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HOUSING AUTHORITY

Big Spring Housing Authority, 711 East Third, will be closed through Friday.

The office is closing to allow employees time to re-enter computer data that had been lost due to the failure of a back-up drive.

The office will open normally on Monday, Aug. 18, or before, if the data can be entered ahead of schedule.

KOUNTRY KIDS CONTEST

The Kountry Kids contest sponsored by the Howard County Fair will be held at 10:30 a.m. at the fair grounds on Saturday, Aug. 23. Boys and girls up to age 5 are eligible to enter.

Entries must be turned in to the Howard County Extension office by Friday, Aug. 22. Entry fee is \$10.

Children entered in the contest must be attired in a country sportswear garment of at least 50 percent cotton.

Entry forms are available at the Athletic Supply, Master's Touch and Posey Insurance.

COMING SUNDAY



Ex-rodeo cowboy, now country singer Chris LeDoux has overcome serious health problems that have given his music a new and gentle side.

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Council plans tax hike, approves Moore budget

By ROGER CLINE Staff Writer

As expected, the Big Spring City Council signaled approval of an ad valorem tax hike and approved the budget of Moore Development for Big Spring Inc. at its meeting Tuesday.

In a show of hands, the six council members said they were ready to move on to the next step in setting the property tax for the 2003-2004 fiscal year at 69.63 cents per \$100 valuation, 4 cents above the current rate.

Councilwoman Stephanie Horton abstained from the vote. "I'm still debating in my mind

about the increase," Horton said. "I know that we do need an increase, but I still want them to look into whether it's feasible to do 3 cents."

The council will hold a public hearing on the proposed tax increase during its next meeting Aug. 26.

In other business, Moore Development's Executive Director Kent Sharp presented the budget council during the meeting. The budget was approved by Moore's board of directors at its meeting July 31 and council members approved

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Blackshear's term ending, council to appoint director

By ROGER CLINE Staff Writer

The Moore Development for Big Spring Inc. Board of Directors needs a new member.

Moore Board President Tim Blackshear announced that he will leave the board when his three-year term expires following the directors' Aug. 27 meeting.



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"My term's up," Blackshear said. "This will have been my third year. I served as president this year and they'll be appointing a new guy to take my

Veterans speak in support of medical center

By LYNDEL MOODY Staff Writer

ABILENE — Don't close the Big Spring VA Medical Center.

That's the message many Big Country veterans relayed during a town hall meeting in Abilene sponsored by the Big Spring facility Tuesday night.

"You have to consider the area covers a lot," said U.S. Army Korean War veteran O.D. Whitely of Rotan. "A lot of these people have to drive 100 miles and more to get to there (the Big Spring facility) and they are going to have to drive even further to get anywhere else."

"The Big Spring (facility) is the only place that

A petition urging the Department of Veterans Affairs to keep the VA Medical Center in Big Spring will be available for signatures from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday at the Big Spring Post Office. The petition is being circulated by a group of local citizens.

has a place that takes care of spouses," said Whitely's wife, Joyce. "They have Haven House."

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Paul E. Moore, Texas Veterans Land Board deputy commissioner and executive secretary, addresses the crowd gathered at the Taylor County Courthouse for a Big Spring VA Medical Center sponsored town hall meeting. Moore relayed the board's interest on how possible changes at the Big Spring VA facility could impact the state's veterans home.

VLB plans active role, commissioner tells veterans

By LYNDEL MOODY Staff Writer

ABILENE — The reduction of services and possible elimination of providing health care at the Big Spring VA Medical Center has caught the attention of the Texas Veterans Land Board Commission.

Paul E. Moore, Texas Veterans Land Board deputy commissioner and executive secretary, spoke briefly to a group of veterans attending a VA town hall meeting in Abilene sponsored by the VA's Big Spring facility Tuesday night.

Part of a draft plan by Department of Veteran Affairs Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES) Commission not only recommends closing

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Steers hope to score for fallen teammates

Football team members raising funds for their critically ill friends

By TOMMY WELLS Sports Editor

Members of the Big Spring High School Steers football team will be putting their money where their heart is during the next few weeks: With their friends.

Big Spring head coach and athletic director Dwight Butler announced members of the varsity, junior varsity and freshman football teams will be raising funds to help the families of their two hospitalized players cover medical expenses. To raise money, the BSIS student athletes will be selling discount cards

good at several local businesses.

"We want to do whatever we can to help them out," said senior defensive back Wesley Smith. "They're our teammates and friends."

The Steers will be raising funds for defensive back Shamar Myles and lineman Brock Pittman.

Myles is listed in intensive care at a Lubbock hospital recovering from a pair of strokes suffered due to a blood clot on the left side of his brain.

Pittman, who transferred to Big Spring from

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Big Spring High School's Mike Ornales, Wesley Smith and Taviance Clemons display the discount cards members of the football teams are selling as a fund-raiser for teammates Shamar Myles and Brock Pittman. The two players are in intensive care units at hospitals in Lubbock and Midland, respectively, battling life-threatening illnesses. For more information about the fund-raiser contact head coach Dwight Butler at 264-3662.

BSISD trustees set hearing on budget, tax rate Thursday

By LYNDEL MOODY Staff Writer

A public hearing on the Big Spring Independent School District's proposed budget and tax rate for the 2003-2004 fiscal year is set for 5:15 p.m. Thursday in the Big Spring High School Board Room.

Budget prospects took a turn for the better after the Howard County Appraisal District certified local values at \$19 million more than district officials expected.

The new numbers

equates to an extra \$250,000 in tax revenue to add to the district's proposed budget surplus for 2003-2004.

According to BSISD Business Manager Sandra Waggoner, certified values came in at \$626 million, up from the expected \$606 million on which administrators based their original budget.

"Our local property values actually went up," Waggoner said. "Last year's values were at \$618 million."

The additional projected cash flow, based on keeping the same tax rate at \$1.50 per \$100 valuation, will allow BSISD to potentially put back nearly \$500,000 in savings at the end of the fiscal year which is good news for trustees and administrators who've been attempting to replenish the fund.

Before numbers were officially certified, trustees set down a budget in July which includ-

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Alleged assault was no hate crime, sheriff says

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

The investigation into an assault that allegedly occurred early Monday morning is in no way hate crime related, says Howard County Sheriff Dale Walker.

"The investigation is ongoing, so I can't really discuss the specifics, but I can tell you this matter was in no way a hate crime," said Walker.

In a statement to the media shortly after the incident, the mother of one of the juveniles

claimed the alleged assault was driven by the fact the two youths are Hispanic. Walker said there was no evidence to support the claim, and contrary to media reports surrounding the statement, added that FBI involvement is neither necessary or warranted at this time.

According to Howard County Sheriff's Office records, a report of criminal mischief in the 6100 block of the north ser-

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Obituaries

Luther W. "Pete" Moore

Luther W. "Pete" Moore, 84, of Amarillo died Sunday, Aug. 10, 2003, in Amarillo.

A funeral service was held at 10 a.m. today, Wednesday, Aug. 13, 2003, at the First Baptist Church in Amarillo with the Rev. Dr. Howard Batson officiating. Burial was in Memory Gardens Cemetery in Amarillo.

A native of Altoona, Ala., he moved to San Angelo as a child. He grew up in San Angelo and later in Forsan, where he graduated from Forsan High School in 1937. He graduated from Bowen's College of Business Administration in Columbia, S.C., in 1939.

He was a World War II Army veteran. After his military service he owned a grocery store and worked for several other stores as a food salesman. He retired from United Supermarkets in 1987. After his retirement he was a volunteer at Veterans Hospital in Amarillo.

Survivors include his wife, Glenna Kaye Moore; a son, Philip Moore of Odessa; two daughters, Cheryl Ann Burns of Midland and Angela Ebert of Glendale, Ariz.; three stepsons, Dana, Steve and Mike Robinson, all of Amarillo; nine grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and a sister, Coleen Ventre of Fresno, Calif.

The family suggests memorials to the BSA Hospice and the Salvation Army.

Arrangements are under the direction of Schooler-Gordon Funeral Home in Amarillo.

Helen L. Young

Graveside funeral service for Helen L. Young, 80, of Lake Cherokee will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 14, 2003, at Monahans Memorial Cemetery. Heritage Funeral Home of Monahans has charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Young died Sunday, Aug. 10, 2003, in a Longview hospital.

She was born on Feb. 12, 1923, in Eldorado, Ark., but lived most of her life in West Texas. She graduated from Forsan School as Helen Martinez.

She had owned MiLady Beauty Shop on Circle Drive in Big Spring for many years.

She is survived by two daughters and a son-in-law, Barbara and Danny Coats of Lake Cherokee and Connie Young of Roswell, N.M.; a son and daughter-in-law, James and Charlotte Cook of Houston; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Support groups

WEDNESDAY

The Crossroads Group of Cocaine Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. in the office building between Third and Fourth streets on the west side of Lancaster Street. For more information, call 466-3254.

AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Open 12 and 12 Study meeting, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 12 noon to 1 p.m.; Women's meeting, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Non-Smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 to 9 p.m.

Fibromyalgia/Chronic Fatigue Support Group meets at noon at the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center.

FRIDAY

AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Noon Open Big Book Study Meeting, 8 to 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

Open Discussion Meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open Podium/Speakers Meeting 615 Settles 8 to 9 p.m. Open Birthday Night, No Smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY

Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 to 6 p.m.

Surviving Pregnancy Loss meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library Committee Room. Call 631-4430 for more information.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 10-25-29-32-35.
Number matching five of five: 0.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-7-6

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Tuesday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 11-17-23-35. Bonus Ball: 26.
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.
Estimated jackpot for Friday night drawing: \$400,000.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from 8 a.m. Tuesday until 8 a.m. today:

- **JESSIE LUGO**, 18, of 406 S. Fifth St., was arrested Tuesday on two Department of Public Safety warrants.

- **PATSY CATE**, 49, of 3227 Cornell was arrested Tuesday on a charge of disorderly conduct — language.

- **ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY** was reported in the 3200 block of Cornell.

- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 500 block of South Goliad and the 1000 block of North Main Street.

- **ASSAULT CLASS C** was reported twice in the 3200 block of Cornell.

- **ASSAULT BY THREAT** was reported in the 3200 block of Cornell.

- **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 1200 block of South Gregg Street.

- **DISTURBANCE OR FIGHT** was reported in the 3200 block of Cornell, the 700 block of East 14th Street.

- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 2300 block of South Runnels, the 2500 block of Chanute, the 1600 block of South Owens.

- **SHOTS FIRED** was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson Road, the 1700 block of South Main Street, the 800 block of East 14th Street, the 1800 block of South Nolan Street.

- **EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION** was reported in the 1900 block of South Main Street.

- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 500 block of East 15th Street. \$65 damage was reportedly inflicted on the structure.

- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1600 block of Avion Street. Items worth \$200 were reported stolen from the home.

- **THEFT** was reported:
- In the 600 block of East 12th Street. A bicycle worth \$148 was reported stolen and later recovered.

- In the 3500 block of West Highway 80. An air compressor worth \$249 was reported stolen.

Sheriff's report

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

- **LOOSE GOATS** were reported in the 2400 block of North Salem Road. Deputies were unable to locate the owner of the goats.

- **DOG BITE** was reported in the 800 block of Todd Road.

Weather

Tonight...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s. East winds 5 to 15 mph.

Thursday...Partly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s. Southeast winds 5 to 15 mph. Thursday night...Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s.

Friday...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs near 90.

Saturday...Partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows near 70. Highs in the mid 90s.

Take note

ROAD TO RECOVERY DRIVERS WANTED. Volunteer drivers are needed to transport cancer patients to and from treatments. If you can spare a few hours each month, please consider volunteering to drive somebody along the Road to Recovery. For more information about volunteering or if you are a cancer patient in need of the service, call La Wanda Hamm, 263-7827.

BIG SPRING AND SURROUNDING counties are in critical need of foster families.

Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected.

For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, which delivers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, you are needed.

About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered to recipients within the city limits of Big Spring.

If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

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Bulletin board

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TODAY

Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard County Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Senior Circle Stretch & Tone, 10 a.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, 1601 W. 11th Place.

Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Line dancing, 1 p.m., Spring City Senior Center, 1901 Simler, 267-6966 or 267-1628.

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring County Club, Driver Road.

Eagles Lodge Ladies, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 203 W. Third.

