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## Exemplary! Kentwood Elementary receives TEA's highest rating

Local school officials beaming as three other Big Spring ISD campuses are rated as Recognized, too

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District officials are ecstatic over the latest campus ratings released by the Texas Education Agency.

For the first time in four

years, a BSISD campus — Kentwood Elementary — received a rating of Exemplary, the highest possible rating handed down by TEA.

A campus is rated Exemplary if 90 percent or more of its students in all ranked socio-economic and ethnic categories

pass the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) standardized test.

Kentwood was the only Howard County campus, and one of only seven campuses in Region 18 (which encompasses most of West Texas), to receive an Exemplary rating.

The good news didn't stop there for BSISD schools, however. Three other campuses — Bauer, Marcy and Washington elementaries — received Recognized ratings, one step down from Exemplary but still considered superior.

Campuses are rated as

Recognized if 70 percent or more of its students in all categories pass the TAKS test.

In comparison, only two BSISD campuses — Bauer and Moss elementaries — received ratings as high as Recognized

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## Gliding's finest Big Spring bound



Boisselier Warren McLellan

Pre-world championship drawing enthusiasts from all over the world

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

The best of the best in the world of hang gliding

will be coming to the Big Spring area this weekend, and they have their minds set on just one thing — the U.S. Hang Gliding Championship.

Sponsored by the U.S. Hang Gliding Association and slated for Sunday through Saturday, Aug. 12, the competition will feature the premier hang gliding pilots from around the world, and according to championship organizer and director David Glover, this year's event will lay the ground work for the

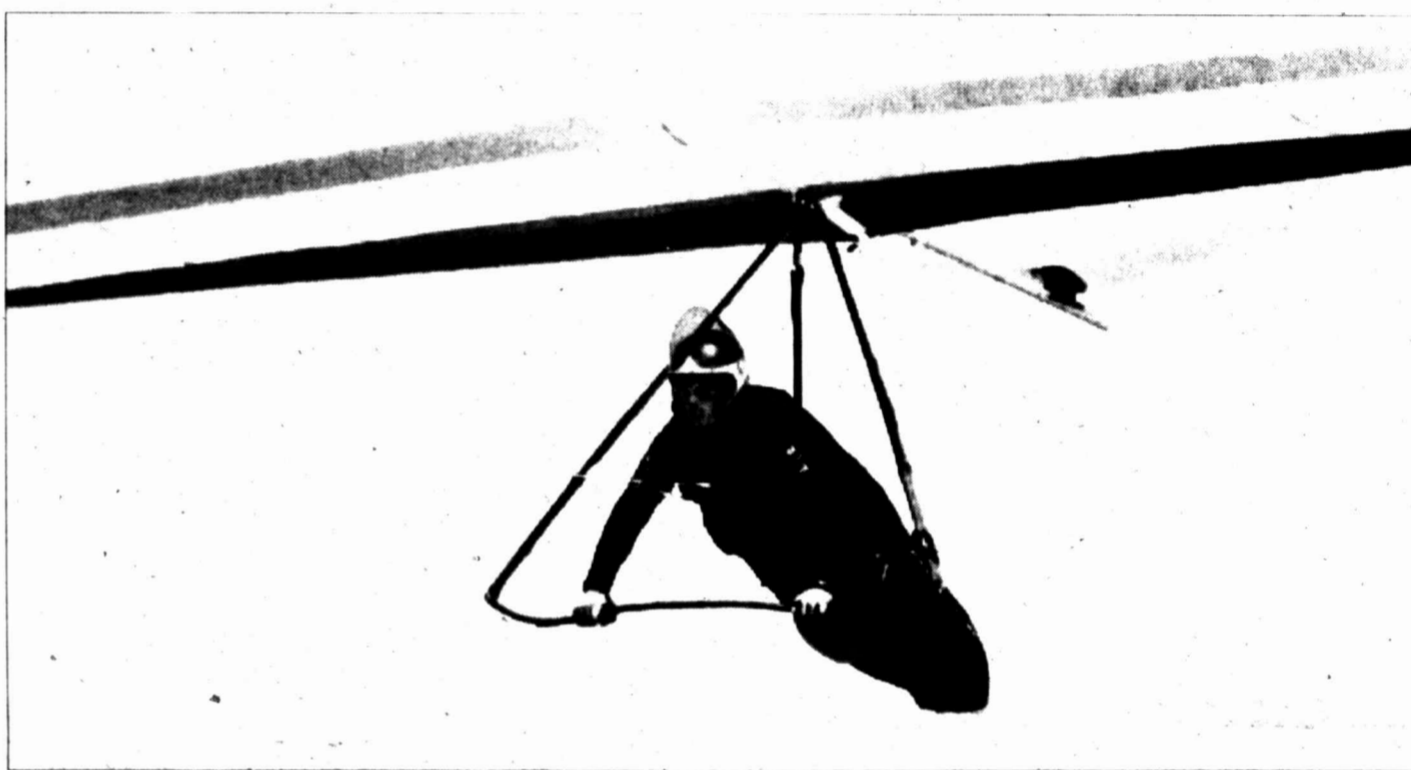
**"Teams from Australia, Japan, Austria, Italy, France, Germany, Brazil, Canada, Mexico and others are bringing full teams to this year's event in preparation for the World Championship next year."**

—David Glover, event director

World Championship next year."

Among the pilots traveling to Big Spring for the U.S. Championship is Antoine Boisselier of France, who has taken home first place spots in

"The best pilots from around the world are coming this year to Big Spring," said Glover. "Teams from Australia, Japan, Austria, Italy, France, Germany, Brazil, Canada, Mexico and others are bringing full teams to this year's event in preparation for the World Championship next year."



A hang gliding competitor takes off from the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark during the 2005 U.S. Hang Gliding Championship. The contest will take to the skies of Big Spring once again Sunday.

HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

## Hangar 25 Air Museum planning festival during gliding competition

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

Officials with the Hangar 25 Air Museum will be celebrating flight in conjunction with the U.S. Hang Gliding Championship, offering Big Spring a Gliding and Flight Festival.

While the Hangar 25 event isn't an official part of the championship flights, Museum Administrator Heather Wallace said the Aug. 12 festival will offer

area residents a different way to enjoy the competition.

"We wanted to do something that would give the spectators a little more than just watching the gliders take off," said Wallace. "We hope this will help them appreciate flight and everything that goes into it."

Wallace said there are plans for plenty of events, including contests, game booths and lots of food and fun.

**Reserve booths — \$25 each — through Friday for the day-long, Aug. 12 festival by calling 264-1999.**

"People will have a chance to win a free plane ride from U.S. Flight Academy," said Wallace. "We plan to have a lot of different

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several French and Australian competitions, including the 2001 Bleriot Cup in France and the 2001

Championship. Boisselier describes himself as a full-fledged extreme sport junky, ready to take to the skies

at a moments notice. "I love all the outdoor and extreme sports," said Boisselier. "I love the mountains and the sea, so

I like to wind surf, rock climb, scuba dive, ride my mountain bike, surf

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## Forsan ISD residents to get some tax relief

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

FORSAN — Tax relief is coming for Forsan Independent School District property owners.

FISD trustees gave tentative approval to a 17-cent reduction in the overall tax rate during their special meeting Tuesday night in the high school board room.

Superintendent Randy Johnson said trustees decided to adopt a 2006-2007 tax rate of \$1.37 per \$100 valuation for maintenance and operation and 12 cents for debt service dedicated to paying off the 2004 bond issue. The overall tax rate of \$1.49 is a 17-cent decrease from the previous school year, he said.

Recent state legislation mandated a cut in local maintenance and operation tax rates to \$1.33, but allowed school dis-

tricts to tack on an additional four cents this year only. Forsan, along with just about every other school district in the region, decided to add the full four cents.

Despite the cut in the tax rate, increased state aid, along with sharply higher property valuations, means FISD will likely bring in more revenue this year, Johnson said.

The higher valuations will have an

unfortunate effect on taxpayers, Johnson said.

"There should be a little bit of tax relief this year, but probably not what people expected when the legislature announced it earlier this year," Johnson said. "But our taxpayers should see significantly more tax relief next year."

In 2007-2008, state mandates will lower

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### MIDEAST FIGHTING UPDATE

BOURJ AL-MULOOUK, Lebanon (AP) — Israel pressed the first full day of a massive new ground attack, sending 10,000 troops into southern Lebanon and seizing five people it said were Hezbollah fighters in a dramatic airborne raid on a northeastern town. Hezbollah retaliated with its deepest strikes yet into Israel, firing a record number of more than 160 rockets.

Diplomatic efforts faltered, with France saying it will not participate in a U.N. meeting that could send troops to help monitor a cease-fire. France, which may join or even lead such a force, said it does not want to talk about sending peacekeepers until fighting halts.

### GULF COAST DRILLING

WASHINGTON (AP) — A gush of money could flow to Texas and three other states under a bill passed by the Senate. The bill, approved 71-25 Tuesday, calls for divvying up 37.5 percent of the federal leasing proceeds from new Gulf drilling among Texas, Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi. Texas gets 10 percent of that after 2017. Beginning in 2017, Texas will get 21 percent of the 37.5 percent of revenues as other parts of the Gulf are opened for drilling. The revenue would come from oil and gas leases to be offered for 8.3 million acres off Florida's coast that has been off limits.

### LOTTERY STRIKES TWICE

BEAUFORT, S.C. (AP) — Harold Gray once lived on Lottery Lane — now he's a two-time lottery winner. Gray won the top \$100,000 prize Tuesday after buying a scratch-off lottery ticket in Beaufort County. The windfall came exactly 20 days after Gray won the \$250,000 top prize in a different scratch-off game. "Hey, at least it's not a doctor or a lawyer with all the money. Poor people are getting some of it, too," said Gray, a self-employed contractor. After beating the 360,000-1 odds of winning the big prize Tuesday, Gray said he went home and gave his wife the ticket to celebrate her 39th birthday.



**GLIDING**

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and ride my skis or my snowboards."

Returning to Big Spring once again will be hang gliding instructor and competitor Curt Warren of Venice, Fla. Warren holds one of the longest flight records with a nine-hour, 260-mile trek, which is second in the United States.

Warren took first place in the 2003 Ceara Rally in Brazil and second place at the 2003 U.S. Nationals.

And while the sport of hang gliding may seem to be a "guy thing," don't be fooled. Another top competitor is Tish "The Flying Fish" McLellan. She'll be taking to the Howard County skies as well, bringing experience from such countries as New Zealand, Australia, Mexico and England.

"My competition results are directly related to how much fun I am having," said McLellan.

McLellan lives in Newcastle, Australia — approximately 150 kilometers north of Sydney — and has brought home first place wins from the 2002 Australian Open and the 2001 Australian Nationals.

While pilots who choose to ride the wind for hours at a time might seem like



big-time thrill-seekers to most, Glover said nothing could be farther from the truth.

"The common perception is that someone that hang glides has to be a daredevil," said Glover.

"In actuality, no one wants to get hurt. There are a few guys that fly in such a way they probably will get hurt sooner or later, but everyone wants to go up, fly safely and land safely so they can have some water or beer and see their family when it's done.

"There are very few

adrenaline junkies in this sport. There are housewives, engineers, bricklayers, insurance agents and real estate guys. It's really the whole gamut."

Glover said he hopes to see the Big Spring community show its support for the competition's foreign pilots.

