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WEATHER



TONIGHT 70°-73°
TOMORROW 99°-100°

BRIEFLY

Citizens group for Fisd bond issue to convene

The Forsan Independent School District Citizens Committee will meet at 7 tonight in the high school library.

Anyone interested in supporting the upcoming bond election is encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact Amy Burchett at 267-5626.

Forsan All-Class Reunion slated

The Forsan School All-Class Reunion will be held Saturday in the Forsan High School cafeteria. All ex-students, spouses, teachers and friends of the school are invited. Dress is casual. Admission is \$15 per person, \$7.50 for students.

The reunion will begin at 9:30 a.m. with lunch to be served at 12:30 p.m. For more information, contact Boyce Hale at 432 267-6957 or e-mail txablo@yahoo.com

Salvation Army taking donations

The Big Spring Salvation Army is accepting donations for its annual "Back to School" program, which provides school supplies for area low-income students. Donations can be made at the Salvation Army office, 811 W. Fifth Street. Corps officials expect to help more than 400 students with their back to school items this year. For more information, call 267-8239.

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College trustees agree to 'unfreeze' raises

Slight increase in revenue allows board, administrators to give previously planned increases

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Howard College employees may receive raises totaling \$91,000, equaling money lost from last year's salary freeze, without adding more burden to taxpayers.

"We were working with decreased state funding, and when we made those adjustments, we froze all (salary) schedules at that time,"



SPARKS

explained college President Dr. Cheryl Sparks.

Increases in taxable values and tuition and fees, plus taking some cost-saving measures in personnel, have provided a budget surplus, Sparks told trustees Monday during their budget workshop.

That surplus, trustees all agreed, will be used to give

employees who did not receive their annual cost-of-living raises in 2003-2004 an added step raise.

Originally, when Sparks first proposed the idea to trustees, she excluded both herself and her administrative officers but Board President Dr. Charles Warren disagreed.

He said all employees should receive the extra step since the freeze impacted everyone. Other trustees agreed.

Recouping the lost wages

should not provide an extra burden to taxpayers.

According to Sparks, the proposed budget is built on the current tax rate of 27 cents per \$100 valuation which will give the district about \$77,000 in additional revenue.

The proposed budget for all three campuses the college oversees also includes increases for insurance, utilities and technology.

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Crossrode Keep members Tonya Senter, also known as Lady Svatava Ivanova Petrashalov, left, and Kerry Edwards, known as Kira Zhena Upyr'Rostislavich in the group, pose for a picture. The group, part of the Society of Creative Anachronism which is an organization that reenacts the Middle Ages, held its Sundered Shield tournament last weekend in Comanche Trail Park.

Group brings Middle Ages to life

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Lakeside at Comanche Trail Park turned into a vision of the past over the weekend as chivalrous knights fought for honor and the attention of elegant ladies at the annual Crossrode Keep's Sundered Shield tournament.

"This is an event that is open nationally but it's for our kingdom Ansteorra which includes Texas and Oklahoma," said

"You pick what country you can be from. You make your own history."

—Lady Marianna laFaye

club spokesperson Kay Oyler, known as Lady Marianna laFaye in the Society of Creative Anachronism. "We had heavy fighting, light fighting, knife, ax, spear and

archery events, period pieces and we ended with a feast."

SCA is a reenactment group portraying how people lived during the Middle Ages, Oyler said, and much of the allure of the club comes from the ability to dress and act the part of another persona.

"It's fun," she said. "We're still kids. If you can imagine if someone comes up to you asks

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Child porn among jury indictments

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

A Howard County grand jury handed down more than two-dozen indictments Friday, including a true-bill against a Texas Department of Criminal Justice employee for possession or promotion of child pornography.

Jerry Glenn Dickey, 45, of 2402 Allendale, was indicted on a charge of possession or promotion of child pornography, a third-degree felony.

Dickey was arrested at his home on June 29.

Police Public Information Officer Sgt. Roger Sweatt said the pictures were discovered on Dickey's computer, which was confiscated during the arrest.

"Mr. Dickey was taken into custody because it was alleged that he had some pictures of under age kids to possibly gratify himself or someone else," said Sweatt. "We got the warrant for

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Hospitality seminar planned Wednesday

Herald Staff Report

The city of Big Spring Convention & Visitors Bureau will hold a hospitality training seminar at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Anyone is welcome to attend the free training, which is primarily geared toward workers who interact with the public, including cashiers,

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Ports-to-Plains meeting slated today in Midland

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Departments of transportation from four Southwestern states will meet in Midland this evening, as officials from the Ports-to-Plains Corridor effort gather input and help update the public on the effort to establish the new trade corridor.

Representatives from Texas, Colorado,

"This project is something good for the future, and in general, for the West Texas economy."



Bill Crooker

Oklahoma and New

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Vice president stumps for Randy Neugebauer

By BETSY BLANEY

Associated Press Writer

LUBBOCK — Vice President Dick Cheney came to the South Plains to help a freshman Republican representative locked in a hotly contested race with a congressional veteran.

Cheney was able to raise about \$415,000 for



NEUGEBAUER

Rep. Randy Neugebauer's battle with conservative Democrat Charles Stenholm of Abilene.

Neugebauer, who filled the unexpired term of Larry

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Jim DeFoor, Veterans Service Officer for Taylor County, presents new Big Spring VA Medical Center Director Lou Ann Atkins with a gift to welcome her to the area. Atkins assumed her new responsibilities last week. A reception to welcome her to the city and meet community leaders was held Friday.

AUGUST 03 2004

Obituaries

Wilma "NeeNee" Henderson



Wilma "NeeNee" Henderson, 63, of Big Spring died on Sunday, Aug. 1, 2004, in a local hospital. Graveside funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 4, 2004, in the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Samuel Segundo, pastor of Family Faith Victory Center, officiating, assisted by Greg Nelson.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

She was born May 27, 1941, in Fort Sumner, N.M. and married Charles Henderson on April 10, 1960, in Clovis, N.M. He preceded her in death on Dec. 1, 1996.

Wilma was a longtime resident of Big Spring. She was a hard worker and was currently working at Cowboy's Steakhouse. She loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She also enjoyed crocheting and working in the garden. She was a Christian.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, Rusty and Karen Henderson of Big Spring; five grandchildren, Stephanie and husband, Sean Scott, of Big Spring, Whitney and husband, Sgt. Danny Joe Wilson of Fort Hood, Aaron Henderson, Greg Nelson and Frances Clark, all of Big Spring; two great grandchildren, Breanna Nicole Wilson and Carter Sentelle Scott; two sisters, Dorothy Young of Altadena, Calif., and Lonnie and husband, James Warren, of Arvada, Colo.; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Laurie Henderson.

The family suggests memorials to a favorite charity. Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

Paid obituary

Lorraine Horton Fuglaar



Lorraine Horton Fuglaar, of Midland passed away on Aug. 1, 2004.

She was born May 16, 1913, to Tom Horton and Ora Dykes Horton in Big Spring and was raised and educated there. Lorraine owned and operated a water well service with her husband, C.R. "Dod" Fuglaar. She was a member of Rebecca's Lodge and Eastern Star.

Lorraine loved caring for her family, and also enjoyed cooking and reading.

She was always an "above and beyond the call of duty" parent, grandparent and great grandparent. No challenge ever deterred her from her dedication to her family and friends.

Her life was not always easy, but she faced all hardships with a steely resolve and a pithy wit and humor. She never met a stranger, and her door was always open.

She was preceded in death by her husband; two children, Terry Fuglaar and Vi Jean Fuglaar; and her parents.

Lorraine is survived by her daughters, Vi Lea Borland and husband, Mike, of Midland and Colleen Fuglaar of California; two brothers, James Horton and T.F. "Bill" Horton, both of Big Spring; five grandchildren, Misty Phiffer, Crystal Brown, Vileysha Borland, Jason Jeske and Devon Jeske, all of Midland; and six great grandchildren.

Memorials may be directed to Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland 79702 or to the Make A Wish Foundation, 3800 W. 42nd St. No. 512, Odessa 79762.

Graveside services have been scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 4, 2004, at 11 a.m. at Mount Olive Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Paid obituary

Sheriff's report

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

- **JUAN LOUIS SALAZAR**, 36, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- **RICKY MCCULLOUGH**, 48, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **DAVID ARGUELLO JR.**, 23, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation/sentencing for possession of marijuana - 2 ounces or less.
- **BARBARA JO THIGPEN**, 61, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of burglary of a habitation with intent to commit assault.
- **KERVIN JOHN FRYSAK**, 50, was arrested Monday by DPS on a charge of reckless driving.
- **REBECCA JO BOLTON**, 24, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana - 2 ounces or less.
- **JOHN DEE ROMAN**, 34, was arrested Monday by DPS on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- **BOBBY LANCE CUNNINGHAM**, 33, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on charges possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana - 2 ounces or less.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION/BUILDING** was reported in the 900 block of Boykin.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 4800 block of Parkway.

Weather

Tonight - Mainly clear skies. Low 73. Winds SSE at 10 to 20 mph.

Wednesday - A mainly sunny sky. Very hot. High around 100. Winds SSE at 10 to 20 mph.

Wednesday night - Clear skies. Low 74. Winds SE at 5 to 10 mph.

Thursday - Sunny. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.

Friday - A few clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.

Saturday - Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the low 70s.

George David Philley

George David Philley, 56, of Duncan, Okla., died Sunday, Aug. 1, 2004, in Duncan, Okla.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 4, 2004, at Tanglewood Bible Fellowship in Duncan, Okla., with the Rev. Brad McCoy officiating. Interment will be at the Duncan Cemetery under the direction of Don Grantham Funeral Home.

George was born Aug. 9, 1947, in Perryton and graduated from Perryton High School. He was also a graduate of Elgin Electronic School in Dallas. He owned and operated an electronic service business in Perryton and also had worked at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston.

George was employed with Halliburton Services in Perryton before moving to Duncan, Okla., as an electrical technician. He ended his 23-year career as a supervisor over instrument and electrical technicians in Houma, La.

After his retirement in 1995, he returned to Duncan, Okla., to be near his family.

He served in the United States Marine Corps Reserve and was a member of the Tanglewood Bible Fellowship, the Masonic Lodge of Perryton and was a Shriner. He was an avid fisherman, machinist and fabricator.

George married Judy Beth Stumpf on Sept. 15, 1967, in Perryton. He was preceded in death by his father, Tom Metcalf, in 1956.

Survivors include his wife, Judy, of the home; two daughters, Amy and her husband, Brian Wilkinson, Teri Philley and her fiancée, Chris Billings, all of Duncan; his parents, W.H. and O'Neal (Wilson) Philley of Big Spring; a brother and his wife, Bill and Berta Philley of Perryton; a sister and her husband, Ruth Ann and John Leubner of Big Spring; and the joy of his life, his three grandchildren, Emily Beth Wilkinson, Bryce David Wilkinson and Tyler Keith Wilkinson, all of Duncan, Okla. He is also survived by his mother-and-father-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Stumpf of Perryton.

Pallbearers will be Brian Wilkinson, Chris Billings, Tommy Lovett, Gaylon "Sput" Irwin, Tom Metcalf and Gary Harper. Honorary pallbearers will be Hal Thornton, Wendell Holmes, Jim Sponsler, Herb Steinmeier, Tom Utley, Rick Helm, Gary Waters and Dr. Matthew Ivory.

Arrangements are under the direction of Don Grantham Funeral Home, Duncan, Okla. (580) 255-6666.

Paid obituary

Police blotter

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

• **JENNIE JUAREZ**, age unknown, of 1010 N.W. Second Street, was arrested Monday on local traffic warrants.

• **SHANNON ELEANOR LANG**, 18, of 2911 W. Highway 80, was arrested Monday on local traffic warrants.

• **JOHNNY SLAY ANCHONDO JR.**, 20, address unknown, was arrested Monday on local traffic warrants and a charge of minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage.