THURSDAY

Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060, 7 a.m. Herman's Restaurant, 1601 Gregg.

Coffee Club, 10 a.m., Gales Sweet Shoppe, 1712 E FM 700.

Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane, 267-6479.

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring County Club, Driver Road.

American Legion Auxiliary, 6 p.m., 3203 W. Highway 80, 263-2404.

Arts, Crafts & Quilting Club, 6 p.m., Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

Masonic Lodge 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster.

Masonic Lodge 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

Neighbors and Newcomers Club. For more information call 268-9335.

FRIDAY

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring County Club, Driver Road.

Spring City Senior Citizens Center Country & Western Dance, 7:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m., 1901 Simler. All area seniors or invited.

Greater Big Spring Rotary, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

SATURDAY

Hangar 25 Air Museum, McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historical home, 1 p.m.-5 p.m. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens.

Big Spring Shrine Club, 6:30 p.m. for meal with meeting to follow, Goliad and First Street.

Big Spring Squares, 267-7043 or 263-6305.

SUNDAY

Hangar 25 Air Museum, McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark, 1:30 p.m.-4 p.m.

MONDAY

Senior Circle Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics, 4 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, 1601 W. 11th Place. People age 50 and older are invited to participate, 268-4721.

Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers, 6 p.m., covered dish dinner, First Presbyterian Church, 7th and Runnels, enter through north door. Bring a covered dish. For more information call, 398-5522.

Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., La Posada, 206 NW Fourth Street.

DAV and Auxliary Chapter 47, 6:30 p.m., 610 Abrams.

TUESDAY

Intermediate Line Dance classes, 9 a.m., Spring City Senior Center, 1901 Simler, 267-1628.

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By LYNDEL I
Staff Writer

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Aggie auction nets \$28,687

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer
There may have been fewer faces at the Howard County A&M Club scholarship auction Saturday but true maroon Aggies and others opened their hearts and wallets a little wider to support area Texas A&M University students.

"We raised \$28,687," said auction coordinator Jeanne Niklasch. "That is the most ever. Everyone that was there contributed, Aggies and non-Aggies alike."

Although reported totals from previous scholarship auctions have been larger, Niklasch explained this year's figures reflects the actual amount raised during the event.

In past auctions, \$10,000 of the total figure was obtained earlier through the solicitation efforts of club member Don Knight.

With the downturn in the economy, Knight decided it would not be effective this year to pursue that avenue.

Thanks to the generosity of the approximately 60 people attending Saturday's festivities, the club will not only be able to provide area students with scholarships but to achieve a long-term goal.

"We're going to be able to establish a fourth endowed scholarship," Niklasch said. "The people there were ecstatic. We're going to leave the name (of the endowed scholarship) up to the club."

Niklasch added the presence of several area students attending Texas A&M was an added bonus to the auction.

The next Howard County A&M Club meeting will be held at the home of Mike and Jeanne Niklasch, at 7 p.m. on Sept. 16. Election of new officers will top the meeting. For more information, call 267-6525.

Contact Staff Writer **Lyndel Moody** at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at newsdesk@crcom.net



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
Dean Swinney shows his daughter M'Lyn several of the items for auction in the annual Howard County A&M Scholarship auction held Saturday night at the Big Spring Country Club. The annual event raises thousands of dollars to help finance Howard County students attending Texas A&M in College Station.

MOORE

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place. That's been a precedent that they've set to try to get new blood and keep new blood in Moore Development."

At Tuesday's city council meeting, Blackshear urged the council to put some thought into choosing a replacement.

"When Moore Development was created, we felt like it was important to have a wide variety of people serving on that committee," he said. "So not to overload it with independent business people, not to overload it with bankers, not to overload it with any one particular group of people, but instead to have a wide variety of people with different interests and different specialties — accounting, law, independent business. Those are all important things."

"My plans right now are to concentrate on my business interests," he said. "I'm in the process of opening a new business and I'd like to continue getting that thing going. I'm not going to say that I won't be back,

but I've got some other interests to pursue at this time."

Mayor Russ McEwen had kind words to say about Blackshear.

"He did an outstanding job," the mayor said. "We felt that he would make a great board member three years ago and that has turned out to be the case, as evidenced that he is now the president of the Moore Board and he's done yeoman's service in promoting our community."

McEwen said any time the council is faced with appointing a new Moore Board member, they take that challenge seriously.

"We see the Moore Board appointment as a very important appointment that we make," he said. "Every time it comes up we try to do our best and go out and get the best person available. (Blackshear's) comments were well-founded."

Other Moore Board members include Vice President Duane Thomas, Secretary/Treasurer Terry Hansen, Tommy Churchwell and Ben Bancroft.

FRIENDS

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Midland last year and was scheduled to open the season as a starting guard on the offensive line, was admitted into intensive care at a Midland hospital Tuesday after a rare non-football-related infection caused him difficulty in breathing.

"It's just a bad thing," said running back

Taviance Clemons. "I don't think this should have happened to either one of them but since it did, we wanted to be able to do something for them."

Senior Mike Ornales agreed.

"We're close to them," he said. "We want to do anything we can to help them."

Myles, who's father also suffered a blood clot at an early age, is recovering

from a stroke suffered in the past two weeks. He is currently in a drug-induced coma at Covenant Medical Center.

Pittman was receiving treatment in Midland after a rare infection inflamed his trachea, causing it to swell and restrict his breathing.

"Both of them fighting their way through this," said Butler. "We're pulling for both of them."

Butler said the Steers —

scheduled to scrimmage El Paso Socorro at 4 p.m. Saturday in Memorial Stadium — will be selling the discount cards for \$10 as a fund-raiser to help Myles' and Pittman's families pay medical expenses.

"We wanted to try and do something for them and their family," he said. "These are fine young men who are members of our family."

Anyone wanting to purchase the discount cards can contact members of the Big Spring football teams or by stopping by the BSHS Athletic Training Center from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information about the fund-raiser, contact Butler at 264-3662.

BSISD

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ed a \$440,000 package for staff salary raises and insurance, several repair and building upkeep projects and a surplus of about \$200,000.

In other business

Thursday, trustees will consider sending the district's eight campus principals and the assistant superintendent to the Texas Association of School Administrators sponsored Technology Leadership Academy.

Trustees also have a closed session scheduled

to hear a complaint by Goliad Intermediate School teacher Linda Alexander.

The high school board room is at 707 11th Place. Trustees will also consider:

- Bids for athletic supplies and equipment.
- IDEA entitlements and

rollover.

- Title VI, rural and low-income funds.
- Contracts with the Region 18 Education Service Center.

COUNCIL

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the spending plan unanimously.

The corporation's budget for the next fiscal year estimates expenditures less than a third of what the corporation expects to spend this year.

The proposed budget puts expenditures at \$491,241, down from an estimated \$1,542,017 this year.

The reduction continues trends of slashing economic development expenditures — down to \$228,494 next year from \$752,463 this year — and reduction of long term debt.

Moore will have paid \$512,015 in debt by the end of this year, which will pay off a loan from the Industrial Foundation; next year they don't anticipate any expenditure in that area.

The reduction in economic development costs include erasing more than half a million dollars in payroll reimbursement to Star Tek and \$28,384 in

funding for boll weevil eradication.

Moore will increase funding for workforce development from \$547 to \$70,000 and for marketing and promotion from \$36,815 to \$50,000. Sharp said the marketing boost will include more focus on marketing the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

Moore's revenues for the year are expected to remain fairly constant from this year to next. By the end of the year the corporation will have brought in \$963,435. Next year revenues are expected to be \$960,800.

By staying nearly \$470,000 in the black, the corporation hopes to be able to rebuild its ending fund balance a bit.

By the end of this year, the fund will have dipped from \$2.18 million to about \$1.60 million. The

unspent revenue should make up most of that shortfall, restoring the ending fund balance by the end of FY 2003-2004 to \$2.07 million.

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OUR VIEWS

Back the Steers with purchase of season tickets

It's almost football season. Professional players are in training camps around the country, and here in West Texas, high school teams are well into their two-a-day practices.

That means it's time for Big Spring Steers fans to purchase season ticket packages.

Big Spring is the only area school district that offers season tickets. Coahoma, Forsan, Garden City, Grady, Sands and Stanton offer only single game tickets.

Season ticket holders from 2002 will have the first opportunity to purchase tickets for the Steers' six home games in 2003.

Big Spring Independent School District athletic department secretary Kay Cook said previous season ticket holders have until Friday to purchase the same seats they had last year before sales are opened to the general public on Aug. 18. The final day of sales will be Aug. 26.

The six-game packages, priced at \$24 each, include tickets for the Steers' home opener on Aug. 29 when they host Odessa High, as well as a Sept. 12 game with Hereford, the Oct. 3 homecoming game with San Angelo Central, the Oct. 10 game against San Angelo Lake View, an Oct. 24 date with Levelland and the Nov. 7 regular season finale with Andrews.

Tickets can be purchased at the Big Spring High School Athletic Training Center from 8 a.m. until noon and from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information, call Cook at 264-3662.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

I recently purchased a garage door from Overhead Door of Midland. I will not go into great detail of this transaction, just what occurred at the end.

I had just paid for installation of a garage door for my house. The employee from Overhead Door who installed it ran into my truck as he was leaving. This man attempted to downplay this event as he cited my truck was old — a 1981 Ford pickup.

I then spoke with the company and pretty much received the same type of response.

First, the contractor

requested that I obtain a quote for repair and fax it to him. I did that and he received it. Apparently that was not sufficient. I was instructed to go get another quote. During the process, Overhead Door all but accused me of just trying to get the money.

Although I wanted my truck fixed, I do not understand why what I did with the money was anybody's business but my own.

Needless to say, they did fix my truck. Let this be a warning to anyone who may choose to deal with them in the future.

DAVID KLAUS
BIG SPRING

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

*May our jobs not be our source of identity,
Lord, but you be our source of identity.*

Amen

Shooting lemons and fishing for frogs

Every 4th of July the Koger family gets together on a farm south of Lamesa to have fun and celebrate the holiday.

Kid Koger's substantial home serves as headquarters. Family members of all ages come from as far away as New York City. They call their gathering place the heart of the golden triangle; between the communities of Klondike, Sparenburg and Flower Grove.

Kid's garage is filled with all types of coolers containing liquid refreshments and food. Each cooler has the name of the owner on it. Some Kogers or off-shoots thereof bring beautiful pies and cakes, steaks, pork tenderloins and all manner of homemade and home-grown goodies to eat.

Those in attendance take part in a variety of events: skeet shooting, rifle practice, coyote calling, pasture golf (played with a 7 iron and tennis balls), swimming in a concrete tank, cowboy poetry and music. I asked one of the musical family members, who has sung in

Las Vegas, what type of music he performs. He replied, "both kinds. Country and Western."

Perhaps the most unique thing the whole weekend is lemon shooting. No, I don't mean shooting at lemons. I mean shooting lemons. They're fired from a home-made cannon. The guy doing the firing is Paul Blezinger of Houston. He's some kind of Aggie engineer who made his hand-held cannon.

The barrel is about 40 inches long, made from two inch PVC pipe. The lemons are sprayed with WD-40 and lodged into the pipe.

Attached to the barrel is a four inch PVC pipe about 6 inches long with a screw top on it. On the lid of this cylinder is a lighter device, something like a charcoal or cigarette lighter. When you push a button, it emits a spark that ignites of all things some Aqua Net hair spray that has been sprayed into the chamber.

The resulting boom is as loud as an aerial bomb and sends the lemon skyward out of sight. It travels up to 500 yards. The shooter aims it at barns or trees that dot the horizon.

"I've got to get the trajectory just right," says Paul, while a small group of folks watch him shoot and cheer the good shots. Always

looking for new adventures, they're considering a catapult to fire watermelons.

Gradually the folks gather up some of those ice chests filled with beer and head to a nearby place that grows goldfish and water lilies. "It's some of the best frog fishing in Texas," says Tom Koger, the poet of the group. "Some of these things are 18 inches long," he says, as he tosses a fishing line into the water. They catch enough frogs to have froglegs for supper. Since there's about 30 or 40 people on hand, they need lots of frog legs.

They call their celebration The Redneck White and Blue and wear T-shirts carrying the slogan "If You're Not Part Of The Solution You Must Be Family."