"Big Spring residents who have relatives from these and other countries are encouraged to get together and adopt the teams and help with their experience in Big Spring," said Glover. "This event will almost

double in size compared to any hang gliding event in Big Spring yet. Volunteers are needed before and during the launch sequence. Anyone willing to help should contact the volunteer coordinator, Bobby McDonald."

Glover said this year's competition will feature some new "tricks," including the Prairie Pup Precision Pflour Plop, where ultralight pilots will bomb the airfield — and a precise target — with bags of flour. "Some of this will be

from the ultralights, which is a new addition (to the competition)," said Glover. "The tug (ultralight) pilots are really looking forward to it. It should be a lot of fun to watch."

The event will also feature a new competition for the hang glider pilots, according to McDonald, chairman of the local event committee.

"It's going to be called spot landing, which they will be doing Saturday. Spot landing is where hang gliders — from 4 p.m. until 5 p.m. — will be launched and those who wish to participate will try to hit a target," said McDonald. "They can't let their wings touch the target, and it has to be measured. I'm told it's a very difficult thing to do. There's a cash prize for the winner and the public will be able to view it."

For those who plan to view the championships at McMahan-Wrinkle Airpark, Glover said the opportunities to see the pilots will be limited.

"In the morning people will be doing the ultralight and tandem flying," said Glover. "That's because that's when it's the smoothest. The sun hasn't hit the ground and it hasn't heated up and the thermals aren't really going up yet. That will be in the mornings, from about 8 a.m. until 10 a.m."

"At about 10 a.m. pilots and the tugs will start getting ready. Take off usually won't occur before noon, unless it's just an unusual day. The hang gliders will go up between about noon and 1 p.m., and they will usually land back at the airport at about 3 p.m. or 4 p.m., depending on the course they are running."

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Natividad "Tala" Urias, 80, died Tuesday. Vigil services will be at 7:00 PM Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 2:00 PM Friday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Ariana Delia Garcia, infant, died Monday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Melba McCarty, 73, died Tuesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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vendors, selling everything from crafts to food and drink.

"We still have several vendor booth spaces available," she said.

The deadline to reserve booth space is this Friday. Cost is \$25. Those who acquire booth space

can use it to sell garage sale type items, crafts, antiques, food, offer information about a business or campaign or any number of services.

Vendor booths will be open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Wallace said there will be classic cars for viewing during the festival, along with a number of contests.

"We're going to have a

pet and owner look alike contest," said Wallace. "That should really be a laugh for everyone. We're also planning to have a peanut spitting contest, as well as a horseshoe pitching contest."

Festival-goers should bring their appetites, according to Wallace, as the day will be filled with plenty of tasty treats.

"I've talked to several of the vendors planning to

attend, and there's going to be something for everyone," said Wallace. "We'll have pineapple drinks, barbecue, fajitas and funnel cakes, just to name a few."

Wallace said festival coordinators are also looking for local talent to help with the event.

"Anyone who is interested in dancing or singing during the festival should call us and get

signed up," said Wallace. "We're really looking for it to be a fun day for everyone."

For more information on the festival or to reserve a booth, contact Hangar 25 at 264-1999.

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**FISD**

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local property taxes to \$1 per \$100 valuations, with an additional 6 cents of local add-on allowed.

The tax rate and budget for the new year will be

formally adopted by trustees Aug. 14. A public hearing will be held at 6:30 p.m., followed by the regular board meeting at 7 p.m.

In other business, trustees:

- Approved a salary schedule for the coming year that will pay FISD

teachers about \$4,400 over state minimums. In addition to current state minimum and local allotments, Forsan teachers will receive \$2,500 in state mandated raises, plus an additional \$580 to \$970 in local add-ons, depending on their years of experience.

In addition, trustees voted to increase the district's matching annuity contribution to \$50 a month.

The salary increases keep FISD competitive in the race to attract quality teachers, Johnson said.

"From what I can tell, we are one of the higher-

paying school districts in our region," he said. "We're excited that we're about to maintain that this year."

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**RATING**

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during the 2004-05 school year.

All other BSISD campuses were rated Academically Acceptable by TEA.

These rankings, based on student performance on the TAKS test during the 2005-06 school year, marked the best showing by the district as a whole since ratings were pegged to the TAKS test in 2003.

"I am exceedingly proud of our teachers, staff and students who worked together to produce these amazing results," Kentwood Principal Karen Saunders said. "I felt early in the school year that we were headed in the right direction ... and all the work paid off."

To BSISD

Superintendent Michael Downes, a teaching corps full of veteran instructors was a major reason for the district's showing.

"I really want to praise our 20-year veterans in the district," Downes said. "During their tenure, they have seen the accountability system increase in difficulty (through a variety of standardized tests), and at each step of the way, they accepted the challenge and brought success to the district. We would have not accomplished these goals without our veteran teachers."

Prior to this year, Bauer was the last BSISD campus to earn an Exemplary rating, in 2002. That year, ratings were tied to results of the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) test, and with recently tightened state standards, "there's

no comparing the difficulty of the accountability process between 2002 and now," Downes said.

Other Howard County TEA ratings were:

- Coahoma — Coahoma Elementary was rated as

Recognized; the junior high and high school were rated as Academically Acceptable.

- Forsan — Elbow Elementary was rated as Recognized; the junior high and high school

were rated as Academically Acceptable.

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# Children encouraged to visit the library

Last week I mentioned that more than 250 new children's books have been added to the children's department. A lot of those books will be added to the Juvenile Reader section, which is the section designated for first through second graders, and to the Juvenile Fiction section, which is designated for third through sixth graders.