• **REBECCA JO BOLTON**, 24, of 114 Colorado Street, was arrested Monday and held for the HCSO.

• **CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL BY A MINOR** was reported in the 1300 block of Nolan.

• **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported in the 1400 block of Benton.

• **TERRORISTIC THREAT** was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard.

• **ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO CAUSE BODILY INJURY/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard.

• **THEFT** was reported:

- in the 900 block of Willia.

- in the 1700 block of Third Street.

• **CRUELTY TO ANIMALS** was reported in the 800 block of Creighton.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1600 block of 17th Street.

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 3-27-32-33. Bonus Ball: 26.
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.
Estimated jackpot for Thursday night drawing: \$250,000.

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Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 6-8-10-13-26.
Number matching five of five: 0.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1-0-3

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Bulletin board

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

TODAY

• Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• A Stithin' Time Club meets at 3:30 p.m. at Primitive Baptist Church, 201 E. 24th St. Everyone is invited to learn and share sewing skills, and portable sewing machines are welcome. Call Kay Sikes at 394-4835 for more information.

• Forsan ISD Citizen's Committee meeting at 7 p.m. in the high school library for anyone interested in supporting the upcoming bond election. Call Amy Burchett at 267-5626.

• VFW Post 2013 meets at 7 p.m. in the VFW Hall, 500 Driver Road.

• Sheriff's Posse meets at 7 p.m. in the clubhouse on the Andrews Highway.

• Alzheimer's Association, the Greater West Texas Chapter meets at 2 p.m. in the Howard County Library conference room, 500 S. Main.

• Gospel Singing in the Kentwood Activity Center at 7 p.m. with special guest singers from Midland and Colorado City. Everyone is welcome.

• Concerned Citizens for Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

• Big Spring Chapter 67, Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic Lodge, 219 Main St.

WEDNESDAY

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

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

• Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

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

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

• Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge at 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY

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

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

• Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.

• Genealogy Society of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

• Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY

• Statewide tax free weekend begins.

• AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.

• Greater Big Spring Rotary meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

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

SATURDAY

• Statewide tax-free weekend continues.

• Forsan School All-Class Reunion begins at 9:30 a.m. with lunch set for 12:30 p.m. in the Forsan High School cafeteria. Open to all ex-students, spouses, teachers and friends. The dress is casual and cost is \$15 per person or \$7.50 for students. Contact Boyce Hale at 267-6957.

• Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

• Big Spring Squares. Call 263-6305 for more information.

SUNDAY

• Statewide tax-free weekend continues.

• Team Rustic Circle, an amateur paintball team, meets for practice between noon and dusk at the Moss Creek Lake paintball facility. The public is always invited, whether to participate or just spectate. For more information contact Rick Boiles at 264-2395 or 393-5246.

All announcements to the Sunday Life! section are free of charge. Call the Herald office for more details, 263-7331

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Mexico are expected to attend the meeting, which will be held at the Center for Energy and Economic Diversification, located at 1400 North FM 1788 in Midland, from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m.

"This meeting is going to be very similar to the meeting that we held in Big Spring during the early spring this year," said Ports-to-Plains Board

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his arrest the day before it was served."

Sweatt confirmed that Dickey was an employee of TDCJ at the time of his arrest.

If convicted, Dickey faces between two and 10 years in prison and a fine not to exceed \$10,000.

Also indicted were:
• Marcus Armendarez, 40, of 1008 N. Gregg Street, possession of a controlled substance (state jail felony).

• Ricky Jay Edwards, 20, of 5909 N. Service Road Apt. 44, burglary of a habitation (second-degree felony).

• Denver Ray Heffington, 19, of 4111 Muir, two counts of burglary of a habitation (second-degree felonies).

• Franklin Eugene Rodgers, 20, of 115 N. 20th Street, burglary of a habitation (second-degree

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desk clerks, service staff, wait staff and managers. Topics to be covered include how to communicate with customers and guests, how to improve the image of your business and what Big Spring can offer to visitors. The meeting is expected to last about an hour.

A "promote Big Spring meeting" will be held at 5 p.m. in the same location for those who wish to participate.

For more information, call the Big Spring CVB office at 263-8235.

COLLEGE

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gy expense while it will include decreases in personnel expense and some financing issues.

One potentially large expense not budgeted this year is renovation to the college's aging structures, but it's a problem Sparks said the college will need to begin thinking about.

"We feel like we're custodians of this place in terms of it is our responsibility to make sure it's maintained properly," Executive Vice President Terry Hansen said. "It is aging, and in some ways that can be a good thing because you don't have any debt on it. But as buildings get older, it's just like driving an older car. You have to do repairs. We have to make sure we don't start letting things go past the point of

CAMPAIGN

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Combest, is doing a "superb" job, Cheney said.

"He stands up for his views and he's not afraid to reach across the aisle to get things done," Cheney told about 1,000 supporters at the fundraiser Monday evening. "That's exactly the kind of congressman you deserve here in the 19th

no return."

A study on what issues need to be addressed concerning infrastructure is expected to begin sometime this year before trustees can begin to think about how to pay for any major structural overhauls, Sparks said.

"It is possible, if the figure is low enough, we might be able to pull it out of the fund balance," Sparks said. "If it's not, then we've got to look at another avenue. We feel like this is important to bring to the attention of the board as well as the community so that we can prepare for the future."

After Monday's workshop, trustees met briefly to take care of several business items which included the approval of:

• A \$54,000 bid by Johnson Construction for roof work at the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf

District, and that's why you're going to send him for another term."

Stenholm's campaign countered that the high-powered visit shows the difference between the two candidates.

"The fact that Randy has to have someone come in to prop up his campaign is indicative of the type of congressman he will be," said Cori Smith, Stenholm's campaign director. "Randy seems to be running this

metal trades building.

• Personnel changes, including the hires of Nancy Allen, biology instructor at the Big Spring campus; Randy Key, welding instructor at SWCID; and Robert Munoz, men's residence hall supervisor at the Big Spring campus.

Trustees also approved the resignations of Steffany Jackson, assistant softball coach and women's dorm supervisor; Tonja Kesterson, SWCID recreation director; Nick Roberson, electrical trades instructor; and Lynn Simpson, assistant professor in general studies.

Julia Trevino, science lab manager, retired.

Howard College trustees will hold a public hearing on the budget at 12:30 p.m., Monday, Aug. 16, in the Dora Roberts Student Union Building board room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

campaign on other people's records, but Charlie Stenholm runs on his own independent record."

Neugebauer made no apologies for linking his campaign with the White House. He said he applauds the administration's response to the terror threat after the September 2001 attacks.

"We were glad then and we're glad now that they are leading the charge toward victory that we're going to have over terror-

Airlines rescind fare increases

FORT WORTH (AP) — American Airlines has given up on proposed fare increases after some carriers declined to match the hikes on all their seats, and instead it followed United Airlines in making a new round of price cuts on some routes.

The latest failed fare hike began late last week when American, the largest U.S. carrier, announced it was raising prices on domestic flights by \$5 one-way and \$10 on round trips.

American said it needed to raise fares because of the high price of jet fuel.

On Sunday, American pulled the plug on its increase except for "a few random routes" and instead moved to match a sale introduced Sunday by United, the No. 2 U.S. carrier, a spokesman said.

Amtrak gaining in popularity, more on time

FORT WORTH (AP) — The Texas Eagle is on the fast track these days, with officials of the nation's only coast-to-coast passenger rail service reporting many trains on the line are on time and carrying more passengers.

That's making Amtrak officials and customers happy, despite a gloomy forecast for the federally subsidized line.

This year, the Texas Eagle's on-time rate is about 62 percent, Amtrak spokesman Marc Magliari said. That compares with about 22 percent one year ago for the long-distance train that serves North Texas daily.

ism in the world," Neugebauer said. "We needed them then and we are going to need them in the future."

The vice president said Neugebauer, R-Lubbock, has been steady advocate for agricultural interests, low taxes, a sound energy policy and a strong national defense. Neugebauer has earned a reputation for hard work and staying in touch with his constituents, Cheney said.

Neugebauer won a special election in June 2003 to replace Combest, who resigned the previous month.

Stenholm, the ranking minority member of the House Committee on Agriculture, has represented District 17 since 1979, but GOP-friendly redistricting placed him in newly drawn District 19.

It was Cheney's second appearance to boost Neugebauer.

also looking at eventually expanding it all the way up into Canada.

"This project is something good for the future, and in general, for the West Texas economy. It has a lot of potential for us."

Project engineers are also expected to discuss their analyses of traffic flows, environmental resources and intelligent transportation systems along the corridor.

A 30 minute presentation by project managers is slated for 4:30 p.m. and

will be repeated at 6 p.m., with a final round of open houses will be held in the fall.

For more information on the public meetings, including special assistance for the disabled or those who speak Spanish, call 877-355-0906 or visit the project online at www.portstoplainscorridor.com.

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stretch from Laredo to Denver, Colo.

Ports-to-Plains was designated as one of the 43 high priority corridors by the federal highway legislation to facilitate trade throughout North America.

In addition to staffing displays on the various elements that will comprise the development and management plan, the Ports-to-Plains team will make presentations explaining how various highway improvement projects along the corri-

dor — including the road expansion currently ongoing south of Big Spring on Highway 87 — will be prioritized and funded.

Crooker, who has been a member of the project's board for approximately six years now, said the Ports-to-Plains project has made some very encouraging progress over the past several years.

"We've really been able to make some very exciting progress," said Crooker. "While the corridor is planned to go to Denver at this time, we're

government records (second-degree felony - enhanced).

• Richard Vela Salazar, 52, of 1314 Utah, driving while intoxicated (third-degree felony).

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OTHER VIEWS

Final semester of high school truly important

The idea that one's final semester in high school is irrelevant to college admissions committees is as pervasive as the idea that a college student is guaranteed all As if a roommate commits suicide. And it is equally false.

Admissions officials at the nation's selective colleges say they do pay attention to what a student does after the application process is over. Unfortunately, some talented high school students are finding that out the hard way.

During the summer thousands of the nation's prospective college freshmen get letters from admissions officials asking them to explain why their grades plummeted during their final semester. An admissions dean at Texas Christian University calls them "Fear of God" letters. Some students are asked to explain in detail why their grades dropped. Others are informed that their "admission to TCU is in jeopardy."

Colleges can revoke their offers of admission, and it's something that students, their parents and high school counselors need to keep in mind.

Unfortunately, far too many students believe that the grade they get in a course is more important than the knowledge that's acquired. Still, one wishes that students who've compiled seven semesters of excellent grades would have enough pride and intellectual curiosity to keep doing well, even after they've won admission to their favorite colleges.

Rumor has it that not only was the hare faster than his classmate the tortoise, but that he had higher marks, too. Well, he did after seven semesters. And with the race in hand at that point he figured there was no way he could go wrong.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Even when we are in the roughest part of our life, Lord, through prayer our life can be calm.

Amen

Teresa Kerry: The wrong impression

For some reason, the guys in the media pack seem to be having a much harder time getting Teresa Kerry than us news hounds. Many of them are stuck on the "loose cannon" view-with-alarm interpretation, not having noticed that the woman has actual charm.

True, she has an exotic background — sounds and even looks a little like Ingrid Bergman in "Casablanca." She's also worth \$500 million, which I suppose frees one from at least a few of life's petty constraints. The media pack has boiled her long, patient exchange with a writer for conservative billionaire Richard Mellon Scaife's notoriously right-wing newspaper into, "She told a reporter to shove it."

That newspaper has printed ugly and untrue stories about both Kerrys. She said, "Shove it," after she had tried seven times to get the reporter to stop misquoting her and after he either tapped her or grabbed her, depending on who's doing the describing.

Anyone who sees the whole incident on videotape is inclined to agree with Sen. Clinton: "You go, girl." But those who merely hear the hacks repeat, "She told a reporter to shove it," are certainly going to get the wrong impression.

