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Dubose to begin Pct. 3 campaign

James "Dick" Dubose, candidate for County Commissioner Precinct 3, will be holding a campaign kick off Tuesday from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Cossacks, Legion plan benefit run

The Permian Basin Chapter of the Cossacks Motorcycle Club and American Legion Post 506 will hold a benefit auction and "in-house" poker run for local resident Virginia King, who has been diagnosed with cancer.

The benefit will be held Saturday, Sept. 11, beginning at noon at the Legion Post, located at 3203 W. Highway 80. Southern fried catfish will be served.

For more information concerning the fund-raising event, contact Benny at 432-213-0654.

'The Guys' set on stage Sept. 11

The Howard College Theater Department will be performing "The Guys" by Anne Nelson on Saturday, Sept. 11 to benefit the Big Spring Fire Department.

The play will be in the Municipal Auditorium. Tickets can be bought at the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce office, 215 W. 3rd Street, for $10.

Proceeds from the performance will be used to purchase new communications equipment for the Big Spring Fire Department.

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Farewells said to Texas troops headed for Iraq

FORT WORTH (AP) — The largest combat mobilization of Texas Army National Guard troops since World War II is under way.

About 600 soldiers reported for duty Sunday at the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base in Fort Worth, where the state's senior military leaders and Fort Worth Mayor Mike Moncrief saluted them during an hourlong ceremony.

About 2,000 family members and friends watched Sunday as representatives from 22 Guard units bound for Iraq attended the mobilization ceremony at a hangar.

"Before you are the finest soldiers of the world," Col. James "Red" Brown, the brigade commander and a business owner in Tyler, said. "They represent everything that is good about our nation."

The soldiers begin moving this week to Fort Hood near Killeen, where they will undergo five months of training in marksmanship, convoy operations, crowd control, weapons systems and more.

"The responsibility of bringing all these soldiers back is a big one," said Command Sgt. Maj. Eddie Chambliss, shortly before leaving for an advance trip to

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Increasing number of Guard, Reserve troops say they've lost jobs, benefits

By LARRY MARGASAK
Associated Press Writer

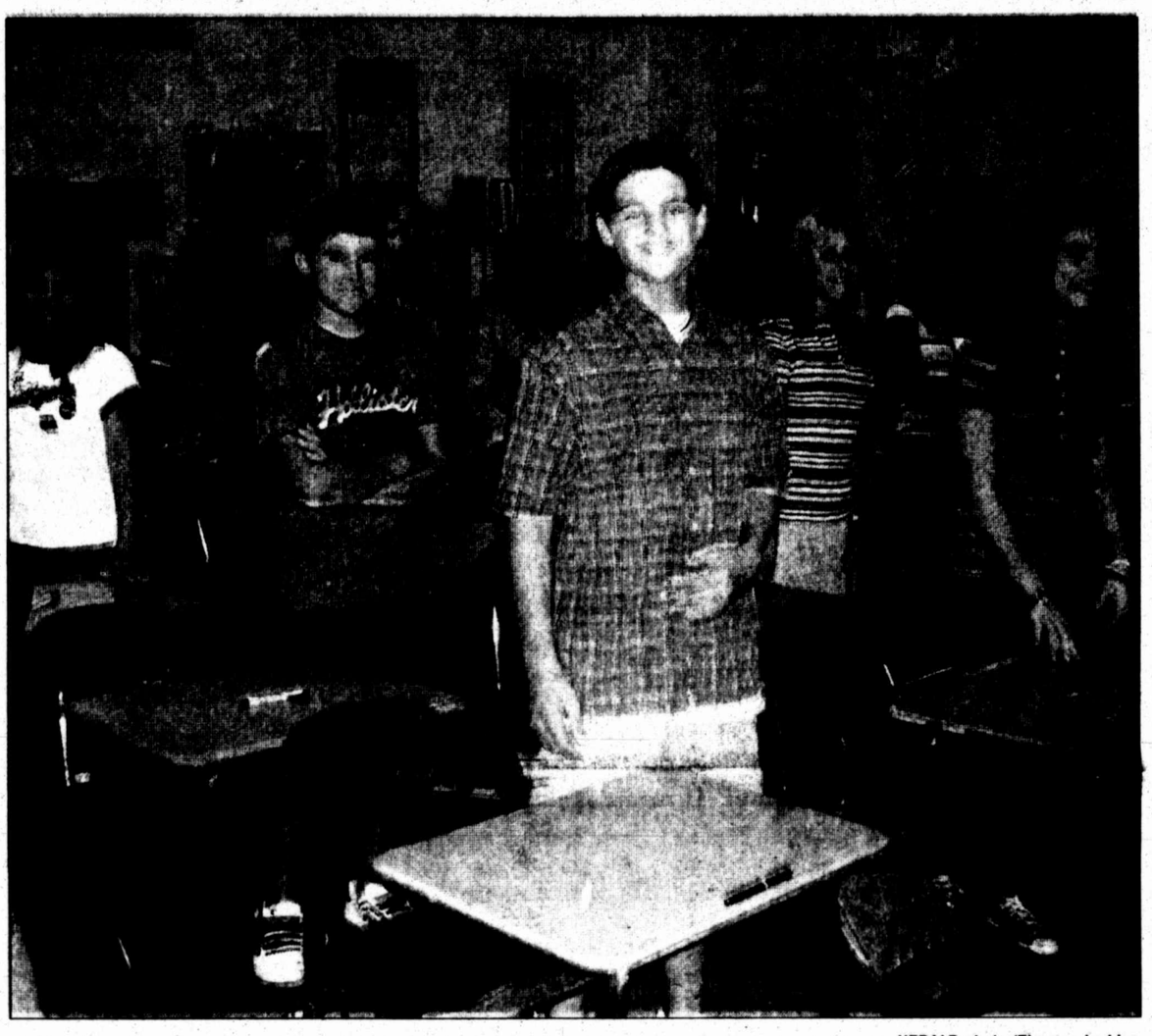
WASHINGTON — Benefits reduced. Promotions forgotten. Jobs gone.

It's tough to find these conditions when returning home from the mean streets of Iraq, ready to resume your civilian career.

Increasing numbers of National Guard and Reserve troops returning home are experiencing just such disappointment. Since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, the Labor Department reports receiving

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BACK TO SCHOOL



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

Eighth grade students in Vickie Broadrick's class go over proper attire and the school's dress code during a rules review this morning, the first day of school at Big Spring Junior High School.

Plant official: Fiberflex will soon resume production

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Details surrounding the lay off and stop in production at Fiberflex are still scant, but according to one company official, the Big Spring operation should be up and running again soon.



MORRIS

Steve Morris, vice-president of the Houston-based fiberglass company, said he expects to have the plant up and running again early this week.

"We didn't produce anything Thursday or Friday," said Morris. "However, I fully expect to begin production again early next week."

Morris said the term "lay off" may not accurately portray what's going on within the company.

"We explained to the employees that if they had vacation time, they could take that and still get paid," said Morris. "For those that didn't have vacation time, there's really wasn't anything we could do for them.

"This is all part of a reorganization that's going on within the company. I really can't comment any further on it."

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Dunlap's looking for new home

Rent hike forcing retailer out of site

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Big Spring shoppers who look to Dunlap's for the latest fashions and products may soon have to look elsewhere.

Officials for the long-time Big Spring establishment confirmed this week they will be will be closing the doors to the FM 700 location at the end of October.

Dunlap's District Manager Jimmy Vaughn said the decision to close is a result of higher rent prices on the building they currently utilize, located next door to the Wal-Mart Supercenter.

"The lease on the building is up in October," said Vaughn. "The rent on the building under a new lease would just be too high."

Vaughn declined to comment on who the owner of the lease is or how much the cost of the contract would go up, but did say Dunlap's is doing everything it can to maintain a Big Spring location.

"Executive management has been in contact with several businesses in Big Spring in hopes of finding a new location," said Vaughn. "We have high hopes that we'll be able to keep a location in Big Spring. The community has shown enough support for Dunlap's that we definitely want to stay in Big

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Memory Walk team member Karen McIntyre, left, and event Chairman Cindy Lopez pose before cutting the cake at the first team organizational meeting held last week. The 2004 Memory Walk is set for Saturday, Sept. 18, in Comanche Trail Park.

It's time now to get prepared for Alzheimer's Memory Walk

By LYNDEL MOODY

It's getting about time to pull on your best tennis shoes because the 2004 Memory Walk is just around the corner.

"I'm very excited to chair this event," said Cindy Lopez. "This is my first year and I'm ready for a big start and to double our goal over last year."

Plans for the Memory Walk got under way last week as team leaders and organizers met for a luncheon and receive team packets at Gale's Sweet Shoppe..

More than 400 walkers raised $20,000 for 2003 event, which is the chief fund-raising effort for the Alzheimer's Association.

"We raised the most money last year in the region," said Nancy Alkire, team coordinator. "We beat the number of

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Obituaries

Gayla Lowry Boswell



Gayla Lowry Boswell, 47, passed away on Friday, Aug. 13, 2004, after a courageous battle with cancer. She was born to A.L. and Colleen Lowry on Jan. 8, 1957, in Oklahoma City, Okla. She was recruited to Big Spring in 1981 to work as Scenic Mountain Medical Center's first acute care dialysis technician.

She also worked as a unit secretary and as a billing clerk while employed at the hospital. In 1999, she decided to work as a contract medical insurance biller, which allowed her to travel and see the country.

While on assignment in Dallas, she met her soulmate and future husband, Jim Boswell. They were married May 18, 2001. The most important people in her life were her son Larry, her husband Jim, her family and her pets.

She is survived by her husband, Jim Boswell, her son, Larry Lowry, two sisters, Shirleen Brown and Tricia McCain, brother-in-law Herb McCain, her father, A.L. Lowry, her aunt, Loretta Quindt, her aunt and uncle, Jean and J.T. Thomason; her nieces and nephews, Tammy Ream and husband, Stacey, David Brown, J.W. Heath, Jennifer Heath, and one great nephew and niece, Forrest and Reagan Ream.

Gayla was preceded in death by her mother, Colleen Lowry, one brother, Rodney Lowry, and her maternal and paternal grandparents.

The funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2004, in the Myers and Smith Chapel.

In lieu of flowers and out of her love for animals, the family suggests memorials be made to the Northern New Mexico Animal Protection Society, Espanola Animal Shelter, 108 Hamm Parkway, Espanola, N.M. 87532.

The family will receive friends from 6 -7:30 p.m. today at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

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

Paid obituary

Lida Florene Carby

Lida Florene Carby, 72, of Stanton, formerly of Clovis, N.M. , died on Sunday, Aug. 15, 2004, in a local nursing home. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2004, at the Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton with Van Pendergrass officiating.