AMY THOMAS

In the Juvenile Reader section, I will be adding seven new Dr. Seuss books. One of those books is titled "The Tooth Book." As with every Dr. Seuss book, this book is a silly look at all the good things about our teeth and who has them. I will also be adding eight copies of a favorite series of mine, the Amelia Bedelia books, to the Juvenile Reader section. Amelia Bedelia is just as literal as always in Peggy Parish's "Thank You, Amelia Bedelia." She rips the sheets in two when she is told to strip the sheets. She rolls jelly all over the floor when told to make jelly-rolls. Somehow, Amelia Bedelia always makes

things work out in the end. The biggest addition to a series in the Juvenile Reader section is 12 new Henry and Mudge books. The best thing about these books is that they are labeled according to reading level, so the parent can decide which book will be best for his or her child's reading level. An explanation of the reading levels is on the back of each book.

In Cynthia Rylant's "Henry and Mudge and the Bedtime Thumps," Henry and Mudge are going to visit Henry's grandmother. Henry worries that Mudge, his dog, will be made to sleep outside. Sure enough, Mudge is made to sleep outside for the first time, and Henry stays up worried about him. Henry decided to sleep on the porch with Mudge, showing the great love he has for his dog.

For our third through sixth grade readers, there are two new books in the Time Warp Trio series. "Oh Say, I Can't See," by Jon Scieszka, is about two boys and a girl who can travel through time through a special book. The only problem is that once the three have traveled to a new time, the only way for them to make it back to the present is to find the book. That is where all the fun begins. This time they

travel to 1776, just before George Washington crossed the Delaware. The three are taken captive and sent to George Washington. Thankfully, Sam remembered her history lesson. She got them out of trouble by explaining to George Washington how he could win the battle. After winning the battle, he gives Sam a gift, the book, and all three were able to return home safely.

In Patricia Reilly Giff's "In the Dinosaur's Paw," another book for third through sixth graders, Richard discovers a mysterious ruler in his desk with the initials D.T. on it. The class is studying dinosaurs and Richard imagines that his ruler is a magical dinosaur, T-Rex ruler that will grant him his wishes.

Richard's wishes do begin to come true, even his wish that one of the boys in his class will disappear or move. When the boy does not show up for class, Richard feels he is to blame. He looks for his ruler to undo the curse, but he can't find it. On the day of the school trip to the museum, Richard sees the bully that he had wished to disappear and to the bully's surprise, Richard shows his great relief that the bully is unharmed. Richard also finds out the truth about

his special ruler.

There are also some new and interesting non-fiction books that have come in. The two I predict will be most popular are "The Ultimate Lego Book" and "Star Wars: The Ultimate Visual Guide." "The Ultimate Lego Book" has many fascinating objects made from legos that will stimulate anyone's imagination and "Star Wars: The Ultimate Visual Guide" has pictures and information on all six Star Wars films.

I encourage children of all ages to come to the library and explore all the different books. You will find your favorites and discover new favorites. Starting Sept. 9, the library will be open Saturdays, giving you more time to come and check out your favorite books. See you at the library.

The Howard County Library is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday and is closed Saturdays until Sept. 9. The Internet/Video room closes one-half hour before closing it is closed from noon until 1 p.m. The Library is located at 500

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### Well, he's patriotic, anyway

FORT PAYNE, Ala. (AP) — A man was arrested after authorities said he was caught walking naked along a highway and waving an American flag.

The DeKalb County Sheriff's Department arrested Gerald Lynn Kelley, 52, of Valley Head, and charged him with public lewdness, the Fort Payne Times-Journal reported Tuesday.

DeKalb Deputy Mike James said deputies were sent to Hammondville about 3 p.m. Sunday after receiving calls about two men walking nude along U.S. 11, just inside the town limits.

James said Kelley was wearing only a cowboy hat and boots.

The other man, reportedly clad in the same attire as Kelley and carrying an American flag, could not be found. Police reports said Kelley and the other man had been at a party that got out of hand.

Kelley posted a \$1,500 bond and was released from DeKalb County Jail early Monday morning.

## Contract Bridge

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♠ A Q 10 3

**WEST**  
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**EAST**  
♦ K Q 10 6 3  
♥ A 8 4  
♦ K J 9 3  
♠ 8

**SOUTH**  
♦ 8  
♥ 7 6 3  
♦ A Q  
♠ K J 9 7 6 5 2

The bidding:  
West North East South  
1♥ Pass 1♦ 2♣  
1♥ 5♣ 6♥ 7♦  
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Opening lead — seven of diamonds.  
The International Matchpoint scale used in most team contests reflects swings of anywhere from 20 points (1 IMP) to more than 4,000 points (24 IMPs). In practice, about 98 percent of all gains are between 1 IMP (for an overtrick) to 17 IMPs (usually for a vulnerable small slam bid and made at one table and defeated at the other). Swings of 18 IMPs or more are extremely rare.

Consider this deal, then, on which one team gained 21 IMPs for making a vulnerable doubled grand slam at one table and a game in the opposite direction at the other table!

The deal occurred in a knockout team event at the annual Tri-State Regional in Rye Brook, N.Y., earlier this year.

The bidding shown took place at the first table. North's five-club bid was intended primarily as a sacrifice against East-West's game. Vulnerable sacrifices against non-vulnerable games are highly uncommon, but on this occasion, North (your writer) felt that five clubs would not go down more than one and might even make opposite the right hand.

South (Richard De Martino) then saved against what he thought was a makable slam, figuring he would go down 500 or 800 and thus come out ahead.

West thereupon led a diamond, one of only two cards in his hand (a club was the other) that would allow the slam to make. De Martino took East's nine with the queen, cashed a trump and the ace of diamonds, then ruffed a heart, a diamond, a heart and another diamond, establishing Dummy's diamonds. Dummy's remaining trump provided the necessary entry that allowed declarer to get rid of his spade loser on a diamond. Making the doubled grand slam came to 2,330 points.

Adding insult to injury, North-South's teammates bid and made five hearts at the other table to add another 450 points to the team's total, good for a rarely seen 21-IMP gain.

Tomorrow: The theory of probabilities.