Planning for the family reunion starts in January or February each year, mostly by Internet. Next year ought to be a big blowout, since the state will recognize the ranch for being in the family 100 years.

I got to spend a couple of hours with the Kogers over the Fourth of July and enjoyed every minute of it. Every family should do what the Kogers do at least once a year.

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Soul searching with 'The Passion'

Mel Gibson's new film "The Passion," which depicts the last hours and crucifixion of Jesus Christ, has generated enormous controversy even though it is nearly a year away from release. The Anti-Defamation League now features on its Web site the banner headline "Mel Gibson's 'The Passion': Why ADL is Concerned," which links to several articles questioning whether the film is anti-Semitic or might provoke physical attacks on Jews, like those that sometimes occurred following Passion Plays during the Middle Ages. But none of the criticism comes from anyone who has actually seen the film.

Two weeks ago, I was invited to a private screening of a rough cut of the film at the Motion Picture Association in Washington, D.C. While I certainly can't lay claim to being a Biblical scholar or an authority on anti-Semitism, I do think much of the controversy is overblown, fed by fear — some of it legitimate in the context of a recent increase in anti-Semitism in Europe and elsewhere.

The movie is both beautiful and harrowing. The dialogue is entirely in Aramaic and Latin with few subtitles, but the story is familiar enough not to need much interpretation for anyone who has read the Gospels. The film opens with Jesus in the Garden of

Gethsemane as he prays to be delivered from the suffering he is about to endure, and then acknowledges that it is God's will that Jesus die.

The words "Not My will but Thine be done" — which appear in various versions in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke — set up all that follows in the film. Christ's death on the cross may have been ordered by Pontius Pilate at the urging of the Pharisee Caiaphas — following the judgment of the Sanhedrin, the Jewish religious court that judged Jesus guilty of blasphemy — but, according to Scripture, it is done to fulfill God's will.

Gibson's film is an intensely Catholic account of the Passion. Indeed most of the scenes depicting Christ's journey along the Via Dolorosa on the way to Golgotha seem inspired by the Catholic devotional ritual the "Stations of the Cross," which dates back to the 14th century. A scene in the film depicting Jesus' encounter with Veronica, who wipes his face and is left with Christ's image on her veil, is part of Catholic tradition, for example, and may be totally unfamiliar to non-Catholic viewers.

In Catholic teaching, all of us who have sinned are responsible for Christ's suffering and death. In the words of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "All sinners were the authors of Christ's Passion." It seemed to me that the entire point of the film was to drive home this message. Every bloody detail of the scourging of Christ by Roman soldiers, the tortuous path to Golgotha and the

crucifixion itself is meant to make viewers uncomfortable — not in order to blame someone else, but to blame ourselves.

No doubt this will distress many people — believers and non-believers. But it is certainly not anti-Semitism. Nor does the film contain anti-Semitic stereotypes.

While Caiaphas and most of the Pharisees are cast as antagonists in the film, other Pharisees are seen leaving the Sanhedrin trial in disgust when some witnesses make obviously false charges against Jesus. All of the protagonists of the film are Jews as well, and Gibson's movie shows a very Semitic-looking Jesus, actor James Caviezel, not a fair-haired, blue-eyed version like those depicted in most previous movies. The only characters who come off as demented sadists are the Roman soldiers who torture Christ after Pilate orders him beaten — and these truly seem to be possessed of the Devil, who appears as a specter-like character throughout the film.

"The Passion" is an incredibly powerful interpretation of Christ's last hours on earth. It is clearly a project of love on Gibson's part, one that should inspire — not anti-Semitism — but much soul-searching on the part of Christians as to their own culpability in Christ's suffering.

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vice road on Interstate 20 was called in at 2:56 a.m. by Amy Pollack. When deputies arrived on the scene, two juvenile subjects had been detained by the Pollacks and other members of their family.

Walker said during questioning at least one of the youths told the deputy he was hit by D.L. Pollack, who was one of four adults on the scene that morning.

"The juvenile had a mark around his eye that led the officer to believe he may have been struck," said Walker.

"To be classified as a hate crime, someone has to do something to someone simply because of the color of their skin, religion, and so on," the sheriff explained. "If anything, this is a simple case of people taking the law into their own hands without a full appreciation of the situation. They may have reacted wrongly or made comments that were offensive,

but that certainly doesn't qualify this as a hate crime or merit FBI involvement."

"All we were trying to do was protect our property," said Amy Pollack, as she and husband, Charlie Pollack, explained the circumstances surrounding the incident. "It didn't have anything to do with race or anything else. We don't hate those kids, we were just trying to do the right thing."

Walker said the idea the two juveniles were "attacked" because of their ethnicity was

never officially reported to the sheriff's department by the juveniles or their parents, and at this time no charges have been brought against either of the parties.

"There's no evidence the juveniles were doing anything illegal," said Walker. "There was no evidence they had tried to break into any of the vehicles at the residence, and none that even places them on their (the Pollack's) property."

Walker said although the youths have not been charged

in this instance, that doesn't mean there isn't more to come.

"There were several other reports of criminal mischief in the area prior to this incident," he noted. "We will continue to investigate these to see if they are related."

As for claims of injury to a child, lodged by the juveniles' families, Walker said that investigation is ongoing as well.

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SUPPORT

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About 130 people attending the meeting held in the Taylor County Courthouse to discuss the local implications of a draft plan by Department of Veterans Affairs Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES) Commission.

The plan recommends not only closing inpatient surgical care at the Big Spring facility but also a study that would research the possibility of essentially closing the facility and developing a critical access hospital in the Midland/Odessa area.

"I drive extra miles to go the VA hospital (in Big Spring) because I get better care than the VA hospitals in Dallas and Temple," said James D. McDaniel of Carbon, who makes the 175-mile round trip to receive medical care. "I want to keep it right there."

Many of the questions from and concerns of Abilene area veterans were related to the extra travel time they would be forced to endure if the Big

Spring hospital services were shifted to the Midland/Odessa area.

Iva Jo Hanslik, Big Spring VAMC community relations coordinator, describes the location of the Big Spring hospital in the "hub" of the service area with spokes extending out to cities such as Abilene, San Angelo and Midland/Odessa.

"Take that hub away from the wheel and you've got a rotten wheel," said Air Force veteran Leigh Norstrum of Abilene. "Some of the veterans are not healthy enough to make a 175-mile trip and back in one day."

Veteran John Ivan of Abilene said veterans would rally behind the VA if the administrators would commit to improving the quality of care provided at the Big Spring VAMC.

"You're farming all this (services) out — we're behind you. All these other places are behind you. You don't have orthopedists, you don't have heart specialists, you don't have a lot of specialties," Ivan said. "To me, when you go do a feasibility study and

you don't offer those services, you're in trouble. I just read your joint commission report and that was not good. Now my point is, are you trying to recruit, can you get, can we help you to get qualified people?"

Ivan added the Big Spring VAMC is a great facility he has personally used.

"You can get qualified people if your really put your efforts behind it and we're here to help you do that, but you don't have those qualified people," he said.

The CARES commission was developed to restructure health care to meet future demands, said Big Spring VAMC Director Cary D. Brown, who gave a brief overview and history of the study at the session's start.

According to Brown, the future of health care for veterans seems to be shifting from inpatient care to more specialized outpatient care and the commission was attempting to provide medical services where the veterans reside.

"I want to emphasize we don't see the words close a VA presence in West

Texas. What it says is do a feasibility study to possibly realign the health care services that are being provided on the Big Spring campus to the Midland/Odessa area."

Jim DeFoor, Taylor County veteran service officer, said his office is committed to head a drive to keep the facility in Big Spring open.

"Obviously, here at Abilene do we want Big Spring to close? Of course not," DeFoor said. "That's our nearest one. If you close Big Spring, where we have to go — Amarillo, Dallas, San Antonio, Temple — is a long drive."

The reason behind moving the VAMC may be politically-based, DeFoor said.

"I see politics rearing its ugly head," he said. "Bottom line is you're going 65 miles down the road. Politics has got to be involved somewhere."

People wanting to make comments to the CARES Commission on the draft plan have until Oct. 7 to do so.

The public can view the CARES draft plan in its entirety, as well as make comments, at the Web-

site: www.va.gov/cares. Comments can also be sent to the CARES Commission e-mail address at commission@mail.va.gov or send by mail to the Department of Veterans Affairs (00CARES), 810 Vermont Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20420

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inpatient surgical care at the Big Spring facility but also calls for a study that would research the possibility of closing the facility.

This is of concern to the state commission, Moore said, since one of state's veterans nursing homes — Laman-Lusk-Sanchez, a 160-bed unit nearly at full capacity — is located in the city.

"I wanted to be here and let the veterans understand and know that this is a critical part of this whole process — the state veterans home," Moore said. The state invested millions of dollars setting

its home there, primarily because of the VA facility.

"When these decisions are being made, we just want them to be able to consider the fact that that's why the facility is (located) there," Moore continued. "There are times when the (nursing home) veteran is going to need hospitalization. It is going to cost somebody a lot of money to contract services in Big Spring and that is not going to be as effective as it currently is."

Moore added the commission plans to be active in the issue.

"We're going to do everything we can to work with you and ensure that we get the message

out very clearly that there has been a lot invested in the veteran in Big Spring and we want to do everything we have to do to ensure those facilities

remain intact."

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Republican senators vote to fine absent Democrats

AUSTIN (AP) — Democrats boycotting the Senate over congressional redistricting say they will not pay the fines their Republican colleagues voted to impose on them for missing the special session.

Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, called the fine a poll tax and said, "I won't pay it."

Republicans in Austin, who want their colleagues to come back so they can take up congressional redistricting, voted Tuesday to fine the 11 Democrats who went into exile in Albuquerque, N.M., for each day they are absent from Texas' second special legislative ses-

sion. Fines will start at \$1,000 Thursday and will increase to \$2,000 on Friday, \$4,000 on Saturday and hit a maximum daily fine of \$5,000 starting Sunday.

"Last week I made it very, very clear ... that enough was enough and we all wanted their return back here to Austin," said Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, who presides over the Senate. "We want our members and our colleagues back so that we can take up these issues before us and get on with our lives."

The senators who voted Tuesday intended for the

Senate to decide this week on how the penalties would be enforced, Dewhurst spokesman David Beckwith said. Options may include temporary denial of floor and voting privileges and a reduction in the senator's office budget, Beckwith said.

The Democrats in Albuquerque contend the fines are illegal, saying Senate rules for sanctions call for nothing more than arrest by the Senate sergeant-at-arms.

Several said they would not pay the fines.

Sen. Mario Gallegos of Houston said: "I never thought I'd have to pay to vote for my

constituents on the Senate floor."

He suggested Republicans might as well "let the dogs out, get out the fire hoses and hose us down," a reference to racial battles in the 1960s.

Sen. Leticia Van de Putte of San Antonio said the terms of the fines mean "we will not be allowed to vote unless we pay it from our personal funds."

"They're charging us to vote for our constituents, and that's the reason we left in the first place — to vote for our constituents," Van de Putte said.

Sen. Todd Staples, chairman of the Senate Republican

Caucus, dismissed the Democratic criticism that the fine was a "poll tax."

"I think that's a political spin in order (to) divert attention that they've left the state of Texas and they are in New Mexico and they're not here with their colleagues," said Staples of Palestine.

The Democrats refused to directly answer questions about whether they would go to the courts or return to Texas once the 30 days allowed for the special session finished on Aug. 26.

They did say Tuesday's vote would not force them to return to Austin.

NEWS BRIEFS

Inmate strikes plea deal

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — A 34-year-old Brownsville man is off death row after a plea bargain in a case legal scholars hold as a textbook example of flawed lawyering.

Paul Colella, who has maintained his innocence in the 1991 shooting of two men on South Padre Island, pleaded guilty to two counts of murder Monday to avoid his death sentence on charges of capital murder.

The deal requires that he serve 20 years and not request an early release. With time already served, he will be eligible for release in 2012.

Defense Attorney Andrew Hammel, co-director of the University of Texas Capital Punishment Clinic, said he advised Colella to accept the deal because higher courts have shown a prosecution-friendly pattern in capital murder cases.

"You have to take the reality of the system into account as an attorney," he

told the Houston Chronicle in Tuesday's editions. "If you don't, you are playing with your client's life."