She was born on Feb. 4, 1932, in Muleshoe, to Walter and Grace Kemp and married Elbert Carby on June 24, 1949, in Clovis, N.M. She taught school in Bovina and Las Lunas, N.M., and was a Methodist.

Survivors include her husband, Elbert L. Carby of Big Spring; two sons, Bruce A. Carby and wife, Mae, of Stanton and Gerald Carby of Clovis, N.M.; two daughters, Edna G. Carby of Big Spring and Janice F. Carby of Clovis, N.M.; seven grandchildren; five great grandchildrn; three sisters, Mary Argilee Millen of Dallas, Cora Ruth Snyder of Friona and Doris Irene Parker of Muleshoe; and one brother, Walter A. Kemp of Colorado.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and eight sisters.

Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

Maria Palomino

Maria Palomino, 71, of Big Spring passed away Sunday evening, Aug. 15, 2004, at her home following a long illness. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Support groups

MONDAY

❑ All widows and widowers are invited to attend the Encourager's Support group meeting at 6 p.m. Call 398-5522 for more information.

TUESDAY

❑ The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 7 p.m. the last Tuesday of each month in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1005 Birdwell Lane. Call Tracey at 263-4948 for more information.

THURSDAY

❑ Narcotics Anonymous, non-smoking discussion meeting, 8- 9 p.m., at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.

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

❑ Alzheimers Support Group meets at 2 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at The Texas State Veterans Home, 1809 N. Hwy 87. For more information call Orand Carroll 268-8387.

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Police blotter

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

• **BENITA SALAZAR,** 31, of 1202 Nolan, was arrested Saturday on a local traffic warrant and held for the HCSO.

• **MICHAEL STEVEN MARQUEZ,** 21, of 1501 Runnels, was arrested Saturday on a charge of theft.

• **GREGORY ALLEN MCDANIEL,** 35, of 447 Armstrong, was arrested Monday on local traffic warrants.

• **RAYMOND LOSOYA,** 70, of 207 Jones, was arrested Sunday on local traffic warrants.

• **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported:
- in the 200 block of Eighth Street.
- in the 400 block of Fourth Street.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported:
- in the 800 block of Aylesford.
- in the 1700 block of Wasson.
- in the 2300 block of Allendale.

• **THEFT** was reported:
- in the 1700 block of FM 700.
- in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.
- in the 1100 block of Lamesa.
- in the 400 block of Gregg Street.

• **DISORDERLY CONDUCT/DISCHARGE OR DISPLAY OF A FIREARM** was reported in the 100 block of Ninth Street.

• **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported:
- in the 1300 block of Lindbergh.
- in the 400 block of Armstrong.
- in the 2000 block of Runnels.

• **ASSAULT/CLASS C** was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street.

• **RESISTING ARREST, SEARCH OR TRANSPORTATION** was reported in the 2600 block of Fairchild.

• **THEFT OF SERVICES** was reported n the 1700 block of Third Street.

• **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 600 block of Interstate Highway 20.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 8-15-18-19-26. Bonus Ball: 20.
Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 0.
Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: $22 million.

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Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 3-14-19-33-35.
Number matching five of five: 0.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night: 6-4-1.

Bulletin board

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

TODAY

• Blood drive sponsored by the Howard County Sheriff's Department from 1-5 p.m. on the third floor of the courthouse. Call Jose at 264-2244 to sign up.

• Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.

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

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

• Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in the La Posada Restaurant.

• DAV and Auxiliary Chapter 47 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 610 Abrams St.

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

TUESDAY

• Intermediate Line Dance classes begin at 9 a.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center. Call 267-1628.

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

• A Stitchin' 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.

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

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

• Big Spring Art Association meeting is canceled as many members unavailable. Next meeting is set for Setp. 21.

• 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. at the Masonic Lodge, 219 Main St.

Sheriff's report

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

• **LEO GARCIA PENA,** 25, was arrested Friday by DPS on charges of driving while intoxicated - third or more offense, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and no Class C driver's license.

• **MARY ELIZABETH DELEON,** 26, was arrested Friday by DPS on a motion to revoke probation for theft.

• **JACK DANIEL PAREDEZ,** 18, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.

• **JAYSON WATERS,** 29, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for criminal mischief.

• **JAMES DEWIE EVERHART,** 31, was arrested Friday by DPS on a charge of public intoxication.

• **WEHNONAH RENEE HARMES,** 32, was arrested Friday by DPS on charges of driving while license suspended - enhanced and no liability insurance.

• **ANTHONY GEORGE HERNANDEZ,** 35, was arrested Friday by DPS on a charge of possession of marijuana - 2 ounces or less.

• **MONTY ALLEN HENDRICKS,** 23, was arrested Friday by DPS on a charge of possession of marijuana - 2 ounces or less.

• **BRANDY MARIE WRIGHT,** 21, was arrested Saturday by DPS on charges of driving while intoxicated and possession of marijuana - 2 ounces or less.

• **PAULA JEAN BARBER,** 41, was arrested Saturday by DPS on charges of driving while intoxicated - second offense and driving while license suspended or invalid.

• **RONALD GENE HENRICKS,** 46, was arrested Saturday by DPS on charges of driving while intoxicated - second offense, possession of marijuana - 2 ounces or less and theft by check.

• **ASHLEY CROSSMAN,** 24, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of issuance of a bad check.

• **AUNRAY VASHUNN CRAWFORD,** 28, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of criminal mischief and resisting arrest.

• **KENNETH BANKS,** 34, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

• **RONALD TROY LITTLE,** 43, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of issuance of a bad check.

• **BENITA SALAZAR,** 31, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of theft by check.

• **TONY JUAREZ,** 36, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated with open container.

• **JOSEPH MICHAEL ODOM,** 25, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of theft by check.

• **MARTIN DELEON,** 39, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 900 block of Saunders.

• **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the area of Driver Road.

• **ASSAULT** was reported in the 300 block of E. Broadway.



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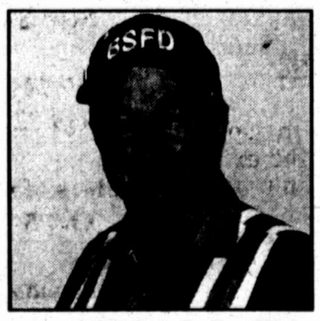
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West Texans support troops with bracelets

MIDLAND (AP) — Engraved bracelets were Jim Leascher's link to his son half a world away and the idea spread.

When Chad Leascher was deployed to Afghanistan nearly a year ago, his father decided to make 300 "prayer/ID bracelets" stamped with his son's name, rank and location.

The elder Leascher distributed those bracelets and received requests for more. So the Midland resident created a database of the names and locations of soldiers serving with his son and H.O.T., or Honoring Our Troops, was born.

Managers of Sam's Club and Wal-Mart stores in Midland agreed to allow H.O.T. packets in their stores for sale. Shoppers there may purchase a packet containing two sizes of bracelets — one blue and another red — engraved with a soldier's name. It includes five postcards and instructions to pray for the soldier daily and send postcards monthly.

More expensive care packages, including a postcard the purchaser fills out and submits at the store, are also available. Leascher picks up the cards, fills the care package with items for soldiers and inserts the purchaser's card.

Descendants of slain soldiers commemorate Medina battle

ESPEY (AP) — What one historian has described as the state's largest and deadliest battle will not be forgotten if descendants of the slain soldiers have anything to do with it.

They made the trek down a long, winding dirt road off U.S. 281 to an area believed to be part of the site of the Battle of Medina.

Under a sprawling oak tree, between 50 and 75 people from as far away as Louisiana gathered over the weekend to commemorate the four-hour war that pitted a volunteer band of independence-minded Latinos and Anglo adventurers calling themselves the Republican Army of the North against a smaller but better-trained force of royalist regulars loyal to the King of Spain.

Wednesday is the 191st anniversary of that fight on Aug. 18, 1813.

"This was the biggest, bloodiest battle ever fought on Texas soil," Karnes City historian Robert Thonhoff told the San Antonio Express-News in Monday's online edition.

Some Texas schools start random testing for drugs

HOUSTON (AP) — Schools across Texas are adding random drug testing and increased locker inspections to the agenda this year.

At least three school districts in the Houston area and dozens more across Texas will begin random drug testing, spurred in part by a U.S. Supreme Court ruling upholding the practice and by the lure of federal money that may help pay for it.

The Katy, Splendora and Huffman independent school districts will begin testing this year, and one company that provides testing for Texas schools has signed up nearly 30 districts across the state.

The idea of random drug tests for students who participate in competitive after-school activities and those who drive to campus is an uncomfortable one for American Civil Liberties Union officials. They have argued in lawsuits that such tests violate the Fourth Amendment and other privacy protections.

"If the school district is concerned with the long-term health of their students, this is the wrong way to go about it," Will Harrell, executive director of the ACLU of Texas, told the Houston Chronicle for its Sunday editions. "Students who are occasionally experimenting with drugs may choose not to participate in extracurricular activities that could lead them to a cleaner, healthier lifestyle."

Stepfather accidentally shoots, kills 5-year-old

HOUSTON (AP) — A 5-year-old girl's stepfather accidentally shot and killed the child after mistaking her for a burglar, according to law officers.

Struck in the chest with a single bullet, Alejandra Hernandez died Sunday after she was taken to LBJ Hospital in Houston..

Agun Ortega Pina told police he heard suspicious noises and reached for his gun about 1 a.m. He shot when someone tried to open the door of the bedroom where he and his wife were sleeping.

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greater numbers of complaints under a 1994 law that is primarily designed to give Guard and Reserve troops their old jobs back, or provide them with equivalent positions.

Benefits and raises must be protected, as if the serviceman or servicewoman had never left.

Labor Department officials said only a nationwide campaign to educate employers about the law prevented the problem from getting even worse.

"Any increase in the number of complaints is a concern to us," said Fred Juarbe Jr., assistant secretary of labor for veterans employment and training. "At the same time, we're pleased by the fact that the increase in complaints is not at the level that would have been expected."

Some soldiers, however, are finding the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act can't protect them.

• Larry Gill couldn't return as a police officer in Thomasville, Ala., because a grenade injured a foot, making it impossible for him to chase criminals or duck bullets.

• Jerry Chambers, of Oberlin, Kan., discovered that budget cuts eliminated his job as a substance abuse prevention consultant.

• Ron Vander Wal, of Pollock, S.D., was originally told his job as a customer service representative was eliminated. He was rehired after filing a civil lawsuit seeking damages.

Labor Secretary Elaine Chao said the department is drafting rules to spell out the law's protections for service personnel because "we've got to do everything we can to protect their re-employment rights."

Labor was receiving about 900 formal complaints a year before the Sept. 11. The statistical picture since then, based on fiscal years ending Sept. 30:

• 1,218 cases opened in 2002.

