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STATE'S BEST!

Big Spring High School Cross Country team members are saluted during a "State March" through the halls of the school Tuesday. The team won the state University Interscholastic League Class 4A team championship Saturday in Round Rock. Coach Randy Britton is profiled on Page 1B.

Up for sale

Council to discuss Settles Hotel future

BY THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Bids and advertisements will take center stage during 'Thursday's meeting of the Big Spring City Council, as the group is expected to look at bids on the Settles Hotel and consider advertising for a full-time city attorney.

The council voted torequest bids on the historic Settles Hotel during a special meeting in October, opening the door for would-be investors and renovators.

Mayor Russ McEwen said the council is prepared to award a bid for sale during the meeting, but that certainly doesn't mean it's going to hap-

"Right now we haven't had any bids submitted," said McEwen Tuesday afternoon. "However, the request for bids doesn't



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the opportunity to find what interest expressed in the aging structure is real, and what is just talk.

"The thing we want to accomplish is to find out if there is any real interest out there," said McEwen. "There have been some people that have told us they might be interested, and this way we can find out if that interest is real, and

at what level it is." Any bids received are expected to be presented

end until the end of the See COUNCIL, Page 3A



HERALD photo/The Texas Senator Kel Seliger talks about school finance reform during a town hall meeting at the Hall Center for the Arts

Education, water focus for legislators

By THOMAS JENKINS

Education continues to be the dominating subject in the state capital, according to State Senator Kel Seliger, who held a town hall meeting at the Hall Center for the Arts on the Howard College campus Tuesday evening. Seliger said he's pleased with the progress the 79th Legislature — and the several special sessions made in public school finance reform.

"The Supreme Court said our method of funding public schools was unconstitutional," said Seliger. "So we went back and made that system constitutional and managed to lower that property tax to \$1.37 for those districts that were already at \$1.50. I feel like this year we'll go all the way down to \$1.

"A lot of what we talked

"The point of school is to teach and to learn. We're stopping teaching and we're stopping learning with TAKS, and that's a mistake."

-Sen. Kel Seliger

from school superintendents, and a lot of it came from your superintendent, who worked really hard and is single-mindedly dedicated to public school education for all of the kids in Texas.

"He (Michael Downes, Big Spring Independent School District superintendent) was a tremendous help to me and his fingerprints are on a lot of things we've been able to do with public schools,

about in the session came See SELIGER, Page 3A

CISD trustees to canvass results of bond election

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

COAHOMA - The euphoriahasn't quite passed, but the reality of renovation and construction projects at the Coahoma school district is beginning to settle in.

School trustees will take the first steps toward turning construction plans into actual pro-

jects when they hold their regu- 20 classrooms — two wings at and band hall will be renovatlar meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday the campus — to be razed and ed. in the administration building replaced and board room.

CISD voters passed a \$13.9 million bond issue earlier this month, giving the green light to a variety of construction and renovation projects at the various district venues.

The various projects include:

library/media center to be constructed. The agriculture shop also will be renovated.

Renovation of the building's heating, ventilation, plumbing and air conditioning systems also is scheduled. In addition, a new field house will be con-• High School — Plans call for structed and the auditorium upgrades to the plumbing, elec-

• Junior High School — Projects there include improvements to the fire alarm and other safety systems, electrical upgrades, new heating and air conditioning and complete bathroom renovations.

• Elementary — Installation of a sprinkler system, plus

trical and heating systems.

 Administration building — This structure will be enlarged to house the district's technolodepartment, currently housed in the old primary school building. That building will be demolished.

In addition, tennis courts and parking spaces would be con-

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HIDALGO (AP) - Federal Customs and

Tuesday evening.

Border Patrol agents arrested a man at a Texas border checkpoint after they said they found nearly seven pounds of cocaine in his two electric guitars.

Heriberto Quinones-Juarez, 25, a Mexican citizen who lives in Minnetonka, Minn., was arrested Monday.

Quinones-Juarez's baggage was examined at a border crossing in Hidalgo after he took a taxi from Mexico. An X-ray showed something unusual in the hollowed-out bodies of the guitars.

Investigators say each guitar contained a package of cocaine. They valued the cocaine at \$218,000.

ANGELFOOD PICKUP DAY

Angelfood pickup day is Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 2702 N. Birdwell. Angel Food Ministries is a non-profit,

non-denominational organization dedicated to providing grocery relief to communities throughout the United States. Locally, the program is operated through North Birdwell United Methodist Church.

December orders can also be placed at this time. Orders will also be taken nov. 25 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Westside Community Center and Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at North Birdwell United Methodist Church.

For more information, call Madeline Boadle at 267-2203.

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

StarTek, 501 Birdwell Lane Suite 30, will host a Business After Hours program from 4:30 p.m. until 6 p.m. Thursday.

Business After Hours is a community program sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce specifically designed to encourage networking and to showcase sponsors.

Door prizes will be awarded; refreshments will be available.

There is no charge to attend. Those attending are invited to tour the facilities.

Mae Bell Johnson



Mae Bell Johnson, 80, of Big Spring, died Saturday, Nov. 11, 2006, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17, 2006, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Kenneth Weatherspoon, officiating. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18 at Long Branch Cemetery in Marlin with the Rev. F. A. Green, officiating.

She was born on Nov. 28, 1925, in Marlin and married Joe B. Johnson on Oct. 12, 1942, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death Feb. 23, 1986. Mrs. Johnson came to Big Spring in 1966 from Marlin. She worked as a cook at Big Spring Care Center for 20 years. She attended Mt. Bethel Baptist Church.

Survivors include four daughters and sons-in-law, Carolyn and Larry Newton, Edna and Bufus Cannon, all of San Angelo, Betty and Arthur Gibbs of Big Spring, and Gladas Johnson and Carl Brown of Grand Prairie; four sons and one daughter-in-law, Tommie Johnson, Elvis Johnson, Dwayne and Elisha Johnson, all of San Angelo, and Ray Johnson of Grand Prairie: four sisters, Shirley Parker of Big Spring, Igentry Bradley, Georgia Jones, and Ruth Knecht, all of Midland; two brothers, Charles Moore of Midland and Robert Jackson of Canada; 50 grandchildren and a host of great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lonzra and Rosie Lee Jackson Hunter; two sons, Joe Bailey Johnson Jr. and Charles Edwards Johnson; and two daughters, Bertha Hudson, and Mary Jane Johnson.

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

Edna Lancaster

Edna Lancaster, 85, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2006, in New Smyrna Beach, Fla. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, 2006, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park, Big Spring.

The family will receive friends Saturday at 9 a.m. prior to the service.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory, Big Spring.

Dessa Mae Clark

Dessa Mae Clark, 88, of Pasadena died Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2006, in a Pasadena nursing home. Funeral services will be held Monday. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory, Big Spring.

Chuck Landers

Chuck Landers, 35, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2006, at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

William Hull

William "Willie" Hull, 74, of Garden City died Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2006, at the Stanton Nursing Home. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

WEDNESDAY

* RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at 264-1213 for more information.

Support Groups

• Dual Recovery Anonymous (DRA), 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Howard County Library Basement Community Room. DRA is a 12-step meeting for those who have a desire to stop drinking and/or using drugs and also have a mental or emotional illness.

Take Note

• THERE WILL BE A MEETING THURSDAY at the Howard County Library's basement meeting room. Those attending will be discussing the Big Spring city charter and the need to bring Big Spring facilities up to ADA codes. The public is invited to attend.

For more information, call Cy or Kathy Barg at 264-

- ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH WILL HOLD A BAKE SALE from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the church, 810 Scurry. All proceeds will go to the Howard County Bible Class Fund. Among the items will be pies, cakes, cookies, bread and jam. Also available will be cookbooks for \$10 each.
- BIG SPRING SCIENCE FAIR IS RAPIDLY **APPROACHING** and students are being requested to submit their entry forms to their science teachers. Since there is always a bit of confusion concerning the required paperwork to be submitted, the school district will conduct a special "Parent's Night" to go over details and answer questions. Big Spring Science Fair Parent's Night will be at 6 p.m. Monday, Nov. 20, in the Big Spring Junior High School cafeteria.
- · A LOCAL FOUR WHEEL DRIVE CLUB IS FORMING NOW. All makes and models will be welcome. We are planning fun for the whole family while enjoying the outdoors and visiting trails both near and far. For more information contact Jimmy Hobdy at (432) 935-2351 or Donny Booth at 816-9748.
- DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES will be giving flu shots Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Cost is \$10 or no charge if you bring your Medicad or Medicare card. Flu shots will be offered to everyone. For more information, call 432-263-9775.

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- DAV AUXILIARY WILL HAVE A SILENT AUC-TION Dec. 1 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Big Spring Mall. Proceeds will be used to provide Christmas for the fifth floor at the VA Medical Center.
- · A MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR ESTHER LOPEZ has been established at Howard College by J.O. and Annabel Barker. To make a contribution, contact Jan Foresyth at 264-5051.
- THE POWWOW COMMITTEE OF BIG SPRING is planning its 2007 Powwow and is in need of new members and volunteers. Anyone interested in Native American dancing or just interested in helping to bring an exciting weekend event to Big Spring is encouraged to contact Robert Downing at 263-3255 or Randy McKinney at 267-4843.
- CHRIST COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP IS COL-LECTING INFANT CAR SEATS AND CARRIERS. These are given to new mothers who cannot afford them. To donate your old or new car seats and carriers, call Karen Allen at 263-3517 or leave a message at Christ Community Fellowship, 263-love. All donations are appreciated.
- 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 Nancy Koger at 267-7809.
- NEW LIFE MINISTRIES Church of God In Christ is holding a soup kitchen every second and fourth Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 204 N.W. 10th. The meal is free.

Call 264-0771 for more information.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Tuesday and 7 a.m. today:

- THEFT was reported:
- in the 600 block of Nolan. - in the 100 block of Runnels.
- in the 1200 block of 11th Place.
- in the 700 block of Interstate Highway 20.
- CRIMINAL **TRESPASS** HABITATION/SHELTER CENTER was reported in the 100 block of 13th Street.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported:
- in the 3600 block of Hamilton.
- in the 100 block of 16th Street.

