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Tonight:



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TONIGHT 95°-97° TOMORROW 72°-73°

BRIEFLY

Blood drive set Saturday afternoon

Maranatha Baptist Academy will host a blood drive from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Friday.

Donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh 110 pounds, be in good general health and have valid identification. A free pizza party will be held for the classroom with the most donors. Call 263-7696 to schedule a donation time.

Moss PTA slates 'Bash' Tuesday

The Moss Elementary School PTA will hold its first meeting of the school year followed by a "Welcome Back Burger Bash" from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday.

The meeting will include a singing performance by students. The 'Burger Bash' is \$3 a plate. Tickets can be purchased at the school during lunch time or call the PTA at 267-4650 or 267-6009.

Bauer Magnet Burger Bash planned

Bauer Magnet Elementary will be having its 12th annual Back To School Burger Bash from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Thursday. Call Monika Kennemur at 816-1506 for information on tickets.

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Chamber presidents knows first-hand value of VAMC

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

To many people in Big Spring, the VA Medical Center is just a building on the corner of Gregg Street and FM 700, but for one Big Spring man it has taken on a whole new life. KBST Radio Station Manager John Weeks had never been inside of the VA Medical Center until recently, when his father suffered a stroke that affected his equilibrium and caused other complications. Weeks, who has helped lead the charge to keep the VA Medical Center in Big Spring

"We feel like this is probably the most important thing for Big Spring in quite some time."



John Weeks

despite political cutbacks and realignment, said actually being inside the facility and seeing the staff at work first-hand opened his eyes to what an incredible asset the facility

INFORMATION

What: Veterans Forum with U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Anthony J. Principi.

Where: Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

When: 2 p.m. Tuesday; doors open at 1 p.m.

is to veterans in West Texas.

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Howard County 2004 Fair Queen Meagan Kothmann, left, takes a moment to share her victory with fellow contestant and friend Brandi Kilpatrick, who won the honor of Ms. Congeniality.

Garden City senior looking forward to serving as Howard County Fair queen

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

Garden City has plenty to brag about this year, as Garden City High School senior Meagan Kothmann walked away with top honors and the crown to prove it Saturday at the Howard County Fair Queen competition. Kothmann, who is certainly no stranger to the annual

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pageant, said it felt good to finally walk away from the competition as queen.

"I was so stoked when they announced it," said Kothmann. "I've done this for four years and it's about dang time!"

"I'm very excited about being fair queen," she added. "You

get to represent a lot of great people and meet a lot of new people at the fair. You get to go up to that 'farmer and say, 'Hey, how are you doing,' or the little kids and say, 'Hey, did you get that balloon at an exhibit?' It's a lot of fun."

Kothmann walked away from the pageant with a slew of prizes, including a \$300 scholarship from Howard College.

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Plan to dismantle CIA draws wary and critical responses

WASHINGTON (AP) — Officials reacted warily to a proposal by key Republican senators to transfer the nation's major intelligence gathering from the CIA and the Pentagon to control by a new director.

The warmest response, in fact, came from the camp of Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry. His national security adviser, Rand Beers, welcomed the plan and described it as very similar to Kerry's.

But even Beers said the proposal needed bipartisan support and leadership from President Bush, whom he said was "resisting any real changes."

The White House was less committal about

"We are not abolishing the CIA. We are reordering and renaming its three major elements."

the proposal, announced unexpectedly Sunday by Senate Intelligence Committee chairman Pat Roberts, R-Kan., on CBS' "Face the Nation."

"We look forward to reviewing the details of Senator Roberts' proposal," said White House spokesman Brian Besanceney. "We have taken nothing off the table."

Intelligence officials, speaking anonymously because of the political sensitivity, called the plan a step back from greater interagency cooperation. One said that rather than eliminating barriers between agencies, "it smashes them apart."

Roberts offered the most sweeping reorganization proposal by anyone since the commission that investigated the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks called for major changes. He acknowledged that details had yet to be shared with the White House or Senate Democrats.

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Council to set tax rate, budget

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

After several months of struggling with lower revenues and increased spending, the Big Spring City Council will hold public hearings concerning the proposed 2004-2005 budget and a 3-cent tax hike Tuesday evening.

Council members are also expected to approve the first reading of the two items during the 5:30 p.m. meeting.

In a 5-1 vote on Aug. 10, council members agreed to set the tax rate at 71.787 cents per \$100 valuation, a figure 3 cents higher than the 2004 effective rate of 68.787. It's slightly more than 3 cents above the current-year tax rate, which is 68.63 cents.