• 1,327 cases in 2003.

• 1,200 cases from Oct. 1, 2003 through July 31. If projected over 12 months, the figure would be 1,440, the department said.

Soldiers' complaints were upheld or settled by the department in one-third of last year's cases, while another third were found to have no merit. The remaining cases are inactive or closed, often because the government lost contact with the soldier or the soldier returned to active duty.

When Guard and Reserve troops returned from the first Gulf War, there was one complaint for every 54 soldiers leaving active duty. Currently, with the government's aggressive drive to inform employers of the law, the figure has improved to 1 in 69.

The complaints represent a small percentage of the quarter-million Guard and Reserve troops who left active duty since the Sept. 11 attacks.

Not all returning troops are bitter about their job loss.

Chambers, the substance abuse consultant, agreed that budget cuts left his former nonprofit employer no choice but to eliminate his job.

"I don't fault them for that and I don't hold grudges," said Chambers. He was among the lucky ones, finding employment with his Reserve unit, the 1013th Quartermaster Company, based in North Platte and McCook, Neb. His unit has been mobilized anew, and he is again on active duty.

For others, finding their jobs gone was an emotional and an economic hardship.

Gill, the former Alabama police officer with an injured leg, had to give up a career that began in 1992 and followed in the footsteps of his father and brother. "My biggest concern is loss of income," he said.

While some troops fault former employers for firing them as they served their country, most complaints involved alleged denial of benefits, promotions and raises, said officials from Labor and a Pentagon organization — Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve.

Army Col. Brarry Cox, who coordinates the ESGR's mediation efforts between employers and returning troops, said typical issues raised by soldiers include: "What about the 401 (k)? The end-of-year bonus? What about my evaluation? I was due a merit promotion that I missed.

"We try to talk employers through a logical approach; How were they (the employees) performing prior to active duty, where do you think they would have come out?"

The Labor Department, which has subpoena power, asks employers to justify firings or reduction of benefits and can refer complaints to the Justice Department for filing of civil lawsuits. Only a small percentage of cases get that far.

On the Net:
Labor Department USERRA site: http://www.dol.gov/elaws/userra.htm
The Pentagon's Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve: http://www.esgr.org/

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Iraq.

"There's so much stuff going through my head. I'm praying that everything will be all right," said Chambliss, an employee of a chemical plant on the Gulf Coast and the father of two. "Lots of people are praying that."

Statewide, about 3,000 men and women of the 56th Brigade of the Texas National Guard are preparing for deployment in Iraq. Sunday marked the first day of the brigade's citizen-soldiers on active duty.

By early next year, they will be stationed in Iraq, probably near Baghdad, for at least 12 months. They will be among at least six National Guard combat brigades there, representing more than half the Army presence.

"Doing difficult things is what our military does," Maj. Gen. Michael Taylor, the division commander, said. "That's why they call it service."

In Hondo, more than 100 people gathered at the National Guard Armory where members of Charlie Company of the 141st Infantry Division's 1st Battalion a safe and speedy return. The 28 soldiers are to leave Monday for Fort Hood for additional training before they ship out for an 18-month deployment to Iraq.

"The soldiers are ready," Sgt. Robert Quiroz, the platoon's family readiness noncommissioned officer, said. "All this training we do once a month is to prepare us for this."

Quiroz and his wife, upon learning of the unit's activation, initiated the family readiness program. An important part of the preparation, officials say, is readying soldiers' families for an extended absence.

Families were briefed before the ceremony on support services offered through the American Red Cross. Afterward, they heard about health care benefits and housekeeping tips such as managing a budget on one income.

"Right now, we are more responsible to our families," Quiroz said.

PLANT

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Morris said the employees who were laid off are subject to call back, but stressed the "reorganizing" aspect of the current situation.

"It's hard to find employees in Big Spring, so of course we're going to try to call back the people that were laid off," said Morris. "Will we call back 100 percent of them? I really don't know that we will."

Nearly two dozen former Fiberflex employees applied for unemployment benefits at the Big Spring Workforce Network Thursday morning, after what one former employee described as the "closing the doors" of the Big Spring business.

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WALK

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walkers in Midland and I think, San Angelo. I think we raised more money per capita for our population than either one of those places so this is just an incredible place."

Memory walk organizers are hoping to surpass last year's goal and increase the number of walkers at this year's event, which is set for Sept. 18 in Comanche Trail Park.

"Close your eyes and imagine a cancel stamp," Alkire said to motive team leaders. "Close your eyes and take that rubber stamp that says cancel and put it on the thought that says you can't raise money and that you can't recruit team members. Stamp out that thought now because you can."

Even four-footed teammates can participate, said Memory Walk team member Karen McIntyre.

"I have a dog who has won her own T-shirt every year," McIntyre said. "Any animal counts as a walker if they raise their money. If you have a pet participate, they have to have some kind of health certificate and dogs will have to be on a leash."

For more information concerning the walk, contact Alkire at 517-0630 or 263-4422.

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Spring."

Vaughn said a solid closing date on the existing location hasn't been decided on.

Rumors have been circulating that Wal-Mart, the reported lease holder, is planning to put a Dollar Tree at the Dunlap's location. However, attempts to contact the Wal-Mart corporate office for comments were unsuccessful.

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Gayla Lowry Boswell, 47, died Saturday. Funeral Services will be at 1:00 PM Tuesday, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Family will receive friends 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm Monday at Myers & Smith.

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OTHER VIEWS

Our reservists deserve warm welcome home

Amarillo said "thank you" over the weekend to a group of Americans who answered the call to duty.

None of us can say it enough.

The U.S. Army Reserve's 974th Quartermaster Company came home after an 18-month deployment in Iraq. The reservists paraded from their unit headquarters at Duniven Circle to the vacant Kmart parking lot on Georgia Street. They were greeted along the way by cheers and by heartfelt expressions of gratitude for a job well done.

It seems like only yesterday when soldiers came home from overseas to an entirely different "welcome."

The warriors coming home from Vietnam were given an indifferent greeting at best.

Happily, the nation has learned its lesson about how it should treat the warriors who did their duty on behalf of all of us.

The demonstration of affection, respect — and yes, even love — put forward by the 1,000 or so Amarillo residents this past weekend shows how much we all should appreciate the sacrifices made by our men and women in uniform.

It is said often that freedom isn't free; indeed, Mayor Trent Sisemore made precisely that point in remarks Saturday. Men and women from all across the country pay a huge price to preserve it for the rest of us. Some of them pay the ultimate price, such as the more than 900 Americans who have died while serving in Iraq.

The reservists who left their families and their livelihoods here in Amarillo know that all too well.

Welcome home to you all.

And accept your community's countless expressions of thanks.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

You offer us freedom from anger and sadness, Lord, through your love and your word.

Amen

Left at the altar in California

It's now official: San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom is not the state Supreme Court, the Legislature, the California electorate and the U.S. Supreme Court all rolled into one -- despite the pretensions of His Slickness to pre-empt all of the above.



DEBRA SAUNDERS

So ruled the California Supreme Court in a 5-to-2 decision by Chief Justice Ron George that voided the 4,000-plus same-sex marriages illegally performed in San Francisco at Newsom's behest.

Basically, the court found that California law is clear: Marriage is legal only for heterosexual couples, a rule that the electorate reinforced when 61 percent of California voters passed a measure banning same-sex marriage in 2000. What's more, as the Supreme Court's decision noted, city lawyers could not point to "any judicial decision that has held a statute limiting marriage to a man and a woman unconstitutional under the California or federal Constitution." That is: Newsom presumed to speak for the courts, when, as he should have been aware, the courts said the exact opposite.

Now (as before), if Newsom wants to change California's marriage laws, he has to go to the electorate, through the Legislature or the courts. He is not king. He cannot rewrite laws by fiat.

Newsom told CNN he didn't regret the City Hall nuptials. "We put a human face on discrimination," he said.

That's true. San Francisco's Winter of Love showed America the face of committed gay and lesbian couples — a nice break from the pierced-tongue-and-leather-crowd that some homophobes like to see as representing the entire gay community.

Thing is, Newsom could have orchestrated legal test cases against state law or appealed to the Legislature and still garnered that positive PR. Instead, he chose a stunt.

For the couples who tied the knot in rushed ceremonies at City Hall, the weddings were no stunt. But the lovers knew (as did Newsom) what the law said, and that Thursday's decision was inevitable.

As Chief Justice George wrote, if Newsom can override laws he doesn't like, other mayors can override laws they don't like, such as the assault-weapons ban — because they believe it violates the Second Amendment.

Attorney General Bill Lockyer noted that if the court had ruled to uphold Newsom's nuptials, "local elected officials throughout the state would have license to ignore any state laws they disagree with whether for personal, philosophical or political reasons." George noted, America could no longer pride itself as being "a government of laws, and not of men."

Gay advocates may respond that their entitlement to equal rights is so strong that they need not worry about process. They note that black civil rights leaders engaged in civil disobedience, thus they equate S.F.'s same-sex marriages to Rosa Parks on a bus.

But that comparison doesn't work. Gays have always been able to vote and to enjoy other civil rights. They've won domestic partnerships in California. For most of the Newsom newlyweds, the remaining differences are whether the federal government recognizes the S.F. unions — which it never did — and whether the unions are called marriages or partnerships.

In 2000, I was among the minority of Californians who voted in favor of same-sex marriage. I believe in love and marriage. As far as I am concerned, if gay and lesbian couples want to wed, more power to them.

That's all the more reason why, as a supporter of same-sex marriage, I'd like to see it legitimized the right way. I'd rather see gay advocates win by pushing a bill through the Legislature, or by persuading Californians to vote their way in a new a ballot initiative, than to win in the courts. The reason: They will have more popular support if they win by wooing the people.

If the price is calling the unions something other than marriage, so be it.

That's the position taken by White House hopefuls John Kerry and John Edwards and U.S. Sen. Barbara Boxer, who is running for re-election. All three Democrats say they support civil unions but oppose same-sex marriage. And still gay advocates support these politicians.

Maybe the advocates think Kerry and company aren't telling voters what they really think. Or maybe it shows that politics and marriage can work for everyone — and that everything, including marriage, isn't in a name.

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YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

First, I would like to send my sympathies to the Darden family in their loss. I worked with Larry on a couple different jobs through the years.

However, I would like to know why the local media did not print or air over the radio that it was the Africanized bees stings that was the cause of Larry's death.

Now with all due respect to the Darden family and his friends, i believe that the citizens of Big Spring and the citizens of Texas as far as that is concerned, should be aware that the bees have made it to Big Spring so we will know to be more carefull when we start messing with any kind of bees.

As I understand it, the average person cannot tell the difference between the two of them. I know that the paper has not printed anything about it and I believe that where I heard it was on a radio station in Odessa. Why is that?