Sheriff's report

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 52 inmates at the time of this report. · MICHAEL VELINDA ROBERTSON, 24, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of violation of parole.

 ALISHA NICOLE THOMPSON, 27, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a warrant from the attorney general's office for child support.

· JOSEPH MICHAEL COOK, 27, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of theft of services. · GERARDO COVARRUBIAS, 24, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of stalking.

 JASON HUBER MERWORTH, 27, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of Class C assault family violence.

• LEANNE SMITH, 22, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency

TRAUMA was reported in the 1700 block of Main

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· MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of South

Medical Services reported the following activity:

Nolan. One person was transported to the VAMC.

Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

Donley. Service was refused.

Bulletin Board

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

TODAY • Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in

the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third St.

THURSDAY

 Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant. · Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in Gale's Sweet

Shoppe. · Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-

· Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association meets at 5:30 p.m. in the RSVP office at 501 Runnels. · American Legion Post 506 meets at 6 p.m. Call 263-2084 for more information.

• Rackley-Swords 379, Vietnam Veterans of America meets at 7 p.m. in the Sparenburg Building, **309** S. Main St.

• Big Spring Masonic Lodge No. 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

· Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until about 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.

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

the Big Spring Country Club. Spring City Senior Citizens Center country and

western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area seniors are invited.

MONDAY

• The Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Association will meet in the Cactus Room at Howard College. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.

 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. in the First Christian Church of Big Spring, 911 Goliad. A different program is offered every week. Enter through the south side door off 10th Street. Call 263-2786 for more information.

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

Weather

Tonight-Mostly clear. Colder. Lows in the upper 20s. Northwest winds 10 to 15 mph in the evening becoming light and variable. ecoming light and variable.

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Friday—Sunny. Highs in the upper 60s. West winds 10 to 15 mph shifting to the north in the afternoon. Friday night—Clear. Lows in the upper 30s.

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Sunday—Mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s. Sunday night—Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s. Monday—Sunny. Highs in the mid 60s. Monday night—Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s. Tuesday—Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s.

A single ticket has won the grand prize from the latest Mega Millions lotto drawing.

Lottery officials said the winning ticket from Tuesday night's drawing — worth \$75 million — was sold in Canton, Mich., west of Detroit.

In addition to the grand prize winner, six players matched all five numbers but not the Mega Ball number. They will receive second prizes of \$250,000 each. The winning numbers from Tuesday night's drawing

were: 9, 20, 24, 25 and 36. The Mega Ball number was

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 1-3-8-14-23. Number matching five of five: 2. Prize per winner: \$13,887. Winning tickets sold in: Houston, Malakoff. Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-0-9

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Winter coats needed for state hospital

Special to the Herald

Spring State Hospital employees are collecting winter coats for hospital patients.

"Many patients arrive at the hospital with one set of clothing - the clothing they are wearing when they get here," said Mique Yarbar, hospital Education Patient Coordinator.

"We depend on clothing donations from the com-

munity to keep our patients in appropriate clothing for changing weather conditions," she said.

Patients spend a great deal of time outdoors walking to classes, doctor appointments or campus activities and sitting outside in their dormitory courtvards.

"Coats are a huge need in the winter, especially men's coats and larger sizes" Yarbar said.

"We're looking at selling the bonds around early January," he said. "Right now, we figure it will be around early June before actual construc-

Johnson likens this period to the figurative

"We're all still very excited about the election results, but things will calm down a bit while we're getting the final plans ready," Johnson

Allan Wolf of the architectural consulting firm of Parkhill, Smith and

Coats and light jackets should be in good condition, clean and free of stains and holes.

Take them to the hospital's Community Relations office (take the first left when entering from the south entrance).

The donations are taxdeductible and forms can be obtained from the hos-Community Relations office. For more information, call Amy Perez at 268-7414.

Cooper — which has been refining renovation plans for more than a year will meet with trustees to discuss further refinements.

Also at Thursday's meeting, trustees will consider selling attendance credits to either Stockton Fort Sanderson school districts. Also, they will discuss the district's audit.

Contact Staff Writer Steve at 263-7331, ext. 234, by e-mail reporter@bigspringherald.com.

COUNCIL

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to the council by City Attorney Jean Shotts. who's position will be the focus of another agenda item.

The council is expected to grant permission for the city to advertise for a full-time city attorney position.

According to McEwen. the advertisement was requested by the council during budget session in an attempt to see if there is room for improvement in the position.

"I want to make it very clear that this is not due to dissatisfaction with the job being done by Mr. Shotts," McEwen said firmly. "During budget session the council discussed whether or not we would be better off with a full-time city attorney. Mr. Shotts contracts with the city and works here a couple of days a week.

"We may very well be in the perfect situation right now with our contract with Mr. Shotts. However, we want to see what's out there. It's all just part of the evaluation process."

Also during the meeting, the council is expected to canvas the results of the recent bond election, which yielded approval for a pair of multi-million dollar projects.

Big Spring citizens voted in favor of a \$5 million upgrade to the Roy Anderson sports complex. They also approved more than \$9 million in improvements to downtown streets.

Proposition 2, \$5.08 million for improvements to youth sports facilities, didn't pass overwhelmingly - just 2,125 for to 1,891 against. But the \$9.2 million for improvements to streets and roadways was approved by a margin of 2,614 votes to 1,420.

Proposition 1 will allow reconstruction of Scurry and Main streets from First Street north to near FM 700 and the reworking of First and Second streets in the downtown area, to include sidewalks and period lighting.

Also on the agenda is discussion pertaining to the possible termination of the city's animal con-

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trol board.

The council voted during its Oct. 10 meeting to table the discussion on whether or not the city's animal control board should be continued, a subject McEwen brought up during the council's previous meeting.

"I'm expecting this matter will be tabled once again," said McEwen.

The meeting is slated for 5:30 p.m. Thursday in City Council the Chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth Street.

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MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

Pedro A. "Pete' Carrillo, died Saturday. Funeral Mass will be at 10:30 AM Wednesday Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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'So where are we going to come up with the money? The answer is we're going to have to do something with the franchise tax in the state of Texas that has long since outlived its usefulness." said Seliger. "And it was never that useful because it was a voluntary tax... between Somewhere 50,000 and 250,000 new corporate entities will be in this tax system (at the end of 2007) that were not in the franchise tax, and that's a very broad base, but the tax system has to be broad-based. It has to be fair and it has to be

"The point is we're setting tax laws and one of the most important things we can do is to ensure the pro-business and business is enhanced by tax policy, not hindered by it (and) that people want to build businesses and need, for their business purposes, to build them here. There's a reason for the last couple of years that site location magazines has named Texas the best place to move businesses in the United States, and tax policy is one of those reasons.

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Going into the 80th Legislature, Seliger said the most important thing on the minds of the men and women that represent Texans will most certainly be water.

"Make no mistake, we

will deal with nothing more important than water for the entire time the Texas Legislature meets," said Seliger. "Because without it, you can't live. Our cities are not supportable, our businesses are not supportable and it (water) is essential. There are a lot of things going on with water, both potentially good and bad, depending on whether we do a good job. I'm bound and determined that we will do a good job.

"I'm a big proponent of ground water conservation districts. For some of us, that conservation strategy is absolutely essential, Those districts will determine how much water we've got, how much we're using right now and using any that we conserve that water so that everybody in Texas can live, work and farm where they live today because they have adequate water to do it."

Another issue Seliger said he expects to see come before the legislature is the statewide TAKS (Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills)

"I'd like to throw the TAKS test out," said Seliger. "And we can achieve all those goals with an end-of-course exam. A test that is given on what is being taught today. Now, is it a test of

algebra? No. Does it test that minimum standard of accomplishment that we can safely say that this young person should go on to the 11th grade? I think it does. I think it can be done from a recommended curriculum. It can meet all the requirements Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills and it can meet the requirements of the federal No Child Left Behind.

"We're open minded in Austin and I think we're going to do away with the TAKS test and use end-ofcourse exams. Now, are we going to replace the TAKS test with another high stakes test? I think that would be a huge mistake. The point of school is to teach and to learn. We're stopping teaching and we're stopping learnto use, and how to ensure ing with TAKS, and that's

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OUR VIEWS

We'll see you Thursday at 'After Hours'

usiness After Hours is a chamber-sponsored program that brings together local merchants several times a year and one of those times arrives Thursday afternoon. We think it is a worthwhile activity that allows the business community to meet, get to know each other and share ideas.

The general public is invited as well, and for them, it's an opportunity to get to know more about a local business. There will food and door prizes, and organizers encourage everyone to bring a friend.

Thursday's Business After Hours will be held from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. at StarTek, located at 501 Birdwell Lane, Suite 30.

As always, this Business After Hours will be an informal, come-and-go event. There are no programs; however, a ribbon cutting is scheduled for 5 p.m. Otherwise, it is simply a time to get acquainted, so come by and have refreshments with us.

We encourage you to drop by StarTek and have refreshments with us. Bring a guest and your business cards. Sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, it's a good opportunity get to know other merchants and learn more about the businesses themselves.

We'll see you there.

Your Views

TO THE EDITOR:

I had the privilege to work at our home football games this year and I worked the Goliad section. The kids there were great kids, very well behaved. When the band would play a certain song, some of them would stand up and do a cute dance.

I worked with Ben and Angelica and they're two great people and I thank them for letting me be there with them.

Parents, I just wanted you to know that your kids were great to be around. And kids, you know who you are because Friday night you told me your names to mention in the paper but I have forgotten your names. Thanks kids for great memories. I had a ball with all of you.

> MARILLYN MIEARS **BIG SPRING**

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by K. Rae Anderson

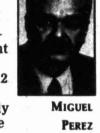
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Immigration card was a loser

hey are the hardest-working people in America, and the biggest winners in last Tuesday's midterm elec-

No. it's not the Democrats. The biggest winners were the people who couldn't vote — illegal immigrants!

Thanks to the election "thumping" received by Republicans - especially those who specialized in immigrant bashing — a path to legalization for the 12 million immigrants who are here illegally is now more possible than ever before.



If there is a lesson politicians should learn from this election, it is that playing the immigration card doesn't yield election dividends.