The increase comes on the heels of a similar 3-cent hike approved by the council last year.

While the idea of 3-cent tax increases two years in a row may seem costly, Mayor Russ McEwen pointed out the cost to home owners will amount to an average of \$9 for the coming year.

"This tax raise is going to amount to about \$120,000 for the general fund," explained McEwen. "The average value of a home in Big Spring is approximately \$30,000. So it's going to cost the average homeowner an additional 75 cents per month. I don't feel like we're passing a burden on to the homeowners with this."

Like most area entities, the city saw a decrease in its certified taxable values for the year, a decline McEwen said came as no surprise to him or other city council members.

"We worked with (Howard County Appraiser) Mr. (Keith) Toomire's office closely, so we anticipated a slight decrease in values," said McEwen. "The final numbers were actually better than we had expected."

"The drop in taxable value won't affect the budget we've been working on one bit. This is something that we took into consideration throughout the budgeting process."

The city saw a \$414,132 loss in values, as the 2003 value of \$412,491,025 dropped to \$412,076,893 in 2004.

The proposed 2004-2005 budget also includes several new fee hikes at the municipal landfill to help offset the cost of closing the facility, which could come as early as four years from now.

Increases included a \$1 hike for residential and commercial sanitation customers, a \$5 increase in tipping fees and a \$5 gate fee for the municipi-

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Obituaries

Hazel Reagan



Hazel Reagan, 97, of Waco, formerly, of Big Spring, died Friday, Aug. 20, 2004, in a Waco hospital. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 24, 2004, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park in Big Spring with the Rev. Jim Gray, associate pastor of the Senior Adults at First Baptist Church in Woodway, officiating. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

She was born on May 7, 1907, in Orange to Carey and Daisy Smyth. Hazel graduated from Ft. Worth Central High School, then trained at Harris Hospital as a medical technician, being among the first 100 licensed in Texas. She attended Baylor University. She moved to Big Spring in 1929 to work at Bivings Hospital as a medical technician, then later at a Lubbock hospital.

Hazel married Horace B. Reagan on March 29, 1931, in Lubbock and they resided in Big Spring for 56 years. She was active in community and church organizations. From the age of nine years, Hazel was a devoted Christian and a Christian mentor to many. Hazel was a longtime member of the First Baptist Church of Big Spring.

"Memaw" greatly enjoyed visits with her grandchildren, when they would play games, cook fudge, snap beans, shell pecans and find out about today's generation — communicating with e-mails, and discussing the Cowboys and Rangers games. Most of all, Memaw was proud of her five great grandchildren.

She loved her travels to the American West, New England, Europe, and, at the age of 82, an Alaskan cruise. She loved handicrafts — painting, needlepoint, quilting and crocheting. She loved talking on the phone to relatives, especially if it was not her nickel.

Survivors include two daughters and son-in-laws, Frances Wheat St. Clair and husband, Ted, of San Angelo, and Judith Reagan Furqueron and husband, George, of Dallas; a son and daughter-in-law, Dr. Ross Reagan and wife, Nelwyn, of Waco; six grandchildren, Elise Wheat Kail and husband, Shane, Andrea Furqueron Davie and husband, Jim, Reagan Furqueron and wife, Stephanie, Rob Reagan and wife, Paige, Brad Reagan, and Betsy Reagan Roy and husband, Craig; five great grandchildren, Samantha and Sloan Kail, Wyatt Davie, Abby and Reagan Roy. She is also survived by one sister-in-law, Eddie Maude Smyth of Ft. Worth and the children and grandchildren of Ted St. Clair.

Mrs. Reagan was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Horace; their daughter, Ann Reagan; one grandson, Larry Wheat; a son-in-law, Walter Wheat; and four brothers.

The family suggests memorials to the Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, Big Spring 79721 or to the Texas State Library Talking Book Program, P. O. Box 12927, Austin 78711 or to a favorite charity.

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

Paid Obituary

Johnny B. Corralez



Johnny B. Corralez, 70, of Austin, formerly of Big Spring, died Friday, Aug. 20, 2004, in Austin. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel, led by Teresa Rocha. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. James Plagens officiating. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born March 8, 1934, in Big Spring to Demetrio Corralez and Gavina Baeza Corralez. He was a long time resident of Big Spring before moving to Austin a number of years ago. Mr. Corralez was a Catholic and a landscape contractor.