WESLEY TAYLOR
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I have a very nice experience in social casework and I would like to share it with our readers. For 2 1/2 months I have been trying to get an elderly, homebound lady, Mrs. Anna Holcomb, a Community CareRx Medicare-approved prescription discount card.

Each day I would call Community CareRx trying to get the application processed, but each time I was told that Medicare showed that Medicare did not cover Mrs. Holcomb. Despite my having sent Community CareRx a copy of her Medicare card, Medicare kept denying the application because it did not show her being covered.

With Mrs. Holcomb's permission, I visited with Terri Blackshear at the office of our U.S. Representative, Randy Neugebauer. Within a short time of Congressman Neugebauer's intervention, Mrs. Holcomb had her ID number, Group number and effective date for coverage by Community CareRx. Her prescriptions now cost her only 10 percent.

Mrs. Holcomb, her family and all of us here at Best Home Care sincerely thank you Mrs. Blackshear and Congressman Neugebauer for your effective representation of the homebound elderly.

ORAND CARROLL
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

After reading the story in the online version of the *Herald* today regarding the county commissioners forming an industrial board, I came to one conclusion. We have too many irons in the fire and fire is going out, meaning that we have too many boards or entities doing the same thing, each autonomous to the others, without continuity (Moore Development, Industrial Foundation, Main Street Inc., DRA, AirPark).

It is my opinion that we, the citizens of Howard County (Big Spring, Forsan, Coahoma, Sand Springs) should demand that our local representatives "consolidate" themselves into one entity with one defined goal of saving Big Spring from becoming a ghost town. If, with all of our resources in each of these boards, we had one goal and operated as one unit, a lot more could be accomplished. As it now stands, with each doing its own thing, Big Spring's growth is becoming stagnant.

We have too many chiefs and not enough Indians running things. It's time to take a look at Big Spring from a different perspective, one that will consolidate our resources and our efforts into something we can see tangible results from.

Big Spring needs to grow and with new industry. We already contribute $800,000 to $1.2 million in tax dollars per year to this endeavor and have seen little produced from it.

CLAY SLAPE
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I was reading an article on cnn.com about an RFID identification chip that the Mexican Attorney General and his workers have been "implanted" with. This chip will "keep track of them if kidnapped" (so they say). It is not a GPS like in a Cadillac. It acts like a credit card. This ID chip has been thrown around for a while and is spoken of as a sign for some the "end times."

I feel as a Christian that I need to point out to others that this is a bad sign for our world, let alone our nation. On Sunday, Aug 1, five Christian churches in the Middle East were attacked by suicide car bombers. Apparantley they were all cooridinated. Now we have reports of this ID chip surgically inserted into our bodies, probably in our arms.

This chip, in theory, will enable the user to pay for items, show identification and be 'tracked' at any time. Supposedly, this is the "future" of people of every nation. Yes, i understand that it would be a convenience, but is the cost of your soul worth it? Is that such a great luxury? How lazy a nation are we that we cannot carry a plastic card and a few bills on us at all times?

Those of us who know the truth know that this is a bad sign. True, it may not happen for another 17 years and our world could go on struggling for another 211. No one knows and there is no way to know. All I know is we as a nation need to wake up and look around.

Look at the TV programs we watch and the music we hear. It is not necessary to have sex talk thrown in our face every six minutes on TV. Is impotency that big of an issue in our country that we need to have 12 different types of pills to solve the problem and then advertise it every commercial break between ESPN games. You know, children watch sports, too, and when a commercial comes on for Levitra, what does the father tell his daughter who is in fourth grade?

We in America think that we are so great and that every nation should follow our lead. Now America is great and I am so blessed to be living in this country, but as a nation, our massive ego and immorality continues to grow and grow and we are letting it.

My intention is not to "preach" to anyone. I just know that for us to unite, we all need to know what is going on.

JOSHUA E. COLLOM
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By Abigail Traff

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'Senior': What's in a name? Word laden with stereotypes

By Abigail Trafford
Special to The Washington Post

CHICAGO — What's in a name? A problem.

The North Shore Senior Center is the place to go for people over 50 — a modern facility with an atrium and cafeteria, a well-equipped gym for the fit, classrooms for the curious and art studios for the creative.

But this well-established institution is having something of an identity crisis: Should it change its name?

The problem is "senior." The word is laden with stereotypes. It conjures up dentures and discounts, decline and dysfunction.

"Most people 50 to 80 don't want to be referred to as senior," says Millard J. Grauer, vice chairman of the center's board. "'Senior' is a turnoff. The word stops people from coming."

The battle over language is a major part of the culture wars of aging. With longevity and health gains, traditional old age has been postponed. Most men and women in this age range don't fit the definition of old. Yet they have largely completed the adult tasks of filling out a resume and raising a family. As they look ahead to several decades of continued vitality, many would benefit from institutions that could guide them in this next stage of life.

The North Shore center has responded with education and fitness programs for the swelling ranks of the "young old." The center has no age limit on participating in its activities and encourages intergenerational projects.

Earlier this year the center conducted a series of focus groups of men and women over 50. Results showed that the participants were enthusiastic about the concept of "life options" and programs to support new careers and activities. But they balked at the term "senior." As one person said: "I'm turning 60 this year, and I don't think I will be a senior for a long time." Another said: "'Senior' definitely means older than me."

But the word "senior" speaks to the center's role in the community and its solid reputation with funding agencies. What's more, its traditional mission is to provide services to older people in need. Next to the building with classrooms for lifelong learning is a day-care facility for patients with Alzheimer's.

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Like many institutions aimed at older Americans, the center is struggling with a dual challenge: to serve the minority who are frail while trying to engage the majority who are not.

This shift in aging requires a new vocabulary. But what is a senior center by a different name? The North Shore Adult Center? The North Shore Life Center? Or simply the North Shore Center, or just the initials NSSC?

Another approach is Mather's More Than a Cafe — a kind of neighborhood Starbucks where breakfast is served all day and computers are available for free. An omelet with hash browns costs $4.29, and the manager will help you if you get stuck online. The walls are painted in hot colors — orange, yellow, green. There's a bulletin board for community news. Every day, the tables fill up with regulars. Nowhere will you see these words: Aging. Senior. Older adult. The only "golden" refers to the French fries.

Yet More Than a Cafe is a storefront senior center, managed by a private, nonprofit aging agency. The organization has come a long way since it was founded 50 years ago as "Mather's Home for Aged Ladies." Now called "Mather Lifeways," it provides programs and services to older adults.

Its network of four neighborhood cafis is a new venture. The cafes are like outreach centers of preventive medicine to maintain physical and mental health. People come to the cafe to stimulate new interests, learn skills, search for jobs, get legal and financial advice, find a plumber and make friends. All over a free cup of coffee.

Jo Ossler works at the cafe. She's lived on the Northwest side of Chicago all her life. She has four children, eight grandchildren. She had two marriages and worked for a stationery company for 31 years. "I'm not ready to retire," she says. "I have my friends here. I get excited when a new person comes in." Or as Rosalie Deeds puts it: "I'm 85. There are so many things I want to do."

They wouldn't go to a senior center. But they like to hang out in the cafe.

Can the word "senior" be saved? Would people buy into a publicity campaign to turn it into a positive S-word that signifies sexy, savvy, superior?

If. not, "senior" has

Come on, get into the spin of it

By NANCY COLE
Knight Ridder

Do you have a need for speed? Or do you like it slow and steady? Then spinning is for you!

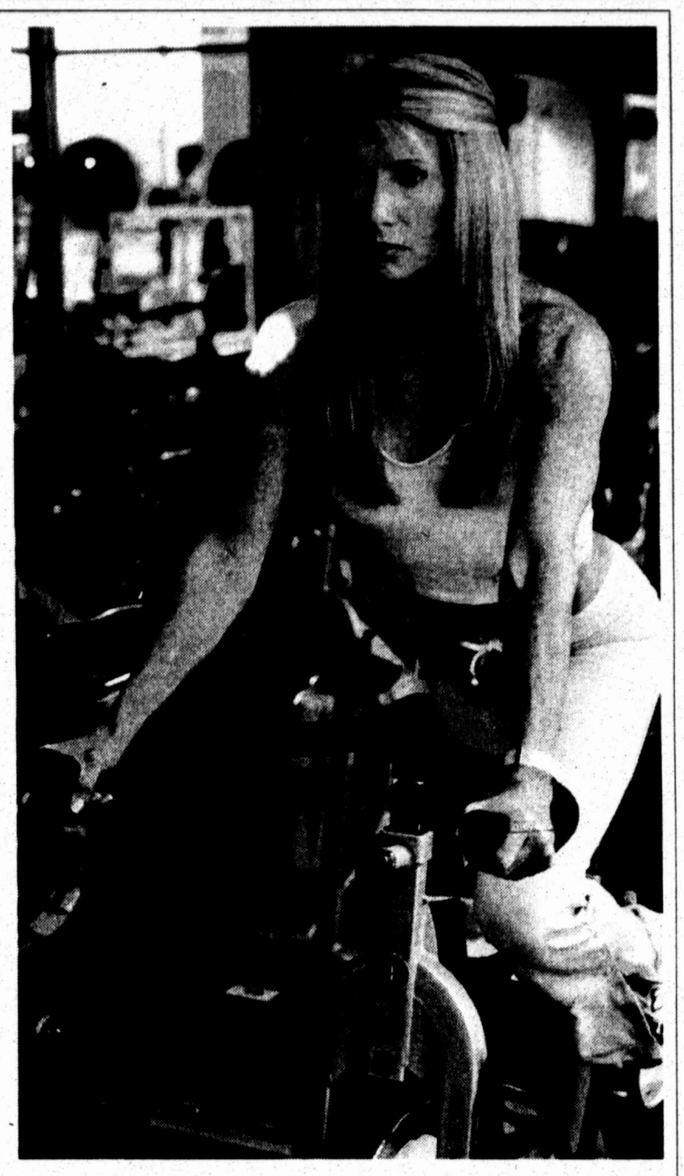
Spinning is a great cardiovascular exercise for almost anyone. And even though it is a group exercise class, you own your ride and you control your own cadence. This makes it a very individual endeavor. While it's inspired by cycling, it's not just a spin-off of outdoor cycling. Certified instructors conduct the class and coordinate the rides on stationary cycles to music that can really get you moving.

There is nothing like a good spinning class to make you sweat. You don't have to push the pedal to the metal to get a workout. In fact, increasing the resistance provides for a more effective fat-burning workout.

In order to get you riding, you need the proper accoutrement: a towel, spinning shoes or cross trainers, and water bottle. I recommend you bring a heart-rate monitor to help gauge your exercise intensity.