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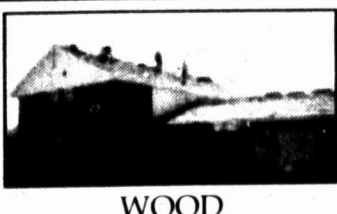
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# Heavy rains lead to evacuations, rescues in El Paso

By ALICIA A. CALDWELL

Associated Press Writer

EL PASO (AP) — Families evacuated to emergency shelters and streets resembled whitewater rafting rivers as heavy rains threatened to collapse buildings while continuing to drench the dry El Paso region Tuesday.

A third straight day of showers saturated mountainside homes, caused walls to collapse in the softened ground and closed portions of major roadways. Emergency crews juggled an onslaught of distress calls, but there were no reports of major injuries.

Authorities said at least 60 people had been rescued, some standing on the tops of roofs and their cars. Near the base of the Franklin Mountains, where the water level reached waist-high, neighbors worked to dig a long trench through muddied front yards in an attempt to keep the flood waters moving. Officials said they were concerned about the threat of mudslides and scrambled to rescue more residents Tuesday afternoon before another intense round of showers moved into the region.

"It's just been one hit after another," said El Paso County Sheriff's Department spokesman Rick Glancey. "I feel like I'm in a boxing ring without any gloves."

The Red Cross opened several shelters, spokesman Mark Mathtys said. He said less than 500 people had arrived at the shelters Tuesday evening.

In the city of Socorro, 60 National Guard troops have been deployed, said state Sen. Eliot Shapleigh, D-El Paso. These were troops borrowed from Operation Jumpstart, President Bush's initiative to bring troops to the border.

The rain more than doubled the normal current speed in the Rio Grande and raised the water level near the banks on both sides, authorities said. Flooded streets forced city and county leaders to close offices throughout the area, including city hall. Nonessential employees of the city and Fort Bliss were ordered home by noon.

The river was receding Tuesday evening.

The state declared the city a disaster area, and Gov. Rick Perry deployed 20 5-ton trucks from the Texas Army National Guard to the area and made arrangements to provide more if needed.

The parched region, which had less than an inch of rain in the first six months of the year, has possibly received as many as 6 inches since Sunday, the National Weather Service said.

With tears streaming down her face, Rosa Reyes rode in the back of a pickup truck with plastic bags full of clothes and anything else she could save from her rented duplex.

Reyes was given five minutes to evacuate with her 6-year-old daughter and a neighboring family after a rock wall behind her home collapsed during a torrential morning storm. The tumbling wall punched a hole in the side of a house.

"The material things can be replaced," she said. "It sure didn't feel like five minutes."

A small apartment complex on a hill above Reyes' home was in danger of collapsing and had to be evacuated, said Capt. Keith Burch of the El Paso Fire Department. Utilities were shut off in the complex, Burch said.

Streets resembled lakes and fast-moving rivers, and fire officials said they were worried about boulders and other debris falling from rocky cliffs around several El Paso neighborhoods.

## Amarillo man gets more than 12 years in prison

AMARILLO (AP) — A federal judge on Tuesday sentenced an Amarillo businessman to more than 12 1/2 years in prison for operating a fraudulent investment company, according to a news release from the U.S. Attorney's Office.

Phillip D. Phillips, 62, pleaded guilty in April to one count of mail fraud. He has been in federal custody since his arrest in March, following his failure to appear for a scheduled court appearance.

Court documents show that Phillips admitted that from January 2000 through March 2005 he schemed to defraud and get money from friends, relatives, and acquaintances by persuading them that he could invest their money by buying registered securities and making other investments through Sagebrush Securities, a bogus investment securities business, the release states.

Phillips collected about \$1.7 million from investors, returned about \$651,000

to them in checks purported to be dividends, and kept about \$1.1 million in the Sagebrush account controlled by him.

Phillips was a registered representative of Ironstreet Securities, a legitimate broker dealer of securities registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Phillips ran Ironstreet Securities out of the same office as Sagebrush.

The scheme fell apart when the president of Ironstreet made a surprise visit to Amarillo and discovered Phillips operating the sham business out of the office. The SEC and the FBI began investigating a short time later, the release states.

U.S. District Judge Mary Lou Robinson also ordered Phillips to pay restitution of \$1.4 million.

## Tarrant County reports two West Nile deaths

FORT WORTH (AP) — Tarrant County reported its first two West Nile deaths of the year Tuesday, just as the disease enters its peak summer season.

A Fort Worth man in his 80s died of pneumonia that was complicated by West Nile, according to the county Public Health Department.

A Hurst man in his 70s died of causes directly related to the disease, the department said.

The peak season for West Nile begins in the summer and ends in the fall. Tarrant County has confirmed eight cases of West Nile this year. There were 23 last year.

The health department recommends avoiding mosquitoes, which carry West

Nile, by staying indoors at dusk and dawn; draining standing water in outdoor areas; wearing long-sleeved shirts and pants; and using bug repellent.

## Ex-TSU president indicted for misusing school funds

HOUSTON (AP) — Former Texas Southern University President Priscilla Slade was indicted Tuesday by a grand jury following accusations she misused hundreds of thousands of school dollars to furnish and landscape her home.

Slade, 54, was indicted on two charges of criminally misusing university money for her private benefit.

The grand jury, after a three-month investigation, also indicted three ex-TSU employees: Quintin Wiggins, the former chief financial officer; Bruce Wilson, who was senior vice president of administration; and Frederick Holts, the university's senior safety system engineer.

University regents voted in April to dismiss Slade. An inquiry by an independent law firm found that Slade spent more than \$260,000 on house-related costs.

An audit also concluded she spent nearly \$650,000 over the past seven years on purchases not allowed under her contract.

