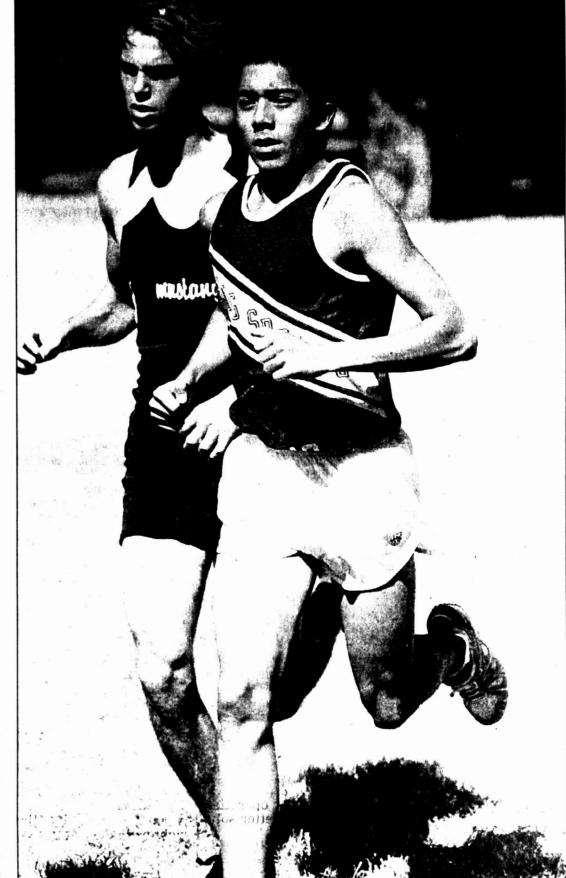
Tobar, the team's everyday No. 1 runner, was beaten by teammate and friend Aguilar Saturday. Aguilar crossed in eighth place after running a time of 14:24. Tobar finished 13th after crossing in 14:38.

"The girls ran well again," said Britton. "And it was nice to see my No. 2 push my No. 1 and actually beat her. They both did a good job."

The girls' winner was Dale Wilson of Midland Lee, who crossed in 12:56. Midland High took spots two three four and Andrews had runners finish in positions five, six

Midland High won the girls' team standings with 42 points. Abilene High was second with 63 and Andrews took third with

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Big Spring's Chris Salazar tries to get around Andrews' Ryan Roberts during the boys' varsity race in town Saturday. Salazar finished fourth with a time of 17:52. Roberts came in second, but the Steers grabbed the overall team title easily with five top 10 finishes.

Coahoma girls take first at B.S.

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

The Coahoma girls' cross country team used consistency to tackle first place at the Big Spring Invitational Saturday.

Coahoma won the meet with 38 points, while Seminole and Midland High finished second and third, respectively.

Colorado City's Virginia

spots in the race on its ished 10th in 15:50. way to the team win.

Senior Monica Morelion finished second overall with a time of 15:04. She was about 47 seconds behind Tovar. Megan Conley came across in third for the Bulldogettes.

She crossed in 15:18. Callie Page and Chelsea Gonzalas also finished in

Division II race, but eighth with a time of Coahoma took four top 10 15:32, while Gonzalas fin-

> Jessica Pittman and Berkley Iden finished 15th and 18th, respective-

Two Coahoma boys runners also competed Saturday.

Josh Jones finished fourth with a time of 19:11, while Stephen Ewing grabbed 13th with Tovar won the girls' the top 10. Page grabbed a time of 20:29.

Steelers flex muscles against Texans

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer HOUSTON The Houston Texans slid open their roof Sunday, hoping the heat and humidity would seep into the Pittsburgh Steelers' black jerseys and wear them down.

Turns out, the Texans couldn't even slow the Steelers long enough for it to matter.

Ben Roethlisberger led Pittsburgh to scores on its first four drives — a pair of field goals sandwiched around touchdown passes of 16 and 14 yards to Hines Ward — and the Steelers cruised past the Texans 27-7 Sunday, keeping alive two impressive winning streaks.