A beautiful example of distortion by lack of context. What's interesting is how many right-wing "journalists" seem to feel entitled to do this — though they have no obligation to be fair. The media get more and more divided into those who have some concept of journalism and those who simply consider themselves political and cultural warriors.

Teresa Kerry's speech was a bit of a camel (designed by a committee). The top third was funny, clever and self-deprecating, and deftly turned the table on her crit-

ics. Then someone stuck in a laundry list of dandy things John Kerry will do if elected, which was just filler and went on way too long. The final part was earnest and sentimental, and likely written by Mrs. Kerry herself.

The long-awaited and much-heralded Barack Obama did not disappoint, and when you consider the burden of expectation that had been placed on the poor man, that's almost miraculous. I did not think he was as effective a speaker as Mario Cuomo was in 1984, but at least an A-minus. He uses a wonderful rhetorical device the late senator from Texas, Ralph Yarborough, had down to perfection — topping one applause line with another, then again and again, until the crowd is roaring with approval. A political star is born, always an exciting moment.

So last night it was One America, tonight we should get Two Americas from John Edwards, and I assume John Kerry will give us many, many Americas, with a little something for everyone. What a protean nation we are.

The D's all think Boston is a swell town and are happy as clams, which so infuriates right-wing commentators who insist it's all a charade. According to them, liberals are not allowed to be cheerful, friendly or patriotic, and anyone who is can't be a liberal. It'll be interesting to see what becomes of the charade theory in New York, where the R's are planning to put forward only their most moderate faces.

Hate to be the skunk at the garden party, but the one topic the D's, in their determined-not-to-be-negative mode, are avoiding like said skunk is Iraq. Since their candidate was in favor of going in (Howard Dean, who opposed the war, got a lot of applause Tuesday night), he's stuck with that position. Ever since poor George Romney (whose son is now governor of Massachusetts) said back in 1968 that he had been "brain-washed" — meaning he was told a

bunch of lies — over Vietnam, politicians have been afraid of admitting they were misled for fear people will think them sim-pleminded. What happened to Romney was that the press turned on him mercilessly and pilloried him as though the fault were his.

The more or less official Democratic line is whether you were for the war or against it, the administration screwed up the implementation beyond recall, which I suppose works politically and has the added virtue of being true. Nonetheless, I don't think it gets us far enough: We spent at least 20 years after Vietnam arguing about what we needed to learn from that experience, and I don't want to see the lessons of Iraq confused.

It is not just a matter of Use Overwhelming Force and Have an Exit Strategy (two lessons from Vietnam), it really is much more important to understand why we should not have invaded in the first place. Not just a case of bad information on the WMD, on the supposed ties to Al Qaeda, on the nonexistent nuclear program, etc. We need to get it through our heads that the real mistake was invading in the face of almost universal opposition from the rest of the world.

There may be a time and place where we will have to act unilaterally, but this wasn't it. Painfully, clearly not. The single most important weapon we have against terrorists is international cooperation, and that's what we so stupidly blew in this case. Just threw it away in a miserable display of arrogant "diplomacy" — a combination of threats, lies and bribes that insulted our closest allies.

And such is the despicable state of our political debate that those making any of these obvious points are promptly accused of being "Saddam lovers" by people who consider concern for human rights a symptom of the dread Jimmy Carter-like softness.

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Inside report: Kerry keeps to script

In the tightly scripted Democratic National Convention, the loose cannon that most concerned Sen. John Kerry's campaign planners — at the FleetCenter and beyond — was the presidential candidate's wife.

After Teresa Heinz Kerry's flamboyance became an issue when she told a conservative journalist to "shove it," her husband's handlers were worried she would go off script in addressing the convention Tuesday night. She did not, an immense relief to Kerry strategists.

Nevertheless, it was still a matter of dispute behind the scenes in Democratic circles whether Heinz Kerry's edgy style makes her an asset or a liability. The candidate's billionaire wife intends to be a high-profile figure for the remainder of the campaign, asserting (as she did in her convention speech) that male chauvinists oppose her because she is "opinionated."

Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton not only turned up one hour and 45 minutes late for a women's luncheon in Boston Tuesday honoring Teresa Heinz Kerry but appeared for the private affair accompanied by several staffers and a television news crew.

The luncheon at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston was hosted by Sen. Edward M. Kennedy's wife, Vicki. The event began at 12 noon, and Sen. Clinton and her

entourage breezed in at 1:45 p.m. The TV crew was immediately ordered out, but the senator stayed.

A footnote: Big money contributors grumbled at what they considered their shabby treatment in Boston at the hands of Democratic National Chairman Terry McAuliffe. One million-dollar donor was outraged that she was given a remote skybox at the FleetCenter with the view obscured by bags of balloons about to be dropped. One big giver designed a gag bumper sticker: "Stop Abuse of Major Contributors."

As Democratic convention managers closed down access to the FleetCenter Wednesday night for Sen. John Edwards' speech, fire marshals privately expressed deep concern because of the overcrowding.

The marshals complained that the crowd far exceeded the limitations of the fire code, not just in the seating bowl but in the entire building. After the police recommended shutting down access, journalists were barred from both the convention floor and the press galleries.

A footnote: The temper of the delegates was demonstrated when they were asked to pose for the official convention photograph. They were told to look for the cameraman located near the sign for the local Fox television affiliate. At the mention of the word "Fox," the delegates booed lustily.

Rep. Chris John of Louisiana was a rare candidate for a closely contested Senate seat in a conservative state to show up at the

Democratic National Convention. Polls show John running in a tight battle for second place to make the runoff in Louisiana's non-party election.

Other Democratic Senate candidates running in states overwhelmingly carried by George W. Bush in 2000 were nowhere near Boston: Former Alaska Gov. Tony Knowles, South Carolina Education Commissioner Inez Tenenbaum, Erskine Bowles of North Carolina and Rep. Brad Carson of Oklahoma.

Sen. Jon Corzine of New Jersey, the Senate Democratic chairman, did not order these candidates to stay home, as was publicly reported. He did tell them the choice was theirs. In any event, their candidacies would not have been spotlighted at the convention as would have been the case in bygone years.

Ron Reagan Jr.'s showcased Democratic convention speech Tuesday night in effect called for human cloning, but was not even commented on, much less protested, by the party's leaders.

The late Republican president's son, in promoting stem-cell research, endorsed Somatic Cell Nuclear Transfer (SCNT), which creates new cells to "be placed into a tissue culture."

The U.S. Bioethics Council unanimously stated that "the initial product" of SCNT is "a living (one-celled) cloned human embryo." Thus, Reagan was advocating taxpayer funding of human cloning, a process overwhelmingly opposed by the public.

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Flesh tones and bare midriff clothing popular this summer

Flesh tones seem to be popular this summer season. These fabulous shades are being worn by all sizes and ages.

Especially popular this time of year is the lovely hue of belly-flop and hip-hop. Once considered taboo and unfashionable, these back-to-the-basic colors are popping out all over.

The local grocery or city park is an excellent place to glimpse a kaleidoscope of skin tones. Manufacturers everywhere are finally realizing that bellybuttons must have air and sunlight.

They are now churning out shirts that are fully

air-conditioned. With the same sense of urgency, pants, shorts, (very short) and skirts are being put through rigorous inspections to make sure that they, too, meet climate-control standards. It is not uncommon to see 20 to 30 bared midriffs on any one given day. The fashion barometer leaves the choice to the discretion of the wearer.

Tanned, un-tanned; toned, un-toned; flat, round; the decision is strictly personal, and age and body shape are irrelevant. Barely-there tints are in and that's final.

With the flesh-colored fad taking the fashion world by storm, those opposed to its showy style find themselves in a precarious position.

Back in the day, the object of clothing was to actually cover the wearer.

Now that these plumbines have been abolished, conservative dressers must find creative ways of making their clothing stretch.

Once considered winter gear, scarves, sweaters, and blazers have to be donned in the summer months. Uncomfortable in triple-digit heat, layering can also give extra coverage. Even though buff-tinge is in vogue, traditionalists need not comply.

Hopefully, this abdominal obsession will be short-lived.

Christy Alton is a mother of two, a full-time student, employed part-time and married to her park ranger, Ron. Her column appears in the Tuesday edition of the Big Spring Herald.



CHRISTY ALTON

Getting the Swing of a Hammock

Humorist Zezima Looks Askance at the World

By JERRY ZEZIMA

Special to the Stamford Advocate

If I had a hammock, I'd hammock in the morning, I'd hammock in the evening, all over my land. I sang this song so often that my wife, who threatened to hit me over the head with the tool referred to in the original lyrics, finally gave in and bought me one.

For a lazy man, a hammock is like a LaZBoy, the outdoor equivalent of an easy chair, except that it's not so easy to get into.

I found this out when I put up my hammock with the intention of lying in it for hours and doing what I do best — nothing. One of the great things about a hammock is that it doesn't come with instructions.

Unlike other simple devices with instruction manuals that look like they were written by NASA, a hammock is basic. You attach each end to a tree or a post and get ready to relax.

Unless, of course, the hammock is attached to a frame that must be assembled, in which case you will never relax because (a) you will never get it assembled or (b) if you do, the frame will tip over and, assuming you are not killed, you will have to find a more level piece of land.

This may entail moving to Kansas.

By sheer coincidence, in my back yard there are two posts — The Washington Post and the

New York Post. By even sheerer coincidence, there are two other posts, each about 6 feet high, in a shady, secluded corner of the yard.

They are made of wood, stand 8 feet from each other and seem to get along well. I don't know why they are there (I think the original owner was a little kinky,) but I do know that, unlike the trees in my yard, which are either too close together or too far apart, these posts are perfect for hammocking.

I used an electric drill my father gave me, either for household projects or in case I want to practice dentistry, to drill a hole into each post. I inserted a large hook screw into each hole, hung the metal ring at each end of my hammock onto the corresponding hook and — voila! (French for "watch out!") — I was ready to swing.

There was just one problem — I had to get into the hammock first. For a novice, this is like trying to slow-dance with a greased pig. (Talk about kinky.) It is during this initial attempt that you recall what you were taught in school about Newton's Law of Gravity, which states: "If a person tries to get into a hammock with some Fig Newtons, gravity will cause the cookies to fall to the ground, followed closely by the person."

As a precaution, I did not bring Fig Newtons with me when I tried to get into my hammock. And I made an important

discovery. I could fall to the ground without them. This happened when I eased my derriere (French for "what you will land on when you try to get into a hammock") onto the edge and lifted my legs in a vain attempt to get the rest of me settled.

The hammock did half a revolution and dumped me out. For the next 20 minutes, I waged a half-a-revolutionary war with the stupid thing (it could have said the same about me) with varying results.

Sometimes I landed on my backside, other times I landed on my head. Finally, I got the hang of it, after almost hanging myself, and then tried to find a comfortable position.

The next thing I knew, I was on the ground again. Before you could say Jack Robinson, who was smart enough to buy a LaZBoy, I had learned how to get into my hammock without suffering life-threatening injuries. Then came the really tough part, getting into it with a soda. Eventually I learned not to open my soda until I was settled.

Now that I have mastered my hammock, I spend many relaxing hours in it on nice sunny days when I really should be cutting the grass or doing household projects. My wife may hit me over the head with that hammer yet.

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Bluebonnet Books

Book review "Arctic Light, Arctic Night" by Debbie Miller

Alaskan sunset and twilight are sights to behold

By DREW LONG and MORGAN SLAUGHTER

Special to the Herald
Introduction — Debbie Miller has written a book about the beauty and extremes in temperatures and lights in Alaska and the Arctic.

Reporter: Welcome Debbie, thank you for sharing insight on your new book, "Arctic Light Arctic Night." What is the book about?

Debbie: This book is about the sunsets, twilights, alpenglow, diamond dust, and other quietly beautiful phenomena.

Reporter: Are there times when the light of the sun stays all day and night?