Hit-and-run survivor testifies

DALLAS (AP) — During three men's efforts to rescue a trapped motorist along a North Texas freeway, the impact of a luxury sedan that raced through the scene knocked one of the rescuers out of his boots, the survivor has testified in former Dallas Cowboys cornerback Dwayne Goodrich's manslaughter trial.

Shuki Josef told jurors on Tuesday he recalled a scream — or perhaps squealing brakes — followed by fast-approaching headlights and the sound of screeching metal as he and the other two men tried to pull the trapped motorist from a burning car.

"I heard people screaming outside," said Josef, clenching a fist and trembling as he testified. "I saw the car coming, the lights. ... The next thing I knew, somebody just hit the car. ... The guy didn't stop."

The 38-year-old Israeli immigrant said his left leg will likely never be the same after severe damage.

Appeals panel overturns death sentence

FORT WORTH (AP) — The death sentence of a North Texas auto mechanic who drowned a 4-month-old infant in a sink and fatally shot the child's father during a Christmas Eve killing spree almost 16 years ago has been overturned by federal appellate judges.

A panel of three judges from the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans has affirmed James Eugene Bigby's conviction but set aside his sentence.

Bigby of Kennedale has been on Death Row for more than a decade. During his 1991 trial, he grabbed a loaded gun from behind state District Judge Don Leonard's bench during a recess and

barged into the jurist's chambers, telling him, "Let's go, judge."

Bigby was captured after the judge and a prosecutor wrestled him to the floor and pulled the gun away.

The judge continued presiding over the case and jurors, who were told about the attack, later rejected Bigby's insanity defense and sentenced him to death.

The opinion issued last month stated that the trial jury wasn't properly instructed to consider Bigby's paranoid schizophrenia — which the panel said was an involuntary, permanent and severe mental condition that contributed to his criminal actions — and

whether that condition was a mitigating factor that warranted a life sentence instead of death.

The case will be sent back to the original trial court if the 5th Circuit's decision stands and a jury will again decide whether Bigby goes to Death Row or spends the rest of his life in prison.

The Texas attorney general's office, which disagreed with the opinion, has petitioned the three-judge panel and the entire court of appeals to reconsider the case.

The trial jury took one hour and 50 minutes to decide that Bigby should die for killing Michael Trezell, 26, and his infant son, Jayson Kehler, on Dec. 24, 1987.

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The great debate: Comparing marinades, dry rubs

By **TOMMY C. SIMMONS**
For AP Weekly Features
BATON ROUGE, La.
(AP) — Grilled T-bone steak is a novice cook's dream.

With little preparation, other than starting a gas grill or lighting a charcoal and waiting for the coals and grills to reach the proper cooking temperature, you can have a sizzling, irresistible steak on the table in less than an hour.

When grilled to preferred doneness, medium rare or medium for most steak lovers, a steak barely needs salt and pepper. However, lest one think this All-American classic is not a worthy culinary accomplishment, know that dozens of cookbooks have been written on the nuances of steak preparation and seasoning. Grilling a steak can be as complicated or simple as you like.

There has been some debate in our family over the merits of marinades versus dry-rub seasoning for steaks. My father-in-law subscribes to marinades. He likes to soak a steak in a zesty Italian salad dressing-based sauce for four or five hours before grilling time.

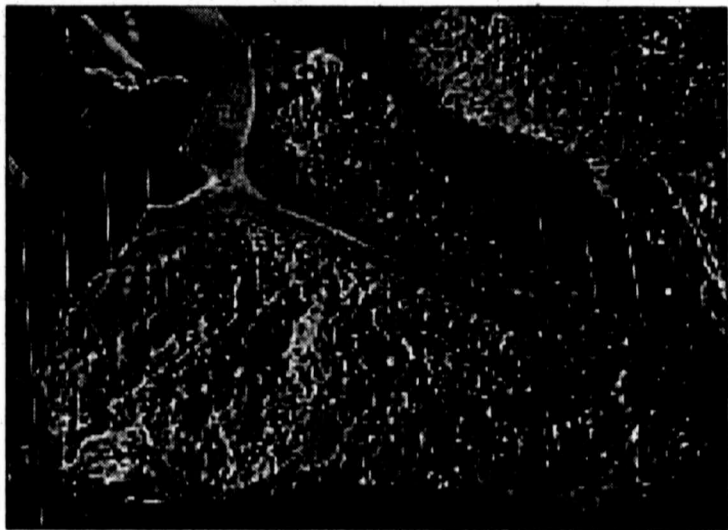
A brother-in-law maintains that a good cut of beef doesn't need tenderizing, and he prefers rubbing a mixture of spices and herbs into the raw meat, wrapping it up and refrigerating it for four or five hours, preferably overnight, before grilling time.

Which seasoning method produces the best tasting steak?

The Baton Rouge Advocate food staff decided the question needed to be answered. We purchased two identical, 1 1/2-inch thick T-bone steaks. We mixed up similar seasoning bases, one

as a marinade and the other as a dry rub. We put one steak in the marinade and rubbed the dry-rub mixture into the other steak. Both were placed in closed plastic

for seasoning rubs and marinades, as well as salads and butters to serve with grilled steaks. Here are a few of our favorites.



Fiery Creole Pepper Rub
3/4 cup dried thyme leaves
3/4 cup paprika
1/4 cup black ground pepper
1/4 cup garlic powder
1/4 cup red ground pepper
1/4 cup white ground pepper
1/4 cup salt
Mix together

and store in tightly covered container.
Makes 2 1/2 cups.
(Recipe from Sullivan's Steak House.)

Hellfire Steaks
4 T-bone steaks, cut 1-inch thick
Coarse salt and black pepper
2 to 3 tablespoons dry mustard
2 to 3 tablespoons hot pepper sauce; to taste

Place the steaks on a plate and sprinkle both sides with salt and plenty of pepper and the dry mustard, patting the spices onto the meat with a fork.

Drizzle the hot pepper sauce over the steaks, again patting it with a fork. Let the meat sit while you preheat the grill.

Set up the grill for direct grilling and pre-heat to high. When ready to cook, brush and oil the grill grate. Arrange the steaks on the hot grate at a 45-degree angle to the bars of the grate. Grill for 4 to 6 minutes per side for medium rare, rotating the steaks after 3 minutes to create an attractive crosshatch of grill marks.

Coarsely grind as much pepper as you can bear over the steaks as they grill. Transfer the steaks to plates or a platter and let rest for 3 minutes, then serve.

Makes 4 servings.

(Recipe from "How to Grill: The Complete Illustrated Book of Barbecue Techniques.")

Grilled Tuscan Steak With Olive Oil and Lemon
2 beef T-bone steaks, each 1 1/2 inches thick
2 teaspoons kosher salt
1 teaspoon black pepper
3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
Lemon wedges for serving

Build a two-level fire by stacking most of the coals on one side of grill and arranging remaining coals in single layer on other side. Coals have reached proper temperature when covered with a layer of fine gray ash. Set cooking grate in place, cover grill with lid, and let grate heat up, about 5 minutes. Use wire brush to scrape grate clean. Grill is ready when thicker layer of coals is medium-hot. (You can hold your hand 5 inches above cooking grate for 3 to 4 seconds).

Meanwhile, sprinkle each side of steaks with 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper. Cook steaks uncovered, over hotter part of grill until well-browned on each side, about 2 1/2 minutes per side. If steaks start to flame, move them to cooler side of fire. Move steaks to cooler side of grill and continue cooking, turning once, to desired doneness, 7 to 8 minutes for medium rare to medium.

Transfer steaks to cutting board and let rest 5 minutes. Cut into crosswise slices about 1/2-inch thick and drizzle with olive oil. Serve with

lemon wedges.
Makes 4 servings.
(Recipe from the July/August issue of Cook's Illustrated magazine.)

Steak With Parmesan-Grilled Vegetables
2 T-bone steaks, cut 1-inch thick
1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
2 tablespoons olive oil
2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
2 medium red or yellow bell peppers, each cut lengthwise into quarters
1 large red onion, cut crosswise into 1/2-inch slices
Salt

Seasoning:
1 tablespoon crushed garlic
2 teaspoons dried basil leaves
1 teaspoon pepper

In a small bowl, combine seasoning ingredients; mix well. Remove 4 teaspoons seasoning; press into both sides of steaks. Add cheese, oil and vinegar to remaining seasoning, mixing well; set aside.

Place steaks in center of grid over medium, ash-covered coals; arrange vegetables around steaks. Grill

steaks, uncovered, 14 to 16 minutes to medium rare to medium doneness, turning occasionally.

Grill peppers 12 to 15 minutes and onion 15 to 20 minute or until tender, turning both once. Brush vegetables with reserved cheese mixture during last 10 minutes of grilling. Season steaks with salt, as desired. Carve steaks crosswise into thick slices; serve with vegetables.

Makes 4 servings.
(Recipe from National Cattlemen's Beef Association.)

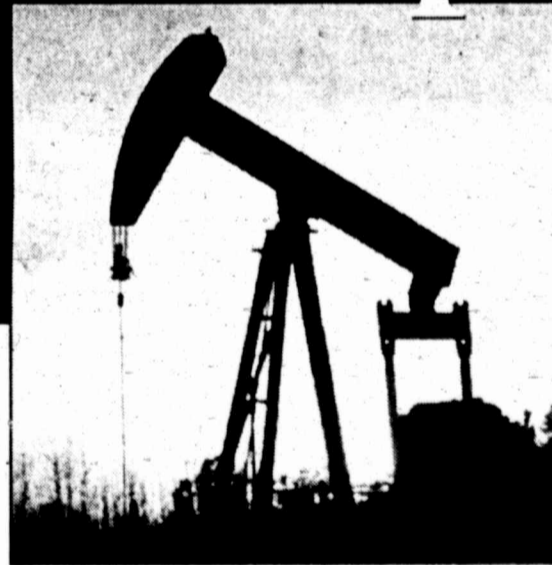
Marinated Grilled Steaks
1/4 cup lemon juice
3/4 cup orange juice
1/4 cup vegetable oil
2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
2 large garlic cloves, peeled and minced
1 small onion, peeled and chopped
2 bay leaves, crumbled
1 tablespoon Italian seasoning
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
2 T-bone steaks or boneless strip steaks

Combine lemon juice, orange juice, oil, parsley,

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garlic, onion, bay leaves, Italian seasoning, salt and pepper in a large resealable plastic bag. Add steaks. Marinate 30 minutes to 1 hour, depending on the size of steak and time available. Prepare grill or heat broiler. Remove meat from marinade. Discard marinade. Grill meat to desired doneness. Turn with tongs. Allow steaks to rest 5 minutes before carving. Serve immediately.

Makes 4 servings.
(Recipe from Crisco.)

Steak With Blue Cheese Butter

- 1/2 cup butter or margarine, softened
- 1/2 cup (2 ounces) crumbled blue cheese
- 1 tablespoon snipped fresh parsley
- 1 tablespoon snipped fresh basil or 1 teaspoon dried basil, crushed
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 2 T-bone steaks, cut 1 to 1 1/4 inches thick

For butter mixture: In a small bowl, stir together butter, blue cheese, parsley, basil and garlic. Set aside.

To cook steaks: Preheat grill and reduce heat to medium. Place steaks on grill rack directly over coals. Grill until steaks are desired doneness, about 8 to 14 minutes for medium rare and 12 to 18 minutes for medium.

To serve, cut steaks into portions and top each portion with a generous tablespoon of the blue cheese butter mixture. Cover and chill the remaining butter mixture for another time. Makes 4 servings.

What's new at the library... with Hollis McCright

Effective Aug. 15, remember the following changes in Howard County Library's policies: There is a limit of 15 items per card including all material types; checkout period for videos and DVDs are 3 days only with a limit of 3 items (no renewals); there is a charge \$2 per item for all Interlibrary Loan transactions due when the ILL request is made and starting this Saturday, the library's hours are 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. We regret that these changes have become necessary.

A couple of "presidential" biographies have just come in, one Democratic and the second, a Republican. "The Reagans: Portrait of a Marriage," (BREA R) by Anne Edwards, paints an in-depth look at Reagan's political life and the woman that he shared it with. This is a second volume; Edwards also wrote "Early Reagan: The Rise to Power," "An Unfinished Life," (BKEN J) by Robert Dallek, about John Kennedy draws on freshly unearthed documents, unopened archives and new, firsthand sources. The truth about his health and additional information of a personal nature is revelatory. And



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of course, don't forget Hillary's "Living History: Hillary Rodham Clinton" (BCLI H).