Pittsburgh (2-0) won its 16th straight regular-season game, matching the Miami teams of 1971-73 and 1983-84 for the secondbest streak in league history. Next up in the march toward the record opener, the Texans (0-2) of 18 is the record-holder, continued to look lost on See TEXANS, Page 2B

snapped that streak by beating the Patriots in Pittsburgh last October.

The Steelers also won their eighth straight on the road, one shy of the team record set in 1974-75.

Roethlisberger was 14of-21 for 254 yards to improve to 15-0 as a starter. He showed no problems from a bruised left knee that had him listed as doubtful to even play, proving it by scrambling back, then up, left and back again before hitting a 9-yard pass on his second throw of the game.

Willie Parker shined again in the absence of **Duce Staley and Jerome** Bettis, gaining 111 yards on 25 carries with a touchdown. Ward had six catches for 84 yards.

Jeff Reed added field goals of 35 and 37 yards. giving him a team-record 21 straight.

In losing their home

New England; the Steelers offense, especially quar terback David Carr, who was 16-of-26 for 167 yards.

Fans already were booing before Carr lost a fumble — and that was on just his third snap. He was sacked eight times. five in the first half and three times by Troy Polamalu. That included an 11-yarder that took Houston out of field-goal range while trailing 17-0, and back-to-back drops shortly before halftime. He was even sacked on the game's last play.

Carr had one good drive, going 6-of-7 for 72 s yards on the first series of the second half. The Texans became so desperate that early in the fourth quarter they went for it on fourth-and 4 from the Pittsburgh 28, only to get called for delay of game. They tried again anyway and Carr over threw Chad Bradford in zone

intended for the Patriots' Tim Dwight during their game Sunday at Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte, N.C. Sakic leads Avalanche past

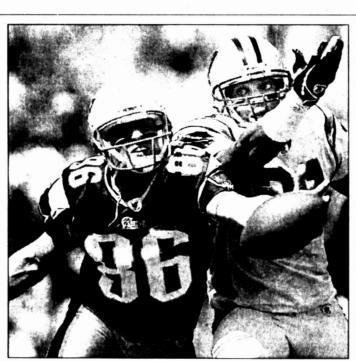
By MELISSA TRUJILLO

DENVER — Joe Sakic scored on a 5-on-3 power play with 4:15 remaining to put the Colorado Avalanche ahead for good in a 4-2 win over the Dallas Stars in the exhibition opener for both

Earlier in the period,

first goal just 30 seconds into the game and Patrice Brisebois, signed in part to replace defenseman Adam Foote, scored early in the second period for his first goal with the Avalanche.

Dallas managed to overcome the 2-0 deficit in the second with two goals



KRT photo/Patrick Schneider, Charlotte Observe The Panthers' Marlon McCree, right, breaks up a pass

Stars in exhibition opener

Associated Press Writer

teams Saturday night. Colorado and Dallas traded power plays for most of the third period before hooking penalties 50 seconds apart sent both Yared Hagos and Jaroslav Svoboda to the penalty box. Sakic scored 14 seconds later.

Dallas also had a two-man advantage for 44 seconds,

but failed to convert. The teams were whistled for six penalties in the third, all in the last 10 minutes.

Marek Svatos added an empty-net goal with 31 seconds remaining. The Avalanche outshot the Stars 35-24. Sakic scored Colorado's

from Jussi Jokinen.

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer IRVING - Joe Gibbs what understands "Redskins vs. Cowboys"

used to mean as well as anyone. He also realizes that Dallas winning 14 of the last 15 games has taken away much of the meaning.

"In order to have a great rivalry, both teams have to be winning some games. Lately against Dallas, we haven't been able to do that," Gibbs said. "Until we start doing that, it's kind of hard to have a modernday rivalry."