Debbie: Yes, you will experience 84 days of light and twilight.

Reporter: What is the weather like in Alaska and the Arctic?

Debbie: In the winter the average temperature is -16 degrees Fahrenheit, the winter may be frigid but the light show is glorious.

Reporter: What happens during the summer solstice?

Debbie: During the summer solstice the

world tilts toward the sun and this is the longest day of the year.

Reporter: What kind of wild animals did you write about in your book?

Debbie: The snow shoe rabbits, beavers, ground squirrels, sand hill cranes, caribou, wolves, bear, geese and moose are some of the animals you might see in Alaska.

Reporter: What happens during the fall equinox?

Debbie: It marks the end of the summer and the time when there is an equal amount of lightness and darkness.

Reporter: What happens to the sun when winter comes to Alaska?

Debbie: The sun drops lower and takes the heat source away.

Reporter: How cold can it become in Alaska?

Debbie: Sometimes it gets down to 40 degrees below zero.

Reporter: What happens during the winter solstice?

Debbie: This is the shortest day of the year and it is the most magical.

Reporter: Why is it magical?

Debbie: The magical northern lights dance and swirl across the clear, icy sky.

Reporter: What animals hibernate during the winter?

Debbie: Bears and groundhogs are two of the animals that hibernate during the winter.

Reporter: What happens on the first day of spring?

Debbie: A natural phenomenon called the "Sun Dogs" appears.



Slaughter and Long

Reporter: What causes the Sun Dogs to appear and what are they?

Debbie: When light passes through the ice-laced clouds, two small sun shapes with halos are formed on either side of the sun.

Reporter: Thank you for sharing your beautiful book. We recommend it as a very cool, enjoyable and informative book that will be a favorite of many readers.

The reporter portions were written by Drew Long. The author portions were written by Morgan Slaughter. They are students at Moss Elementary school.

This is an installment in a series of book reviews written by Big Spring elementary students.

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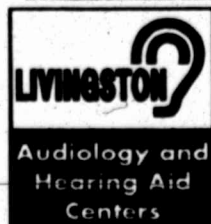
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Few injured, ill troops get disability pay they sought

By LARRY MARGASAK

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Nearly one-third of the National Guard and Reserve troops returning from war with illnesses or injuries are forced to wait more than four months to learn whether they'll be compensated under the military's disability system.

That's only one problem in a compensation system that can be as unforgiving as the battlefield. Fewer than one in 10 applicants receives the long-term disability payments they request.

The Army knows the troops are unhappy. But military officials say soldiers do not understand that their disability system measures fitness for duty, not the degree of one's sacrifice.

Most soldiers applying for disability pay — 56 percent in the Army's case — are leaving service with a one-time, lump-sum payment some say is inadequate.

Jesus Oliveras, a chief warrant officer in an Augusta, Ga., reserve unit, was among those ordered back to duty without compensation.

Oliveras said doctors wrote on his records that he had a hearing loss. He contends they gave little recognition to his real problems: debilitating back and shoulder injuries. Despite those

injuries, the maintenance technician volunteered for service in Iraq.

"At times I felt lousy, as a second-class citizen, especially coming from a war zone," Oliveras said. "They sent us to fight an enemy and when we returned, we had to fight another enemy — us."

Oliveras said he accepted the fit-for-duty ruling because he is eligible for regular military retirement in three years.

The military's disability system resembles workers' compensation and long-term disability in the private sector. It pays people when they have illnesses and injuries that are job-related.

The military, however, looks at a much narrower set of circumstances than insurers or the Department of Veterans Affairs. It only evaluates ailments that make a soldier unfit for duty in his or her specialty. For example, can an infantryman still run?

The more generous VA compensation system considers all service-connected medical conditions.

Soldiers who receive disability compensation from the military also can apply to the VA for disability pay. The military compensation is needed, however, to tide a soldier over while waiting for the VA. The department recently was averaging 171 days to make initial disability decisions.

When the VA's disability compensation kicks in, it usually replaces military pay. Recipients cannot benefit from both systems at the same time.

In the military system, the Army says, many soldiers misunderstand that pain by itself won't win them compensation.

"You can't be retired on pain claims alone," said Dennis Brower, legal adviser to the Army Disability Agency. "Pain is unmeasurable. It's subjective."

The Army does not keep statistics on the dollar amounts of disability payouts because they are based on a formula that includes a percentage assigned to each soldier's disability. But it does maintain records on how many applicants for long-term disability receive

compensation.

The majority, 56.1 percent, were given a one-time, lump-sum payment in 2003. Seventeen percent received nothing because they either were declared fit for duty or determined to suffer injuries unrelated to their service or due to negligence.

An additional 17.1 percent received temporary disability payments that can be reviewed within five years. And just 9.8 percent won long-term disability pay that lasts for life.

Lavoda Anderson of Ninety-Six, S.C., said she suffered a life-altering injury to her back while under fire in Iraq last year. In constant pain, she was jolted anew when the Army calculated her compensation for medical retirement at \$13,400.

"I feel I was treated very unfairly," said Anderson, who did not return to her prewar job as a dialysis technician and is raising her 4-year-old daughter. "I didn't get adequate care. I feel like I'm useless most of the time."

Brower, the lawyer for the Army disability agency, said, "You can't give higher disability ratings to soldiers who you feel emotionally deserve it. It would be nice to give every soldier 100 percent (disability), but as a taxpayer, you might not like that."

Soldiers, particularly National Guard and Reserve members, also complain about long delays in medical diagnosis and treatment before they can receive a determination of disability.

Col. Michael Deaton of

the Army surgeon general's office said that as of late June, 32 percent of the activated Guard and Reserve members were in a medical holdover status more than 120 days. That compares with 41 percent in November.

A program that allows soldiers to be treated near where they live has helped to reduce waiting times for medical care, he said.

Spc. John Ramsey, a deputy sheriff in Orange County, Fla., had medical bills in the thousands of dollars and was dogged by creditors. Meanwhile, the state and federal governments fought over responsibility for his shoulder injuries suffered in Iraq.

"My wife and I and two kids were put through hell because of this," Ramsey said.

'Live Strong' wristbands now into politics, fashion

AUSTIN (AP) — John Kerry wears one. President Bush has one too. So do several movie stars.

One of the hottest fashion trends in America is the "Live Strong" yellow wristband produced by the Lance Armstrong Foundation, the cycling superstar's cancer-fighting organization.

Since the fund-raising effort started in May, the charity has sold 7 million of the rubber bands for \$1 each with plans for 1.8 million more. Nike donated the first \$1 million, and proceeds go toward programs for young people with cancer.

Sales easily surpassed the \$6 million the foundation initially hoped to raise. The wristbands can be purchased at www.wearyellow.com.

"It's been an overwhelming experience," foundation President Mitch Stoller said Friday. "I think everybody, from average Americans to celebrities, are getting the message of courage and hope."

Armstrong overcame advanced testicular cancer that had spread to his lungs and brain before putting together one of the most astonishing athletic feats of the past decade in winning a record six consecutive Tour de France titles.

Armstrong was given only a 50 percent chance to live in 1996 but has won every Tour de France since 1999. He has inspired cancer survivors around the world and linked himself to the traditional yellow jersey worn by the Tour leader and champion.

The foundation timed the fund-raising campaign to coincide with this year's race, which Armstrong won Sunday.

Kerry, the Democratic nominee for president, wore his wristband while campaigning this week and at the Democratic National Convention.

Kerry had a cancerous prostate removed in February in 2003. His father, Richard, died of complications from the disease in 2000.

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August 2004 Schedule

August 1

Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

August 2

*Sit & Be Fit - 4:00 pm (Hospital)

Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

August 3

*Mall Walking - 8:00 am

*Retirement Living - 10:00 am

Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

August 4

*Stretch & Tone (Hospital) - 11:00 am

*Sr. Appreciation Day - 11:30 am (Hospital)

Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

August 5

*Mall Walking - 8:00 am

*Coffee @ Gales - 10:00 am

*Supper Club "Furr's" - 5:30 pm

Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

August 6

Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

August 7

Childbirth Classes - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

2nd Floor (Hospital) Call To Enroll 268-4550

Laurie Burks, Instructor

Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

August 8

Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

August 9

*Games - 2:00 pm (Hospital)

*Sit & Be Fit - 4:00 pm (Hospital)

Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

August 10

*Mall Walking - 8:00 am

*Lunch Bunch & Birthdays - 11:30 am - *Hunan's*

Bus Fare & Hotel (Cut off of trip) Aug. 10

Openings Still - Open - Call - \$225 per person

Reception For Dr. Thies & Wife

New Radiologist - 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

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Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

August 11

*Stretch & Tone - 11:00 am

*Sr. Appreciation Day - 11:30 am (Hospital)

Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

August 12

*Mall Walking - 8:00 am

*Coffee @ Gales - 10:00 am

*Supper Club "Hermans" - 5:30 pm

Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

August 13

Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
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August 14

Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

August 15

Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

August 16

*Mall Walking - 8:00 am

Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

August 17

Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
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August 15

Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
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August 16

*Shreveport Trip For Seniors

Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

August 17

*Mall Walking - 8:00 am

*Shreveport Trip For Seniors

Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

August 18

*Sr. Appreciation Day - 11:30 am

Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

August 19

*Mall Walking - 8:00 am

*Coffee @ Gale's - 10:00 am

Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

August 20

Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

August 21

*ROCKHOUND BASEBALL & Fireworks - 5:00 pm

Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
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August 22

Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

August 23

*Games - 2:00 pm (Hospital)

*Sit & Be Fit - 4:00 pm (Hospital)

Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

August 24

*Mall Walking - 8:00 am

*POT LUCK & BINGO - 11:30 (Hospital)

Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

August 25

*Stretch & Tone - 11:00 am

*Sr. Appreciation Day - 11:30 am

*Supper Club "La Posada" - 5:30 pm

Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

August 26

*Mall Walking - 8:00 am

*Coffee @ Gale's - 10:00 am

*Lunch-N-Learn - 11:30 am (Hospital)

Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

August 27

Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

August 28

Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

August 29

Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

August 30

*Sit & Be Fit - 4:00 pm (Hospital)

Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

August 31

*Mall Walking - 8:00 am

Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
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August 31

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Shreveport Trip

August 17.

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HENRY BACKES

BSISD sets season ticket

Big Spring scheduled its football season sales.

Previous season ticket holders may purchase 2004 season tickets starting through Aug. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Training Center.

The general manager may purchase tickets from through Aug. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. noon to 1 p.m. However, all sales are from noon only.

For questions, call Kay Cook at 268-4321.

Crossroads sign-up date:

The Crossroads Youth Association announced the sign-up dates for the 2004 season. Football sign-ups will take place through the Big Spring Football playoffs sign-up through 21 on Fridays to 7 p.m. Saturdays (9 p.m.) only.

For more information, call S Robert at 432-4321.

YMCA to host skateboard

Big Spring will host a skateboard contest at 7 p.m. The park is open from 6 p.m. and the per person.

The event is sponsored by Sk which is located in Big Spring.

BSYFL and to host com

The Big Spring Football League will be hosting the Dallas local Pepsi/M pass and kick line Aug. 2 field north of the re.

The re starts at 8 a.m. contest is free and girls 8-15.

For more information, call George 264-7313 or by BSYFL@msn.

Howard Col cheer camp

Howard cheer camp through sixth will be held at the Dorothy Coliseum.

Registration event will be a.m. and the cheer class a.m.

The cost is a lunch and his shoes.

To high event, cheer will perform college annual Battle Cheerleaders.

For more information, contact Berry at 264-4321.

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Sports Broadca

Event, Time, Total

Astros vs. Braves, 6:40 p.m.

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Event, Time, Total

Rangers @ Tigers, 5:30 p.m.

Event, Time, Total

Astros vs. Braves, 6:40 p.m.

IN BRIEF

BSISD sets football season ticket dates

Big Spring ISD has scheduled its dates for football season ticket sales.