Are you a fan of Elizabeth Lowell? The library just received "Die in Plain Sight" (MLOW E). Lacey has inherited several paintings from her grandfather and now someone wants her dead and the paintings destroyed. Lowell writes a fine, fast-moving story.

The next two are "coming of age" books. "Getting Mother's Body," (FPAR S) by Suzan-Lori Parks, is the 2002 Pulitzer Prize winner for fiction. Billy Beede comes home one day and finds a letter informing her that her mother's grave is about to be plowed up and a supermarket is going up. But what about the story that Willa Mae was buried in pearls and diamonds? What is the decent thing to do? "Massachusetts, California, Timbuktu" (RROS S) is Stephanie Rosenfeld's debut novel. Justine is 12 years old and is searching for what is true and simple. Her mother, Colleen, is a butterfly, always seeking new flowers (read men friends) to rescue her. Check out the book to see how it all comes out in the end.

Do you have a digital camera and don't know the first thing about it? A new step-by-step guide to creating digi-pics has just arrived. "Digital Photography: Click-By-Click," (778.3 GLE J) by Jerry Glenwright, will take you from the word

"go" to the final product.

The library has received an updated edition of "Child Custody Made Simple" (346.7301 WAT W) by Webster Watnik. While it is no substitute for a competent lawyer, it does give some invaluable tips on understanding the laws of child custody and child support. It is generic in nature and does not address the laws of Texas; still it might be helpful.

Several new quilting books are in. "Colorful Quilts for Kids" (746.4604 WHE B), by Beth Wheeler has several charming patterns to make quilts for infants to older children. "Sew a Row Quilts," (746.46 HEL K) by Karin Hellaby, has a different slant on piecing quilts. Rather than working on a "block" system, blocks are assembled in rows and then sewn together. It is a really neat concept.

Are you crazy? No, I guess I should ask, are

you a "crazy quilter?"

No, that still isn't right. Do you make crazy quilts? If so, you must check out this book: "Motifs for Crazy Quilting" (746.46 MIC J) by J. Marsha Michler. It has the most exquisite stitches and motifs to embellish your crazy quilt. It is almost enough to make me want to take up that particular "craziness." These books can be found in the Non-Fiction section.

T.R. Fehrenbach is a very well-known Texas historian. In fact, several of the textbooks used in junior high and colleges were written by him. The library has purchased (with funds honoring the Women's Forum of Big Spring) "Lone Star: A History of Texas and the Texans" (976.4 FEH T). It is the story of Texas, from pre-history to the present on the people, politics and events that has shaped the Great State of Texas. It is a book that is well worth

reading.

On the other hand, an "instant" book has been received on the kidnapping and rescue of Elizabeth Smart (I am a little surprised one is not out on the Laci Peterson tragedy). "Held Captive: the Kidnaping and Rescue of Elizabeth Smart," (364.154 HAB M) is authored by Maggie Haberman and Jeane MacIntosh. I have not been able to find a review on it, so the reader must judge it for themselves.

Howard County Library is open from 9 to 6, Monday to Friday and 8 until 1 on Saturday. The Internet/Video room closes one-half hour before closing. The library is located at 500 Main St. Our phone number is 264-2260. Web site is www.howardcounty.lib.tx.us; the online catalog is on line; our e-mail address is hmc-cright@hotmail.com.



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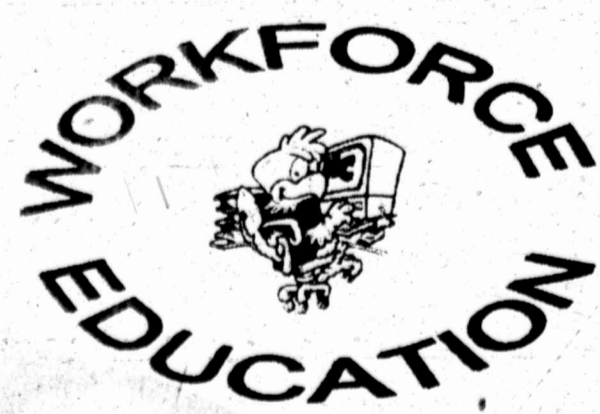
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IN BRIEF

BSHS season tickets now on sale at ATC

Big Spring High School football season tickets are now on sale at the Athletic Training Center.

Current season ticket holders can renew their tickets through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.. Tickets will go on sale to the general public on Monday.

Tickets to individual games can purchased the day of the contest at the ATC from 8 a.m. to noon.

For more information contact Kay Cook at 264-3662.

Young Guns tourney slated for Stanton

The Young Guns Softball Tournament will be held Saturday and Sunday in Stanton.

Teams should register by Friday. Entry fee into the event is \$115 per team. Class D and E teams only.

For more information contact Ernesto Gonzalez at 756-3654.

ASC's golf pass is now available locally

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Brownfield Jamboree slated for Aug. 23

The annual Brownfield cross country Jamboree will be held Aug. 23 at Coleman Park.

For more information call (806) 637-4523.

Football officials needed for '03

Football officials are needed for the upcoming 2003 season. Persons interested should call Delvin Guinn at (432) 267-9729.

BSYSA sign-ups begin Saturday

Big Spring Youth Soccer Association registration is scheduled to begin Saturday at the Big Spring Mall. Sign-ups will run from 1-5 p.m.

Registration will also be held on Aug. 23 from 1-5 at the mall, and from Aug. 18 to Aug. 22 at All-District Sports.

The cost is \$35 per child. There is no fundraising drive.

Da Playaz to hold softball tourney

Da Playaz Softball Tournament is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday at Cotton Mize Field.

The tournament is open to Class D and E teams. Entry fee is \$125 per team.

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U.S., Cuba again flexing muscles at Pan Am Games

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP) — The race for the most gold medals at the Pan American Games usually is between the United States and Cuba.

This year is no different.

"It's again a struggle between the two countries," said Rodrigo Alvarez Cambra, a Cuban delegation member. "May the best team win."

Through 10 days of competition, the countries

were running 1-2 in the hunt for gold in the latest chapter of a rivalry that plays out on baseball diamonds, gymnastics mats and boxing rings every four years at the regional championships.

On Tuesday, the United States had 69 golds to Cuba's 53. The United States also held the top spot in overall medals with 167, compared to 110 for Cuba. Brazil was third with 75 medals, including 19 golds.

Some Cuban athletes couldn't hide their excitement over their early gold rush. But they downplayed talk of a rivalry with the Americans, and instead focused on what one player called "team goals."

"All week we've said our goal is to get more medals than we ever have," said Cuban Yurisleidis Luepetey, who grabbed one in the women's judo competition Sunday. "Just keep them

coming ... that's all I say."

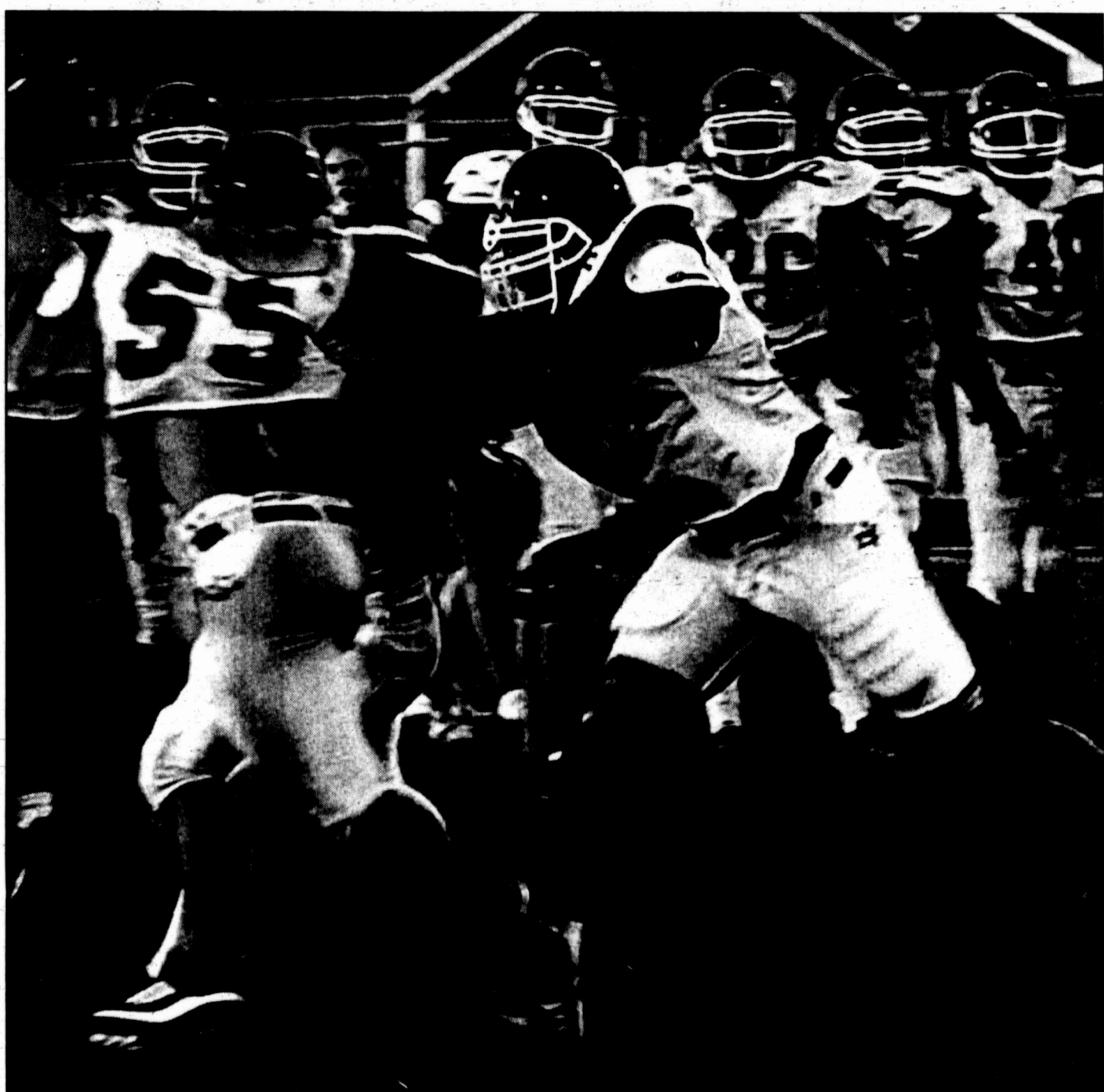
American officials said they had taken note of Cuba's success. The Cubans swept gold in Greco-Roman wrestling, had strong performances in gymnastics and beat the U.S. women's basketball team for the fifth time in a row to take the championship.

The two countries were to face off Tuesday in the Game's baseball finals. Cuba was hoping for a ninth straight gold medal

at the games.

"The sports on the early part of program are the ones they generally do well in," U.S. Olympic Committee spokesman Darryl Seibel said. "Cuba always sends competitive teams to the Pan American Games, and they've done that again here."

The Cubans got off to a rolling start last week, winning all seven finals in Greco-Roman wrestling. See GAMES, Page 2B



Big Spring guard Brock Pittman (right) helps with a block during practice Monday afternoon at Blankenship Field. Pittman was admitted to a Midland hospital with a rare respiratory condition. He was in an intensive care unit Tuesday. Fellow BSHS player Shamar Myles is in ICU in Lubbock battling effects of a blood clot on the left side of his brain.

Second Big Spring player admitted into intensive care

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

You'll have to forgive Big Spring head coach if he takes a minute to call area hospitals before the start of preseason drills each day. It's the best way to find missing players of late.

The Big Spring Steers were greeted with another dose of bad news Tuesday when they learned offensive guard Brock Pittman had been admitted into hospital in Midland suffering from a rare inflammation that restricted his ability to breathe.

"Brock is fighting a rare condition that caused his trachea to swell," said Butler, who has visited enough hospitals in the past two weeks to qualify as an intern. "It's a pretty serious situation."

Pittman, who transferred to Big Spring from Midland Lee late last

year, was to have played a key role for the Steers this fall. The former starting center at Midland Lee, the 6-foot-1, 227-pound senior was slated to

was not at practice Tuesday.