Many politicians, mostly Republicans, gambled that a gettough stance on illegal immigration would win votes.

Some Republicans actually thought that bashing on immigrants was the way to limit their losses or even retain control of Congress. They were wrong!

And partly as a result of their cruelty against immigrants, they were sent packing, not just by Latino voters who voted overwhelmingly Democratic, but by many other Americans who are tired of seeing the way immigrants have been scapegoated by Republicans seeking reelection.

Some Democrats who support compassionate immigration reform actually refrained from talking about it as they campaigned. They feared alienating voters who are truly concerned about illegal immigration.

But some Republicans who boasted about their intolerance are the ones who did the alienating. Just look at the lineup of losers:

 Minuteman Project member Randy Graf, a single-issue extremist who lost his race for Congress in an Arizona district that lies along the U.S.-Mexico border. In a prophetic statement, Graf had pred cted that if hard-liners couldn't win the immigration debate in that district, "the argument can be made that it can't be won any-

where in the country." · Rep. J.D. Hayworth, the sixterm Arizona Republican who refused to vote for some of the most draconian measures in Congress because he felt they didn't go far enough. In his book, "Whatever It Takes: Illegal Immigration, Border Security and the War on Terror," he proposed a ban even on legal immigration

from Mexico. · Sen. Rick Santorum, the Pennsylvania Republican who criticized his opponent for supporting the comprehensive reform bill that was passed by the Senate in May. He was defeated by 18 points the biggest loss by any Senate incumbent.

• Rep. John Hostettler, the Indiana Republican who chaired the House Immigration Subcommittee and led the ill-fated efforts to classify 12 million illegal immigrants as felons.

 Rep. Bob Beauprez, the Colorado Republican who gave up his seat to run for governor and predicted that illegal immigration would prove to be his opponent's "Achilles' heel." In fact, it was his

• Rick O'Donnell, the Republican who sought to fill Beauprez's open seat by making illegal immigration the central issue in his campaign.

And there are many other Republicans who played the immigration card and lost: Katherine Harris in Florida; Tom Kean Jr. in New Jersey; Jan Ting in Delaware; Len Munsil in Arizona. The list goes on.

Many of these races occurred in agricultural areas where the economy is heavily dependent on illegal immigrants and where a guestworker program and legalization for those who are already working the fields makes a lot of sense to voters.

Of course, in some of these areas, the Latino vote also had a lot to do with the downfall of mean-spirited Republicans.

Nationwide, according to the poll, more than 70 percent of Latinos voted for Democrats. It means that the GOP lost all the gains President Bush managed to make among Latino voters in the last two presidential elections — a well-deserved backlash for the last two years of xenophobic venom spewed by Republicans in Congress.

Of course, immigration wasn't the only issue that determined the fate of these losers. In some cases, the war in Iraq and other issues also contributed to their demise.

But if you think immigration had nothing to do with it, you're wrong. In Hostettler's case, for example, you have a rare Republican who voted against authorizing the Iraq war and still got trounced. Can he claim immigration had nothing to do with his loss?

Before Nov. 7, the debate was between Bush's moderate guestworker immigration proposals, and his fellow conservative Republicans who wanted tougher, enforcement-only measures. But after Election Day, the debate will be between Bush and much more liberal legalization measures.

As predicted in this column, the Republicans pushed so far to the right that they fell off the political spectrum. And I love to say it: I told you so!

But now the burden is on Democrats. After taking control of the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives, they have no excuse to delay from practicing the compassion they have been preaching.

They should now be held accountable for introducing comprehensive legislation to vanish future illegal immigration and secure the borders while giving illegal immigrants who are already here an opportunity to legalize their status.

Even President Bush has already expressed optimism that with the new, Democratic-controlled Congress he can do something he couldn't do with his fellow Republicans — find common ground on immigration reform.

If Democrats renege on this opportunity, they will also pay a high price, especially among Latino voters. If they avoid reforms because they don't want to give Bush anything that resembles an accomplishment, that immigration card will also be an 12 loser in 2008.

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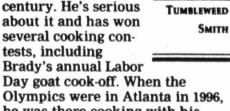
Texas has an official state vehicle

Ferry Baird of Snyder has a chuck wagon. "It's an old one I found up in Dickens County," says Jerry.

"I found it in a barn about 30 years ago. It's about a hundred years old. It's an original old wagon that has got a lot of character over the years

from this West Texas wind. You can drive it down the road. It's hung in there and made the journey with me.'

Jerry has done chuck wagon cooking for the last quarter century. He's serious about it and has won several cooking contests, including



Day goat cook-off. When the Olympics were in Atlanta in 1996. he was there cooking with his wagon. "I couldn't do that again because

of security. Last year he cooked for the gov-

ernor and the state senate. He says it was the first time a chuck wagon had been allowed on the capitol grounds. 'You know chuck wagons nearly

totally disappeared. There were very few left in Texas, so about 10 years ago we started an organization called The American Chuck Wagon Association. We had no idea it would grow like it's grown. There are 146 wagons registered now in the association. They are put in archives at Texas Tech, which gives them a history that will be there forever. We decided to work on making the chuck wagon the official vehicle of Texas."

Jerry and other chuck wagon owners enlisted the assistance of Sen. Kel Seliger and others who

thought the proposal had merit. "The Texas Senate last year, in spite of not being able to do some things, passed legislation to make it official. Of course we had to testify and go through everything imaginable to make it happen, but the chuck wagon is now the official vehicle of the state of Texas. It's just like the bluebonnet is the state flower and the mocking bird is the state bird. It has its prominent place in history now.

Jerry says most of the chuck wagons registered are in Texas but the association is exploding in other states, especially California.

"People are taking these old wagons and fixing them up. They're absolutely gorgeous. They're spending a lot of money on them, you know. They spit shine and polish them up real good. They take them to cook-offs all over Texas. Those are pretty challenging. You have to cook five things bread, meat, beans, potatoes and dessert. It's hard to keep from burning something."

Last year Jerry's wagon received the Will Rogers' Wagon of the Year award from the annual western artist academy awards event held in Fort Worth. Jerry usually hauls his chuck wagon from place to place on a trailer, but when he's working on a ranch he uses a team of horses to pull it.

BIG SPRING HERA

Wednesday, Nov

By MICHAEL GRANBE The Dallas Morning

DALLAS - Ja Amerasekera is a cute 10-year-old ki loves to paint, ac play tennis. But Ja is different from kids. She has diabetes.

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Happy 8th Birthday (Smokey)

Your Family

Kids with diabetes test families' fortitude

By MICHAEL GRANBERRY

The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS - Jasmine Amerasekera is a supercute 10-year-old kid. She loves to paint, act and play tennis. But Jasmine is different from most

She has diabetes.

She received the diagnosis eight years ago, just before her third birthday. Life changed radically overnight for her and her parents, who live in Dallas. Jasmine is their only child.

From the moment a croupy cough and virus unveiled the onset of type 1 diabetes, Jasmine has had to cope with a harsher reality than most of her

peers. Even so, she is hardly alone. Diabetes is one of the most common chronic diseases in school-age children. About 176,500 people in the United States younger than 20 have diabetes. About 1 in every 400 to 600 has type 1 diabetes, which afflicts an additional 13,000 children every year, according to the most recent figures the American Diabetes Association.

For children with diabetes, and for the mothers and fathers who care for them, it's never an easy road.

"It's a huge adjustment," Anoma says Amerasekera, Jasmine's mom, who had

to undergo a crash course in how to care for a diabetic child. For a big part of coping

with juvenile diabetes is simply grasping the fact that your child has it. Ms. Amerasekera was surprised, even astonished, by Jasmine's diagnosis, since no immediate family members had ever been diabetic.

On a night shortly before her third birthday. Jasmine's cough and cold were soon followed by lethargy, frequent urination and extreme thirst. Once she arrived at the hospital, tests showed she was severely dehydrated, with a soaring blood sugar level.

Amerasekera began giving her daughter a minimum of three injections a day and pricking her finger for blood as many as eight times a day, to check her blood sugar. That way, she could determine how much insulin she needed to inject.

And that, she says, was the easy part. The harder task was "the food part," forcing her to become a nutritional genie almost overnight, measuring every morsel of food her daughter consumed, to determine carbohydrate content and the necessary dosage of insulin.

She would inject her daughter in the arm, the buttocks and the thigh. She used two different types of insulin, one fastacting, the other covering the whole day.

"Obviously, I didn't like giving the shots," says Ms. Amerasekera, "but you have to do it. You don't have a choice. She was obviously very upset.

All she knew was that these two people who loved her were giving her

But the nutritional balancing act was far more vexing and time-consum-

ing.
"It wasn't that she couldn't eat most things,' her mother says. "It was that she had to eat certain amounts at certain times. You would give her a shot based on the amount you thought she'd be eating 20 minutes later. So, 20 minutes would come around and she might say, 'I'm not hungry.

'That didn't work, because you had already based the amount of insulin she needed on the food she was supposed to eat. You simply had no choice. She had to eat what was put in front of her. For a child so young. that was almost impossible to understand."

Shannon Penn, 35, of Wylie, now finds herself coping with the same routine. She's the mother of 21-month-old Samuel Penn, recently given a diagnosis of type 1 diabetes. Sam's father, Deck Penn, 33, knows the drill. He and his brother have been diabetic since childhood.

Although type 1 diabetes can strike anytime between infancy and age 30, "you don't typically hear of that many kids being diagnosed as young as Sam," says Ms. Penn, also the mother of 5-yearold Joseph, who does not have diabetes.

"It's been very difficult having it happen to a baby," says Ms. Penn. "You can't explain things to them. You can't explain to him why he's frustrated when he wants to eat something right then and there, and he just can't have it right then



Joseph Penn, 5, Shannon Penn, Deck Penn, and Samuel Penn, 20 months old, at their home in Wylie. Sam has diabetes.

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Sam gets his first injection at breakfast. He then has a midmorning snack that requires his mom to carefully count carbohydrates and prick his finger for blood.

"If his blood sugar is high at lunch," she says, "I have to give him another shot."

She checks him again in the afternoon. He usually has three shots a day, unless his blood sugar is high at lunch; then he has four. He usually undergoes six to eight finger sticks a day to determine blood sugar.