So Gibbs is doing all he can to give Monday night's game the juicedup intensity of yesteryear, back when George accused Allen the Cowboys of putting spies in trees to peek on Washington practices, and Tom Landry filmed a popular commercial in which the punch line featured him "surrounded by Redskins."

Gibbs began stirring up things at a public event in early August, calling Cowboys fans "the ugliest people in the world." He apologized the next day, saying he got caught up in the moment and trying to smooth things out by adding that some of his best friends - not to mention one of the main sponsors of his NASCAR team - live in Dallas.

Regardless, the tone was set. He even built on it soon after by having Joe Theismann, Charles Mann, Joe Jacoby and several other ex-Redkins talk to the team about what it means to wear the burgundy and gold. They emphasized a hatred for all things silver and blue, involves a star on a hel- victory over Chicago.

Repeatedly reminded of that message this week,

took it a step further by calling Cowboys rookie linebacker **DeMarcus** Ware and warning him to be ready for what's com-

It's all fun — to an extent. After all, the longest-tenured member of the Redskins has been there only since 1999, and most arrived in the last few years. To them, payback for a pair of 3-point losses last season is enough incentive.

"You've got enough guys who are sick of losing who know what it takes," said running back Clinton Portis. "It don't take a pep talk or a rahrah (speech) or bringing somebody in from the dead to get us hyped. ... We've just got to go out and play football."

The game itself has some pretty good subplots, starting with a pair of opening-day winners angling for a 2-0 start and an early leg up in the division.

Quarterbacks Drew Bledsoe of Dallas and Mark Brunell Washington provide an interesting pairing, too.

They've been going at

each other since the early 1990s, when Bledsoe was at Washington State and Brunell was at the University Washington. Both were drafted in 1993 — Bledsoe first overall; Brunell 118th — and are now in the reclamation phase of

their career. picked by Gibbs to run team — Troy Aikman, his offense when he Emmitt Smith and returned last season, but Michael Irvin - will be lost the job to Patrick added to the club's Ring Ramsey.

He got it back a few time ceremony. series into the opener and teams not to score a for motivation.

several veteran players touchdown in the opener, Brunell expects big things in Year 2 of Gibbs' second-go round Washington.

"We've played only one game, but for the most part guys are more comfortable with what we're doing," Brunell said.

Bledsoe was so good in his debut with the Cowboys that he was selected the NFC offensive player of the week. Through five games, counting the preseason, he's yet to throw an interception and has done a nice job of "managing a game" the way coach Bill Parcells wants.

The Redskins will provide the perfect test of his new demeanor. Not only is their defense heavy on blitzes, it is orchestrated by Gregg Williams, who gained presumably insight on how to rattle Bledsoe by coaching him for two years in Buffalo.

The Cowboys will be wearing throwback jerseys to their inaugural team from 1960.

Dallas has won every game since the second matchup in 1997, except one in 2002. But the scores haven't been lopsided: seven of the last eight games were decided by a touchdown or less.

The Redskins haven't won in Texas Stadium since 1995, when Heath Shuler was quarterback and the Cowboys were cruising to a Super Bowl title.

Coincidentally, Brunell was hand- offensive stars of that of Honor during a half-

Hmm. For the Redskins, especially when it led the Redskins to a 9-7 the idea of turning that happy occasion into a Although the Redskins Dallas loss is just somewere among only two thing else they can use



Big Spring freshman Jordan Valle runs in the Big Spring Invitational Saturday. The Steers won the meet easily as a team. Valle placed eighth overall.

Big 12 teams seek to

get even with Sooners

thumpings

recent years?

HARRIERS

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ners competed in the

II) race Sophomore Yarbrough won the race with a time of 18:56,

By DOUG TUCKER

KANSAS CITY, Mo. –

Just as the ball keeps

doing when they try to

run with it, the

Oklahoma Sooners have

Seven fumbles helped

lead to a mistake-filled 41-

24 loss at UCLA on

Saturday, dropping the

embarrassed Sooners to 1-

2 and taking them out of

the running for the

The word is out.