He is survived by two daughters, Juanita Fierro and her husband, John, of Flower Mound and Barbara Tatom and husband Corby of Ponca City, Okla.; one son, Roger Corralez of Grand Rapids, Mich.; three sisters, Elodia Cherry of El Paso, Lydia Molina of Midland, and Lupe Merritt of Snyder; one brother, Demetrio Corralez Jr. and his wife, Ida, of El Paso; four grandchildren, Andrea Fierro, Mark Corralez, Nikki Tatom, and Billy Tatom; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, Johnny Corralez Jr.; two brothers, Rufino Corralez Sr. and Moses Corralez; and two sisters, Dora Gomez and Isabel Corralez.

Pallbearers will be Moses Corralez, Jimmy Corralez, Rufino Corralez, Jr., Adan Corralez, John Fierro and Billy Pineda.

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

Paid Obituary

Cortez B. Garrett

Cortez B. Garrett, 96, died Saturday, Aug. 21, 2004, in Big Spring.

She was born May 27, 1908, to John and Arizona Burkett in Baird. She worked for Sears Roebuck and Co. and was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include her daughters, Joy Glaser of Big Spring and Lucille Poindexter of Fresno, Calif.; two brothers, Jim Mack Burkett of Odonnell and Joe L. Burkett of Angleton; two sisters, Wilda Taylor of Portales, N.M.; and Katie Allen of O'Donnell; 20 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren; and 20 great-great-grandchildren.

Services are scheduled for 11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 24, 2004, at Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home Chapel with interment to follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Lynn Money will officiate the service.

Services entrusted to Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home.

Ila Mae Newsom

Ila Mae Newsom, 92, of Lubbock, formerly of Garden City, died Sunday, Aug. 22, 2004, in a Lubbock nursing home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 5-20-24-27-42. Bonus Ball: 25. Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: \$26 million.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 4-20-26-33-37. Number matching five of five: 2. Prize per winner: \$19,265. Winning tickets sold in: Laredo and Childress. Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 7-5-8

Weather

Tonight - Mainly clear. Low 72. Winds SSE at 10 to 15 mph.  
Tuesday - Intervals of clouds and sunshine. High 97. Winds S at 10 to 20 mph.  
Tuesday night - A few clouds. Low 72. Winds SSE at 5 to 10 mph.  
Wednesday - A few clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.  
Thursday - More sun than clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 70s.  
Friday - Sunny. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.

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TODAY

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 north-west door. Call 263-2786 for more information.

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

Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at 500 S. Main St., in the Dorothy Lamb Meeting Room of the Howard County Library. The public is welcome.

Quarterback Club meets at 7 p.m. in the Big Spring High School Athletic Training Center.

Big Spring High School Community-Wide Pep Rally begins at 8 p.m. in the Amphitheater in Comanche Trail Park.

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.

Moss Elementary PTA meeting and burger bash MOSS is set for 6-8 p.m. Tickets are \$3 and are available during lunch time or call the PTA at 267-4650 or 267-6009.

Sheriff's report

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

JUAN TORRES MORENO, 74, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated - second offense.

ORLANDO SANCHEZ JR., 20, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of burglary of a building.

MELISSA EDMONDSON RICH, 27, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on the charges of bailman off bond for possession of marijuana, bailman off bond for failure to identify fugitive from justice, and assault with intent to cause bodily injury.

TERRY D SPEARS, 37, was transferred to county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

ROD LEE PUGA, 42, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of evading arrest detention.

ALMA JEAN YANEZ, 24, was transferred to county jail on Friday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

ERICK FRANKS, 29, was transferred to county jail on Friday by the BSPD on charges of forgery of a financial instrument and evading arrest detention.

LARRY DUCHOVER GARCIA JR., 23, was transferred to county jail on Friday by the BSPD on charges of theft.

ERICA MORENO OCHOA, 24, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for theft.

RAYMOND ALOYSIUS FLAHERTY, 40, was arrested Saturday by DPS on the charges of possession of marijuana, possession of a controlled substance, possession of a dangerous drug, and improper driver's license for the type of vehicle.

SHAYNE C. HUDGINS, 45, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

RICKY L. HAGGARD, 32, was arrested on Sunday by DPS on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

JEFFREY MICHAEL HAGGARD, 30, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

TOMMIE LEO FREEMAN, 52, was transferred to county jail on Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.