Slade, who served as president of the historically black university for more than six years, has denied any wrongdoing and has filed a civil lawsuit against the school.

If convicted, Slade faces anywhere from five years of probation to life in prison, and a fine of up to \$20,000.



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## IN BRIEF

### City championship tournament set

The Big Spring City Golf Championships, sponsored by the Big Spring Herald, are set for Saturday and Sunday at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Entry fees are \$40 per play and do not include cart rental.

For more information, call 264-2366.

### Quarterback Club schedules meeting

Big Spring High School's Quarterback Club has scheduled its first meeting of the season for 7 p.m. Monday at the BSHS Athletic Training Center.

Mark Tissue, the booster club's president, encourages all parents of BSHS football players and fans of the Steers to attend.

Quarterback Club meetings will be held every Monday night at 7.

For more information, call Tissue at 816-3458.

### Season tickets now on sale at BSHS

Fans of the Big Spring Steers football team who have had season tickets in the past can begin purchasing tickets for the upcoming season at the Big Spring High School ATC.

Previous ticket holders have until Aug. 10 to purchase tickets. The general public may purchase tickets on Aug. 14.

Tickets can be purchased through Kay Cook at the ATC from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

For more information call Cook at 264-3662.

### Junior high football equipment hand out

Junior high football coach John Richard Sparks has announced that football players in seventh and eighth grade will be issued equipment Aug. 9-10.

The eighth graders will get theirs the first day from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and the seventh grade will go the second day at the same time.

For more information, call 264-4135.

### Landis gets 'first chance' Saturday

Tour de France champion Floyd Landis, whose initial doping tests turned up positive, gets another chance to clear his name when a second set will be released on Saturday.

But, the 30-year-old cyclist and his lawyer have previously acknowledged that they expect the "B" sample to show the same elevated ratio of testosterone to epitestosterone found in the "A" sample.

Michael Henson, a spokesman for Landis, confirmed that a urine test on Landis after the tour's 17th stage turned up an 11:1 ratio far above the 4:1 limit.

## BSHS hoops to get winning attitude from Martin

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

A man very accustomed to success has been hired to pass on that knowledge to a struggling Big Spring High School basketball program.

The hiring of Joey Martin, who made a habit of playoff appearances as both a player and coach, was approved by Big Spring ISD trustees Monday night.

Martin, a native of Troup, will be tasked with turning around

the fortunes of a BSHS boys' basketball team that has not experienced the playoffs for several years.

Fortunately for the Steers, Martin brings a winning pedigree to Big Spring.

As a player at Troup High School, he was a member of a squad that compiled a 132-8 win-loss record and earned two state championships. He then played basketball at Stephen F. Austin University and almost played pro ball overseas before coaching

beckoned.

"By the time I finished at Stephen F. Austin, I was kind of burned out by playing," Martin said. "A coaching opportunity came up and I jumped at it."

He began his coaching career as an assistant at East Texas Baptist College, a NAIA Division II school, before becoming head coach at Bishop T.K. Gorman Catholic School, a private school in Tyler.

In seven years at the helm at the school, he led his team to six

playoff appearances in the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS) league. Four times, Gorman made the TAPPS final four.

Overall, he has compiled a 201-63 record as a head coach.

Despite his success, he jumped at the chance to coach in the public school sector.

"The biggest thing in my decision was the opportunity to get into a public school system," he

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## Dallas has no QB back-up plan



Dallas Cowboys quarterback Drew Bledsoe takes a snap from center Andre Gurode during the Cowboy's practice in Oxnard, Calif., Tuesday.

By JIM REEVES

McClatchy Newspapers

OXNARD, Calif.

Pssst!

Bill Parcells, sitting in his golf cart after his daily media briefing Sunday, leaned over to half whisper the answer to a question that had just been posed.

So get this straight, this is between you, me, him and the fence post. OK?

Why, considering the high aspirations the Cowboys have for the coming season, wouldn't they have brought in an experienced backup quarterback to at least supplant clipboard holder Drew Henson?

After all, No. 2 man Tony Romo has never thrown a regular-season NFL pass and Henson is such a forgotten man here, he might as well be back backpacking in Europe.

Wouldn't it be wise, considering what's at stake, to have at least one more quarterback around who's actually done more than hold for the kicker or take a knee (the two assignments that sum up Romo's career) just in case Drew Bledsoe goes down and the Cowboys ultimately discover (heaven forbid) that Romo simply can't cut it?

"You can't find 'em," Parcells whispered so softly I had to lean in closer to be sure I heard him. "You just can't. I've been trying for four years here to get (quarterbacks) and

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## Eaton sharp in tossing Rangers past Detroit

By The Associated Press

Adam Eaton gave the Texas Rangers the kind of outing they were looking for when they acquired him from San Diego last off-season.

Eaton pitched six sharp innings and Gary Matthews Jr. hit his second grand slam this season to highlight an eight-run fourth, leading Texas past the Minnesota Twins 9-0 Tuesday night.

Making his second start since having surgery on the middle finger of his pitching hand at the end of spring training, Eaton (1-1) earned his first win with the Rangers.

"I thought his command was a little better. He got to that fourth inning and was able to get back into step. There were a lot of groundballs and he had good life on his fastball. He had a lot of different looks and got strike one a lot," Texas manager Buck Showalter said. "We were contemplating whether to pitch him yesterday or today, and I'm glad we waited another day."

In other AL games, it was: New York 5, Toronto 1; Detroit 10, Tampa Bay 4; Cleveland 6, Boston 3; Chicago 7, Kansas City 5 in 10 innings; Los Angeles 3, Oakland 2; and Baltimore 2, Seattle 0.

In the National League, it was: Philadelphia 5, St. Louis 3; Atlanta 4, Pittsburgh 2; Florida 6, New York 5; Los Angeles 10, Cincinnati 4; Chicago 9, Arizona

3; Milwaukee 1, Colorado 0; Houston 1, San Diego 0; and Washington 4, San Francisco 1.