Previous season ticket holders may purchase 2004 season tickets starting today through Aug. 6 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (closed 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.) at the Athletic Training Center.

The general public may purchase season tickets from Aug. 9 through Aug. 20 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (closed noon to 1 p.m.). However, all Friday sales are from 8 a.m. to noon only.

For questions, call Kay Cook at 264-3662.

Crossroads football sign-up dates set

The Crossroads Youth Football Association has announced the sign-up dates for the upcoming season. Football sign-ups will take place at the Big Spring Mall. Football players can sign up through Aug. 21 on Fridays (5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.) and Saturdays (9 a.m. to 6 p.m.) only.

For more information, call Stacie or Robert at 432-268-9634.

YMCA to host skateboard contest

Big Spring's YMCA will host a skateboard contest at 7 p.m. Aug. 6. The park opens at 6 p.m. and the cost is \$5 per person.

The event is sponsored by Skate Zone, which is located in the Big Spring Mall.

BSYFL and Cowboys to host competition

The Big Spring Youth Football League and the Dallas Cowboys will be hosting the local Pepsi/NFL punt, pass and kick competition Aug. 21, at the field north of the ATC.

The registration starts at 8 a.m. and the contest is free to boys and girls 8-15.

For more info, contact George Lopez at 264-7313 or by e-mail at BSYFL@msn.com.

Howard College sets cheer camp dates

Howard College's cheer camp for first through sixth graders will be held Aug. 28 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Registration for the event will begin at 8 a.m. and the Dance and Cheer class starts at 9 a.m.

The cost is \$25. Bring a lunch and wear tennis shoes.

To highlight the event, cheer campers will perform for the college sponsored annual Battle of the Cheerleaders.

For more information, contact Linda Berry at 264-5024.

ON THE AIR

Sports Broadcast Schedule		
Today		
Event, Time	Station	
Astros vs. Braves, 6:40 p.m.	1490	
Wednesday		
Event, Time	Station	
Rangers @ Tigers, 5:30 p.m.	1490	
Thursday		
Event, Time	Station	
Astros vs. Braves, 6:40 p.m.	1490	

West Texas Shock heads to nationals

Special to the HERALD

The District 22 ASA officials have named the district runner-up West Texas Shock (46-16) as one of the four teams that will take part in the 14-and-under National Softball Tournament in Midland this week.

The Shock went undefeated in the District 26 softball tournament before falling to the Midland Flash in the championship round. Then, to warm up for the national tournament, the young Shock team entered the San Angelo 18-and-under tournament. The team came home with the title after competing against and defeating teams such as San Angelo, Sweetwater, Eula and Greenwood.

Sonora's Heather Hughes and Meagan

Craig pitched almost flawless games while the batting was led by Coahoma's Krista Kerby. Kerby reached base in all but two at-bats during tournament play.

Defensively, it was Kerby at first base and El Dorado's Haley Higgins at third base who each had no errors.

The Shock also competed in several tournaments in July, including a regional 14-and-under tournament in Wichita Falls.

The regional tournament, due to Texas and California being regions on their own, is made up of the 12 state qualifiers in Rowlett plus 12 qualifiers each from the Dallas and Houston Metros and four qualifiers from the San Antonio Metro.

The Shock would begin the tournament with a convincing 8-0 win over the Beaumont Blast, which managed only one hit off Hughes.

Winters' Camille Kruse collected four hits with Kerby, Craig and Abilene's Jen Bellar connecting for two apiece.

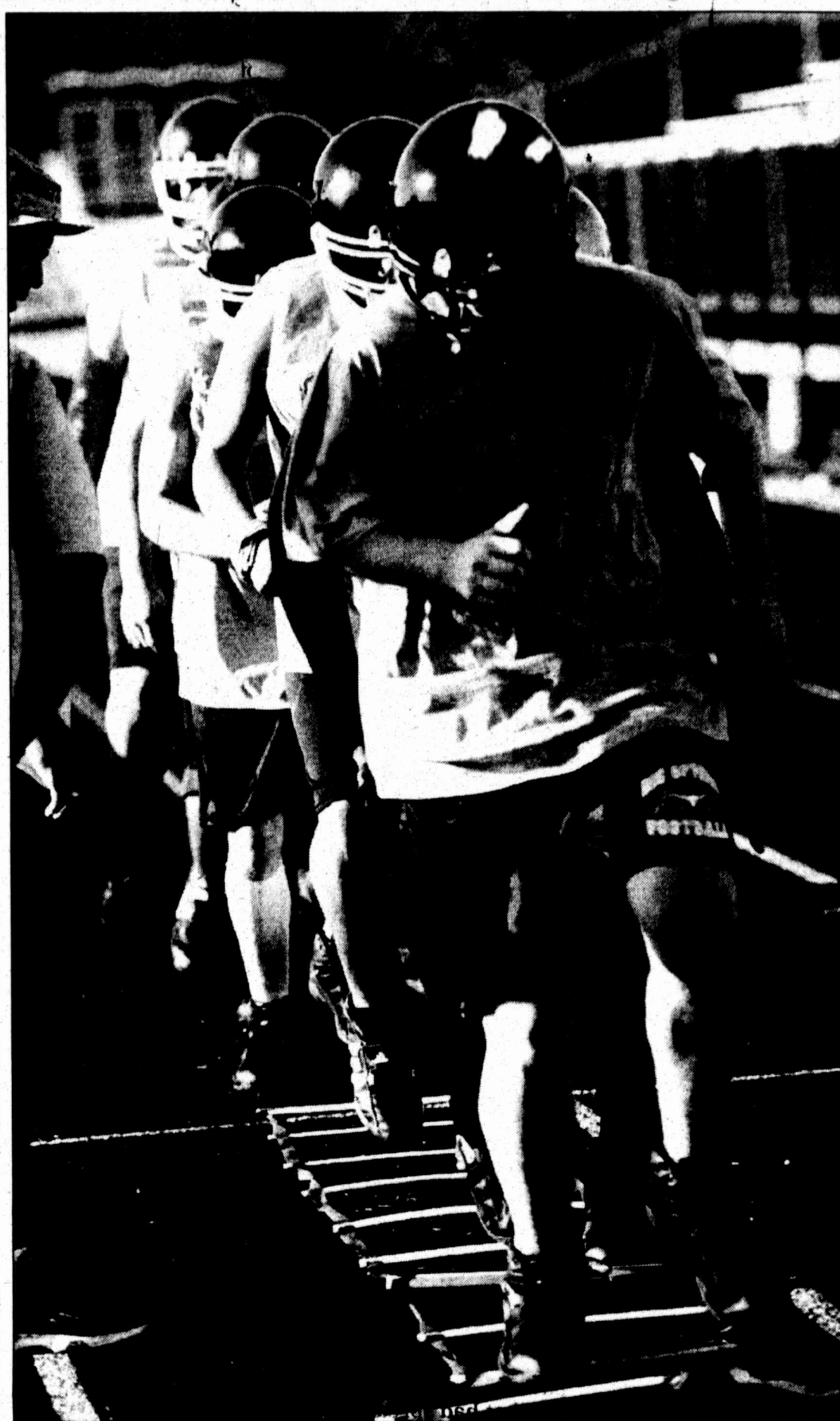
In their next game, the Shock would have to come from behind to tie the San Antonio Gators at 1 apiece then exploded for four runs in a tie-breaker to win 5-2.

Craig not only earned the win on the mound. She also drove in Kruse and Abilene's Chelsea Barker with a triple.

The Shock eventually lost to the two tournament favorites and finished the tourney in fifth overall.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Carlos Dimidjian watches his putt during Sunday's round of 18 at the Big Spring Herald City Golf Championships at Comanche Trail Golf Course.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Members of the Big Spring football team run through the ladder during the team's first official practice Monday.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL current standings

American League

East	W	L	GB	Home	Road	Streak
New York Yankees	66	38	—	38-13	28-25	Won 3
Boston	57	47	9	33-18	24-29	Won 1
Tampa Bay	50	55	16.5	31-23	19-32	Lost 1
Baltimore	46	57	19.5	22-29	24-28	Lost 3
Toronto	46	59	20.5	28-25	18-34	Won 1
Central	W	L	GB	Home	Road	Streak
Minnesota	59	45	—	30-23	29-22	Won 2
Chicago White Sox	53	49	5	30-21	23-28	Won 1
Cleveland	53	53	7	32-23	21-30	Lost 3
Detroit	50	55	9.5	27-25	23-30	Lost 1
Kansas City	37	66	21.5	24-28	13-38	Won 2
West	W	L	GB	Home	Road	Streak
Oakland	59	45	—	36-15	23-30	Won 2
TEXAS	57	46	1.5	31-17	26-29	Lost 2
Anaheim	57	48	2.5	30-24	27-24	Won 3
Seattle	39	65	20	25-27	14-38	Lost 3

National League

East	W	L	GB	Home	Road	Streak
Atlanta	58	46	—	30-22	28-24	Won 5
Philadelphia	53	52	5.5	29-24	24-28	Lost 1
Florida	52	52	6	28-24	24-28	Lost 2
New York Mets	49	55	9	27-23	22-32	Lost 3
Montreal	41	63	17	23-29	18-34	Won 2
Central	W	L	GB	Home	Road	Streak
St. Louis	67	37	—	31-20	36-17	Won 1
Chicago Cubs	57	48	10.5	31-21	26-27	Won 1
HOUSTON	53	52	14.5	27-27	26-25	Won 2
Milwaukee	51	53	16	28-24	23-29	Won 1
Cincinnati	51	54	16.5	29-23	22-31	Lost 2
Pittsburgh	48	53	17.5	26-26	22-27	Lost 3
West	W	L	GB	Home	Road	Streak
Los Angeles	61	43	—	32-19	29-24	Won 1
San Diego	58	47	3.5	30-24	28-23	Lost 1
San Francisco	57	50	5.5	30-24	27-26	Lost 1
Colorado	47	58	14.5	27-27	20-31	Won 3
Arizona	33	74	29.5	16-37	17-37	Lost 3

Glossary:

W: Wins L: Losses
GB: Games Back
Home: Home record
Road: Road record
Streak: consecutive games won or lost

Monday's AL scores
Boston 6, Tampa Bay 3
Toronto 6, Cleveland 1

Tuesday's AL game
Texas (Rogers, 13-4) at
Detroit (Robertson, 9-5)

Monday's NL scores
None

Tuesday's NL game
Atlanta (Ortiz, 12-6) at
Houston (Clemens, 12-3)

Big Spring's Butler named to preseason all-Big South squad

Special to the HERALD

Charlotte, N.C. — Four Charleston Southern football players were selected to the Big South preseason all-conference football team for the 2004 season. The decision was announced by the league at Friday afternoon's football media luncheon.

Senior linebacker Bowe Butler, who went to high school at Big Spring and is the son of Big Spring head football coach Dwight Butler, heads up the group of Buccaneers that were selected. He is joined by defensive back Kijana Thomas, offensive guard Bryce Gregory and defensive end Adam DeGraffenreid.

Butler returns for his fourth season as a starter on CSU's defense this season, closing in on 200 career tackles. The 6-1, 215-pounder is CSU's leading returning tackler. He had 86 tackles a year ago. Thomas is considered

one of the top cornerbacks in the conference and is also one of the top kick returners in the league.

Gregory returns as CSU's leader on the offensive line with the capabilities of playing guard or center. He will be starting for the fourth consecutive year and was a first-team all-conference selection last year.

DeGraffenreid is a first-year player at Charleston Southern, having transferred to the school in January.

Charleston Southern was picked fifth in a preseason poll of coaches and media. The Buccaneers are coming off a 1-11 campaign in 2003.

Butler was the Class 4A Defensive Player of the Year in 2000 in the state of Texas as a member of the Steers football team. He was a three year starter at linebacker for Big Spring.