It agonizes his mom to have to stick him that many times, but Sam, she says, has been surprisingly good.

Ms. Penn checks Sam at 11 p.m. and - this is the tough part - in the middle of the night. She and her husband alternate the 3 a.m. routine, which is never easy. Having to draw blood from a sleep ing child is one thing, but Mom in particular finds it

In Sunday's
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Tasty turkey leftovers

It seems Thanksgiving always demands a big

what to do with the leftovers. Say farewell to

dull leftovers with these tasty, easy-to-make

dishes for the weekend. Plus, crafting wooden

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turkey. But then there is the problem of

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hard to fall asleep once in one important respect. she's awake.

The Penns recently learned that they are expecting their third boy in March.

"My concern about the new baby would be the same as having my 5year-old diagnosed with diabetes," says Ms. Penn, "because lots of things can happen to your kids. We're happy that this is manageable, and my husband having the disease makes it easier to know what to do."

Jasmine and her family know a nighttime routine well. In the middle of each night - 2:30 a.m. in their case - one parent awakens to check on Jasmine, pricking her finger to check her blood sugar. If her levels are low, they give her glucose tablets to raise it. If it's high, they give her insulin. And if all is fine, they go back to bed.

Jasmine is, however, wastly different from Sam

Life has been made so much easier by the insulin pump enclosed in a tiny pouch around her waist. It contains a miniature computer, into which she enters data, such as the carbohydrate content of the food she's about to eat and her most recent

blood sugar reading. For example, on a recent afternoon, she comes home from a round of tennis and wants a snack - an apple and peanut butter. She enters 25 grams into the 2-inch computer - 20 for the apple, 5 for the peanut butter, plus her bloodsugar reading of 89, taken from her finger moments before.

The computer automatically tells the pump how much insulin to inject, and voila! It's done. She changes the catheter that's inserted into her body every three days, but it's so much easier

self an injection several times a day.

Ms. Amerasekera is a volunteer at Children's Medical Center Dallas. where she sees all types of people who find themselves confronted with the grim news that they, too, are suddenly the parents of a diabetic child.

"It's a huge challenge," she says, "and all parents of newly diagnosed children of type 1 diabetes find it extremely scary. They're overwhelmed and scared. The frustration comes later. But they all face the same challenges."

It helps when children have stay-at-home moms. For them, such a term is a cruel misnomer. Taking care of a child with diabetes is the equivalent of a full-time job.

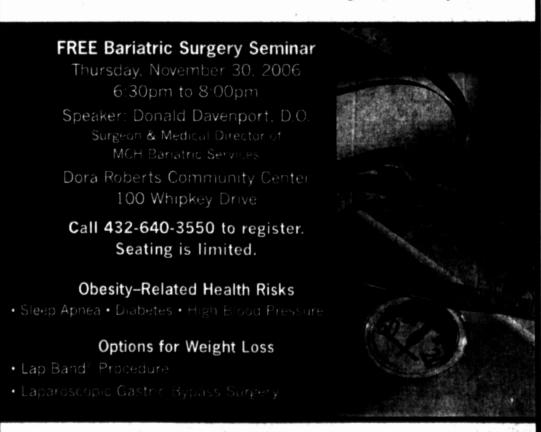
Ms. Amerasekera has spent years educating teachers at her daughter's school about potential pitfalls, such as midday snacks. When it comes to such things as birthday parties, which usually mean ice cream and cake. her efforts at educating

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Why not check this out? At the library

McNaughton books have been received and quite a few had already been reserved by patrons. The new Robert B. Parker is in. "Million Dollar Baby" has a character that was in two earlier books: "Ceremony" written in 1982 and "Taming a Sea-Horse" in 1986. April Kyle was a teenage runaway who turned to life on the streets in "Ceremony" and had further adventures in "Taming a Sea-Horse." story from the land of When she walks into Xanth, Spencer's office, she is "Stork Naked." seeking his assistance in her professional life. However, all is not what it seems and it will take both Spenser and Hawk

to clean it up. Stephen King's book, "Lisey's Story," is a disturbing and sorrowful love story set in rural Maine. Lisey's husband. Pulitzer Prize-winning author Scott Landon, has been dead for two years at the book's start, but his presence is felt on every page. If you are a King fan, you may find this one hard to read and comprehend. There is a lot of "family" language used — terms that Lisey and Scott used to communicate with each other and it can get rather wearing. But if you are a King fan, do check this Other McNaughton

books are Joyce Carol Oates' "Black Girl White Girl" (excellent reviews);

"S.H.A.P.E. Finding and **Fullfilling** Your Unique **Purpose for** Life" (248.4 R) by Erik Rees; and **Piers** Anthony's newest

HOLLIS **McCright**

New Books on CD have arrived and are ready to check out. "All Mortal Flesh" is a mystery starring Russ Van Alstyne and Claire Fergusson and is written by Julia Spencer-Fleming. Russ is a chief of police in a small town, out of love with his wife and in love with the Rev. Claire Fergusson. When his wife is brutally murdered, the obvious suspect is Russ. Old secrets are revealed, friendships shrivel and evil waits for its chance.

The library has the hardback edition of John LeCarre's latest thriller, "The Mission Song," and now we have the version on CD. Bruno Salvador is

an ever-innocent 29-yearold son of a Congolese woman and Irish priest. Bruno has been trained as a professional interpreter in minority African languages. This skill is very important to all the covert intelligence organizations. Dispatched to interpret a meeting between Western financiers and East Congolese warlords. Bruno's political conscience reawakes. How he handles this sensitive information is the thrust of the story.

While not a new LeCarre book, you might find "Absolute Friends" interesting also. This may be found on the Fiction shelves.

Another BOCD is John Katzenbach's "The Wrong Man." It is the story of what a family will do to protect a member from an obsessive predator. If you are in the market for a sweeping family saga, then listen to "After This" by Alice McDermott. It follows a working class family and their children through the 1950s and the turbulent 1960s and the changes that are wrought in their Catholic neighborhood on Long Island.

Some donated books on quilt making have just been processed and are on the shelves ready for

your creative touch. "Stack the Deck: Crazy Quilts in 4 Easy Steps" (746.460 ALE K) by Karla Alexander will enable you to transform a traditionally slow favorite into a fast and fun quilting adventure. You will start by stacking your fabric, slice them into different shapes and then shuffle the pieces into new patterns. There are a variety of sizes that you may choose. Paper piecing is another neat way of making intricate blocks. In Margaret Rolfe's "Go Wild with Quilts Again" (746.46 ROL M), you will find ten new bird and animal designs to incorporate into your quilts.

You have the blocks, now how do you finish it? Alex Anderson is the host of Simply Quilts on HGTV. In "Finish It with Alex Anderson" (746.46 AND A), you will find ideas on how to put the blocks together, choosing a border and options for edges. You may scallop it, use prairie points, appliqué a plain border the options are limitless.

If you are a relative newcomer to quilting, you may enjoy "The Quilting Sourcebook" (746.460 GOR M) by Maggi Gordon. She has chosen to showcase many

easy to follow patchwork and quilting patterns for the beginner and even perhaps for the more skilled quilter. Any one of these books have valuable information for the quilter.

Please mark your calendars: The library will close at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 22, for the Thanksgiving holiday. We will re-open on Monday, Nov. 27 at 9 am. For the Christmas holi-

day, the library will be

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and will re-open Wednesday, Dec. 27. For New Year's the library will be closed Dec. 30 and re-open Tuesday, Jan. 2. **Howard County Library**

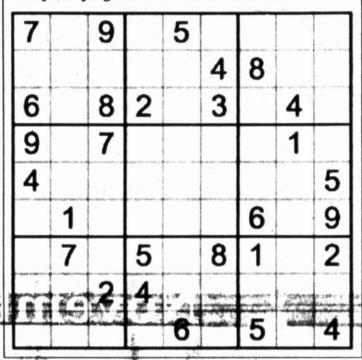
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Such events as sleepovers and campouts also require vigilance on the part of everyone in Jasmine's circle, including friends as well as their parents.

Jasmine's father, Ajith Amerasekera, 46, who works at Texas Instruments, says he and his wife have had to become hyper-vigilant in taking care of their daughter, who left the hospital eight years ago today to begin her life as a diabetic child.

But taking care of a diabetic child has forged a bond that might not otherwise be there.

"It's brought us a lot closer," says Mr. Amerasekera. "We feel a much deeper connection with Jasmine and her day-to-day life. I wouldn't wish this on anyone, but if it does happen, you have to make the best of

it. You have ... no other choice."

Guidelines for fami-

First, be alert to the symptoms of diabetes. If one or more of the following present themselves in a child, see a physician as soon as possible: frequent urination, excessive thirst, extreme hunger, unusual weight loss, increased fatigue, irritability or blurry vision.

If a child is diagnosed with diabetes, treatment must begin as soon as possible. Preschoolers are often frightened by finger sticks and insulin shots. But they're a necessity. It can help for parents to say, "Yes, I know it hurts" and "You're being very brave." Stickers and rewards help encourage a child to have a finger stick or shot. Use positive reinforcements rather than scolding or threats of punishment.

Don't inject too close to

moles or scars. Talk to your doctor or a diabetes educator about the best options.

Some tips

If you inject in the arm, use only the outer back area of the upper arm (where the most fat is). Otherwise, you run the risk of injecting into a muscle (ouch!).

If you inject in the thigh, stick to the top and the outside area. Stay away from the inner thigh; chafing can make the injection site sore.

If you inject in the stomach, don't do it too near the belly button. The tismakes the insulin absort-

You deserve a factual look at . . . "Land for Peace" (II)

Should the "West Bank," should the Golan be yielded?

In an earlier one of our hasbarah (educating and clarifying) messages, following Israel's ill-advised transfer of the vast Sinai to Egypt, we explained the folly of the belief that "Land for Peace" could bring about peace in the Middle East. Since then, Israel has given up further pieces of its small land, hoping that it would bring about peace. All these gifts of the Israeli patrimony to its sworn enemies have been in vain.

"The only way to peace in this

turbulent area is for the Arabs to

at all, will take a very long time."