TORY DEON MITCHELL, 24, was arrested on Monday by the DPS on charges of possession of marijuana and no driver's license.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 10 a.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. today:

LYNETTE MARIE LAYTON, 33, address unknown (transient) was arrested Saturday on a charge of Theft of services.

GLORIA LORRANE ARGUIJO, 20, of El Paso was arrested Sunday on a charge of unauthorized use of a vehicle, failure to ID, and two counts of theft \$500-\$1,500.

CHANCELLA MCKENZIE PARRISH, 19, of 135 Jonesboro was arrested Sunday on local traffic warrants.

DEVIN MICHAEL JOHNSON, 20, 801 W. Marcy was arrested Sunday on charges of driving while license suspended and possession of drug paraphernalia.

ASSAULT/CLASS C was reported: - in the 500 block of Westover. - in the 1300 block of Tucson. - in the 2600 block of Gregg.

BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported: - in the 1400 block of Highway 87. - in the 1000 block of Main.

THEFT was reported: - in the 1400 block of Highway 87. - in the 1100 block of Lamesa. - in the 1300 Tucson.

in the 2900 block of Interstate Highway 20. - in the 1100 block of Lamesa. - in the 300 block of Aylesford. - in the 300 block of Owens.

in the 400 block of Birdville. - in the 1800 block of Gregg.

POSSESSION/DELIVERY OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA was reported in the 600 block of State. DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED/INVALID was reported in the 600 block of State.

BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported: - in the 2600 block of Larry. - in the 200 block of Marcy.

CRIMINAL TRESPASS was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street.

ASSAULT/CLASS C /FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 1600 block of Cardinal.

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"It's been an enlightening experience," said Weeks. "It let me know just how hard these people work. With my father recently having a stroke and him being a veteran, that's the first place we went to for care. From the moment we entered the building it was just wonderful treatment. It was very good care for him — very friendly and knowledgeable people. My father wasn't just a number to them. He was a patient and he was being cared for."  
"Just the cleanliness and modern technology of the facility — all of the equipment and knowledgeable people — it's been a wonderful experience in that we know he is receiving great care. It's at a level that I didn't realize was out there."

Weeks said the precise and friendly manner he and his father have been treated makes it easy to see why so many people are fighting so hard to keep the Big Spring facility off the Veterans Administration's chopping block.  
"To know the VA Medical Center is offering this type of care for our veterans is just a Godsend," said Weeks. "Everyone out there is there to help. There isn't anyone being self-centered or thinking they are more important. The veteran is the most important person out there. It's been a wonderful experience in this type of situation."  
Veterans Affairs Secretary Anthony J. Principi is scheduled to visit Big Spring to hold a veterans forum Tuesday — an event Weeks, who also serves as president of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce,

said should be foremost in the minds of local residents.  
"We feel like this is probably the most important thing for Big Spring in quite some time," said Weeks. "We need to do everything we can to keep the VA Hospital here, at least at its present capacity and maybe even upgrading it and making it even more viable for the community."  
"It is the No. 1 priority for the Big Spring Chamber. We will do everything we can to keep it here, and the only way to keep it here is to show support for it by showing up at this forum and talking to Mr. Principi and letting him know how important it is for Big Spring to keep it."  
Weeks said the outpouring of sentiment from local veterans and those abroad should convince Principi not to move the facility elsewhere.

"Not only the citizens of Big Spring," said Weeks. "But all of the veterans that visit this location from Abilene, San Angelo, Midland, Odessa and the surrounding areas. The talk from them is they like it here because there's less traffic and it's easier to get in and out. They want to try to keep it here as well."  
"If the Veterans Administration people are listening to the people they are trying to help, we'll have a good chance of keeping it here. It's going to be a political situation and it may be completely out of our hands, but we can't think that way. We have to think positive. We have to think that we can keep it here."  
The forum is slated for 2 p.m. Tuesday on the floor of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum at Howard College. Access to the coliseum will be maintained

through the facility's East Ramp entrance, with assistance provided to those in wheelchairs and others needing assistance.  
The Big Spring VAMC serves a population of approximately 62,300 veterans and provides health care services to 17,000 annually. Big Spring's market area encompasses roughly 74,000 square miles, an area larger than 35 of the 50 states.  
In December 2002, Principi established the Capitol Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES) Commission to provide an independent review of the draft national plan to realign the DAV's health care system.  
In February the commission recommended major changes in service levels at facilities in Waco, Big Spring and Kerrville and included a study to possibly close the Big Spring facility.