ODESSA ROUGHNECKS vs. Corpus Christi

August 7

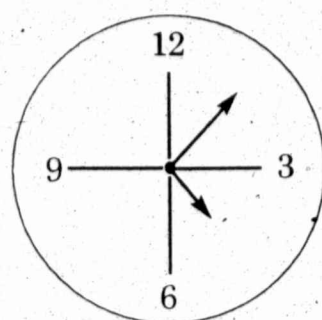
5:30 p.m. — Tailgate party
7:30 p.m. — IFL game

Church Night

For discount tickets, call Troy Hyde at 432-263-7331, ext.237 (deadline Thursday)

AUGUST 2004

It's to Fish



ALAN HENRY: Water lightly stained; 79 degrees; 5-foot low; Black bass are good on shad-colored soft plastics and white spinnerbaits worked along timber. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs.

ARROWHEAD: Water clearing; 81 degrees; 11.2-foot low; Black bass are slow on crankbaits near rocky areas. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows near flooded timber and suspended 7' to 16' near derricks. White bass are good on shallow flats chasing shad. Blue and channel catfish are good on shad and prepared baits near rocky areas in the upper lake. Due to low water conditions, the only usable boat ramp is West Arrowhead Park.

COLORADO CITY: Water clear; 87 degrees; 3.25-foot low; Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass are slow. Redfish are slow. Catfish are slow.

FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 86 degrees; 15-foot low. Black bass are fair. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair. Catfish are fair.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water lightly stained; 85 degrees; 15-foot low; Black bass are good on shad-colored crankbaits and poppers near shallows and red soft plastics around reeds and timber. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass and hybrid striped are fair on live baits and crankbaits. Catfish are good on live baits.

NASWORTHY: Water lightly stained; 83 degrees; Black bass are fair on live bait and spinnerbaits. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. Redfish are fair. White bass and striped bass are fair on live bait and shad-colored crankbaits. Catfish are good on live baits.

OAK CREEK: Water lightly stained; 85 degrees; 26-foot low; Black bass are fair. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair. No boat ramps open. 4x4 vehicles can unload on the dirt road near the dam.

O.H. IVIE: Water lightly stained; 86 degrees; 27-foot low; Black bass are fair on top-water lures, shad-colored spinnerbaits, and pumpkin and neon soft plastics and jigs. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass are good on live bait. Smallmouth bass are fair. Channel catfish are good on live baits.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear; 82 degrees; 5.1-foot low; Black bass to 16 inches are fair. Crappie are fair. Good for white bass on white Twister Tail jigs. Striped bass are slow. Channel and blue catfish are fair.

SPENCE: Water lightly stained; 79 degrees; 60-foot low; Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass are fair. Striped bass and hybrid striped are slow. Catfish are slow.

STAMFORD: Water lightly stained; 81 degrees; 4-foot low; Black bass are fair on live bait and dark jigs. Crappie are fair on live bait and jigs. White and striped bass are fair on live baits and poppers. Catfish are fair on live baits.

Clemens gets tossed, watches end of son's baseball game in car

By BEN WALKER

AP Baseball Writer

Roger Clemens got tossed for a spitter.

Ejected from a youth league game after his 10-year-old son was called out in a close play, Clemens was banished to the parking lot after an umpire said the Rocket spit a sunflower seed at him.

It happened Saturday in rural Craig, Colo., during a 10-and-under Triple Crown Sports tournament.

The future Hall of Famer was away from the Houston Astros, as his team allows him to be when he's not pitching.

"It wasn't like he was shouting or came storming on the field, like a Mike Piazza moment," Ron Stapp, whose son made the phantom tag on Kacy Clemens on a steal attempt, said Monday.

Even so, the umpire said the seed hit his pants cuff and Clemens wound up watching the rest of game from his car, peering over a fence as Kacy and the Katy (Texas) Cowboys lost to the Bakersfield (Calif.) Curve 11-5.

"I supported the umpire's decision and he respectfully left," field supervisor Jim Carpenter said.

"Roger told me he was signing autographs when the disputed call happened and didn't even see the play," said one of his agents, Randy Hendricks. "To his knowledge, no one ever asked him to leave."

"In his mind, it's a non-event," Hendricks said.

Triple Crown national baseball director Sean Hardy said umpires from

all over the region worked the 140-team tournament, but would not identify the ump who ejected Clemens.

"I think we'll pass on that," he said.

The episode began with Clemens sitting in his own chair, behind a fence near the first base dugout, when Kacy was called out at second base in the middle innings.

Stapp's son Ryan made the tag — "my son admitted he missed him," his dad said — the Cowboys and their fans complained.

"But Roger never said a word," Katy manager Doug Hanson said. "He was holding his camcorder and never stood up. He didn't do anything wrong."

Hanson said the umpire, whom he described as being about 20 years old, walked over toward the bench.

"All of a sudden, I hear him say, 'He's outta here!'" Hanson said. "I asked him who because I thought it was one of my coaches. And then he says, 'Roger.'"

"I couldn't believe it. I said to him, 'You just ejected Roger Clemens?' and he said, 'Yeah.'"

Hanson said the umpire told him that although Clemens didn't say anything, the pitcher spit a seed toward him.

"There was a pile of 250 to 300 sunflower seeds there, I don't know how the umpire knew that was the one," Hanson said.

Carpenter was then summoned from an adjacent field and said it was time for Clemens to leave the premises.

At that point, Clemens simply got up and left the

Loudy-Simpson complex without an argument.

"He told me it wasn't worth it, that he didn't want to be distraction and to let the boys play ball," Hanson said.

Bakersfield manager Travis Sterling said he wasn't aware that Clemens had been ejected.

"I thought Roger had just gone over to the bleachers to sign more autographs. He signed a lot of them," Sterling said.

In fact, young Ryan Stapp approached Clemens shortly after his missed tag set off all the commotion.

"He signed my son's ball. He was real respectful and nice," Ron Stapp said.

Bakersfield won two more games and left town with the championship and several Clemens autographs.

Clemens was in northwest Colorado because his deal with the Astros gives him personal time to watch his four boys play sports.

He pitched Houston past the Arizona Diamondbacks last Wednesday, and is scheduled to start Tuesday night when the Astros host the Atlanta Braves.

Clemens is 12-3 with a 2.77 ERA while pitching for his hometown team. When he's not playing, he's often at the fields with his sons.

"He knows more about baseball in his little finger than I'll ever know, but he's been great to have around this year," Hanson said. "He doesn't ask for any special treatment because of who he is."



MATT BAT

Matt Bat is a bat that lives a long, long way from you and me. He lives in a state called New Mexico. Do you know where New Mexico is? After you finish with this story, go to sleep and then tomorrow ask your parents if

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On with the story! Most people are afraid of bats. Are you afraid of bats? There is no reason to be! Bats are our friends. Yes, that's what I said; bats are our friends. Do you believe that?

They are our friends just like birds are and just like animals are and trees and flowers, too. You see, bats love to eat insects that like to bite us. Would that make them our friends? Well, that brings us to the beginning of our story!

Diane is a human just like you and me. She had a problem! She could never go out in her yard to play because there were so many insects that like to bite her. She had so many toys in her yard to play with, too. She had a wagon, she had a swingset, she even had a treehouse! But she could never go outside to play with the toys. The insects just loved to nibble on Diane!

Matt Bat lived very close to Diane. She wasn't afraid of Matt. She even thought that he was cute. Matt would watch her when she ran out of the house to get into her car and wondered why she always ran. And he wondered why she never came outside to play with those nice toys! Do you know why she always ran to the car? Do you know why she never came outside to play with her toys? Tell me why?

Diane was always doing nice things for her friends. She was always helping someone. Matt liked her just because she was so nice. One day a human named James came by Matt's cave. Did you know that bats love to live in caves? James saw Matt and said, "My, what an ugly creature you are!" Diane heard that and got really mad! "They are not ugly," she said. "I think they are beautiful creatures. They help humans all the time!" "I don't care; I still think that they are ugly," James said.

Well, old James was about to change his mind about bats, for you see, James had just moved into the neighborhood. He wanted to have a party and invite all of the neighbors over for a cookout so he could meet them. Now, that was a good idea, except for one thing. Do you know what that one thing could be? Did you say insects? I thought you did!

Diane wanted James to have the cookout, too. She loved cookouts and meeting new people. But she knew that they couldn't have one, so she got very sad!

Matt saw that Diane was sad and it made him sad, too. He flew down to Diane's window and looked in. Diane saw him and said, "I wish that there were a lot of good bats like you around here so you could get rid of all the mean insects! Just the mean insects," she said. "There are a lot of good insects, too!"

Diane didn't know it, but Matt had thousands and thousands of friends that could help. He went back to his cave and told all of his friends about Diane and her problem. He even went to different caves, caves where more bats lived. All of the bats wanted to help Diane because they knew that she had always been their friend.

The night before the cookout, Matt and all of the other bats swooped down on James's yard, and, in no time, they had eaten all of the bad insects. James heard the noise that all of those bats were making with their wings swooshing in the air. When he looked outside, he couldn't believe it. All of the mean insects were gone!

Now James could have his cookout! And he did! All of the neighbors came after they heard about the insects being gone. James got to meet all of his new neighbors and quickly made friends with them. He also changed his mind about bats being ugly! Now that he really got to know the bats, he saw that they were not ugly at all, just different from him!

Now, you probably think that this is the end of the story, but it isn't! We haven't solved Diane's problem yet, have we? We are not going to; Matt is!

Matt finally knew why Diane never came outside to play with her nice toys. So, do you know what he did? He got all of his bat friends to come to Diane's house every night when Diane was asleep and eat all of the bad insects. He did this forever and ever! He never told Diane he did that, but she knew all along. Now Matt and Diane are always smiling. Diane is smiling because she can play with her toys. Matt is smiling because he sees his friend Diane smiling. And she never has to run to her car, anymore. She can walk to it now! Do you like bats now?

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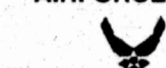
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY JOYCE JILLSON
Sometimes, it's hard to get organized when the moon is void of course, but the Leo sun urges us to shoot from the hip, undaunted by such nuisances as preparation and planning. The result is, you just might get a lot done in a short period of time. You also might blunder in such a way that causes a lot of extra work. It's better than doing nothing!



JOYCE JILLSON

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Self-discipline is high, and even the most hectic of schedules happens in an orderly manner. You can get a team of people to agree to a solitary aim, and everything gets accomplished quickly, too.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Excitement is in the world of finance. You come up with solutions to your money problems but are even more effective helping others. Why does it seem like romance cost so much money? Maybe it's the person you're pursuing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're right in tune with the times, as usual. But don't let your hip approach and need to be on the cutting edge lead you into the path of temptation. Be extra vigilant in guarding against your most

destructive tendency. **CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Whatever you volunteer for brings love into your realm. You're especially drawn to a Virgo or Sagittarius. Tonight, time with the family is nice or frustrating depending on whether or not you criticize loved ones.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You feel you can do anything. Make the most of this invincible mood. Your association with Sagittarius will help you improve your focus and direction. The most important thing is not to second-guess yourself once you've decided.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Events go as intended, but the faces involved change. Be open to letting people flow in or out of your plans. Accurate assumptions put you ahead in love and in business. Join a group to enlarge your network.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The last thing you want to do today is anything that you should be doing. Breaking the rules is thrilling, and your rebel spirit seems to feed you with the energy you need to conquer your immediate obstacles.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When your confidence is high, everything else about you clicks in. You become a magnet for interest from interesting people. Don't tell people how intelligent you are — show them. There's nothing worse than a know-it-all.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Recent weeks have tossed many a fascination into your path, lending a broader view of the world. Since no one can do it all, let today be about choosing one or two prime targets to concentrate your energy on.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A partner is very persuasive, but you should stick to your guns. Trouble follows any decision against your inner wisdom. You may have to pick up the slack for someone unreliable, and this really bugs you. Raise the standards.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Persistence pays off. You could finally get a grant or loan, or put a stalled project back on track. In any case, you're the hero of the hour. You may not know it for several months, but what you do affects your career long term.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your mind is quicker than you realize. You often assume that everyone is like you, and that assumption is untrue. Never take it for granted that you are being understood. Go out of your way to communicate your thoughts.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm a Capricorn woman born Dec. 24, 1962, involved with an older Taurus man born April 23, 1953, and I want to know if there is a future with this relationship that hasn't been that great to begin with or if I should leap into the fire and take a chance with another Capricorn from a different country born Jan. 9, 1962."