What are the facts?

Land for Peace: a dismal failure. In 1977, in exchange for peace and normalization of relationship with its neighbor, Israel returned the vast Sinai Peninsula to Egypt. In retrospect, it is clear that this decision was one of the worst mistakes that Israel ever committed. The peace with Egypt is the coldest imaginable and it is likely to be rescinded if, as seems possible and even likely, a

new government, similar to that of Iran, would take over in Egypt. Always hoping against hope,

it had established in southern and mind. And that, if it is to happen Lebanon, where it was able to protect its northern cities and settlements from the maraudings of Hizbollah (the "Army of God"). In order to bring about peace, and yielding to insistent pressure of "world opinion,"

Israel vacated this buffer zone. Hizbollah and its 20,000 missiles moved right in, invaded Israel and killed and kidnapped its soldiers. The "second Lebanese war" erupted as a consequence. It left thousands of dead and wounded on both sides and destroyed much of Lebanese infrastructure. Once again, "Land for Peace" proved to be a disaster.

Ariel Sharon, until recently prime minister of Israel, but now comatose and moribund, famously said that "responsible statesmen do not give away pieces of their country." That dictum should be even more true for Israel than for any other country, because Israel is so small that it would sink without a trace in Lake Michigan. Still, probably in his dotage, Sharon decided to abandon Gaza and to evict the thousands of Israelis who had been living there for generations.

Instead of acknowledgement and gratitude, the Gazans erupted in spasms of aggression against Israel, showered it with missiles, invaded it through tunnels, and killed and abducted Israeli soldiers. Once again, the trusted formulation of "Land for Peace" had proven to be a dismal

What else is left to give away? There remain Judea/Samaria (the "West Bank") and the Golan Heights. Having urged Israel to yield Gaza, most of the world, even the enlightened leaders of our own country, pressure Israel to vield the "West Bank" to the Palestinians. But that would be an existential disaster for Israel. Within weeks, the Judean ridges, which totally dominate Israel's heartland, would be

occupied by Palestinian troops and, more than likely, also by troops of Syria, Iran, and quite possibly also from Jordan and Egypt. A Israel abandoned the buffer zone undergo a complete change of heart merciless bombardment of Israeli cities, military and industrial installations, utility infrastructure and airports would immediately ensue. Tanks and armored

personnel carriers, fighter planes and bombers, even chemical weapons would promptly materialize. "Land for Peace" would become "Land for National Suicide."

Syria is Israel's most implacable enemy, sworn to its destruction. It is an insistent supporter of terrorism; it hosts the most vicious Palestinian rejectionists; it is the missile supplier to Hizbollah; and it is allied with Iran's murderous Ahmadinejad. Still, there are those who press for "dialog" with Syria and urge Israel to return the Golan to this murderous regime. But that would be even more disastrous than handing over the "West Bank" to the Arabs. When Syria was in possession of the Golan it bombarded Israel's northern cities and settlements almost daily, making life intolerable. It used the Golan three times to invade Israel. It was only the skill and courage of the Israeli Defense Forces that in each of these cases prevented disaster.

If Israel were to commit the folly of returning the Golan to Syria, it would put itself in mortal danger. Together with having handed over the "West Bank," Gaza being armed with heavy weapons and, in all likelihood, Jordan and Egypt having cancelled their peace treaties, Israel would be totally surrounded by mortal enemies whose only foreign policy objective seems to be the destruction of Israel.

Most of the Arabs and Iran are Israel's implacable enemies and don't hesitate to proclaim their goal, namely "wiping Israel off the map," "driving the Jews into the sea," or "excising the cancer of the Zionist entity." These formulations, which have been repeated and confirmed for decades and which the Arabs, so far unsuccessfully, have repeatedly attempted to implement, make it clear that no further land that Israel might foolishly yield to the Arabs would bring peace one step closer. The only way to peace in this turbulent area is for the Arabs to undergo a complete change of heart and mind. And that, if it is to happen at all, will take a very long time.

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The bidding: West 1 4 1 • 2 • Pass Dble Pass Opening lead — four of clubs. It might seem that declarer must

go down one at three spades doubled, losing three diamonds and two trump tricks. But the fact is that South made the contract, and there was nothing the defenders could do about it after

Declarer took East's queen with the ace, cashed the A-K of hearts and ruffed a heart, establishing dummy's two remaining hearts. He then ruffed a club in dummy and returned the ten

It did not matter whether or not East ruffed, because in either case South would score nine tricks. In practice, East ruffed low, South discarded a diamond and East-West later scored two diamonds and the ace of trumps to finish with just four

Had East discarded a club on the ten of hearts. South would still have discarded a diamond, forcing West to ruff with the ten of spades. Declarer would later finesse against East's queen of spades and again limit himself to four losers to make three spades doubled.

West could have justified his doubtful double of three spades with the inspired lead of a low diamond at trick one. Had he made this unusual lead, the defense could have scored three diamond tricks at once and two trump tricks later on to nip the contract by an eyelash.

West's double was a violation of the general principle that you should not double for penalties unless you expect to beat the opposing contract at least two tricks. West had no good reason to expect a two-trick set after his partner opened the bidding but passed at his next opportunity, and he should have subsided peacefully.

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Racial hatred fueled attack, witness says

HOUSTON (AP) — A witness to a vicious attack on a Hispanic teen that authorities say was racially motivated said he didn't try to help because he feared for his own life.

Gus Sons, who is half Hispanic, said he could only watch as David Henry Tuck punched and kicked the victim, stripped off all his clothes, sodomized him with a plastic pipe and poured bleach all over him.

"He said, 'If you were white, you would be helping me," the 16-year-old Sons said of Tuck, whose trial began Tuesday and continues on Wednesday. Sons described Tuck as a "racist."

Tuck, 18, is charged with aggravated sexual assault in the attack on the victim, who spent more than three months in a hospital recovering from his injuries and is now doing better. If convicted, Tuck could face from five to 99 years or life in prison.

The other person authorities say participated in the attack, Keith Robert Turner, 17, is set to go to trial next month.

Sunset Commission blames parole board for prison overcrowding

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas prisons are overcrowded with thousands of unnecessary inmates because the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles hasn't followed its own parole guidelines for releasing prisoners, a state panel

said Tuesday. Members of the Sunset Advisory Commission, which periodically reviews state agencies and recommends changes, told the parole board in a hearing in Austin that a lack of alcohol and drug treatment programs was another contributing factor to the overcrowding

Texas has 153,000 prison beds but has had to lease another 1,500 prison beds from county jails to accom-

modate the number of inmates, the Austin American-Statesman reported in its online editions Tuesday.

"If you'd just followed your own guidelines, we wouldn't have a (prison) capacity problem right now," said state Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston.

Brad Livingston, executive director of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, said the agency is asking for money to pay for more rehabilitation and treatment programs.

Death penalty sought

in case of slain CPS worker

VICTORIA (AP) - The Victoria County district attorney said he will seek the death penalty for a man accused of killing a Child Protective Services administrator in March.

Jeffrey Frank Grimsinger, 24, pleaded not guilty during his arraignment Tuesday on a charge of capital

Grimsinger is accused of killing 53-year-old Sally Blackwell, who once dated Grimsinger's father. Blackwell's body was found March 15 in a South Texas field about five miles southeast of the city. Investigators said she was strangled.

Blackwell's death sparked concern for the safety of CPS workers around the state but apparently was unrelated to her work.

District Attorney Dexter Eaves said he considered factors such as the feelings of the victim's family in his decision to seek the death penalty.

Dallas fans flock for ex-Cowboy Smith in "Stars" finale

DALLAS (AP) — In a city that worships Cowboys football and style, Emmitt Smith has found a way to meld the pair.

Now his fans will find out if he can be a winner at

When the votes are announced Wednesday, Smith is hoping to add "Dancing with the Stars" champion to his Super Bowl rings and status as the NFL's all-time leading rusher. Doing so would make him the most successful token athlete on the ABC celebrity dance contest, surpassing the runner-up finish by NFL great Jerry Rice last season.

"I keep expecting him to mess up, but he's been amazing all season," said Kim Rock, a lifelong Dallas resident and Cowboys fan. "He's got showmanship. It's incredible."

Rock was among about 200 "Stars" fans who packed a theater at Dallas' Studio Movie Grill on Tuesday to watch the final competition, which pitted Smith and partner Cheryl Burke against actor Mario Lopez and Karina Smirnoff.

Child rapist who videotaped acts sentenced to 24 years

TEXAS CITY (AP) — A man who was videotaped performing sex acts on an infant and instructing a 4-yearold boy to do the same has been sentenced to 24 years in prison.

Darryl Hinds, 37, had been sentenced to 14 years for aggravated sexual assault on a child and 10 years for promotion of child pornography.

On Monday, Judge Neil Caldwell approved prosecutors' motion to make the prison terms consecutive, and for 10 years of probation to begin afterward.

The defense attorney had opposed the motion, saying the jury's intent was for Hinds' sentences to be served

The case came after a Texas City woman found the videotape in her kitchen cupboard in December. Hinds used to live in that apartment and had custody of the

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two children when the July 2005 acts happened. The children are now in Child Protective Services

Lawmaker questions decision to privatize some CPS operations

By LIZ AUSTIN PETERSON

Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) - Citing the death of a 16-month-old foster child, the state senator who spearheaded reforms to Texas' Child Protective Services agency questioned Tuesday the Legislature's decision to let private groups manage foster children's cases.

Sen. Jane Nelson said the Labor Day death of Christian

Nieto suggests the state should tread carefully as it prepares to give private entities responsibilities usually handled by state caseworkers.

"We're not privatizing the printing of telephone books said Nelson, a here," Republican from the Dallas suburb of Flower Mound who chairs the Senate's health and human services committee. "We're talking about children.

and we can't make mistakes." Christian died of head injuries in Corsicana after being placed in five different foster homes in seven months by Mesa Family Services, a private foster company that had been cited by the state for many safety violations, according to an investigation by The Dallas

His foster mother has been charged with capital murder examining what it has done in in allowing privatization?"

Morning News.

but maintains her innocence the past and what it could do in and says he was already hurt the future to prevent similar when he arrived at her home five days before he died.