When mounting the bike, position the balls of your feet over the center of the pedal. Adjust the seat height so that you form a five-degree bend in your knee at the bottom of the pedal stroke where your leg is almost fully extended. Adjust the handlebar to a comfortable position. If you are a beginner, lack cardiovascular endurance or flexibility, adjust the handlebar to the highest postions. Staying in a more upright position will allow you to increase your oxygen intake, and keep your heart rate stable. As you increase your flexibility and improve your cardiovascular endurance, adjust the handlebars to a lower position.

Defer to your instructor for proper riding form, hand position, cadence and commands. It's up to you to challenge yourself, groove to the music and have fun.



South Florida Sun-Sentinel photo/Candace Barbot
Fitness expert Nancy Cole demonstrates spinning at the Sports Club in Miami, Fla.

Back-to-school eye exams deserve an A-plus

HOUSTON — Back to school essentials: pens, pencils, erasures, and...eye exams?

"Many elementary schools provide routine eye examinations, and as long as they are done correctly, they are a sufficient way to detect vision problems," says Dr. Evelyn Paysse, an associate professor of ophthalmology at Baylor College of Medicine (BCM) in Houston. "These examinations check for a certain level of visual acuity based on a child's age. For example, literate children are tested with lettered vision charts, while younger children are tested with picture charts."

In between eye examinations, parents can monitor their child's eye health by detecting problematic symptoms. According to Paysse, also a pediatric ophthalmologist at Texas Children's Hospital, the following are common indicators of eye disorders:

- Drooping of an eyelid.
- Intermittent or constant drifting of one or both eyes.
- Involuntary movement of the eyes.
- Misalignment of the eyes.
- Squinting of one or both eyes.
- Staring closely at visual material.

If parents suspect their child has an eye disorder, they should discuss their concerns with their primary care physician who can perform a vision and eye health screening. If any abnormalities are found, an appointment with an eye care specialist for diagnosis and treatment options should be made.

"If an eye problem is left untreated, permanent vision loss can develop," says Paysse.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

The City Council of the City of Big Spring will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenue from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 4.13 percent. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, August 24, 2004 at 5:30 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers located at 307 E. 4th Street, Big Spring, Texas.

FOR the proposal: Russ McEwen, Stephanie Horton, Jo Ann Staulcup, Gloria McDonald, and Joann Knox
AGAINST: the proposal: Greg Biddison
PRESENT: and not voting: None
ABSENT: Woody Jumper

The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

	Last Year	This Year
Average residence homestead value	$31,016	$30,035
General exemptions available (Amount available on the average homestead, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	$5,000	$5,000
Average taxable value	$26,016	$25,035
Tax rate	$.6863/$100	$.7163/$100 (proposed)
Tax	$178.55	$179.33 (proposed)

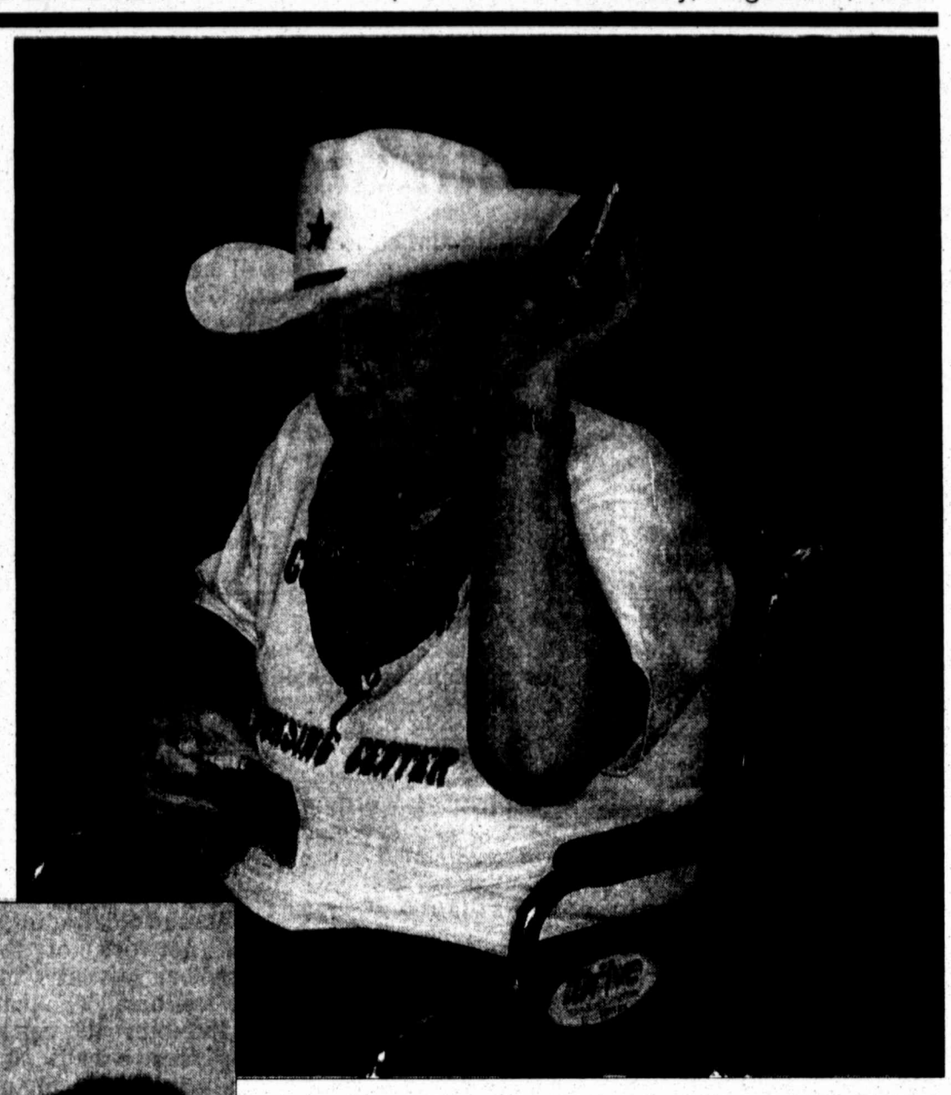
Under this proposal, taxes on the average homestead would increase by $.78 or .44 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would increase by $0.03 per $100 of taxable value or 4.37 percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

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Above, Kin Drewery, a resident at Comanche Trail Nursing Home, competes in the bean-bag toss during Friday's Senior Olympics held at the Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez State Veterans Home. At top left, Sadie Russell, another Comanche Trail Nursing Center resident, gets ready to serve during a volleyball game. Her teammates, Ms. Paulger, left, and Sara Caddell wait in the background for the fun to begin.

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Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and the Ambassadors recently awarded the first Mel Prather Scholarship to Lloyd Wells of Big Spring. Pictured are Ambassadors Katie Grimes, left, Clarance Hartfield Jr., scholarship winner Wells and Lanelle Witt. Also, pictured in back is Ambassador Tito Arencibia.

Lloyd Wells first recipient of Mel Prather Scholarship, presented by Ambassadors

By LYNDEL MOODY

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce announced that Lloyd Wells of Big Spring is the first recipient of the Mel Prather scholarship.

"This will really give me an opportunity to go to college," said Wells, a father of two children who is employed with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. "I want to get more education to advance my career or possibly to change careers later on."

Sponsored by the chamber and the Big Spring Ambassadors, the scholarship will cover tuition for two semesters at Howard College and was established to honor the memory of city leader Mel Prather, who along with businessman Wade Choate, revitalized the Ambassador program.

"Mel knew the importance of education," said Debbye ValVerde, Chamber of Commerce executive director. "He was very involved in the community and was always ready to help in anyway he could on any project or event."

Named Man of the Year in 1997, Prather was very involved with the Chamber and was instrumental in starting the Christmas Coat Drive. He also began and oversaw the popular Arts and Craft show before his death.

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IN BRIEF

BSISD sets football season ticket dates

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

The general public may purchase season tickets at the Athletic Training Center through Friday 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 264-9662.

Howard College opens booth at fair

The athletic department at Howard College will have a booth set-up at the Howard County Fair Aug. 25-28.

The booth will be used to promote the Hawks Flight Club and to begin the selling of athletic season tickets.

They will be at the fair from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. Aug. 25-27 and from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Aug. 28.

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 Saturday, 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.

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

Big Spring Shrine Club sets golf date

The Big Spring Shrine Club will host its annual golf tournament September 25-26, which is a change from past years.

For more info, call James Hughes at 263-0234.

Lady Steer Booster Club sets meeting

The Lady Steers Booster Club will meet at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the ATC.

All parents of girls involved in volleyball, basketball, track and cheerleading are encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact Janet Abner at 466-0711.

ON THE AIR

Big Spring gridders see first competition

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

Turnovers plagued the Big Spring football team Saturday night as El Paso Riverside got the best of the Steers in Big Spring's first scrimmage of the new season.

"It's a good starting point," said head coach Dwight Butler. "We'll take a look at the film, make corrections and go from there."

In the scrimmage, each team's first team offense ran 20 plays each before giving way to the second unit's for 15 plays. Then, a mini-game took place afterthat.

The first 20 plays for the varsity unit's produced one touchdown apiece, while the second unit's each failed to score.

Big Spring's lone touchdown of the night came within the team's first five plays. On the third play of the night for the Steers, junior quarterback Andy Lasater connected with senior Jerry Deporto for a long reception covering more than 25 yards. Two plays later Lasater and Deporto, who will switch to receiver this year after starting at quarterback a year ago, hooked up again, this time for a touchdown.

"Jerry is definitely our biggest offensive threat," said Butler, "and he did well for us tonight."

The Steers almost scored again before their 20 plays were up, but a dropped pass in the end zone led to an El Paso Riverside interception.

Lightning and heavy rains surrounded the field before Big Spring's first 20 plays were over with, but the team's continued to play. By the time the rain had finally stopped, less than half the fans remained.

After no touchdowns were scored by the team's second units, the varsity starters returned to the field for about two quarters of work.