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"We didn't pay attention to turf or agencies or boxes" but rather to "what are the national security threats that face this country today," Roberts said of the proposals supported by eight Republicans on the intelligence committee. "I'm trying

to build a consensus around something that's very different and very bold."  
But Roberts immediately ran into resistance from a committee Democrat, Sen. Carl Levin of Michigan, interviewed with him. "It's a mistake to begin with a partisan bill no matter what is in it," Levin said.  
The Sept. 11 commission called for a new national intel-

ligence director with power to force the nation's many agencies to cooperate.  
So far, the debate has focused on how much power to give that official, rather than on retooling existing agencies.  
Most Democrats support the commission's view that the new director should have authority over hiring and spending by the intelligence agencies. Bush

has endorsed creating the position but has not said what powers it should have.  
Roberts would put the CIA's three main directorates — Operations, which runs intelligence collection and covert actions; Intelligence, which analyzes intelligence reports; and Science and Technology — into three new, separate and renamed agencies, each report-

ing to a separate assistant national intelligence director. It also would remove three of the largest intelligence agencies from the Pentagon.  
Although the measure would essentially dismantle the CIA, Roberts said in a paper he released: "We are not abolishing the CIA. We are reordering and renaming its three major elements."

QUEEN

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something the Garden City High senior said she can certainly use.  
"It's going to be really good for me," said Kothmann. "I'm taking concurrent courses at Howard College, so the scholarship will help pay for that. I'm really excited about all of it."  
Kothmann also received a crown, banner, plaque, one-year membership to the Howard College Harold Davis Fitness

Center, season tickets for the Howard College Hawks games, three-month membership to Paradigm Fitness and a \$25 gift certificate from Dakota's Flowers.  
While Kothmann won the honor of being the 2004 Howard County Fair Queen, her friend Brandi Kilpatrick walked away with the title of Ms. Congeniality.  
"I was in total shock," said Kilpatrick. "I just stood there for a second because I was so shocked. I really didn't think I would get it."

"It was a lot of fun and I got to meet a lot of people. It was a really good experience."  
While the other place-winners received their nods from the pageant judges, Kilpatrick won the title of Ms. Congeniality based on votes from the contestants — making for a very humbled and grateful Kilpatrick.  
"Everyone was so nice," said Kilpatrick. "I had a lot of fun."  
Kilpatrick received a \$100 scholarship from Howard College and a

plaque to commemorate the occasion.  
Pageant coordinator Sonya Metcalf, who has been organizing the competition for the past decade, said it's rewarding to see the end result of the pageant.  
"It's a very rewarding thing," said Metcalf. "The girls that show up in t-shirts and shorts at the beginning of the morning walk away with crowns, flowers and evening gowns. It's such a transformation and it's always a blessing to watch that happen."  
While the young ladies competing in the pageant may seem to have everything under control, Metcalf said a lot of work goes into their presentation — it's not just about pretty faces and gowns.  
"We came out early this morning and actually got started at 10 a.m.," said Metcalf. "We held a workshop teaching the contestants about stage presentation, how to model and those sort of things."  
"We allow them to draw their questions ahead of time so they have time to prepare and it's not a last

minute 'gotcha' thing. We also worked with the girls on their makeup."  
As Kothmann prepares for the fair, which will officially begin Wednesday, she only had one thing to say.  
"Come to the Howard County Fair this year," she said with a smile.

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pal landfill.  
The \$5 gate fee was approved by the council several months ago, but because of a contractual obligation between the city and county, was repealed. A new contract is currently being worked out between the two entities, and according to McEwen, the county has

agreed not to make the current contract an issue as the city moves forward on the collection of the fee.  
"I see the landfill as the most pressing situation facing the city," said McEwen, "because it's big dollars and it's a situation we're going to look at in the immediate future. We can no longer put off the inevitable. We've put back some money and at the end of the year, we're

going to have somewhere around a million dollars in a closure fund."  
The rate increases and gate fee, along with subsidies from the city and county, are expected to collect approximately \$334,000 per year, which should cover the estimated \$3.2 million necessary to close the existing facility and open a new one.  
Also on the meeting agenda:  
• Final reading of an or-

dinance amending Chapter 6, Article 7, of the Big Spring City Code, by amending Section 6-146(A), increasing rates for daily green fees at Comanche Trail Golf Course.  
• Final reading of a resolution approving resolutions to be submitted to the Texas Municipal League for the 2005 TML legislative agenda.  
• Approval of the Howard County 911 annual budget for 2004-2005.  
• Approval of the Moore Development for Big Spring annual budget for fiscal year 2004-2005.  
• First reading of a resolution authorizing the mayor to execute an agreement with Kerr Management Inc., dba Hillside Properties.  
The meeting will get under way at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth Street.