Oklahoma can be had. So

dominant while carrying

the Big 12 banner into

three BCS title games in

five years, the Sooners

now seem ripe for the

They are, in fact, the

only team in their confer-

ence with a losing record.

How long has it been

since that could be said?

To be sure, nobody is

assigning Oklahoma to its

pre-Bob Stoops doormat

status of 1994-98, when it

did not have one winning

But does anyone think

the second-ranked Texas

Longhorns have forgotten

those 65-13 and 63-14

national championship.

AP Sports Writer

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junior varsity (Division with a mark of 19:30. Saturday. Mark Salazar also ran Dylan and finished 34th.

The Steers and Lady Steers will run in the Three Big Spring run- while freshman Kade Lubbock Invitational Parker crossed in fifth next Saturday.

Sooners dealt them in

Texas A&M also has a

score to settle -77-0 in

2003. That was two weeks

before Stoops laid a 56-25

Nebraska, unbeaten in

three games so far this

season, has probably not

forgotten its 30-3 loss last

Even Kansas' Jayhawks

could be thinking this

could be its year for an

Oklahoma breakthrough

n't agreed to play their

home game against

Oklahoma in Kansas

Still, this is Oklahoma

a team with a reputa-

tion to protect and a will-

The Sooners get to take

a much-needed break

before they dive into Big

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Roethlisberger showed Carr how it's supposed to be done.

On a third-and-12, he beat a nine-man secondary for a 14-yard completion to Ward, setting up their second TD.

He opened the next series with a perfectly thrown 54-yarder Antwaan Randle El.

Leading 20-0 at halftime, Roethlisberger kept alive his first drive of the second half with another brilliant move on third down, scrambling to his right, then heaving a 40yard pass deep to his left, with Cedrick Wilson making a nice catch. Parker ran 10 yards for a touchdown three plays later.

Oh, about that heat? Onfield temperatures started well above 110 at kickoff kept rising. Roethlisberger did go to the sideline for a towel to mop his sweaty face after just seven plays, but he took every offensive snap.

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SOUTH BEND, Ind. rallied from 21 points became just the third 1913.

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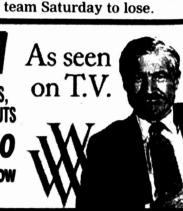
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Venus and **Uranus** continue an auspicious trine, making this the perfect time to move,

HOLIDAY MATHIS

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Prepare everything the in workplace to be shaken up and turned inside out. If you feel out of the loop, address your questions to the receptionist. The one on the frontlines of communication knows everything.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Instead of counting your own blessings, you are tempted to count 22). Unruly emotions

Huge change doesn't somebody else's. Envy bubble and boil under the Jan. 19). You're so Is it true?" doesn't have to be a monster though. It teaches you about the wants you didn't even know you had.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Birds of a feather flock together, so the feathers of the birds you're hanging out with are a decent indicator of your own feathers. If your friends inspire you, then it's probably true that you are inspiration as well.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). High maintenance people in your circle look to you for validation, nurturing and help. After all the dancing around, you're beat! Take care of yourself tonight perhaps by cleaning. A spotless environment calms you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). This morning, you may feel that no one is listening to you — it's a good thing! This means you can sing loud and spout nonsense! You'll learn something interesting about yourself

in the process.

surface. Instead of trying to squash them down and steam. The truly genius ideas are mined from the chaos within you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Get ready to roll with the changing tide in your personal life. It's heaven when friends share friends with you. The enthusiasm of new people you meet is a reflection of your own excellent energy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your responsibilities are many — so many that you would benefit from letting a group of people help you with some of them. Also, consider a joint investment. For the sake of sanity, find at least three occasions to laugh heartily.