The state has revoked Mesa's license, and its foster homes are being supervised by another child placement agency, said Carey Cockerell, commissioner of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. He said the department is

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"I gotta tell you I've been thinking about what could I have done — is there anything that we could have put in the legislation that would have prevented this from happening," Nelson said at a committee hearing on the implementation of the reform law. "Did we err

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Democrats to press Bush advisers on leaving Iraq

By ANNE FLAHERTY

Associated Press Writer WASHINGTON

Emboldened by election gains and the resignation of Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, Democrats want to press a top Army general and other advisers President Bush on beginning to pull troops out of Iraq.

Gen. John Abizaid, the top U.S. commander in the Middle East, and David Satterfield, the State Department's senior adviser on Iraq, were scheduled to testify before the House and Senate Armed Services committees on Wednesday, followed by CIA Director Gen. Michael Hayden and Intelligence Defense Agency Director Lt. Gen. Michael Maples.

"I would hope and expect that we're going to be given some indication at that hearing that they see the need to change direction," said Sen. Carl Levin, who will take control of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

"My displeasure with the president, he doesn't understand the urgency of this," incoming Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid told The Washington Post. "It's all victory for him, but I don't know what that means anymore in Iraq. I do know what we are doing now doesn't work."

The hearings are the first since the Nov. 7 elections, when voters handed Democrats control of Congress in part because of their frustration over the lack of progress in Iraq. Just over a third of the public approves of President Bush's handling of the war, according to AP-Ipsos polling last month. About six in 10 think the U.S. military action in Iraq was a mis-

The hearings also will be the first since Bush announced Nov. 8 that Rumsfeld would step down and Robert Gates, who led the CIA in the first Bush administration.

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— Sen. Harry Reid

would be nominated to replace him.

An AP-Ipsos released Tuesday found that people consider Iraq the top priority for Congress over the next two years. But a majority of people, 57 percent, say **Democrats** the Congress have no plan for Iraq - highlighting the sense of frustration over the war that was started

While Republicans will still control the committee gavels, Wednesday's hearings are likely to offer a first look into how Democrats will approach the issue of Iraq next year. They also may indi-

more than three-and-a-

half years ago.

Republicans will break ranks with the president and support a timetable Iraq, as many Democrats have predict-

Sens. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., and John McCain, R-Ariz. - two possible presidential candidates — are members of the Senate committee and will likely use the hearing as a forum to express their opinions on Iraq. Rep. Duncan Hunter, R-Calif., chairman of the House panel, has begun his own presidential run.

Levin, D-Mich., this week said he spoke with a "key Republican" and several others who have expressed a willingness to whether some change U.S. policy in

them.

Sen. John Warner, R-Va., chairman of the Armed Committee, said October after returning from a trip to Iraq that he thought the war was "drifting sideways" and that the administration and Congress may need to

internal assessment under way at the Pentagon.

Baker and Hamilton are report

Services

rethink their options.

Warner, who opposes setting a date to begin pulling troops out of Iraq, said this week he won't initiate a major change in course right away. He said he wants first to see recommendations from a bipartisan panel led by Republican James Baker III and Democrat Lee Hamilton, as well as an

expected to unveil their after Thanksgiving, although it over.

Iraq. He declined to name is unclear whether they will recommend how long U.S. troops should stay in Iraq.

"I think they'll probably be deferring a lot to commanders on the ground on how to do that," said Sen. Christopher Dodd, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Dodd, along with several other senators, spoke in recent days with members of Baker's group.

"I think they may talk about timeframes but leaving the details to the people on the ground who have to make those decisions," said Dodd, D-Conn.

Levin said he hoped Abizaid and other uniformed generals will be more willing to discuss drastic changes to Iraq policy, including a drawdown of U.S. troops, now that the elections are

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LAPD officers cleared in taped pepper spraying

By JEREMIAH MARQUEZ a scuffle with a Venice

Associated Press Writer LOS ANGELES - A district attorney's investigation has cleared police officers of wrongdoing in a videotaped incident in which a transient in handcuffs was apparently pepper-sprayed in a police car, police Chief William Bratton said Tuesday.

The February 2005 incident came to light this week when the videotape. shot by a citizen, was released by the man's attorney.

The tape of Benjamin Barker's arrest surfaced on the heels of an 18-second video showing a Los Angeles officer repeatedly punching a suspect in the face while another officer tried to handcuff the man during a struggle on a Hollywood street on Aug.

11. At a news conference, Bratton cited a Nov. 15, 2005, decision by the Los Angeles County district attorney's office in which prosecutors declined to file any charges against officers in the arrest of Barker, who had been in

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The officers were identi-David Guieterman, Victor **Eguez** and Peggy Thusing. Guieterman, seen in the video using pepper spray, left the department last year for reasons unrelated to the arrest, but remains in law enforcement, police said.

"Examination of the videotape clearly shows (the officers) did not use excessive force Benjamin Barker, nor did they assault him under color of authority," Bratton said, quoting the decision. "The officers showed remarkable restraint and demonstrated professional courtesy to Barker despite his belligerent ... behavior."

The tape Guieterman take pepper spray out of a holster, then raise it toward Barker's face, but the actual spraying obscured by shadows.

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Class 4A, Big Spring yoff tickets

reford (9-1) vs. Big Spring (3-7), 2 p.m.
Saturday, Lubbock's
Lowery Field.
Tickets are now being
sold at the Athletic

Training Center. Prices re \$3 for students and \$5 for adults or tickets may be purchased for \$7 at Lowrey Field.

Powder Puff football fund raiser slated

The Powder Puff Football Game will be played this Thursday at

Admission is \$2 for students and \$4 for adults.

Freshmen will face off against the sophomore class, followed by the Junior vs. Senior Championship Game. The fund raiser is sponsored by the junior class.

All Steer fans, and parents of BSISD students are asked to come out and support the Big Spring High School fund raiser.

Big Spring junior high basketball update

The 8th grade black eam lost to Stanton, 28-

Top scorer for the girls was Jillian Valle with seven points. The 7th grade black team defeated Stanton,

The top scorer was dridgette Tuitt with 17 bounder was Tuitt

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The program is limited to the first 200 applicants and includes a season pass to all home games, a T-shirt and a courtside pizza party with the Hawks.

Date of the clinic is Nov. 18, at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. For registration infor-

mation, contact Head Coach Earl Diddle at 64-5043 or assistant coach Eric Rodewald at

Howard Hawks mens basketball

The Howard basketball team continued its winning ways Monday night with a victory over Lubbock Christian University's JV team by a score of 112-66 at the Dorothy Garrett

Coliseum. The Hawks are 5-0, ting opponents by in average of 35 points

Hawks actually trailed 31-30 with 5:55 remaining in the first half before Marques Loftis connected on a short jumper to give the Hawks a lead that Howard would never

Howard exploded on a 6-8 run that pushed the lawks lead to 35 points,

The Hawks were scoring by sophotore center Benson kpan with 23 points. Howard will host less Community this Friday

Retirement will have to wait

MIKE GRIMES

Sports Editor

Riding off into the sunset with a state championship trophy is the way to go for a high school coach, and that scenario was on Coach Randy Britton's mind after his boys' cross country team won the class 4A state title this past weekend.

He will tell you that before the season began his intention was to announce his retirement. However, the last four months have caused him to change his mind.

Britton has been a fixture in Big Spring as cross country coach for 30 years, and on Saturday, he achieved something that had eluded his illustrious career, a team state championship. Over the past few days egression has once again entered his thoughts.

"If I was smart I would probably retire while I'm on top," Britton acknowledged. "I love coaching and I love the workouts. Right now my plan is to stay for at least one more year and see these kids try to repeat as state champs. We have a great nucleus and it would be crazy for me to walk away right now. This is a hard work sport, but if we can get a couple more runners to join the program, we have a shot at another state championship."

Under the guidance of Britton, BSHS had a stretch of qualifying for the regional meet in 14 of 15

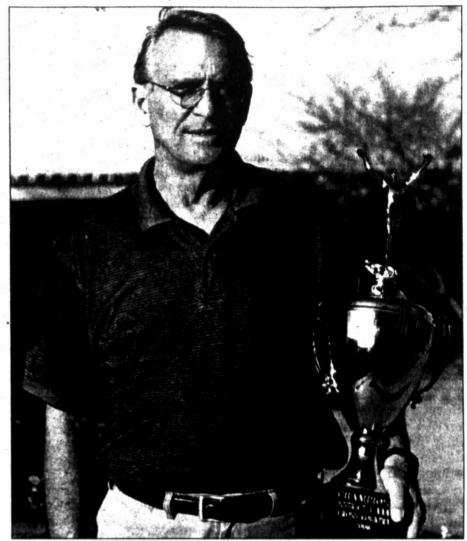
years during the 1980s and 1990s. He may not be able to be recall the year that streak began, but he can tell you that the one season they failed to make the posteseason was in 1991.

In 1996, Britton was offered an opportunity to leave Big Spring for a more high profile coaching position, but a young and extremely gifted athlete named Tory Mitchell caused him pause, and ultimately influenced his decision.

"I stayed because of that guy right there," Britton said, as he pointed to a plaque that read Tory Mitchell. "Well ... it was more than just Tory. We were coming off the 1995 regional track championship and we really should have won the state championship that year. The other thing is that here at Big Spring they let me coach my way."

That style of coaching has impressive results. Mitchell defended his individual state titles in the 100 and 200 meter dashes, the first time that had been done in more than 30 years

"I've been blessed with a lot of good athletes and everyone of them has helped me become the coach I am today," Britton explained. "I'm not taking anything away from these seven runners that that just executed a dominant race, but this team championship means something



Coach Randy Britton poses with the district championship trophy the cross country team won Saturday in Round Rock.

through this track program and allowed me to coach them. If I could, I would like to share this me."

for every kid that has ever come team title with everyone who has ever run track for me.

"It has sure been a fun run for

Mavs win; **Dampier** plays big

By JAIME ARON AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — Every so often, Erick Dampier reminds the Dallas Mavericks why they gave him a \$73 million contract.