Michael Young also homered for the Rangers, who won for only the second time in nine games.

Minnesota's Scott Baker (3-7) allowed a career-high seven earned runs in 3 1-3 innings and was demoted to Triple-A Rochester after the game.

The right-hander began the season as Minnesota's fifth starter, but was sent to Rochester on June 1 after going 2-5 with a 6.06 ERA in nine outings. In three starts since being recalled July 11, he gave up 16 earned runs in 14 2-3 innings for a 9.82 ERA.

"I can't be mad at the situation," he said. "I'm not providing the good starts the team needs."

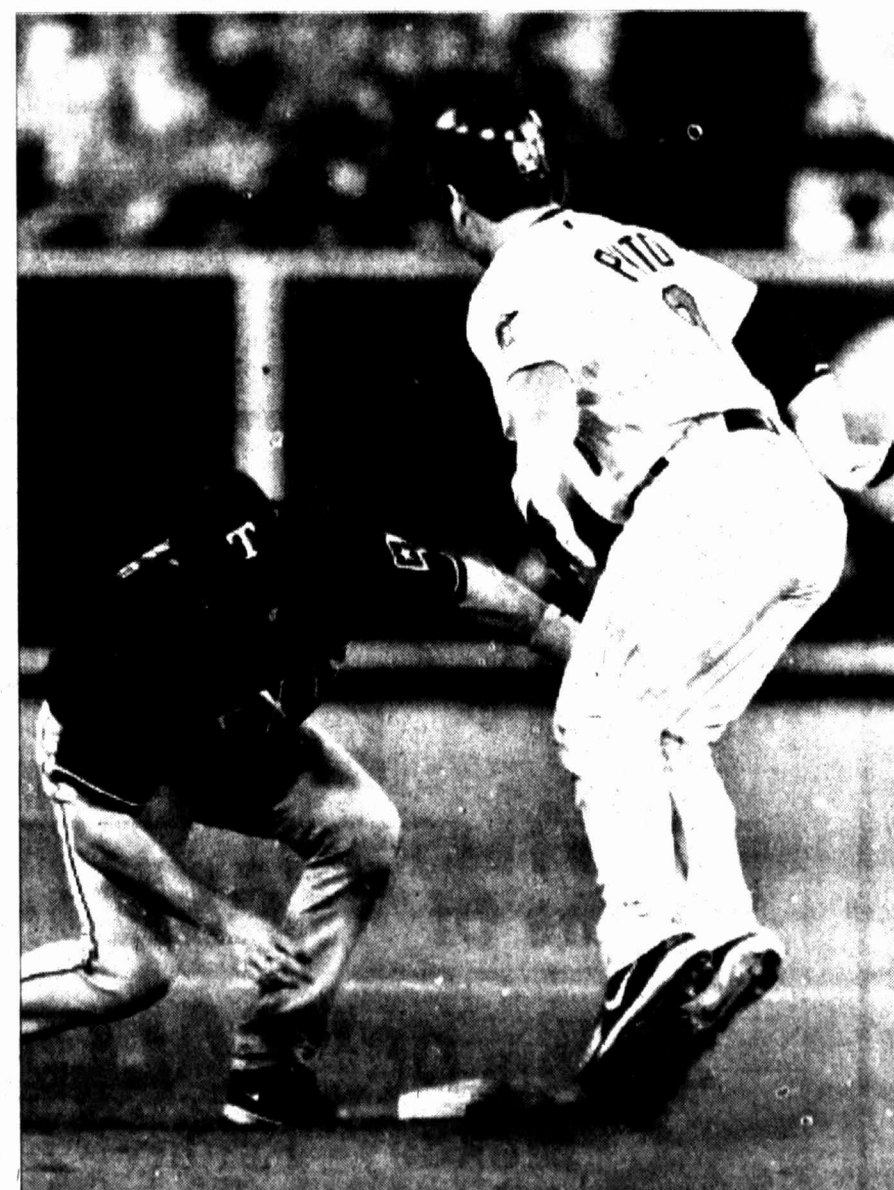
After missing Sunday's scheduled start because of stomach virus, Eaton allowed four hits, walked four and struck out four. C.J. Wilson and Scott Feldman finished the five-hitter, Texas' sixth shutout this year.

The Twins were blanked for the ninth time.

The closest Minnesota came to scoring against Eaton was a two-out triple by Joe Mauer in the first, but Michael Cuddyer hit a soft liner to first to end the inning.

"This is kind of what I was expecting in the first start, but I made it through the fourth inning this time," said Eaton, who lasted only 3 2-3 innings

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Minnesota's Nick Punto ends the third inning by getting caught while trying to steal second base. Texas Rangers shortstop Michael Young tags him out at the Metrodome in Minneapolis Tuesday.





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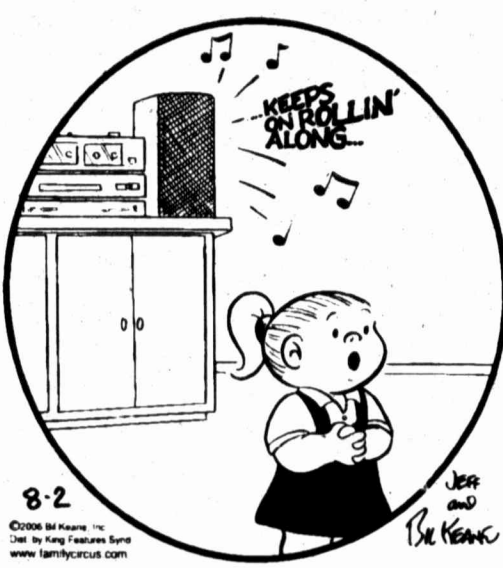
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Aug. 2, the 214th day of 2006. There are 151 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Aug. 2, 1776, members of the Continental Congress began attaching their signatures to the Declaration of Independence. On this date: In 1790, the enumeration for the first United States census began; the final total was 3,929,214. In 1873, inventor Andrew S. Hallidie successfully tested a cable car he had designed for the city of San Francisco. (Various references give the date of this event as Aug. 1, but more recent research points to Aug. 2.) In 1876, frontiersman "Wild Bill" Hickok was shot and killed while playing poker at a saloon in Deadwood, Dakota Territory. In 1923, the 29th president of the United States, Warren