SAGITTARIUS 22-Dec. 21). An emotional appeal makes your point. For inspiration, study those who have been in a tight position and turned their life around. Is there someone you are avoiding? Stop. It's better VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. to confront this person.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22- should have better luck. are being

productive. Everything is useful, especially the appear normal, find a mistakes you made in the safe way to let off some past. If you can't get rid of the skeleton in your closet, maybe it's time to turn it into something useful, like a hanger.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You pride yourself on being a nonreactive person. Your response may be thoughtful and gradual, but you will have to react to today's events sooner or later. When the music changes, so does the dance.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It's all well and good to want to work like you don't need the money, but the fact is that you do need the money, and that affects every work decision you make. Consult a Capricorn for financial advice.

ASTROLOGICAL **QUESTIONS:** "What is the significance of Saturn going through a sign? My husband is a Cancer born June 26, and one of his horoscopes said that now that Saturn has transited through his sign, he Leos will feel like they

Saturn is that professor we love to hate — the one who gives the hardest homework but also earns the teacher of the year award every year. Saturn is the lessons planet, and

the lessons come fast and furious while Saturn is transiting your sign. But that doesn't necessarily mean bad luck. Saturn's aim is not to punish us, but to help us take accountability for more and more in our lives. Being responsible for something gives power over it. example, children are completely dependent on their parents. This is not bad luck for the parents — on the contrary! But there is much to learn and do. Saturn spends over two years in each sign. Saturn left Cancer in July, and now, Leos are getting the benefit of its teachings. While Saturn tours Leo, we can all expect there to be some learning in the areas of family life,

tutored by the cosmic professor.

CELEBRITY **PROFILES:** Nothing can stop voung comedian/actor Jimmy Fallon from following his fate as one of the most recognizable performers on both the small and big screen. Look to this sensitive and ambitious Virgo to work harder than ever to expand his career in new and interesting directions. Not only will Fallon star in more film and television projects, he will also attempt writing and directing his own work.

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Annie's Mailbox •: Advice for those in need

KATHY MITCHELL

MARCY SUGAR

Dear Annie: My 30- respect for their culture problems it year-old son is engaged to be married to a young lady from Kenya. They have known each other a year, and he is head over heels in love. She claims to love our son, but she also honors the way of her culture, which we think is fine — to a point.

Her family insists that we pay a dowry. In Kenya, that is their way. However, this is the United States, and since becomes a U.S. citizen when she marries, feel that is dowry enough. We have spoken to her family, but they

won't budge. If our son's fiancee doesn't marry him within the year, she will be deported. We love our son and want what's best for him, but giving money for a bride rubs us the wrong way. We don't want to offend anyone, but what do you think?

Can you see if this is really still a custom, and should we pay? **Worried Mom**

Dear Mom: A Kenyan man recently offered 40 goats and 20 cows for Chelsea Clinton, so yes, the practice is alive and

Marcy is going to let her son's girlfriend, Naomi, help with this answer, since she has spent a great deal of time in Kenya. Here is what Naomi says:

While some brides' families demand a great

and to let them know that you find your new daughter-in-law a valuable addition to your family.

Dear Annie: My husband and I are at our wits' end. When my cousin married "Sue," our relationship with I have agreed them was good, although not great. Over the last year or so, things have become progressively worse.

We see our family and extended family (aunts, uncles and cousins) on a weekly basis at my parents' house. The trouble started with the cold shoulder routine from Sue. Then came snide comments directed Christmas, Sue was given money by another relative to purchase a gift for me (to avoid shipping costs), and I still don't have it. I doubt the relative knows what

happened. The final straw was last weekend. Sue became verbally and physically abusive to my husband. She did it in front of other people, leaving them shocked at her behavior. My husband did not say anything, but we left early, ruining the day for me and my daughter, and vowed never to return again.