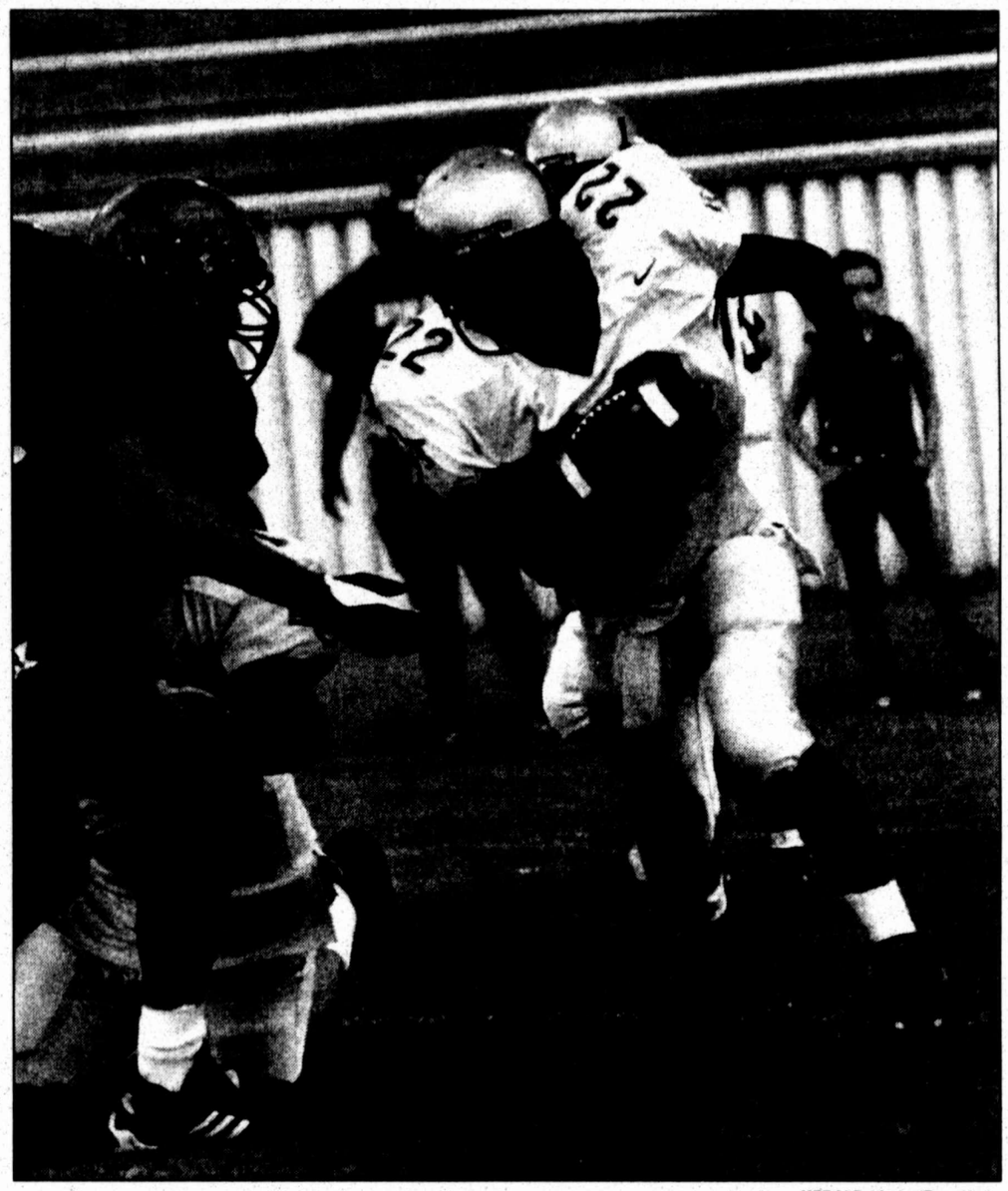
And Deporto continued to shine as Lasater found him again for a long completion. However, the Steers' first drive eventually stalled before reaching the end zone.

El Paso's first possession resulted in two quick first downs, but after an offensive penalty and three big plays by the Big Spring defense, its opening drive also stalled. The drive ended on a questionable out of bounds call in the back of the end zone.

Big Spring's next two possessions resulted in two fumbles, one in which led to an El Paso Riverside touchdown.

Deporto coughed up the ball first and El Paso

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HERALD photo/Troy Hyde

Big Spring's Tavience Clemons, right, looks for running room around the outside during one of the Steers' offensive possessions Saturday night at Memorial Stadium. Senior Jerry Deporto caught the lone Big Spring touchdown on the night off a short pass by junior quarterback Andy Lasater.



KRT photo/Dean Rutz, Seattle Times

Michael Phelps, right, of the U.S. pounds on the starting block urging teammate Neil Walker home in the 4x100-meter relay final won by the South African team at the 2004 Olympic Games Sunday.

Big Spring knocks off Lubbock in four

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

Two more dual matches for the Big Spring volleyball team resulted in another split Saturday as the Lady Steers lost to West Texas powerhouse Monahans and defeated Lubbock High at Midland High.

The Lady Steers did not play Midland High because the two team's will compete this Tuesday in Big Spring.

Thirteen reception errors resulted in a three game loss to Monahans and potential all-stater Brittney Hughes as the Lady Steers lost 21-25, 16-25 and 22-25.

"We didn't pass well and our ball control was pretty bad," said head coach Revis Daggett. "I also think we were a bit nervous playing against a West Texas powerhouse."

Senior Shannon Higgins and junior Carmen Lewis led Big Spring with eight points each, but Hughes was too tough to handle in the end.

"Brittney got 75 percent of the sets and when she got the ball she ripped it and had her way with it," said Daggett. "She is definitely one of the best players in the state."

Higgins scored her points off six kills and two aces, while Lewis contributed five kills and three aces.

Junior Brenn Swinney scored seven points on six kills and one solo block and junior Raegan Ritchey added seven points on four kills, two aces and one solo block.

Ritchey's 13 points led the Lady Steers to a four game win over Lubbock High. Big Spring won the match 25-22, 16-25, 25-20 and 25-12, but Daggett said the team was fortunate.

"Lubbock is a great ball control team," she said. "They pass nails and don't let anything drop on defense."

Ritchey scored her points off eight kills, two solo blocks, four assisted blocks and one ace.

"She has adjusted well this year to her new varsity role," said Daggett.

Higgins finished with 12.5 points after recording eight kills, four aces and one assisted block.

"The team showed great tenacity and courage and was able to bounce back and get a win," said Daggett. "Both teams were tired and our girls showed a lot of heart and I was proud of their efforts."

Swinney added 10.5 points, while Lewis pitched in with nine of her own. Swinney recorded eight kills and two aces, while Lewis contributed five kills, two aces and one solo block.

Junior Krista Chesworth emerged Saturday with a nice effort off the bench, recording five kills.

"She racked up those points quick and handled things very well," said Daggett.

The schedule for the Lady Steers does not get any easier as Big Spring takes on Midland High and Midland Christian in Big Spring Tuesday.

"Our schedule is tough because I want us to be tested every single match," said Daggett.

The varsity will play Midland Christian at 5 p.m. and Midland High at 7:30 p.m. Both games will be played at the junior high. The freshman, sophomores and junior varsity will play at 5:00, 6:30 and 7:30 p.m., respectively.

Daggett also added that after Tuesday night, all other varsity matches will be played at the high school.

Houston rallies late to knock off Montreal

MONTREAL (AP) — Pinch-hitter Orlando Palmeiro singled home the go-ahead run to cap a three-run rally in the ninth inning, and the Houston Astros beat Montreal 5-4 Sunday to end the Expos' winning streak at a season-high seven.

Montreal led 4-2 when Jeff Kent and Michael Lamb hit consecutive one-out singles to chase Livan Hernandez, who had allowed Carlos Beltran's two-run homer in the first.

Jason Lane hit a run-scoring single off Luis Ayala, and Jose Vizcaino tied the score with a groundout to shortstop.

Palmeiro then singled to drive in the go-ahead run. Houston had been 0-51 when trailing after eight innings.

Dan Micelli (5-6) allowed one run in two innings, and Brad Lidge got three outs for his 13th save. The Astros, who began the day seven games back in the NL wild-card race, ended a four-game losing streak.

Montreal, which completed a 5-1 homestand, lost for just the sixth time in its last 22 games.

Hernandez allowed four runs and six hits in 8 1-3 innings, while Astros starter Pete Munro gave up three runs and five hits in six-plus innings.

Beltran's 14th home run since the Astros acquired from Kansas City June 24 put Houston ahead in the first, and the Munro kept the Expos scoreless until the sixth, when Nick Johnson homered for the second straight game, a solo shot which drew Montreal to within 2-1.

Jose Vidro tied it at 2 with an RBI single off Dan Miceli in the seventh. Montreal loaded the bases with two outs, and Alex Gonzalez grounded to second baseman Jeff Kent, who threw to shortstop Eric Bruntlett to force Terrmel Sledge. The hard slide to the outside of the base upended the Bruntlett, preventing him from throwing to first as Endy Chavez scored the go-ahead run.

Johnson followed with an RBI single to increase the lead to 4-2.

Gonzalez misplayed Lance Berkman's grounder in the fourth, ending Montreal's team record-tying 10-game errorless streak.

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recovered it and took it all the way back for the score and then Lasater lost control of the ball on the next possession.

"We were too inconsistent offensively and we had too many turnovers," said Butler.

Junior Matt Hilario got the ball back for Big Spring on El Paso's ensuing offensive possession on an interception, but the offense could not cash in on the turnover.

El Paso's final score of the night came after an interception of Lasater's throw.

A long run by an El Paso Riverside running back got the ball inside the five yard line, which then led to a short run for the score.

The final two-quarter scrimmage ended on Big Spring's next possession, which ultimately ended after a Lasater fumble.

"Andy threw the ball well until it got wet," said Butler. "He really isn't used to that happening. However, we will continue to throw the ball."

Butler added that the team must work on taking care of the ball, tackling better on defense and be in the right place on the field.