G. Harding, died in San Francisco. In 1934, German President Paul von Hindenburg died, paving the way for Adolf Hitler's complete takeover. In 1939, Albert Einstein signed a letter to President Roosevelt urging creation of an atomic weapons research program. In 1943, during World War II, Navy boat PT-109, commanded by Lt. John F. Kennedy, sank after being rammed by the Japanese destroyer Amagiri off the Solomon Islands. In 1964, the Pentagon reported the first of two attacks on U.S. destroyers by North Vietnamese torpedo boats in the Gulf of Tonkin. In 1986, attorney Roy M. Cohn died at Bethesda Naval Hospital of cardiac arrest and complications from AIDS. In 1990, Iraq invaded Kuwait, seizing control of the oil-rich emirate. (The Iraqis were later driven out in Operation Desert Storm.) Today's Birthdays: Former Sen. Paul Laxalt, R-Nev., is 84. Actor Peter O'Toole is 74. Country singer Hank Cochran is 71. Rock musician Garth Hudson (The

Band) is 69. Movie director Wes Craven is 67. Singer Kathy Lennon (The Lennon Sisters) is 63. Actor Max Wright is 63. Actress Joanna Cassidy is 61. Actress Kathryn Harrold is 56. Singer Andrew Gold is 55. Actor Butch Patrick ("The Munsters") is 53. Singer Mojo Nixon is 49. Actress Victoria Jackson is 47. Actress Apollonia is 47. Actress Cynthia Stevenson is 44. Actress Mary-Louise Parker is 42. Rock musician John Stanier is 38. Writer-actor-director Kevin Smith is 36. Actor Edward Furlong is 29. Rock musician Devon Glenn (Buckcherry) is 26. Actress Hallie Eisenberg is 14.

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The sun and Jupiter square off — and their fight is on the subject of money (how typical!). Jupiter enjoys a spending spree, and the Leo sun is puffed up with the kind of pride that knows all will be paid for in the end. With credit card purchases, if you're not prudent, "the end" might be 20 years from now! So, can you live without it? Likely.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). The stars show you getting your act together in new ways. If it seems you were teamed up with a toxic influence before, this is great news — now you know better how to choose a supportive team.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Oh, happy day! The experience of true joy is like riding a bicycle, you never forget how. Once you get over the tough part and give yourself permission to let go, the rest will be easy.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Your success secret now is your commitment to honesty. The planets align to help you see clearly what has happened thus far. By owning your part in a less-than-perfect situation, you take control of your life.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). The universe is talking to you — mostly about, of all things, saving the environment. Don't waste time feeling guilty about not doing

your part. Start small, whether it's remembering to recycle or carpooling once in a while.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). What do you do when a relationship is obviously more significant to the other person than it is to you? Sure, it indicates a degree of codependence, but you're so generous now, you may be flattered and leave it at that.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Positive thinking is proven to reduce health risks. You take it to the next level and figure out how to positively feel, do and be. Your immune system is singing your praises.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Powerful friends want your assistance. You may feel obligated, but bestow a favor only if you're genuinely moved to do so. Your integrity is more important than anything you would get from kissing up.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A mere interest could become something of an obsession! Use the inherent raw drive of your stars to forward your ambitions, instead of using it to become distracted by a new, delicious tangent.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You have no enemies. Try to see people as doing their best with the resources they have. You may be able to keep others to their word with gentle reminders.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're considered the go-to person. Spending your day helping what feels like the entirety of humanity is at times fulfilling and other times annoying. The stars suggest you do what you

can in five hours, and then stop.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). For once, you'd prefer not to have to adapt to the rest of the world. Good news — they'll adapt to you. Of course you're being unreasonable, but thank goodness for you. Progress is made by the unreasonable people.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). The omens suggest that you're in a situation in which many people want the same thing. A little competition is healthy, and too much is dangerous. Read the signals so you'll know when it's right to back off.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "My daughter is a Libra who's been bullied in school this last year and is now suffering from low self-esteem. She's convinced she's ugly (she's adorable), and I don't know how to get her to believe in herself."

It's devastating for any child to feel rejected by her peers, but it's particularly debilitating for a little Libra. Libras are so visual that it follows suit that your child compares her appearance to the appearance of the most unattainable standards of beauty perpetuated by media. She mistakes "different" for "inferior" and projects this belief onto her classmates, who reflect this negative self-image back to her. Libra, being the sign of partnership and balance, cannot bear to be ostracized. Point out to your daughter different individuals in the media who are considered great beauties because they don't look like everybody else. Stress originality in any

way you can, and make her understand that different does not mean ugly. Also, enrolling her in programs, clubs and organizations that challenge her considerable intellect will brighten her spirit and take her out of superficial concerns.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** She's beautiful, talented and even has an Oscar on her mantle, but

that doesn't mean South-African glamour-bomb Charlize Theron ever stops making challenging creative choices. From films like "Monster" and "North Country," Theron follows the roles that her heart tells her to take. The Lioness survives solely on pure instinct. She'll apply that instinct to her personal life this year.

In Sunday's Big Spring Herald



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Across America, in elementary schools through high schools, parents and grandparents are volunteering to help and the results show a direct link between parental involvement and a student's success. Plus, back-to-school basics and Pat's summer salad.



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