Rather than lament how seldom it happens, they've learned to savor when it does — such as Tuesday night, when his 14 points, 13 rebounds and high energy helped the Mays beat the Chicago Bulls 111-99 for their first home victory of the season.

Going against defensive player of the year Ben Wallace, Dampier set season highs for points and rebounds. He made 7-of-8 shots, with five dunks, and blocked three shots. He even had his second assist of the season, which came on one of the many early plays that let his teammates know this was one of Dampier's nights to shine.

"When he's filling the lane and he's into the game, we're tough to

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MCT photo/Ron Jenkins/Fort Worth Star-Tele Dallas Mavericks' Jerry Stackhouse drives inside during the first quarter at the American Airlines Center in Dallas Tuesday. Dallas defeated the Bulls 111-99.

Spurs ground Rockets; bench saves the game in 92-84 conference win

By CHRIS DUNCAN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON - San Antonio's reserves bailed out the stars on Tuesday night and sparked a comeback victory over **Houston Rockets.**

Tim Duncan had 19 points and 15 rebounds, but the game began to turn when he was on the bench and the Spurs rallied from 19 points down to win 92-84.

Popovich Gregg benched Tony Parker along with Duncan and the rest of the starters after Houston built a 74-55 lead in the third quarter.

With the two All-Stars out, the Spurs mounted a 20-1 spurt, holding Houston without a field goal for eight minutes. Beno Udrih sank two 3pointers and turned a steal into a breakaway layup to cut the Rockets' lead to 75-71 heading to the fourth.

"Our bench did one heck of a job to get us back in it," Duncan said. "Pop took us out See SPURS, Page 2B

because we were turning the ball over and not making shots. But our bench came in and they were the difference."

Francisco Elson had 12, Udrih added 11 and Robert Horry had 10 off the bench to propel the Spurs to their seventh straight win over the Rockets.

Michael Reserves Finley and Horry scored early in the fourth to cap the run and tie the game.

"Robert and Francisco and Beno, off the bench, were the reasons we ended up with this victory," Popovich said.

Shane Battier's 3pointer with 8:56 left ended Houston's fieldgoal drought and put the Rockets up 78-75. But three minutes later. Manu Ginobili made a 3-pointer from the wing to put the Spurs up 82-79, their first lead of the second half.

At that point, the Rockets were on the verge of collapsing after



MCT photo/Ron Jenkins/Fort Worth Star-Tel Texas Tech head coach Bob Knight, left, talks with Tech player Alan Voskull late in the game against Texas, earlier this year at the American A

Knight upset with media questions

By BETSY BLANEY

Associated Press Writer LUBBOCK Knight was in no mood to elaborate on his most recent incident with one

of his players. grew He Tuesday night reporters who questioned him after Texas Tech's 93-59 win over Arkansas-Little Rock about how he forcefully lifted up the player's chin on the sideline the previous night.

"I have said nothing publicly about it nor do I intend to, and that is the attention that deserves," Knight said. "Now does anybody else have a question about basketball? This is a press conference for a basket-

ball game."

One reporter persisted, pointing out that the incident involved his team which makes it about basketball.

"No, not to me it doesn't," Knight said. "I've already answered it, and that's it."

During the game, the volatile coach poked fun at himself, passing along a couple of love taps these clearly in jest — to Darryl Dora and Michael Prince, the player who Knight confronted

Monday night. "All you've got to do is watch me coach any game and you see my coaching style," Knight said.

Knight patted Dora on the back of the head and

gave him two light swats on the behind as the senior jogged from the bench to the foul line late in the first half. The crowd roared its approval and Dora made both free throws.

Near the end of the game, Knight also gave Prince a gentle pat on the behind. Fans responded with light applause.

Knight, who's won 872 games in his 41 years coaching, is five wins shy of passing Adolph Rupp for second place on the men's Division I coaching list. Dean Smith ranks No. 1 with 879 wins.

Knight's players were quick to jump to his

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Houston shows maturity in close road win

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON The Houston Texans are finally growing up.

It was easy to see the transformation Sunday in their 13-10 win over the Jaguars. Coach Gary Kubiak doesn't like to use the phrase "turning the corner," but the young Texans may have done just that against Jacksonville.

Yes, they beat the Jaguars earlier this season, and that one was good, but this one was dif-

won on the road since the day after Christmas in 2004, also at Jacksonville. In between the two wins, Houston lost an NFL-high 12 straight road games.

The rookie-laden team had played well at home at times but until recently had seemed lost away from Houston.

Not Sunday.

They took advantage of opportunities, intercepting David Garrard four times. And overcame adversity, holding on despite injuries that knocked out quarterback

ferent. The Texans hadn't David Carr and a bevy of others. They also played turnover-free on the road for the first time this season.

> When the game was on the line, they showed the kind of maturity that Kubiak had dreamt about all season. Facing fourthand-inches with a rookie backup right tackle, and needing a first down to seal the victory, the Texans came through.

> It was a stark contrast to last week, when Houston was driving for the go-ahead score against the Giants before fullback

Jameel Cook fumbled.

Kubiak said he felt "the vibes of the team" and knew they could handle it this week.

"It makes you feel good about the football team and knowing that they wanted that opportunity to end the game right there." Kubiak said. 'Where that leads I don't know. It's week to week in this league, and that was a very positive ending and there's nothing like ending a game in this league on the field offensively when you're putting the game away."

While the offense made the play that secured the win, the defense played perhaps its best game. The Texans had just two interceptions all season before grabbing four Sunday.

Houston also persevered despite bumps in the road. The Jaguars scored a touchdown with 4:32 left to get within 13-10, and the Texans had to punt it right back after a bad offensive series.

Yet the defense wasn't deterred and didn't allow a first down, which let Houston keep control of

"The biggest thing I see from this group is when something bad happens in a game right now, our football team doesn't linger point," Kubiak explained. "It happens, we go play the next play, then we play the next series and I think that is where we are really improving. We're learning to play football for 60 minutes. I think that's a sign of our players getting a little bit more mature and I think playing a little bit better together."

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beat," said guard Devin Harris, who made an acrobatic move to set up one of Dampier's rim-shaking dunks. "It makes everything so much easier when he's into it like that.'

Dallas was 7-0 when Dampier had a double-double last season and is 35-7 when he scores at least 10 points. It's a terrific .833 winning percentage, but a lousy percentage of times that it has happened (.284, or 42 of 148).

"I need to see that about 85 more times this season," said Mavs coach Avery Johnson, who lobbied owner Mark Cuban to acquire Dampier two years

Dampier's explanation for what got

into him?

"I know I have to make the most of every opportunity I get," he said. "I just go out and play to the best of my abili-

Dirk Nowitzki had 31 points and 10 rebounds as Dallas won its third straight following an 0-4 start. Two of those early losses were at home and the Mays came out intent on avoiding a rare three-game home losing streak.

Dampier had the game's first two rebounds, one on each end of the court, then after helping prevent a layup got another offensive rebound and passed to Nowitzki for a jumper. His first dunk made it 15-5.

Chicago briefly went ahead in the second quarter, but never got closer than 70-67 in the second half. A nearly 4minute scoring drought in the fourth quarter doomed the Bulls' comeback

hopes.

"We made it close a few times, but it felt like they were toying with us," Chicago coach Scott Skiles said. "They were quicker all over the floor.'

Kirk Hinrich scored 25 points and Luol Deng added 24 for the Bulls, who were opening a seven-game road trip and breaking in a new starting lineup. Chris Duhon and Andres Nocioni joined the first five, with Ben Gordon and P.J. Brown going to the bench.

Gordon, who had been 2-of-18 his last two games, was 6-of-18 for 17 points.

Wallace, coming off an 18-rebound game, had only eight and six points. Nocioni scored 11, while Duhon had two on 1-of-6 shooting.

"We just couldn't stop them," Hinrich said. "There was always something that kept us from getting back in the game." Nowitzki was 10-of-19 and made all 10

of his foul shots. He also had 10 rebounds, and seemed to have extra vigor after an early stuff by Deng that knocked Nowitzki to the ground.

He came back with a jumper in the lane punctuated by a Michael Jordanesque tongue wag, then a dunk with an emphatic scowl. Nowitzki also went down hard in an early third-quarter collision with Wallace, but neither seemed too shaken up by it. Nowitzki also was hit with a technical foul with 3:37 to play after disagreeing with consecutive

Jerry Stackhouse added 21 for Dallas, which has beaten Chicago in 16 of the last 17 meetings.

Jason Terry scored 17 and Harris had nine. DeSagana Diop, now Dampier's backup, blocked five shots in 11 minutes, including two on one possession in the final minute of the first half.

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a promising start. They shot 51 percent in the first half, then missed 13 consecutive shots after Rafer Alston's 3-pointer put them up by 19 with 4:57 left in the third.

The Rockets missed 11 of their first 12 shots in the final quarter and San Antonio surged to an 86-79 lead on baskets by Duncan and Ginobili.

Duncan ripped the ball away from Yao Ming at one end, then hit a decisive fadeaway jumper at the other to put the Spurs up 90-83 with 2:38 remaining. He also blocked three shots and put on what Popovich considered one of his best defensive performances ever.

Tracy McGrady scored we're going to be good,

26 for the Rockets, but he had only five in the second half. Houston went 2for-17 in the fourth quarter and was outscored 21-

"We stopped fighting," McGrady said. "When you've got a team down like that, you got to that point, you have to continue to execute and provided that kind of energy. because they're too good.'

The Rockets made several offseason moves and are hoping to contend for crown. McGrady conceded that Tuesday's game shows how far Houston still has to go.

"In order for us to be at that level that San Antonio's at, we've got to learn how to close these types of games out," McGrady said. "Until we learn how to do that.

but we're not going to be San Antonio. Hopefully, we learn from this."

Ginobili scored 13 of his 19 points in the second half for the Spurs, who've won their opening four road games for the first time in franchise history.

The Rockets finished 32of-84 (38 percent) from the field and were outrebounded 51-36.

McGrady seemed poised for a big night at the start, scoring 14 points in the first quarter. He came the Western Conference in shooting only 38.6 percent from the field, but made six of his first nine against shots San Antonio, including a pair of 3-pointers.