Capricorn and Taurus are a terrific match. He's stable, and he values many of the same things you do. But sometimes, a good fit just doesn't have the sparks that a not-so-good fit has. You need friction for that. Friction is one thing you're probably not going to get with your young Capricorn foreigner, either, although the newness of it at least gives you an immediate thrill. I see this Capricorn man as an excuse to get you away from your stable-but-boring relationship with the Taurus. Ultimately, you're not ready to settle down with anyone, so it's better not to worry about your love life too much. My advice is to schedule lots of dates and fun this summer without giving a thought to a future commitment with anyone you're likely to meet in the next six months.

TUESDAY

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6 PM	News (CC)	Wheel-Forum
7 PM	My Wife/Kids	According-Jim
8 PM	Accord-Jim	Less-Perfect
9 PM	NYPD 24/7	(CC)
10 PM	News (CC)	Nightline
11 PM	Ent. Tonight	Jimmy Kimmel
12 AM	Live (CC)	Oprah Winfrey

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7 :30	My Wife-Kids According-Jim	My Wife-Kids According-Jim	Mariana de la Noche	Trading Spouses	Navy NCIS (CC)	Prisionera	Last Comic Standing	Friends (CC) Friends (CC)	Update/Israel N. McBride	Nova (CC) (DVS)	The FBI Files (CC)	Movie: When Harry Met Sally	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	BET Awards '04	Movie: You Wish! (CC)	Tennis Masters Series	ESPN25: The Headlines	Movie: Learning Curves (CC)
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9 :30	NYPD 24/7 (CC)	NYPD 24/7 (CC)	Al Filo de la Ley	70s Show Dharma-Greg	The Amazing Race 5 (CC)	Protagonistas	Law & Order: Special Victims	Sex and-City Sex and-City	P.O.V. (CC)	MythBusters (CC)	:10 Movie: Heaven Can Wait (CC)	The Joe Schmo Show	Charmed (CC)	Angel (CC)		That's-Raven Sister, Sister	Boxing: Tuesday -- Jones vs. Wilson	2004 World Series of Poker	Jackass: The Movie (CC)
10 :30	News (CC) Nightline	News Nightline	Primer Impacto Noticias Univ.	70s Show Raymond	News Late Show	Noticias Laura	News The Tonight	Outback Jack	The Hour of Healing	Charlie Rose (CC)	The FBI Files (CC)	Wait (CC)	Hotlines Tripped Out	Nightly News Grown Folks		Bug Juice Lizze McGuire	SportsCenter (CC)	Movie: Bar Girls (CC)	
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"Y'KNOW WHAT I LIKE BEST ABOUT THE BEACH? NO MARGARET!"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Daddy's pictures will be better than these 'cause we'll be in them."

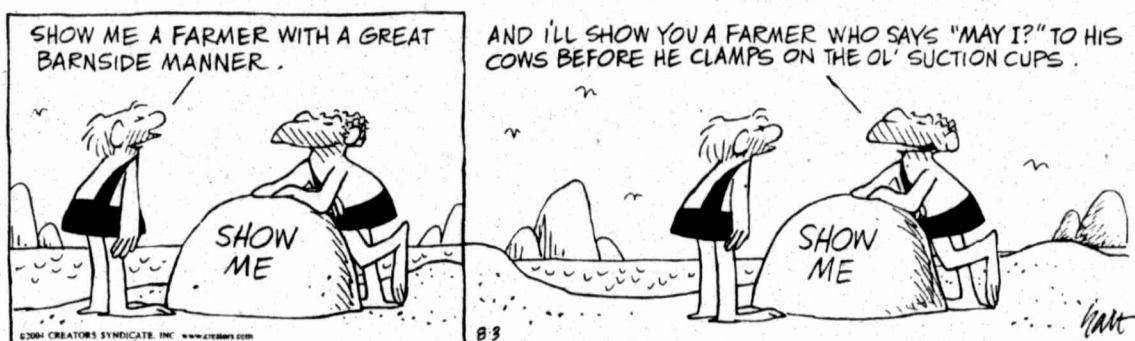
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Aug. 3, the 216th day of 2004. There are 150 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 3, 1492, Christopher Columbus set sail from Palos, Spain, on a voyage that took him to the present-day Americas.

On this date:

In 1914, Germany declared war on France.

In 1923, Calvin Coolidge was sworn in as the 30th president of the United States, following the death of Warren G. Harding.

In 1936, the State Department urged Americans in Spain to leave because of that country's civil war.

In 1943, Gen. George S. Patton slapped a private at an army hospital in Sicily, accusing him of cowardice. (Patton was later ordered

by Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower to apologize for this and a second, similar episode.)

In 1949, the National Basketball Association was formed.

In 1958, the nuclear-powered submarine Nautilus became the first vessel to cross the North Pole underwater.

In 1980, closing ceremonies were held in Moscow for the 1980 Summer Olympic Games, which had been boycotted by dozens of countries, including the United States.

In 1981, U.S. air traffic controllers went on strike, despite a warning from President Reagan they would be fired, which they were.

In 1987, the Iran-Contra congressional hearings ended, with none of the 29 witnesses tying President Reagan directly to the diversion of arms-sales profits to Nicaraguan rebels.

In 1993, the Senate voted 96-3 to confirm Supreme Court nominee Ruth Bader

Ginsburg.

Today's Birthdays:

Author P.D. James is 84. Broadway composer Richard Adler is 83. Singer Gordon Stoker (The Jordanares) is 80. Singer Tony Bennett is 78. Actor Alex Cord is 73. Actor Martin Sheen is 64. Lifestyle guru Martha Stewart is 63. Singer Beverly Lee (The Shirelles) is 63. Movie director John Landis is 54. Actress JoMarie Payton is 54. Actor Jay North ("Dennis the Menace") is 53. Actor John C. McGinley is 45. Rock singer-musician Lee Rocker .Country musician Dean Sams (Lonestar) is 38.

Answer to previous puzzle

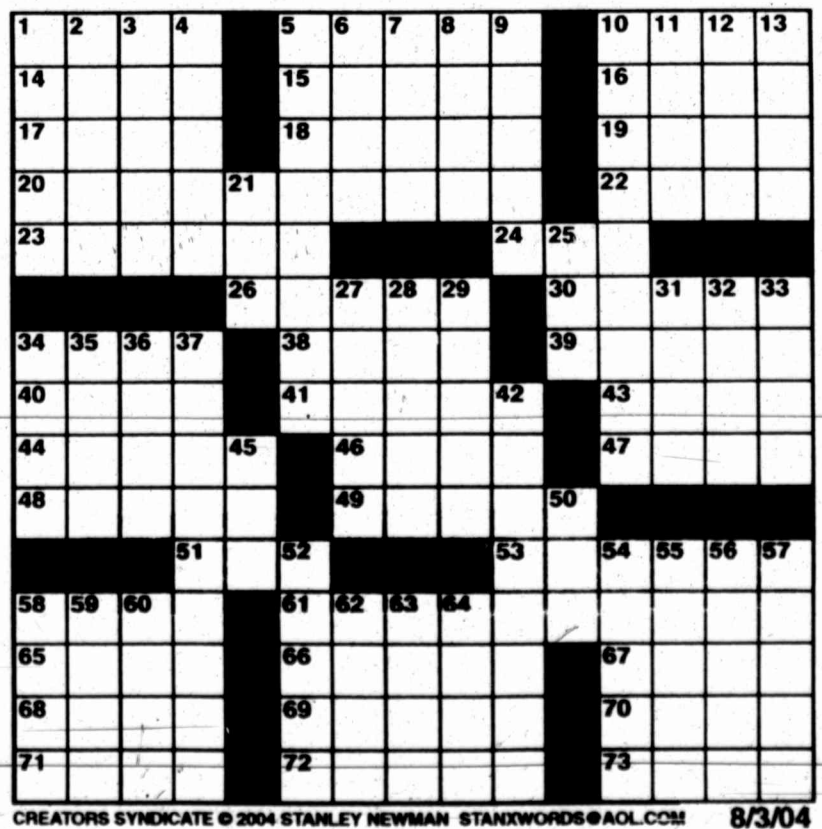
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Newsday Crossword

HOT DAY by Sally R. Stein

Edited by Stanley Newman

- ACROSS**
- 1 Garbage boat
 - 5 Accumulate
 - 10 Nonwritten test
 - 14 Press for
 - 15 Susan of All My Children
 - 16 Nanette
 - 17 Cabbage Patch Kid, e.g.
 - 18 Mythical giant
 - 19 Chorus member
 - 20 Hot, as weather
 - 22 Appear to be
 - 23 Army assent
 - 24 Fully prepared
 - 26 Dollar fractions
 - 30 Time-out
 - 34 Short skirt
 - 38 The World According to (Irving novel)
 - 39 Girl at a ball
 - 40 Computer owner
 - 41 Aromas
 - 43 PDQ relative
 - 44 Rips (up)
 - 46 Wicked
 - 47 Daily Planet reporter
 - 48 Spooky
 - 49 TV host Philbin
 - 51 Roofing material
 - 53 London's river
 - 58 Couch
 - 61 Hot, as a fashion
 - 65 Moby-Dick captain
 - 66 Mary Tyler
 - 67 Brontë heroine
- DOWN**
- 1 Full of lather
 - 2 Gladiator star
 - 3 Stares at
 - 4 The Time Machine author
 - 5 Superman, to 47 Across
 - 6 The Ghost and Mrs.
 - 7 Start of a play
 - 8 Read electronically
 - 9 Croons
 - 10 Hot, as a sports team
 - 11 Performer's part
 - 12 Poker-game starter
 - 13 Weaver's machine
 - 21 -tac-toe
 - 25 Recede
 - 27 Third-party candidate of 2000
 - 28 Hidden treasure
 - 29 Parsley piece
 - 31 Otherwise
 - 32 Actor Alda
 - 33 Held onto
 - 34 TV remote button
 - 35 Conversation filler
 - 36 In the area
 - 37 Hot, as a grump
 - 42 Moves like a snake
 - 45 Sailor's locale
 - 50 That woman exits
 - 52 Freeway
 - 54 Sports venue
 - 55 Metro Goldwyn
 - 56 White heron
 - 57 Spring plantings
 - 58 Drains energy from
 - 59 Where Dayton is
 - 60 Lose altitude
 - 62 Traditional knowledge
 - 63 Beef cut
 - 64 Walked on





By BETTY DEBNAM

The Olympics

First Olympics

The first Olympics were held in ancient Greece in 776 B.C.

Awards

The Greeks believed that an Olympic victory was a gift from the gods. The winners received crowns made from wild olive leaves. Statues were made in their honor. Winning was a great honor.

Competition

Only men could compete. In the beginning, a single foot race of about 200 yards was the only competition.

Later, other sports, including jumping, boxing, wrestling and chariot races, were added.

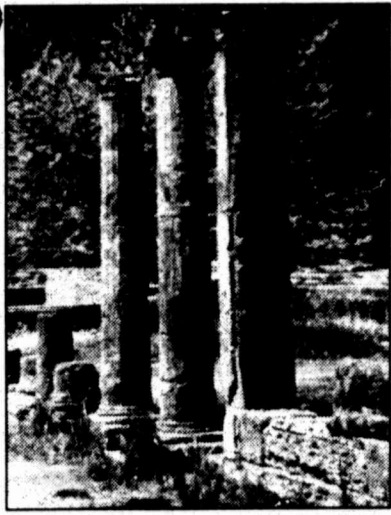
Although women could not compete in the Olympic Games, there were special athletic contests for them every four years. The games honored Hera.