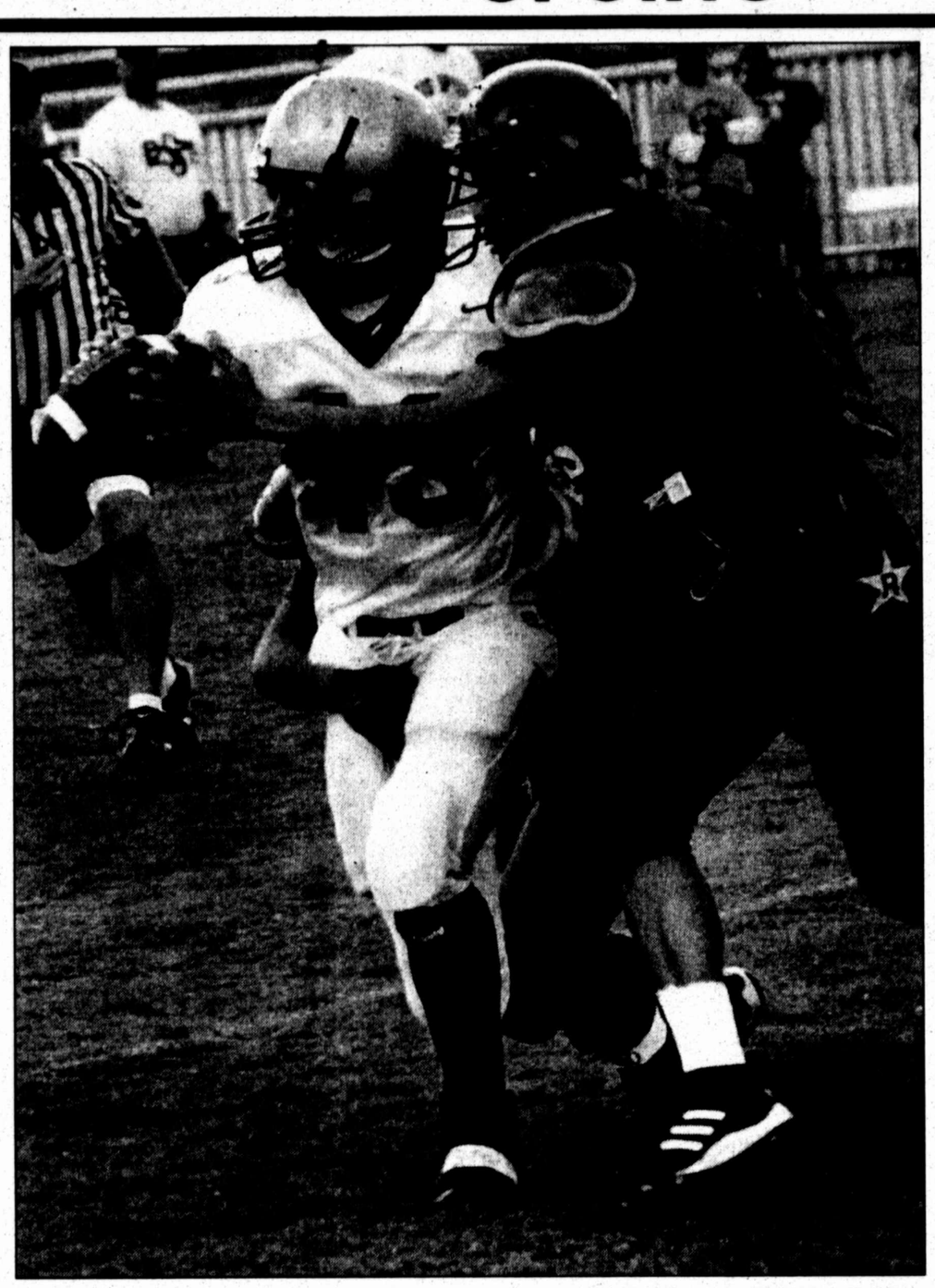
"The kids need to quit beating themselves up when they make mistakes," said Butler.

The Steers played this scrimmage without the services of their best offensive lineman.

Senior J.R. Rodriguez sat out the contest due to an ankle injury and Butler also said the team was without one of its starting guards. Rodriguez's time table for return is still unknown at this time

Big Spring's next scrimmage will take place at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Memorial Stadium against Lamesa.

The Steers open their regular season a week from this Friday against Odessa High at Ratliff Stadium in Odessa. Season tickets to Big Spring home games are on sale through Friday at the Athletic Training Center.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde

Big Spring junior quarterback Andy Lasater, left, tries to pitch the ball before getting taken down by two tacklers from El Paso Riverside in the two team's scrimmage Saturday night at Memorial Stadium. The play resulted in a fumble that rolled out of bounds, but the Steers maintained possession. El Paso scored three times, while Big Spring managed to get across the line once.

Texas sweeps series with win over Rays

ARLINGTON (AP) — Laynce Nix homered and drove in three runs, including a tiebreaking sacrifice fly, and the Texas Rangers beat the slumping Tampa Bay Devil Rays 6-2 Sunday to sweep the three-game series.

Mark Teixeira also hit a two-run homer for the Rangers, and Ryan Drese pitched 7 1-3 solid innings to win his third straight start and tie a career high with his 10th victory. Drese (10-6) gave up two runs and seven hits before being relieved by Ron Mahay in the eighth.

Aubrey Huff hit his 22nd homer for the Devil Rays, who have lost six in a row. Tampa Bay completed its seven-game road trip 1-6, and has lost 15 of its past 16 road games. The Devil Rays are 14-25 since moving a season-high two games over .500 at 40-38 July 3.

The Rangers broke a 2-2 tie with a pair of runs in the fourth inning.

Hank Blalock drew a leadoff walk for Jorge Sosa (3-2) and Teixeira followed with a double to put runners on second and third. Nix hit a sacrifice fly that gave Texas a 3-2 lead. After an intentional walk to Gary Matthews Jr., Rod Barajas added another sacrifice fly to make it 4-2.

That was more than enough support for Drese, whose 2.17 home ERA tops the American League. In his last three starts, Drese has given up two runs in 20 1-3 innings. He lowered his ERA to 3.31— the third-best mark in the AL.

B.J. Upton gave the Devil Rays a 1-0 lead in the second inning with an RBI triple that scored Jose Cruz Jr., who led off with a double.

The Rangers took a 2-1 lead in their half of the second when Kevin Mench tripled and Nix followed with his 13th home run.

Huff's homer in the third — the first allowed by Drese in 66 innings — tied the game at 2.

Teixeira's two-run homer off reliever Danys Baez in the eighth was his 28th.

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Texans, Carr shut down Dallas in preseason opener

By MARK BABINECK
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — David Carr was almost perfect. The new-look Cowboys offense wasn't.

Carr was 7-of-8 for 89 yards and a touchdown Saturday in the Houston Texans' 18-0 victory over Dallas in their preseason opener, which featured the Dallas debuts of veterans Vinny Testaverde, Eddie George and Keyshawn Johnson.

Testaverde was 4-of-7 for 34 yards, including one 13-yard completion to Johnson. George ran for 12 yards on five carries before the reserves took over.

"I'm very disappointed," Cowboys coach Bill Parcells said. "We played everyone and I got to look at a lot of players, and I've decided to spend more time with the guys that will be playing."

It was Dallas' first visit to Houston since the Texans shocked the Cowboys 19-10 in the franchise's inaugural game in 2002.

"Me and some other guys have been here for three years now," Carr said. "Same offense, same coaches, and it's just a blessing. We just go out there and try to use it and do what we did today."

Before the 40-year-old Testaverde left, he became uncomfortably familiar with Houston's two first-round draft choices, cornerback Dunta Robinson and linebacker Jason Babin.

Early in the second quarter, Robinson flashed his speed to break up what might have been a long completion down the middle to Antonio Bryant.

On the Cowboys' next possession, Babin broke through and stripped the ball from Testaverde. Antwan Peek recovered to set up a 25-yard field goal by Todd Sievers for a 13-0 lead.

The Texans' starters bolted to a quick lead on Kris Brown's 36-yard field goal and a 12-yard touchdown pass from Carr to Jabar Gaffney.

Leading the Cowboys reserves onto the field in the second quarter was quarterback Drew Henson.

Henson showed his ample promise on his second series when he completed his first four passes and drove the Cowboys to the Houston 9-yard line.

Then Henson fired a ball directly to Texans safety Jason Simmons near the goal line.

Dallas rookie tailback Julius Jones didn't play until late in the game, but managed to lead Dallas with 57 yards rushing.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Even though there are endless sources of wisdom available, you're looking for things to be spelled out exactly. But if the universe were really to thunder from the clouds, "Do this!" or "Do that!" you'd defiantly shake your fist.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). This day is very much like wildfire season in the high-desert mountains — there's no question that the fires will start; it's just a question of when and where. So be ready to jump to alert, as you will be called to put the fire out.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your old way of playing gets to be a real bore. It's time for another of your famous "reincarnations." You're so skillful at changing into similar but fresh and exciting versions of yourself that people around you don't even notice.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're the tower of strength now. A dear friend will probably reach out to you in some passive-aggressive way, letting you know how troubled he or she is. What this person is looking for is a little parental attention.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're like a child watching a singalong kiddie program with the bouncing ball directing your words and timing. Sure, you're accomplishing something, but your heart is just not in it! It's time for a major interruption. Shake it up!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Sometimes, you get a bad rap for being overly critical and having impossibly high standards. But are they really impossibly high? Nature is perfect — no one understands this as well as you do. Stick to what you want.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're getting so entrenched in work that you're in danger of losing who you are and where you're going. There's nothing quite like the comfort you feel around people who know you well. They'll bring you back to your roots!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Continue to stay alert. People around you are trying their darndest to hide an agenda, but you're a sly one, and nothing gets by you. It's a terrific day for your finances because you respect your money.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're prepared for a few bumps in the road to progress, but nothing prepares you for the internal struggle you face when you're on the cusp of success. Push through! Take the time to reacquaint yourself with you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Normally, a good competition is healthy, but now, you've got too much riding on your work for it to be a fair game. It may be appropriate to pull yourself out of a competitive situation. Concentrate on your own productivity.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your active lifestyle could cause an overload of nervous energy. This is an opportunity to learn more about how to take care of yourself. There's almost no stress you can't balance through exercise and nutrition.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The whirlwind morning leads up to a surprisingly leisurely pace in the afternoon. You could possibly have time to go on the Internet and book travel plans or do catalog shopping. Have your contingency plan ready tonight.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm a 39-year-old Leo married for 18 years (in May) to a 42-year-old Leo. I'm at a crossroads due to having had many life-changing experiences in the past several years. Do you see any future for my marriage? Also, my health and career have taken a beating. Any input would be greatly appreciated."

Many mistakenly think that Leos need so much attention that a two-Leo marriage is an impossible situation, but they could not be further from the truth. Yes, you need attention and like to be in the center of things, but you're equally generous to your partners of all kinds. You're a fabulous support and an eager fan for your mate. You know how important it is feel the undivided attention of those you love, and that's what you want to provide. But the one thing you cannot tolerate is the feeling that your attention and affection have been taken for granted. It's extremely difficult for you to get over related slights. Take all the time you need to heal from the recent losses, but don't give up on this relationship. You could get a new birth in January. In the meantime, a personal trainer or new exercise regime will help you get your energy and confidence back.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Love strikes Lil' Romeo hard this year. Blessed with a talent for attention-grabbing tracks, this almost-15-year-old could spark up a hot and sweet puppy love with a famous gal from the under-18 set. The best places for him to meet this lady include backstage parties and the gym — anywhere with a mix-and-mingle atmosphere. Leo people love to put

Annie's Mailbox ®
Advice for those in need



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

Dear Annie: Eight years ago, my son's father shot himself in front of me. I was five months pregnant at the time. I went for counseling, but it didn't seem to help, and lately, it has been bothering me a great deal.

My son has begun asking questions about his father and how he died. I don't know what to tell him. I feel he is too young for the vivid details. However, his constant questions make me irritated and impatient. I am married to a wonderful guy, and it is unfair to my son and my husband that I have these "mood swings." My problem is not their fault.