The news of Pittman's medical condition comes on the heels of the news that junior defensive back Shamar Myles is battling a life-threatening condition in a Lubbock hospital.

Myles, who started all 13 games last season as a sophomore, was admitted to Covenant Medical Center in Midland prior to the start of two-a-day practices after suffering a stroke related to a blood clot on the left side of his brain.

The all-district selection is currently in ICU in a drug-induced coma.

"Both are fighting their way through this," said Butler. "We're pulling for them."

Butler said the Steers — who are scheduled to scrimmage Socorro 4 p.m. at Memorial Stadium — will be selling the discount cards for \$10 as a fund-raiser to help cover both players' medical expenses.

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8/28	Odessa High	Home	7:30
9/5	Odessa Permian	Away	7:30
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11/7	Andrews	Home	7:30

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Zambrano leads Cubs past Astros

CHICAGO (AP) — Carlos Zambrano pitched his first major league shutout Tuesday and Alex Gonzalez hit a two-run homer as the Chicago Cubs beat the Houston Astros 3-0.

Zambrano (11-8) allowed five hits and matched his career high with 10 strikeouts.

At age 22, the 6-5, 245-pound Zambrano made the opening day roster for the first time this season.

On a staff that already has two hard-throwing young pitchers in Kerry Wood and Mark Prior, Zambrano is making a name for himself.

Houston's lead in the NL Central was reduced

to one game over St. Louis, which beat the Pirates 10-6, and 2 1/2 over the Cubs.

Zambrano started strongly, striking out five straight — Geoff Blum, Jeff Bagwell, Jeff Kent, Lance Berkman and Richard Hidalgo — after retiring Craig Biggio on a grounder.

Sabonis retires from NBA

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Portland Trail Blazers center Arvydas Sabonis will not return to the NBA next season, his agent said.

The 7-foot-3 center told his agent Herb Rudoy, he was retiring to spend more time with his family in Lithuania. Rudoy told the Trail

Blazers of Sabonis' decision Monday, team spokesman Mike Hanson said. Sabonis was scheduled to be in Portland this week for a team physical. Instead, he stayed home in Lithuania.

Sabonis has already retired once, sitting out the 2001-02 season.

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Baylor names search committee for coach, AD

WACO (AP) — Baylor organized a six-member search committee Tuesday to find a new men's basketball coach and athletic director as the school moves to dig out from the crushing scandal of a murdered player, drug use and improper payments to athletes.

The announcement from Baylor president Robert Sloan said the panel would work quickly but gave no specific timetable for hiring either position. He said the school could hire the coach first.

Baylor wants a coach with a "known reputation for integrity," and "a proven recruiter, mentor and winner," Sloan said.

"While speed will be a priority, we will focus on finding the right combination of experience, ath-

letic success, and a commitment to integrity and Baylor's unique mission that will yield the results our constituents expect and deserve," Sloan said.

Former coach Dave Bliss and Athletic Director Tom Stanton abruptly resigned last week after school officials revealed that Bliss was involved in two players' receiving improper financial aid and that staff members did not properly report failed drug tests.

Allegations of NCAA violations surfaced after the mid-June disappearance of basketball player Patrick Dennehy, whose body was found July 25 in a field southeast of town. He was shot in the head.

Carlton Dotson, Dennehy's former teammates and roommate, has been charged with murder. He remains jailed in

Maryland, awaiting transfer to Texas.

The search committee will be led by Baylor regent and basketball letterman Jim Turner, the president and CEO of Dallas-based Dr Pepper/Seven Up Bottling Group.

Other members include Waco regents and basketball lettermen David Sibley and Tommy Bowman; Dallas regent Joe Armes, executive vice president and chief financial officer of Southwest Sports Group and Southwest Sports Realty; Baylor Law School associate dean and faculty member Leah Jackson; and Waco banker and Baylor alumnus David Lacy.

Sloan said he and Drayton McLane Jr., chairman of the Baylor board of regents and owner of the Houston Astros, will also be

involved in the search.

The school already has a list of about 15 to 20 potential coaching candidates, but Sloan wouldn't say who they are. "We're not excluding anybody at this point."

John Lucas, a former coach of NBA's Cleveland Cavaliers whose son is on the basketball team, has been mentioned as a candidate to replace Bliss.

While at least three players have committed to staying for next season, others have indicated the choice of the new head coach could be a factor in deciding whether to transfer to another school.

Sloan has said Baylor agreed to release any player who requests it, but that the NCAA will decide whether to waive a rule requiring players to sit out for a year.

Silver Starz overcome record night by Jackson

SEATTLE (AP) — Lauren Jackson continued to make her case for MVP, setting a WNBA record with her seventh consecutive double-double.

But it wasn't enough to keep the Seattle Storm from losing to the San Antonio Silver Stars 87-77 Tuesday night.

Jackson, who had 18 points and nine re-

bounds in the first half, broke the old mark shared by three players. She finished the game with 32 points and 18 rebounds.

Four San Antonio starters scored in double figures, helping to snap the Storm's eight-game home winning streak. Margo Dydek led the Silver Stars with 16 points and nine boards.

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ing, including a key victory by Mijian Lopez over American Rulon Gardner, the 2000 Olympic champion.

In gymnastics, Eric Lopez took four individual golds — in pommel horse, rings, vault and parallel bars — to take his overall tally to six golds. Cuba also won all four in judo.

The United States, meanwhile, has had inspired showings in track and field and shooting. The Americans took first in the men's and women's 400-meter relays, and the women's 1,600 relay. The United States also swept the 100 for the first time since the 1987

Pan Ams.

However, the next few days of competition will offer the United States an opportunity to widen its lead. Swimming events offer 30 medals in a sport typically dominated by the Americans. U.S. swimmers took three of the five golds up for grabs Monday.

"They have a big advantage there," Alvarez Cambra said. "That's probably one of our weak points. We'll just be hoping to hold on to our second place in the golds."

Indeed, that is how the two countries have finished in the previous two games. In Winnipeg four years ago, the United States took 106 golds to Cuba's 69.

Cuba has only beaten the United States once in

total golds in recent competition. In 1991, when the games were held in Havana, Cuba carried away 140 gold medals, 10 more than the Americans.

Still, officials from both countries said they have

reason to cheer.

"I think we've fared very well so far," Seibel said. "Our success makes Cubans happy."

Alvarez Cambra said. "I'm sure everyone is celebrating."



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1212 Mulberry, 2 BR 2 bath. \$350/mo. \$150 deposit. Call 263-3375 or 270-8665

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pre-K-Kindergarten Classes Big Spring ISD Big Spring ISD offers free Pre-K-Kindergarten classes for students at least four years of age by September 1, 2003. If the following criteria are met: Child is unable to speak or comprehend the English language and/or; Child comes from an economically/educationally disadvantaged family according to standards set by the State Board of Education. (Qualify for food stamps or the Free or Reduced Lunch Program) and/or; Child is homeless. If you know a child whom you feel meets these qualifications, please call 264-3600. A minimum of 15 qualified students is required before the class will be offered.

Big Spring ISD ofrece libreta de clases de Pre-Kindergarten para estudiantes por lo menos cuatro años de edad por el 1 de septiembre de 2003 si los criterios siguientes se reúnen: Niño es incapaz de hablar o comprender el idioma inglés y/o; Niño viene de una familia económicamente/educativamente desventajada según el Consejo de Educación del Estado. (Califique para sellos de alimento o el Programa Libre o Reducido de Almuerzo) y/o; Niño es sin hogar Si usted sabe que un niño quien usted se siente reúne estas salvvedades, por favor llamen al 264-3600. Un mínimo de 15 estudiantes calificadas se requieren antes la clase se abraza. #3963 August 13 & 13, 2003

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Permian Basin Workforce Development Board (PBWDB) is seeking proposals through a Request for Quotes for janitorial and outside premises maintenance services at the Workforce Center of Big Spring. The office has approximately 5,500 sq. feet. Contact Dolores Andrews at 432/563-5239 to request a Request for Quotes package or for additional information. The deadline for submitting a bid is noon on August 19, 2003. The Permian Basin Workforce Development Board reserves the right to reject any or all quotes. #3963 August 13 & 13, 2003

TOO LATES

Just Completed 4 Brand New Homes, \$69,900 each, 3 Bdrm 2 bath, 2 car garage on 1300 Block of Marjio. Reasonably good credit required, Down payment assistance and lowered interest rates to Qualified Buyer. Call now 520-9848 Carne Investments Inc.

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Free kittens to good home, only 3 left (male). Call 263-3206

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PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS: TC: Ermirna Bustamante aka Ermirna B. Camacho and any and all other unknown owners or persons, including adverse claimants, owing or having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the following described property delinquent to Plaintiffs herein, for taxes, to-wit: Lot Twenty Eight (28), Block Four (4), Wright's Airport Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas. Lot Twenty Nine (29), Block Four (4), Wright's Airport Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas.

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$6,009.30, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and costs thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that said suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against Ermirna Bustamante, et al, Defendants, by petition filed on the 12th Day of March, 2003, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL vs. ERMINA BUSTAMANTE, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas in the 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is T-03-03-4572 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law. All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Intervenor(s), shall take notice that claims not only for any tax due on the property hereinabove described, but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law hereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims arising hereon, on file in said causes by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 15 day of September, 2003 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment should not be rendered by such laws, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issue and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 29th day of July, A.D. 2003 Priscilla Ginnetti Clerk of the District Court Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District #3962 August 13 & 20, 2003

Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY JOYCE JILLSON The vibes promoted by the Pisces moon color our world with respect for where others are coming from — and the desire to figure out exactly where we're coming from, too. Try not to get bogged down in feelings, though. Stay reasonable, and keep love light, fun and flirty. Plan ahead to make this weekend twice as fun.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The future comes into sharp focus. Work forces you to move ahead, though old methods do die hard. Even if you're very, very good at being a dinosaur, you're still extinct. Big deals are stalled, but there's opportunity while you wait.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The day is peppered in excitement, most of which begins with the outpouring of drama around 11 a.m. You might get wacky and decide to sign up for a reality TV show. Don't let social norms limit your thinking.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Bad people exist in the world. Walk like you know where you're going. By the same token, don't mistrust someone just because he or she has an arm full of tattoos and a weird way of communicating.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). New situations bring out your best, but they also make you feel vulnerable. You might even tear up. Congratulate yourself for stretching. It takes a long time to get where you're going this afternoon, so plan for delays.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It might be easier to grin and bear it, but it's not better. Immature people who take more than they give turn out to be a total deficit to your time and energy. Stop being too nice.

TOMORROW'S BIRTHDAY (August 14). Your outstanding mental attitude makes this a year of results. The theme in the next month and a half is self-improvement and service. Be tough, stay at it, and you'll have your dream by October. A key partnership or legal move in January sets you up to exercise your famous generosity in 2004. Your best love signs this year are Virgo and

Aquarius. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 13, 29, 15 and 18. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Expressing your genius requires that you get out into the world on a broader basis. You can do well in business dealings with someone in a foreign country. Surround yourself with beauty. Need counseling? Call for it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Money is important, and you'll be pleased to see a bit more of it coming in. As much as you feel like a loner today, you still need satisfying companionship. Besides, sharing is more fun than going off on your own.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Freedom is doing what you want. Happiness is loving what you do. Take a relaxed approach. You'll have more friends than you know what to do with, but find a role for each, and you'll keep them around.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). This is a good time to remind yourself that you're the one who ultimately has chosen the friends you've got, so if you're not happy with some, note it. Make sure the new ones are free of the common flaw!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Financial dreams fill your head. The bigger, the more likely they are to come true. It's a good reason to join the ranks of the after-hours workers, where you'll have plenty to do. Tonight, stay centered.

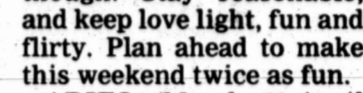
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Winners know how to focus. Accept that there are distinct differences between you and the ones you're up against. Don't try to be like the others, or you'll only get distracted from using your own unique strengths.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Getting overwhelmed is a danger today, and the remedy might seem strange: Add one more thing to your list. When you take on a big responsibility, it makes you realize how to better prioritize.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm a Cancer who not only takes a lot of pride in his work but also puts a lot of overtime in. But the boss has a loser son who gets the benefits I should be getting, and he does nothing. Should I quit?"

Yes. Move quickly, without looking back.