Truce

A truce among the different Greek city-states was declared at each Olympics so that athletes could travel safely to and from Olympia.

Site to see:

The official Web site of the 2004 Olympics:
www.Athens2004.com



Ancient columns remain standing at Olympia, Greece, the site of the first Olympic Games. The site is about 200 miles from Athens.

Olympia

Olympia included temples to Zeus and Hera, the king and queen of the gods. There was also a stadium that could hold 40,000 people and training sites for the athletes.

End of ancient games

The games came to an end after about 1,200 years and 300 Olympic Games. They were stopped in 393 A.D. because they put too much emphasis on worshipping ancient gods.



Olympics today

This summer, the Olympic Games will be held Aug. 13-29 in Athens, Greece. They are returning to their birthplace.

The symbol for this summer's games includes a circular wreath of olive leaves.

Modern Olympics

The Olympics were not held for 1,500 years. A French baron, Pierre de Coubertin, came up with the idea of starting them again. The first modern Olympics were held in Athens in 1896.

Olympic torch

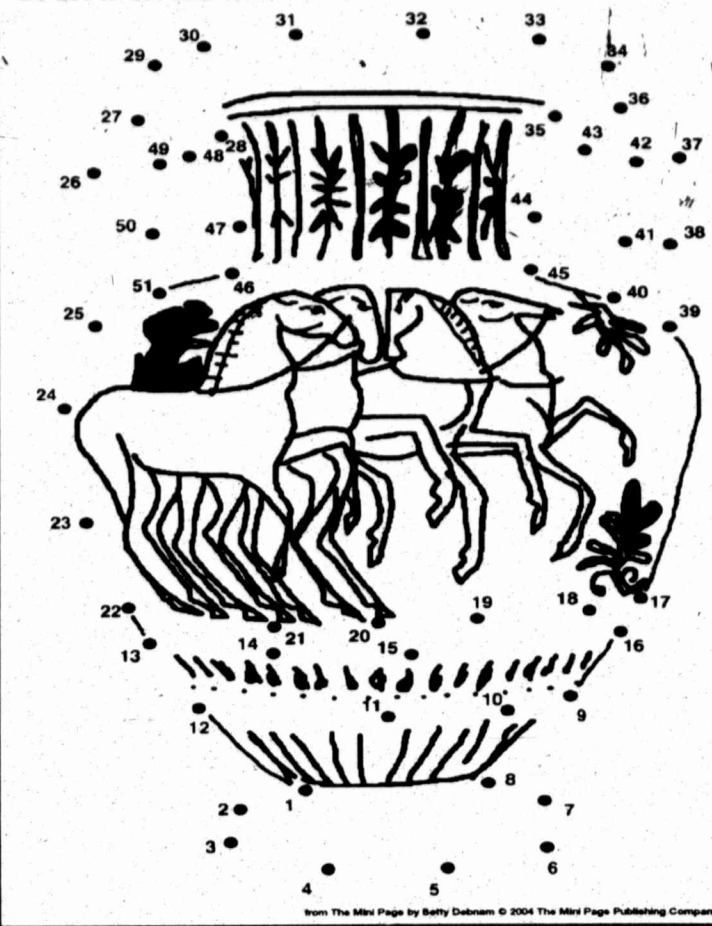
For each Olympics, an Olympic torch is lighted at Olympia. The 2004 torch is designed to look like an olive leaf.

For the first time in Olympic history, the torch bearers will carry the Olympic flame to five continents. Then, on Aug. 13, it will be carried to the Olympic stadium and the Olympics XXVIII will officially begin.

Site to see:

The International Olympic Committee, www.olympics.org

Go dot to dot and color.



Rookie Cookie's Recipe Hummus Spread on Pita Bread

You'll need:

- 2 cups canned chickpeas (garbanzo beans), drained
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 1 tablespoon tahini
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 1 clove garlic, crushed
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- pita bread, cut into pieces

What to do:

1. Mix all ingredients except pita bread together in a blender.
2. Put mixture in a small bowl and serve with pita bread.

Serves 4.
Note: You will need an adult to help with this recipe.

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Goldie Goodsport's Report Supersport: Courtney Kupets

Birthdate: 7-27-86
Hometown: Gaithersburg, Maryland
At age 3, when she was about knee-high to a balance beam, Courtney Kupets was participating in gymnastics. Now, at age 17, she's a "gem" among gymnasts. And this summer she will be flipping for gold and glory in the Olympics. In 2003, after coming back from a torn left Achilles tendon, Kupets won the U.S. all-around title. In 2002, she earned USA Gymnastics Athlete of the Year honors. She can do it all: balance on the beam, somersault across the floor and land as softly as a bird on a tree limb. Courtney grew up in an athletic environment with two brothers and a sister. Her father played college football and her mother was a cheerleader. While gymnastics is time-consuming, Kupets has other interests that include reading and biking. She also has been a cheerleader and a diver. But now, it's time to go for gold at the Olympics.

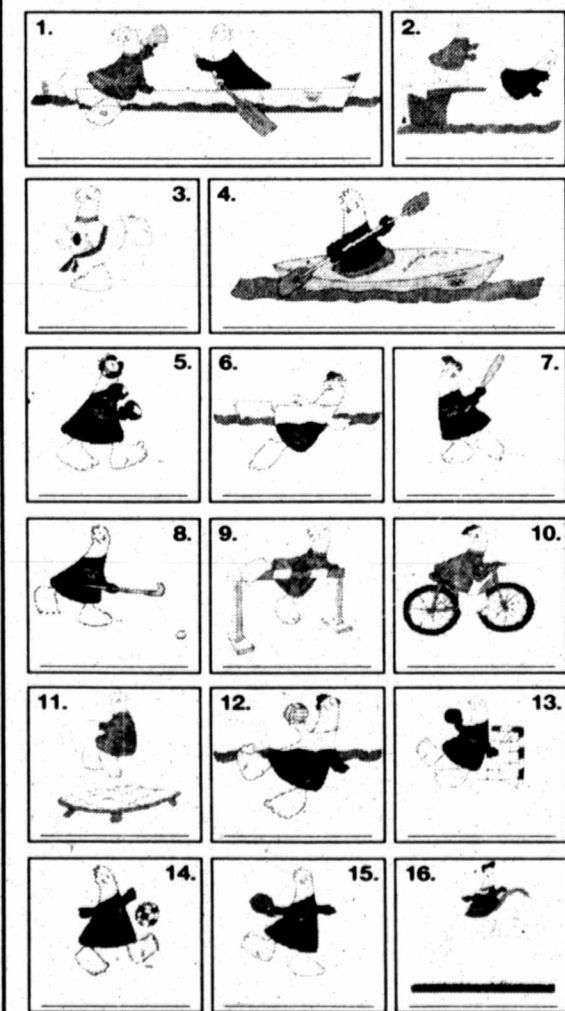
Meet Tobey Maguire

When Tobey Maguire was young, he hoped to be a chef one day. He became interested in acting when his mother gave him \$100 to take a drama class rather than home economics in high school. After that, he started looking for acting roles. At 14 years old, Tobey got parts in commercials and small roles on television shows. He got a starring role in a Fox comedy show called "Great Scotts." Later, he was offered parts in movies such as "Cats & Dogs," as the voice of Lou the beagle; and "Seabiscuit," as jockey Red Pollard. Most people know him as the star character Peter Parker in "Spider-Man" and "Spider-Man 2." Tobey, who is now 29, moved a lot as a child and lived in California, Oregon and Washington. His father was a cook and his mother was a secretary. He has four stepbrothers. Tobey enjoys cooking and yoga.

Olympic Sports 2004

Meet Athena and Phevos. They are cartoon brother and sister dolls who are the mascots of the 2004 Olympics. They represent brotherhood and equality.

Can you identify the sports listed in the middle column? Write the sport on the line in the box.

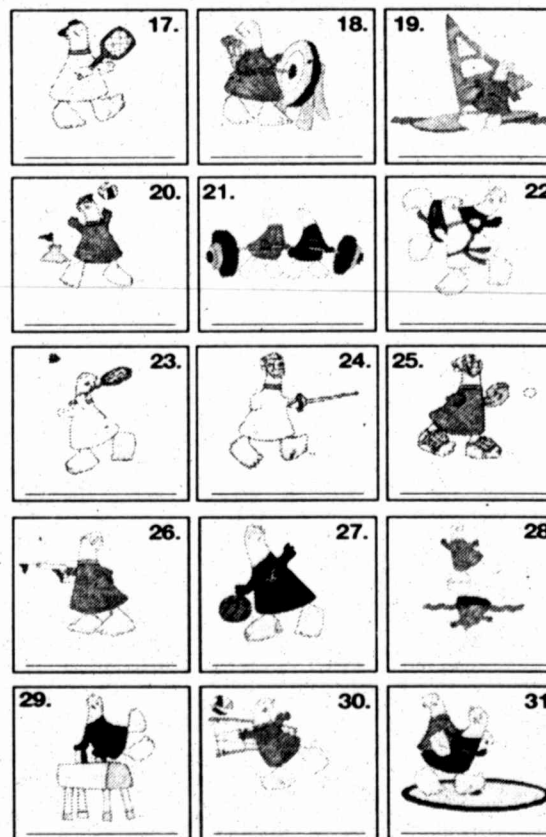


1. Rowing, 2. Diving, 3. Taekwondo, 4. Canoe/Kayak, 5. Boxing, 6. Swimming, 7. Baseball, 8. Hockey, 9. Track and Field, 10. Cycling, 11. Triathlon, 12. Water Polo, 13. Handball, 14. Soccer, 15. Table Tennis, 16. Equestrian.

Baseball
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Volleyball
Rowing
Diving
Soccer
Gymnastics
Trampoline
Track and Field
Water Polo
Cycling
Hockey
Handball
Weightlifting
Badminton
Judo
Archery
Windsurfing
Beach Volleyball
Equestrian
Tennis
Table Tennis
Synchronized Swimming
Basketball
Shooting
Softball
Fencing

This year there will be 28 Olympic sports, with a total of 37 disciplines.

A sport can have several disciplines. For instance, the aquatics competition includes events in swimming, water polo, synchronized swimming and diving.



Because there are sports that many of us might not identify, here are three we have not pictured.
• Modern Pentathlon: athletes compete in shooting, fencing, swimming, horseback riding and running.
• Rhythmic Gymnastics: Women gymnasts dance, leap and perform moves as they juggle equipment.
• Triathlon: an event that includes swimming, cycling and running.

To do: Look through your newspaper for stories about the Olympics.

Next week: Get tips on homework from an expert.

The Mini Page thanks the press and communications office of the Greek Embassy for help with this issue.

Mighty Funny's Mini Jokes

All the following jokes have something in common. Can you guess the common theme or category?

Mary: What do cows do on vacation?
Dean: Visit museums!
Hannah: What do cows give after an earthquake?
Jackson: Milkshakes!
Franklin: Why was the cow afraid?
Angus: Because it was a coward!

TRY 'N FIND

Words and names that remind us of the Summer Olympics are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward and diagonally, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find: FENCING, BASKETBALL, SWIMMING, BADMINTON, GYMNASTICS, TABLE TENNIS, SAILING, BEACH VOLLEYBALL, WEIGHTLIFTING, JUDO, HOCKEY, CYCLING, HANDBALL, WATER, POLO, SOCCER, SOFTBALL, GAME.

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LGYMNASTICSAHGO
OELLABTEKSABOVS

Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and her friends are hoping to get good enough at beach volleyball to compete in the Olympics. See if you can find:

• carrot
• man in the moon
• question mark
• number 3
• lizard
• pig's face
• word MINI
• ladder
• pumpkin
• ax
• key
• safety pin
• peanut
• letter V
• pencil
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