A friend suggested I may have post-traumatic stress syndrome. Is there anything I can do about it? — Unhappy in Virginia

Dear Virginia: You may indeed be suffering from delayed-response post-traumatic stress disorder. You witnessed a horrifying event, and your son's questions remind you of it. Ask your doctor to recommend a therapist who can properly evaluate you. Treatment can include psychotherapy and medication. For more information, call the Post-traumatic Stress Disorder Alliance (ptsdalliance.org) at 1-877-507-PTSD (1-877-507-7873).

Dear Annie: I am compelled to respond to "Concerned Mom," whose son, "Danny," suffered from depression, and she thought he was getting worse. She asked if she should go visit him, even though her husband said it was interference. Thank you for telling her to trust her gut.

Last year, I was depressed. I thought I hated my job. I became withdrawn and sad, and grew very confused. I saw a doctor and began taking antidepressants, but I didn't get better. My condition deteriorated to the point where I couldn't get out of bed. I thought I was losing my mind. I told no one, not my doctor or my husband. I don't know why.

After months of decline, I finally was diagnosed with a large brain tumor. I now know that the symptoms of a brain tumor can often mirror that of depression. My mother was the one who flew 2,000 miles on a mission to get to the bottom of my condition. Thank God she did.

Annie, tell your readers who are depressed also to have a complete physical. I am now on my way to a full and complete recovery. I pray the same for Danny. — Getting Better in California

Dear California: Thank you for reminding our readers that depression can mask other physical symptoms that need treatment. Bless your mother for intuitively knowing that her child needed her, and for taking the necessary action.

Dear Annie: Your response to "Tapped Out in New Jersey" was a mile off.

She was invited to the graduation party of a co-worker's sons, but couldn't afford two gifts. You told her to send a card, but not to show up empty-handed. Since when is a gift the price of admission to a graduation party? If the host is upset that a guest doesn't bring a gift, then it's no party, it's a shakedown.

People should be made to feel like an appreciated guest, not ashamed that they don't have the money for a gift. Should my guests choose to bring a gift, I am flattered, but I let everyone know they are invited because I value them as friends, not donors. — Friends Are the Best Medicine in Vail, Colo.

Dear Vail: That's sweet of you, but when one is invited to a graduation party, a wedding, a shower, etc., it is customary (and proper) to congratulate with a gift. If the co-worker were a close friend, we would say go anyway, but otherwise, it can be embarrassing for both the guest and the co-worker.

Dear Annie: My 10-year-old daughter, "Lanie," plays on a Little League baseball team. She is the only girl on the team, even though the league is co-ed and has been for a number of years. All the other players have been very welcoming to Lanie, except for one boy. He has made several negative remarks about her being a girl on a "boys' team."

Lanie is one of the top players, and I think jealousy is part of the problem. The boy's dad has made some sexist remarks, too, which I believe is the root of the boy's attitude. I can ignore the father, but what should Lanie do when the son says these things? It is beginning to bother her. — Not Only a Boys' Team Anymore

Dear Boys' Team: Lanie should not have to suffer alone. If she is bothered by this boy's juvenile remarks, she should talk to her coach and ask him to handle it. If Lanie cannot manage this, you should talk to the coach directly. It is his responsibility to see that the children practice sportsmanship as well as baseball.

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DENNIS THE MENACE



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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Why does Athens have its afternoon so early in the morning?"

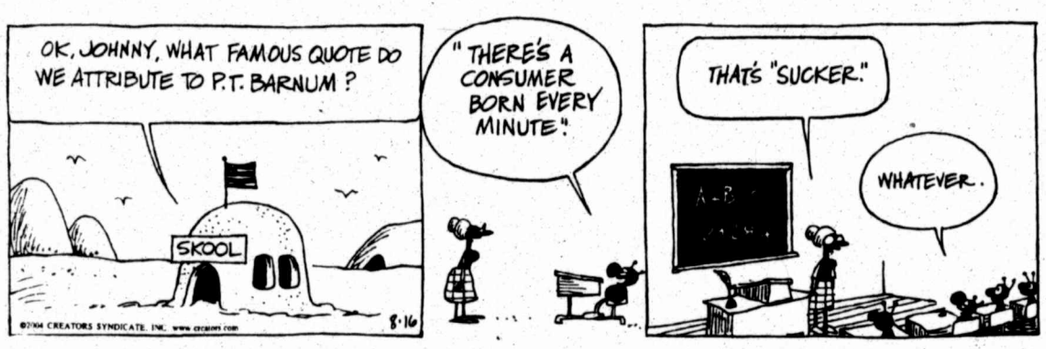
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Aug. 16, the 229th day of 2004. There are 137 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Fifty years ago, on Aug. 16, 1954, Sports Illustrated was first published by Time Incorporated.

On this date:

In 1777, American forces won the Revolutionary War Battle of Bennington, Vt.

In 1812, Detroit fell to British and Indian forces in the War of 1812.

In 1829, the original "Siamese twins," Chang and Eng Bunker, arrived in Boston to be exhibited to the Western world.

In 1858, a telegraphed message from Britain's Queen Victoria to President Buchanan was transmitted over the recently laid trans-Atlantic cable.

In 1861, President Lincoln prohibited the states of the Union from trading with the seceding states of the Confederacy.

In 1894, George Meany, first president of the AFL-CIO, was born in New York City.

In 1948, baseball legend Babe Ruth died in New York at age 53.

In 1956, Adlai E. Stevenson was nominated for president at the Democratic national convention in Chicago.

In 1977, Elvis Presley died at Graceland Mansion in Memphis, Tenn., at age 42.

In 1987, 156 people were killed when Northwest Airlines Flight 255 crashed while trying to take off from Detroit.

Five years ago: Four months after two gunmen sent them fleeing in horror, students reclaimed Columbine High School in Colorado for the start of the school year. Vladimir Putin won confirmation as Russia's prime minister, the fifth since early 1998. Republican Lamar Alexander folded his presidential campaign.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Fess Parker is 80. Actress Ann Blyth is 76. Actor Robert Culp is 74. Sportscaster Frank Gifford is 74. Actress Julie Newmar is 71. Actor John Standing is 70. Actor Gary Clarke is 68. Actress Anita Gillette is 68. Actress Carole Shelley is 65. Country singer Billy Joe Shaver is 65. Movie director Bruce Beresford is 64. Rhythm and blues singer Robert "Squirrel" Lester (The Chi-Lites) is 62. Actor Bob Balaban is 59. Ballerina Suzanne Farrell is 59. Actress Lesley Ann Warren is 58. Actor Reginald VelJohnson is 52.

Answer to previous puzzle

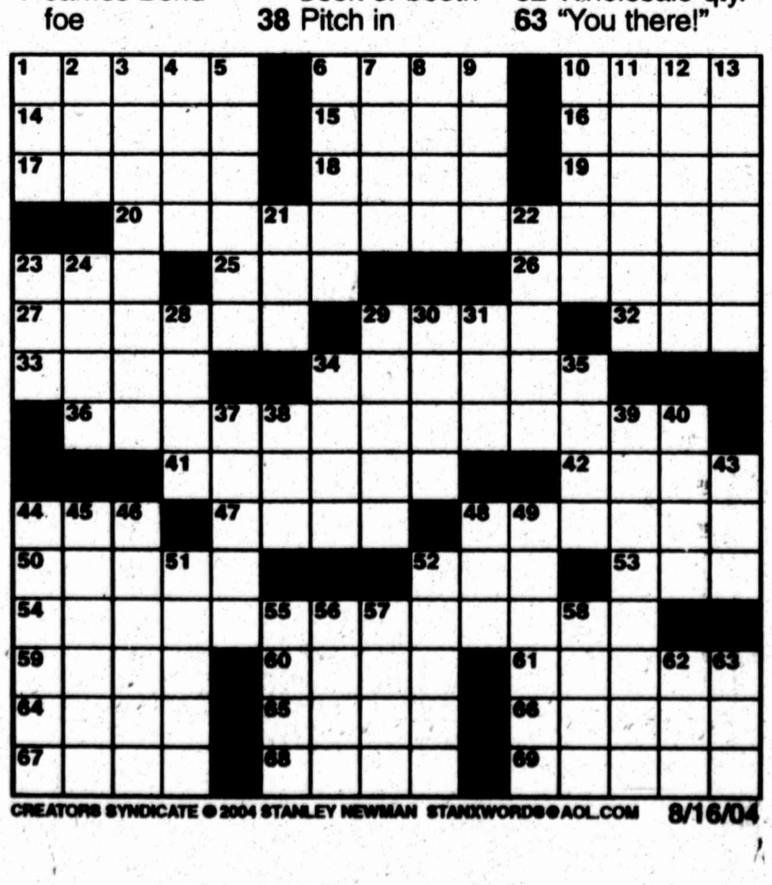
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Newsday Crossword

CUT TO THE CHASE by Gail Grabowski
Edited by Stanley Newman

ACROSS
1 Got up
6 Does sums
10 Win, place or __
14 Poultry purchase
15 Prepare presents
16 It's not allowed
17 Robbery
18 Poker ritual
19 Part of U.S.A.: Abbr.
20 Locomotive pathway
23 Lincoln's nickname
25 Caviar
26 Type of seaweed
27 Reply to an impatient person
29 Hearts or clubs
32 Get it wrong
33 *The Thin Man* dog
34 Saloon bill
36 Candidate's itinerary
41 Glistens
42 Barbershop sound
44 New York ballplayer
47 Pimlico postings
48 More submissive
50 Drained of color
52 EMT specialty
53 __-Cone (summer snack)
54 Party game
59 Awoke, with "to"
60 Prefix meaning "against"
61 Fuzzy fruit
64 __ for business
65 Kitchen utensils
66 Overused, as expressions
67 Exam
68 Even trade
69 __ and Cher

DOWN
1 Do something
2 College cheer
3 *H.M.S. Pinafore* is one
4 TV room furniture
5 Unabbreviated
6 In the know
7 James Bond foe
8 Statistical info
9 Exceeded the limit
10 Traffic jam
11 Public tribute
12 Like a small garage
13 Employee
21 Parking place
22 Mongol invader
23 Santa __, CA
24 Kind of pear
28 Alternative to potatoes
29 Wise ones
30 Coffee brewers
31 *The Addams Family* cousin
34 Tie tightly
35 Headquarters
37 Word before book or booth
38 Pitch in
39 Laundry challenge
40 Legal claim
43 Golf instructor
44 Navy goat, e.g.
45 Break out of captivity
46 London's river
48 Speedometer letters
49 Bursts forth
51 Banquet or tournament
52 Crunchy
55 Afternoon snoozes
56 Chew like a beaver
57 Sicilian peak
58 Infamous Roman emperor
62 Wholesale qty.
63 "You there!"



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