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WEDNESDAY

Table with 2 columns: Time, Program Name. Includes 6:30 News, 7:30 My Will, 8:30 Real, 9:30 Family, 10:30 News, 11:30 Jimmy, 12:30 Cowboy

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YOU NEED A COUPLE OF CAPS



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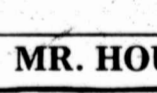
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Annie's Mailbox:

Dear Annie: Several months ago, my wife of 12 years filed for divorce. Last week, I found her diary in a drawer. In it were details of past relationships she had had with other men during our marriage. I was unaware of these relationships.

My wife suffers from depression and, in fact, it runs in her family. She has been seeing a counselor. I read the diary to help me determine her mental status, but now I feel guilty. Tell me, Annie, under the circumstances, was it inappropriate for me to read her diary? — Betrayed in Wisconsin

Dear Betrayed: Unless a person is in some kind of danger, it is wrong to read his or her diary. Of course, since your wife is divorcing you, we can understand why invading her privacy wasn't that big an issue at the time.

A diary is not always an accurate representation of someone's life. Since your wife is getting help from a professional therapist, your assistance is not required. Forgive yourself for this intrusion, and then forget about it.

Dear Annie: I deliver pizzas. At least four times a night, someone's door is opened by a child under the age of 12. Last Sunday, it took over 10 minutes before I saw an adult. I could have ransacked the house, kidnapped the children and been on the freeway by then.

The vast majority of delivery drivers are good,



ANNIE'S MAILBOX

honest, hard-working people. However, there is no background check required, no fingerprinting done and no investigation of a criminal record. Warn them. — Pizza Guy in California

Dear Pizza Guy: It is alarming and surprising in this day and age that people are foolish enough to allow their young children to open the door without an adult present. Readers, if this is happening in your house, smarten up before it's too late.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, P.O. Box 118190, Chicago, IL 60611. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

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8	PM	Real Rosanne	Paradise Hotel	CC)	Big Brother 4 (CC)	Real Rosanne	West Wing (CC)	Ripley's Believe It or Not	Nina... Amada	Movie: A Nightmare on Elm Street	Movie: Pretty in Pink (CC)	Van Wilder	Junyard Wars	Sex and-City Greenlight	Light of the Southwest	American Justice	Robo Shark	Movie: The Edge (CC)	Cook-Off	
9	PM	Family (CC)	70s Show	Hey, Hey Dharma-Greg	Whose Line? Whose Line?	48 Hours Investigates	Family (CC)	Boomtown (CC)	Movie: Dumb & Dumber	Don Francisco	Elm Street	Scary Movie 2	Movie: Original	Ultimate Ten Biggest	Wire (CC)	Hour of Healing	Third Watch (CC)	Unsolved History	Movie: The Edge (CC)	Sister, Sister Even Stevens
10	PM	News Nightline	70s Show Raymond	Monkees Everyday	700 Club (CC)	News Late Show	News (CC) Tonight	News Tonight	CC)	Primer Impacto	Real TV (CC)	Scary Movie 2	Movie: Original	Ultimate Ten Biggest	Wire (CC)	Hour of Healing	Third Watch (CC)	Unsolved History	Movie: The Edge (CC)	Boy World Proud Family
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"GOD GAVE DOGS TAILS TO MAKE UP FOR NOT BEING ABLE TO TALK."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Could I delete what I just said?"

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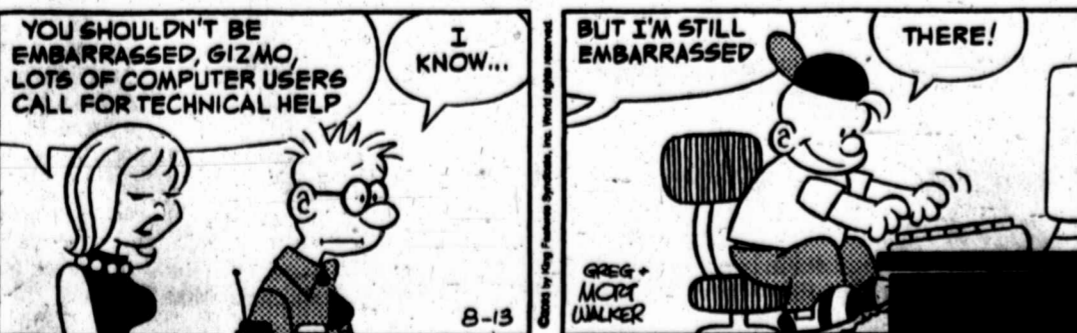
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BEETLE BAILEY



This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Aug. 13, the 225th day of 2003. There are 140 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History:
On Aug. 13, 1961, Berlin was divided as East Germany sealed off the border between the city's eastern and western sectors to halt the flight of refugees.
On this date:
In 1521, Spanish conqueror Hernando Cortez captured present-day Mexico City from the Aztec Indians.
In 1624, French King Louis XIII named Cardinal Richelieu his first minister.
In 1846, the American flag was raised for the first time in Los Angeles.
In 1910, Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing, died in London.
In 1932, Adolf Hitler

rejected the post of vice chancellor of Germany, saying he was prepared to hold out "for all or nothing."
In 1934, the satirical comic strip "Li'l Abner," created by Al Capp, made its debut.
In 1946, author H.G. Wells died in London.
In 1960, the first two-way telephone conversation by satellite took place with the help of Echo 1.
In 1981, in a ceremony at his California ranch, President Reagan signed a historic package of tax and budget reductions.
In 1995, baseball Hall of Famer Mickey Mantle died at a Dallas hospital of rapidly spreading liver cancer; he was 63.
Ten years ago:
Negotiators for the United States, Canada and Mexico announced they had resolved side issues concerning the proposed North American Free Trade Agreement.
Five years ago: President Clinton led the nation in mourning 12 Americans killed in a pair of U.S. embassy bombings in Africa.

One year ago: President Bush hosted a half-day economic forum at Baylor University in Waco, Texas, where he assured Americans that his administration had a steady hand on the economy. American Airlines said it would eliminate 7,000 and cut flights. Today's Birthdays:
Television evangelist Rex Humbard is 84. Cuban President Fidel Castro is 77. Actor Pat Harrington is 74. Singer Don Ho is 73. Former U.S. Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders is 70. Blues singer-musician Son Seals is 61. Actor Kevin Tighe is 59. Actress Gretchen Corbett is 56. Opera singer Kathleen Battle is 55.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

FICTIONAL FOLKS by Sarah Keller
Edited by Stanley Newman

- ACROSS**
- 1 Monkey relatives
 - 5 Perils
 - 10 Not very interesting
 - 14 Harsh criticism
 - 15 Organic compound
 - 16 Frost
 - 17 Symbolic WWII defense worker
 - 20 Have debts outstanding
 - 21 Knee-slapper
 - 22 Buck of Hee Haw
 - 23 Guitar part
 - 24 Fill fully
 - 26 Love song
 - 29 Terrier breed
 - 33 "My Heart Skips"
 - 34 "Smooth Operator" singer
 - 35 One customer
 - 36 Mythological seaman
 - 40 Teacher's deg.
 - 41 Affirmatives at sea
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 - 43 Placed more film in
 - 46 Snores and snorts
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 - 52 Make airtight
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 - 61 Soft ice-cream design
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 - 13 His and
 - 18 Printing goofs
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 - 23 Exercise target
 - 24 "Them" and "us"
 - 25 Son of Hera
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 - 27 Tolerate
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 - 30 World carrier
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 - 32 Brings home the bacon
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 - 49 Highways: Abbr.
 - 50 Stay out of sight
 - 51 Gymnast Korbut
 - 52 Ocean liner
 - 53 DeeJay Freed
 - 54 Singing hopeful's tape
 - 55 Selected, as straws
 - 57 Cornerstone abbr.
 - 58 Company, so they say
 - 59 Pen filler

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AUG 13 2003

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Who will win the 103rd U.S. Amateur?

Cast your vote at: www.golfweek.com

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

What is your favorite major championship?

Event	percent
Masters	51%
U.S. Open	21%
British Open	15%
U.S. Amateur	6%
PGA Championship	3%
U.S. Women's Open	2%
McDonald's LPGA Championship	1%
Ford Senior Championship	<1%
Nabisco Championship	<1%
Senior British Open	<1%
Senior PGA Championship	<1%
Tradition	<1%
U.S. Senior Open	<1%
U.S. Women's Open	<1%

SCHEDULE

All times ET

PGA Tour: PGA Championship

- Thursday and Friday, 1 to 7 p.m., TNT
- Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., TNT; 2 to 7 p.m., CBS

Champions Tour: Long Island Classic

- Friday, 1:30 to 4 p.m., The Golf Channel
- Saturday and Sunday, 7 to 9 p.m., CNBC

POINT STANDINGS

2003 PRESIDENTS CUP

U.S. team standings are based on official PGA tour earnings for the 2001, 2002 and the 2003 seasons. International Team standings are based on Official World Ranking. The tournament will be played Nov. 20-23.

(Through Aug. 10)

United States

1. Tiger Woods 19,377,505
2. Davis Love III 13,884,967
3. Jim Furyk 12,436,243
4. David Toms 11,879,817
5. Kenny Perry 10,732,140
6. Phil Mickelson 9,229,675
7. Justin Leonard 8,048,806
8. Chris DiMarco 8,004,775
9. Jerry Kelly 6,904,024
10. Charles Howell III 6,400,786
11. Bob Estes 6,336,600
12. Fred Funk 6,065,346
13. Jeff Sluman 5,790,309
14. Scott Verplank 5,730,490
15. Brad Faxon 5,339,568

International

1. Ernie Els 9.35
2. Vijay Singh 8.30
3. Mike Weir 7.46
4. Nick Price 5.61
5. Retief Goosen 5.25
6. Robert Allenby 3.74
7. Stephen Leaney 3.16
8. Peter Lonard 2.89
9. Adam Scott 2.75
10. Stuart Appleby 2.74
11. Choi Kyung-Ju 2.73
12. Eduardo Romero 2.68
13. Michael Campbell 2.57
14. Angel Cabrera 2.45
15. Trevor Immelman 2.38

2003 SOLHEIM CUP

Qualifying points for the U.S. Team are awarded weekly to the top-10 finishers and ties at official LPGA tournaments. Points are doubled at the four major championships every year.

(Through Aug. 10)

United States

1. Juli Inkster 244
2. Rosie Jones 208
3. Beth Daniel 146
4. Michele Redman 141.5
5. Laura Diaz 135.5
6. Cristie Kerr 129
7. Meg Mallon 109.5
8. Angela Stanford 81.5
9. Kelly Robbins 69.5
10. Wendy Ward 64.5