We are not sure what to do. I have kept my mouth shut about Sue's behavior for almost a year, but I'm deal of cattle, you can ready to explode and say negotiate something more something I will regret, symbolic — as a sign of not to mention the

would cause in the family. My parents will not get involved. even though it is their

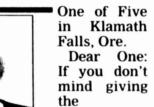
house. husband and not to attend any more family events until we can find resolution.

Any ideas? — Not-So-**Kissing Cousins**

Dear Cousin: Is Sue somehow provoking her? at my husband. At Her escalating animosity is otherwise inexplicable, and a sign of immense immaturity or possibly mental illness.

> It's shameful that your parents have allowed Sue to hijack the family gatherings. Visit your family members away from these get-togethers, and suggest to your cousin that his wife get professional help.

Dear Annie: October, my youngest brother died in a car accident at the age of 18. People sometimes ask how many siblings are in my family, and I always hesitate with response. It feels like a lie to say there are five, when there are now only four. But if I say "four," it feels as if I am not acknowledging brother. Please help. -



information, it might be simpler to reply, "There were five of us, but my voungest brother

recently died in

accident." Our

condolences. am Jewish. "Simon" has been divorced for many years, and has continued to celebrate the important high holidays in the company of his daughter and his ex-wife (who has not remarried).

Simon and I have a lot common. and everything is going so well between us that I seriously would like to cultivate this relationship into something long-term. But what happens to me when the high holidays come around? Do I tag along to temple services with his family? Do I bow out and attend services elsewhere? Is it fair to expect him to change his family arrangement?

Maybe I should just look elsewhere for a serious relationship before this one gets any involved. more Truthfully, none of these options makes me happy. Please advise. — Odd **Woman Out**

Dear Odd Woman: Slow down, honey. Unless you and Simon have made a commitment to each other, there is no reason to attend services together.

It makes perfect sense that Simon would attend svnagogue where his daughter does, and where he likely has been a longterm member. If you wish to join his synagogue to be with him, that is entirely up to you, but we think Simon might consider it pushy. You are expecting too much too soon. Allow Simon to continue his family tradition on the holidays, and perhaps you can get together after services.

Annie: Dear My husband, "Joel," was a school counselor and retired a year ago. He has lots to do at home to keep

One of Five .him busy. He also has a and tell her you were wide circle of friends and is involved with church and a men's group. The problem is that since most of his friends still work, I'm frequently his only human contact for the day.

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aspirations.

However.

Joel work, wants attention. It's a switch on the stay-at-home mom. I never understood until now how hard it is to nights person who has been without adult contact. I've tried scheduling a Dear Annie: I have half-hour of downtime Dreading It Early jealous of you? Does she started dating a divorced when I first get home, or have a secret crush on Jewish man with a telling him I need to immediate family first. study or make calls. Nothing works. feelings get hurt.

> When our daughter comes home after school, we love to chat during dinner and while cleaning up. But as soon as I start getting ready for bed, Joel starts talking about his feelings, and this takes us right through lights out. If I go into another room, he calls for me like a little kid, even when I'm in the bathroom.

He is driving me crazy. Any suggestions? — Need Him To Go on Vacation in Eastern Washington

Dear Eastern: Since you know he is craving your attention, why not give him some as soon as you walk in the door, and then schedule a few minutes for yourself later? Also, suggest to Joel that he meet his working friends for lunch once or twice a week, and do some volunteer work now and then. It will add adult contact to his day, while alleviating the pressure you feel to supply it yourself.

Dear Annie: At my daughter's sister's wedding, we were having a family picture taken, and my niece looked at me and said, "Pretend you're family.

I was very insulted by this. I stopped payment on the check I gave as a gift, and my family now refuses to talk to me. My sister told my husband it was just a joke. I know the stop payment was drastic. What should I do? — Michigan Aunt

Dear Aunt: We think you should develop a thicker hide. Granted, the comment was in poor taste, and directed at someone who didn't find it amusing, but we doubt your niece intended to hurt you. Call your niece

hurt by her comment and you hope she didn't mean those unkind words. Then, please stop holding the wedding gift hostage.