> McGrady rested on the bench as the second quarter began and the Spurs turned a 27-21 deficit into a 32-31 lead.

6:40 left in the half and bulged to 19.

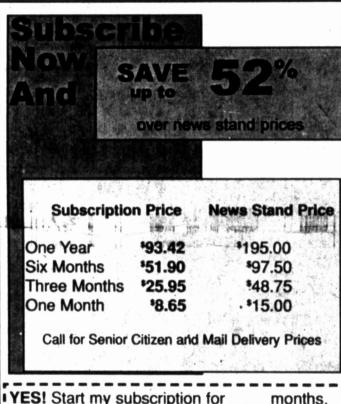
the Rockets retook the lead.

Houston finished the first half with a 7-0 run, sparked by Dikembe Mutombo. The 40-year-old Mutombo replaced Yao with 1:42 left before the break, blocked a shot by Duncan and tipped in a miss by Luther Head to give Houston a 53-43 lead.

McGrady drilled another 3-pointer and pumped his first just before the halftime buzzer to put Houston up by 13. He finished the half with 21 points, six rebounds and two assists.

"He looked like the usual Spur killer of all time out there," Popovich said of McGrady.

Yao had only 10 points at the break, then scored eight in the third quarter McGrady returned with as the Rockets' lead



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defense.

"You know, I don't think he did anything wrong," said Jarrius Jackson, who scored 21 points Tuesday. "He's just being coach, really. And I think any other coach in America can do that, too.'

Jackson said he didn't even know about the incident with Prince until he got home Monday night and saw it on TV.

"That's his demeanor," Jackson said. "He just demands a lot from

Tech (3-0) never trailed and beat the Trojans (2-1) in the regional final of the College Basketball Experience Classic. The Red Raiders advanced to play No. 16 Marquette in Monday's semifinal at Kansas City.

Lekheythan Malone and Rash Jones-Jennings each scored 10 points for the Trojans. Jones-Jennings grabbed 11 rebounds.

Late during Tech's 86-74 win over Gardner-Webb on Monday night, Knight used his hand to push up the sophomore's chin during a timeout so that Prince would look for Tech.

the coach in the eye. Prince, his mother and school officials say what Knight did was no big deal.

Despite the added hoopla surrounding the game, Trojans' coach Steve Shields didn't think it was a distraction to his team.

"I didn't think that was the case," he said. "I felt like we got good looks early and executed our offense early."

Texas Tech closed the first half with a 20-2 run for a 52-24 lead. The Red Raiders finished 12-for-18 on 3pointers and held the Trojans to 21for-58 shooting. Eight players hit 3s

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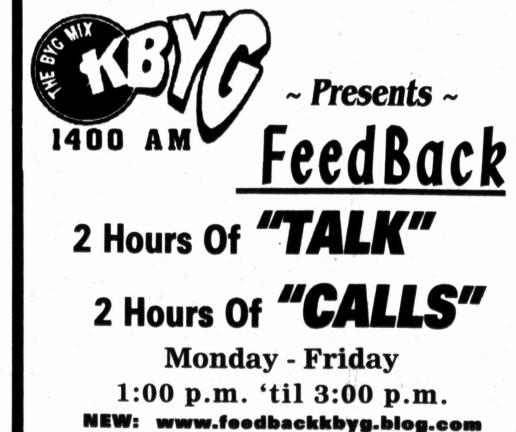
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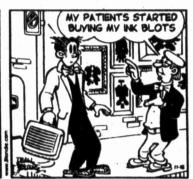




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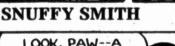
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Today's Highlight in History:

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In 1777, the Continental Congress approved the Articles of Confederation, a precursor Constitution of the United States

In 1889, Brazil's monarchy was overthrown. In 1939, President

Roosevelt laid the cornerstone of the Jefferson Memorial in Washington.

In 1948, William Lyon Mackenzie King retired as prime minister of Canada after 21 years; he was succeeded by Louis St. Laurent. In 1966, the flight of Gemini 12 ended successfully as astronauts James A. Lovell and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin Jr. splashed down safely in the Atlantic.

In 1969, a quarter of a million protesters staged a peaceful demonstration in Washington against the Vietnam War. In 1979, the British gov-

ernment publicly identified Sir Anthony Blunt as the "fourth man" of a Soviet spy ring that included Guy Burgess, Donald Maclean and Kim Philby. In 1985, Britain and

Ireland signed an accord giving Dublin an official consultative role in governing Northern Ireland.

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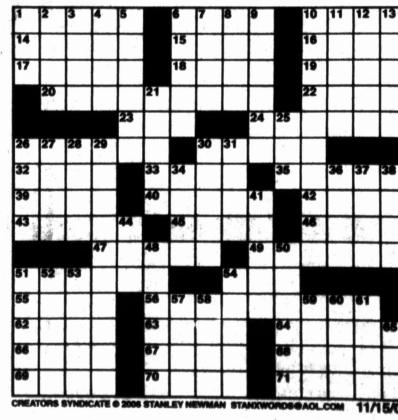
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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Old-fashioned values and manners are seriously underrated by most people, but not you. Your attention to social rules will be noted by truly classy people. Your name is added to an "A" list of

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're sensitive to subtle energy shifts, which will help you navigate family complications. You could very well be the one who makes everyone get along. The peaceful tone you set is infec-

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Think before spending,

salesmen or spouses put on you. (The pressure goes away, but debt will linger on.) On a personal note, you're extremely compatible with Aquarius people now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You wonder: What good is patience? While one person stands quietly by, enduring the wait, the squeaky wheel is getting greased. So you become squeaky tonight, and your needs are fulfilled.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It doesn't feel as though life is dancing to your groove. Empower yourself by asking probing questions. Are you rushing? Are you stalling? What can you do to get back to your groovy self?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It's not one big thing, but a million little

that indicate to simultaneously further things you're all right. You're content with what you are, who you are and what you're doing now. If this isn't heaven, what is?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The two routes to happiness show up in a clear way. You can either get more of what you need to be happy, or you can lower your number of needs and be happy with what you have.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There was a time when you felt rested. Purified. Your mind was as peaceful as a stretch of glorious white beach. This is not that time. But if you can recall it for just a little while, it helps you through the hectic day.

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Annie's Mailbox •: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I have a longtime problem with my mother. She grew up very poor, in a large family, and there was some abuse. I think it hardened her. Mom has always been very critical of others, clearly favored my brother over me and favors her oldest grandson (my son).

Mom is not overly warm or communicative. We never had talks about drugs or sex, and family conflicts were not discussed. Everyone just stopped talking to each us. She makes nasty comother. One time, my father did not speak to me for six months.

My parents paid for my college education and gave my husband and me a substantial amount of money for a house and land next door to them. But Mom is difficult. She became angry with us for putting in a pond. (We think she was the one ing to me (it's been two who put large rocks in the months). They are the lies that make trouble for I wrong? Should I have made me fire my maid appropriate tip for hair-



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ments to our neighbors about us. And most recently, she has been making horrid remarks about us to our three children, which often drives a

wedge between all of us. Because of this, I confronted my mother for the first time ever and told her to stop. Now she and my father are not speak-

continued to ignore the comments because of all they've done for me financially? — Angry Daughter

Dear Angry: You are not wrong to stand up for yourself, but you must realize that accepting land and money gives your parents the impression that they have some say over your affairs. In order to protect your family, you must be willing to let your parents stop speaking to you. Either they'll come around or they won't, but your children need to see you being strong. And stop accepting major gifts from your parents. There are too many strings attached.

Dear Annie: A few years ago, I was diagnosed with a severe progressive case of fibromyalgia. My husband retired two years ago, but I still work full

My husband and I had an arrangement where I would work and he would ipe.) we've caught her in type to hold grudges. Was keep house, since he Dear Annie: What is the

who came in every two weeks. Recently, I have been coming home from work and finding no housework done, no dishes washed, no laundry

cleaned, etc. Annie, we are pretty well off, which is why we can afford this arrangement, but I don't have the strength or energy to come home after eight hours on my feet and clean up and go to the grocery store. My husband is breaking our deal, and I am increasingly exhausted. Am I making too much of this, or should he get back on the program? Tired, Sore, Worn Out and Still Working

Dear Tired: Well, yes, of course he should be doing more, but he won't. So tell him you are re-hiring the maid to come as often as you can afford. If he doesn't like it, he should remove his gluteus maximus from the sofa and pitch in.

stylists now? My hairstylist is raising his prices again, and although I love the way he does my hair, it's getting harder and harder to keep adding 15 percent. By the way, he owns the shop and rents space to other hairdressers. He is so good I guess his other clients just keep paying no matter what he charges. — A Loyal Patron of an Expensive Hairdresser in Santa Fe

Dear Santa Fe: Tell the stylist that you love the way he does your hair, but unfortunately, the price hike means you cannot afford an additional 15-20 percent tip. He may tell you that a gratuity is DICATE, INC.

not necessary since he is the owner, and he may want to keep a good client. You have nothing to lose by speaking up.

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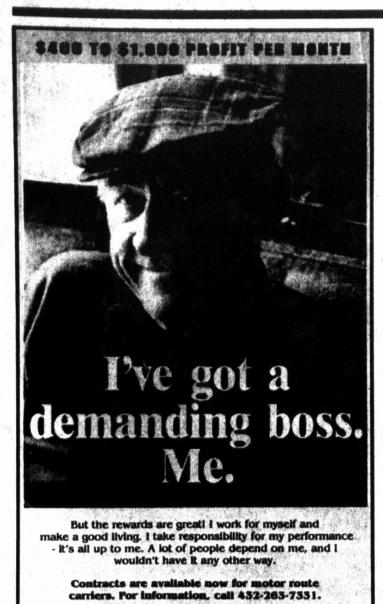
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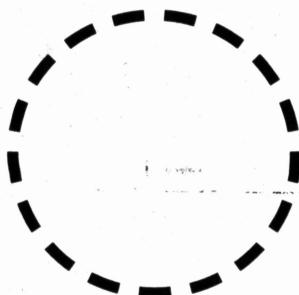
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PARADE RULES

3. Antique vehicles will be the only undecorated vehicles permitted without special permission from Parade

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1. Individual or family

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