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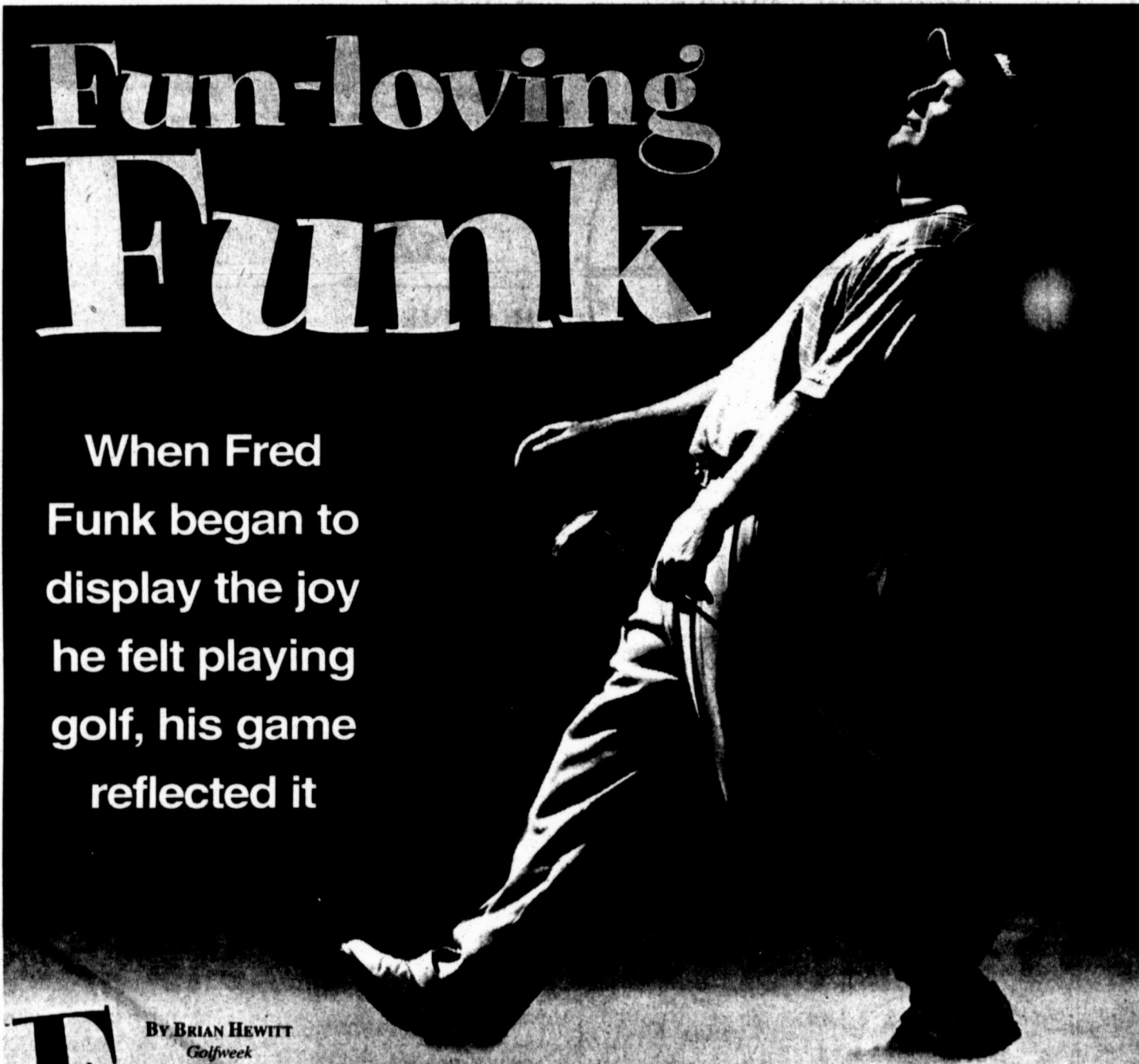
"I would love to find a few of these guys that are really drunk and yelling and get myself a cooler with a 12-pack, go into their work the next day and drink some beer and yell at them when they are working. ... 'What kind of sales call is that?'"

— Chris DiMarco, jokingly, on the boisterous crowds at the Buick Open's 17th hole

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Fun-loving Funk

When Fred Funk began to display the joy he felt playing golf, his game reflected it



By BRIAN HEWITT
Golfweek

Fred Funk is kicking back out back (Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.). His wife, Sharon, has just delivered a plate of sandwiches. His children are playing nearby. Expensive boats are bobbing, tethered and silent in the small channel behind his large, handsomely appointed house that is for sale because builders are constructing an even bigger one just down the street.

In case you've forgotten, Funk was the feel-good story of the PGA Tour in 2002, mostly because of the PGA Championship at Hazeltine National Golf Club in Minnesota. The crowds there warmed to fun-loving Rich Beem, the eventual winner. Tiger Woods awed them, the way he does everywhere he goes. But it was Funk, the reformed grinder, who played with more joy than anyone else. His attitude was infectious and television didn't miss one happy beat of it.

In the process, Funk discovered something about himself. And the good vibrations have remained, almost like a palpable force field as the increasingly uncertain world of professional golf hurtles forward.

With a wave of his smallest hand, Funk gestures to David Duval's place, just the other side of the water. Then he shows a visitor where, a gap wedge away, former Jacksonville Jaguar offensive lineman Tony Boselli used to live. To be sure, this is a well-heeled, post-modern, gated-community, show-me-the-money professional sports tableau at its most emblematic.

But Fred Funk, a former paperboy from Maryland whose mother made drapes in the basement to put food on the family table, is decidedly more Norman Rockwell than Jerry Maguire. Lunch waits on the table. "Sometimes," Funk says, flashing the bluest eyes this side of the American Dream and a smile that could disarm an Afghan warlord, "nothing tastes better than a peanut butter and jelly."

The eyes and the smile were a big part of what attracted Sharon Archer when they met in 1992. Two years later they were married. Fred for the second time. Her father was Texas Congressman Bill Archer, who had taken George W. Bush's seat in the House of Representatives and risen to chairman of the powerful House Ways and Means Committee.

And now she found herself madly in love with a professional golfer whose game back then was still a work in progress. She would turn out to be the driving force his career needed — through the Greater Hartford Open. Funk, now 47, ranked 23rd on the career earnings list with more than \$12 million. And he would turn out to be the man who attracted her even more because everyone



Funk and wife and caddy Sharon line up a putt.

was so naturally attracted to him. Sharon Funk home-schools their two young children, Taylor and Perri. She has caddied for her husband on Tour. She knows his swing and isn't afraid to tell him when she doesn't like what she sees. Nor does she worry when others whisper that she crosses the line behind which Tour wives are supposed to stand in silence. "Fred's a little over-wifed," is the way

one former Tour player puts it. Fred Funk disagrees. "She's the glue that keeps the whole thing put together," he says. "People don't appreciate how hard it is out on Tour to have a family and keep it together."

The PGA Championship would be Funk's first major of the year. He would finish fourth. He would smile. He would laugh with the fans. He would even spoof Woods' famous fist-pump after making an important putt while playing in the same group.

Where did it all come from? Well, there had been a hotly contested pingpong match at the Funk residence in which Duval was a key participant. "Everybody was making shots and jumping around and yelling and screaming, and I said wouldn't it be nice if I could act this way on the golf course," Fred says. "I'm out here on Tour doing something I love. Why can't I act like I like it?"

The transformation was startling. "It was all the dreams I'd had about Fred that people finally got to see," says Sharon of PGA week. "I mean, for my whole life, I thought Fred Funk was so much a better player if he would just let himself be. And he did. It all came out."

In short, Fred Funk found a second act. No one is more aware than he that it will be a tough one to follow. It's difficult to laugh and have the world laugh with you when you're lipping out from 3 feet.

"You can't force a fist pump," Fred Funk says. "But I can be conscious of trying to keep my attitude up."

Meanwhile, he looks with great anticipation to joining the Champions Tour when he turns 50. Fred's talks with TaylorMade on a new club deal are promising, he remains in demand for outings and appearances, and the Ryder Cup and the Presidents Cup matches are both on Funk's competitive radar screen.

The PGA Championship marks the first anniversary of the crystallization of all of this. "I think," says Sharon Funk, "it

Woods cites ball control for switch

By DAVE SEANOR AND GENE YASUDA
Golfweek

Anyone seeking a reason for "The Great Driver Switch" by Tiger Woods needn't look further than his 0-for-3 record in majors this season.

Which is why Woods said he'll have the infamous Titleist 975D driver (below) in his bag for the PGA Championship at Oak Hill Country Club in Rochester, N.Y.

"Technology has passed it by, but I drove it well this week," Woods said after finishing second behind Jim Furyk at the Buick Open. "It's something that I know I have played and won major championships with in the past."

Woods made headlines going into the Buick by shelving the Nike driver he had been using in favor of the Titleist, which he had in play from 1997 until early last season. Players frequently experiment with drivers — Titleist endorser Phil Mickelson used a different Titleist or TaylorMade driver each round during the 2001 Buick Invitational — but Woods' change made news because he's Tiger Woods. And Nike is Nike.

After Mickelson's published suggestion in February that Woods was being hurt by "inferior equipment," Nike responded with advertisements that touted Woods' freedom of choice to use clubs and balls that best suit his game. Woods dresses in Nike apparel; wears Nike shoes; plays the Nike One TW ball; hits a custom set of Nike forged irons; wields a Titleist by Scotty Cameron putter, Titleist Vokey wedges and a Titleist 3-wood; and until the Battle at the Bridges exhibition July 28, he had used a Nike 300cc driver.

Woods became a Nike endorser in 1996 and currently has a reported \$100 million-plus, multiyear deal. Considering Woods' high fee, his switch is a public relations fiasco for the company. But for all the negative hype, it remains uncertain how much, if at all, the incident will set back Nike sales.

Woods' beef with his benched Nike driver centers around his perceived inability to shape drives. He said that by switching to the 975D he may lose some distance, but is willing to do so to gain more control. At the Buick, Woods ranked 21st in fairways hit (39 of 56) and 11th in driving distance (309.4). He moved up to 29th from 41st in total driving for the season. Woods is 119th in driving accuracy (65.1 percent, up from 128th the previous week) and 19th in driving distance (295.0, up from 24th).

Those stats can be misleading because they don't reflect actual driver usage. In any case, Woods certainly would trade leadership



ACED OUT . . .

The odds of holing a tee shot on a par 4 for double eagle are astronomical. The odds of your feat being overshadowed within minutes by another ace one hole back are equally impressive — and, at least for Dan Boever, maybe even a bit unjust.



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With a baseball swing from a modified tee that suspends the golf ball about 3 feet in the air, Boever's Pinnacle Power Core Straight Distance golf ball flew 290 yards, bounced once and rolled into the hole for a rare albatross.

"Like I always do, I told the guys before I hit, 'If I make this we're going to do some man kissing,'" joked Boever, not a small man. "Next thing you know, we're hugging and screaming."

Boever's moment in the sun, however, didn't last long. Eight minutes later, Wisconsinite Paul Eastman made a hole-in-one at Kemper Lake's 203-yard, par-3 17th to win a one-year lease on a Porsche Cayenne.

"He gets a car and I got kissed by an 80-year-old man," Boever sighed. "Where's the justice?"

WHINE AND ROSES

Laura Davies accused up-and-coming European players of too much whining, calling upon them to work harder to get the attention of sponsors.

"It (the Ladies European Tour) is not a bad Tour," Davies told Scotland on Sunday.

"Eighteen events this year is pretty good, but what trouble there is comes from the girls themselves. For some reason they think

they are owed a living. Some of them are not even that good, yet they still think they should be earning a barrel-load of money.

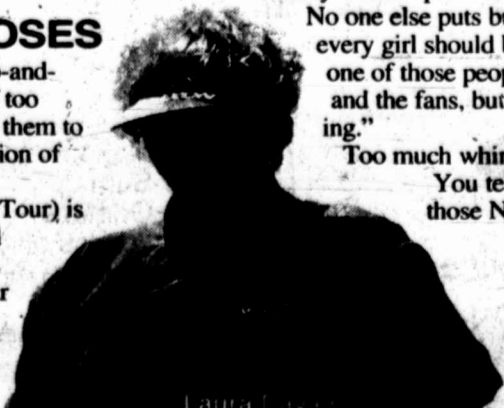
"If someone does a consistently bad job, it isn't long before the boss says: 'Bugger off, you're obviously not good enough.' But these girls shoot 80-78-80-78, consistent rubbish, and still expect lots of tournaments so that they can make the odd cut and the odd check. It does not work like that in the real world.

"Only the top 10 on the European Tour and maybe the top 30 in America matter to sponsors. No one else puts bums on seats. The aim of every girl should be working towards being one of those people who matter to sponsors and the fans, but they are too busy whining."

Too much whining. Not enough winning. You tell 'em, Laura. Now, about those New York Mets . . .

TAP-INS & LIP-OUTS

● Ricky Barnes, making his pro debut at The International, has



signed with Callaway, adding to a young stable that already includes Charles Howell III, Nick Dougherty and Ty Tryon. The Forecaddie learned Barnes, 22, the 2002 U.S. Amateur champion, inked a multiyear, multimillion-dollar contract (base pay and incentives) to play Callaway clubs (including the ERC Fusion driver and eventually the X-16 Pro Series irons), use the prototype Callaway HX Tour ball, carry a Callaway bag and wear a Callaway glove and visor. Best thing he could do as a young pro? Spend an entire day just watching another Callaway endorser — Arnold Palmer.

● Golfweek has known Ben Curtis since his amateur days, when he was the publication's top-ranked amateur while still at Kent State. But the Forecaddie has found it alarming to discover how many folks in the golf world had no idea who he was as he worked his way up the leaderboard at Royal St. George's a few weeks back. Granted, a year ago the guy was collecting \$20,000 winner's checks flanked by Hooters girls on the NGA/Hooters Tour. "I thought he was a European Tour player. I saw his name on Saturday (at the British Open) and didn't even know he played our tour," said PGA Tour player Mike Spivey.

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