Dear Annie: "Another Graduate's Mom" wrote how important When I get home from graduation ceremonies are for those who get to watch. At my school, we get only four tickets. I have spent sleepless trying work outside the home determine who should and then be "on" for the attend the ceremony next June. I know a lot of feelings will be hurt. Please help. — Already

Dear Dreading: Invite and everyone else His simply have understand. By the way, most schools offer extra tickets if any are available, but you have to put in a request in advance. Here's more on graduations:

From Central Illinois: I looked forward to my graduation ceremony, but now I wish I could have those two hours of my life back. The ceremony was filled with obnoxious people who, despite being asked to hold applause, cheered and yelled throughout the entire event. There was an area set up so family members could take pictures, but most of the people liked the view there and wouldn't move. hindering other parents' ability to take photos (including my mother's).

Connecticut: graduation ceremony at a large, public university was a joke. We were crammed into basketball arena like cattle. Most of us couldn't see our families with binoculars. There was no stage, our names weren't announced, and we were given a dummy diploma that had to be returned. I chemical engineering student, yet my family had to sit through four hours of liberal arts majors.

I hated the process. What meaningful was seeing my family and marking the occasion, which we did at dinner that night. I show my gratitude to my parents by thanking them, reminding them that they gave me a marketable skill and actively keeping them involved with my life.

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This Date In History

Today is Monday, Sept. 19, the 262nd day of 2005. There are 103 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 19, 1777, during the Revolutionary War, American soldiers won the first Battle of Saratoga. On this date:

President In 1796. Washington's farewell address was published.

In 1881, the 20th president of the United States, James A. Garfield, died of wounds inflicted by an assassin.

In 1934, Bruno Hauptmann was arrested in New York and charged with the kidnap-murder of Charles A. Lindbergh Jr.

In 1945, Nazi propagandist William Joyce, known as Lord Haw-Haw tenced to death by a British

In 1955, President Juan Peron of Argentina was ousted after a revolt by the army and navy

In 1957, the United States conducted its first underground nuclear test, in the Nevada desert.

In 1959, Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev reacted angrily during a visit to Los Angeles upon being told that, for security reasons, he wouldn't be allowed to visit Disneyland.

In 1960, Cuban leader Fidel Castro, in New York to visit the United Nations, angrily checked out of the Shelburne Hotel in a dispute with the management. In 1985, the Mexico City

area was struck by the first of two devastating quakes that claimed some 6,000

Today's Birthdays: Author Roger Angell is 85. Rhythmand-blues musician Billy Ward is 84. Former Defense Secretary Harold Brown is 78. Actor Adam West is 75. Actor David McCallum is 72. Singer Bill Medley is 65. Singer Sylvia Tyson (Ian and Sylvia) is 65. Golfer Jane Blalock is 60. Singer David Bromberg is 60. Actor Randolph Mantooth is 60. Actor Jeremy Irons is 57. Actress Twiggy Lawson is 56. TV personality Joan Lunden is 55. Singer-producer Daniel Lanois is 54. Musician-producer Nile Musician-producer Rodgers is 53. Singer-actor

Rex Smith is 50. Actress Carolyn McCormick is 46.
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Thought for Today: "If you

are losing your leisure, look out; you may be losing your _ Logan Pearsall Smith, Anglo-American author (1865-1946).

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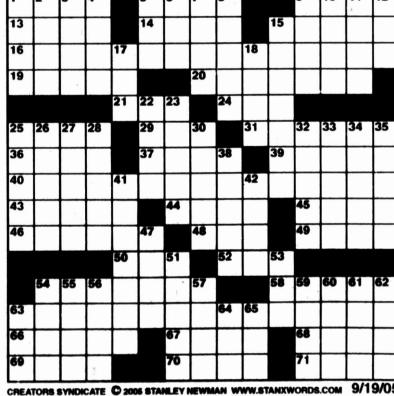
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