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## EDITORIAL

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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## OUR VIEWS

# More help needed in NIE effort

The 2004-2005 school year has begun and the *Big Spring Herald's* staff is in the process of trying to get its Newspapers In Education program off to a good start and, as we noted before, we need all of Howard County's help.

Designed to make the daily newspaper a living textbook and reference source, the NIE program last year sent more than 42,000 newspapers to students in 65 classrooms in the Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan school districts. And we'd like nothing better than to increase the total number of newspapers provided to local schools this year.

Requests for sponsorships have already been sent to a number of Big Spring businesses and the money has begun to trickle in. As of yet, though, only a percentage of the \$10,000 targeted for the program has been received.

That means Herald representatives will be contacting local businesses and individuals in the coming days, seeking sponsorships.

Gold sponsors are those that donate \$5,000 or more to the program, silver sponsors would be those contributing \$2,500, bronze sponsors contribute \$500, classroom sponsors provide \$125 to the program annually and scholastic sponsors provide \$50. In addition, businesses that sign up to provide \$40 per month will be recognized as bronze sponsors.

And we will be recognizing sponsors throughout the year.

School principals will be receiving packets announcing the program's sign-up this week. They will include flyers which will be distributed to teachers. Those teachers who sign up for the program will begin receiving papers for their classrooms on Sept. 7.

But to really make the program work, we need partnerships to outstrip the newspaper's NIE effort a year ago.

This will be a wonderful year to use newspapers in classrooms. This fall's presidential, congressional and state representative campaigns are in full swing and the *Herald's* coverage of those races is just one the important tools teachers will have at their disposal as a result of using the newspaper in their classrooms.

"The newspaper is not only a true living history book of current events," *Herald* Publisher Susanne Reed noted, "it's also a tool for teachers to use in a variety of subjects."

In addition, the NIE program is also intended to help create the newspaper reading habit in students.

While we freely admit we want young people to become newspaper readers, enhancing our business in the future, our commitment to the NIE program is much more than an effort to secure our role for the future.

We remain steadfast in our belief that newspaper readers are the best-informed segment of our society. And by creating a life-long habit of newspaper reading, we make sure that tomorrow's voters and the leaders they elect are both well educated and well informed.

## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Since you see all and know all, Lord, how could we not trust in you?

Amen

# The governor's wife: Did she know?

Now that America has experienced a new first of a married governor outing himself as a "gay American," what about striking another blow for progress — not having the wife appear at the straying politician's side when he makes his bombshell announcement?

Poor Dina Matos McGreevey. It would have been bad enough if her husband, New Jersey Gov. James E. McGreevey, had announced that he had an affair with another woman. The TV audience still would be scratching its collective head wondering why the missus was standing by her man. But when the announcement is that he is "gay" — not even bisexual — and the wife finds herself outed as the wife on the outs, it becomes an even bigger mystery as to why she is dutifully standing by her spouse.

Did she know? Did she care? Is it any of our business?

Who knows? Who knows? And not really, even if the McGreeveys made it our business by parading an idyllic family before the voters.

It turns out that McGreevey's soulful confession omitted the true crux of the controversy: Golan Cipel, the object of his affection, had been on the state payroll as the governor's homeland security adviser, earning \$110,000 in a job for which he was not qualified. Cipel also was ineligible for a security clearance because he was not a U.S. citizen. Facing exposure when Cipel threatened to sue McGreevey for sexual harassment, the Joisey pol hid behind his homosexuality in an attempt to divert attention from the patronage angle to this scandal.

What happens next is a matter

for New Jersey voters, whom McGreevey betrayed when he put New Jersey's security in unsteady hands.

As an outsider, I have a different issue. I want to see an end to the wronged political wife as prop. In the most anguishing of circumstances, you see her, chin held high, looking without fury at her cheating husband, telling America by her very presence that if she can forgive him, surely voters can forgive him.

It worked, after all, for the Clintons.

Both of them.

I figured that if anyone would have insight into the story, it would be Dennis Mangers, now president of the California Cable and Telecommunications Association, but in 1976 a newly elected state assemblyman and married father. When he arrived in Sacramento, Mangers explains, he realized he was gay. In 1980, after he lost re-election, he came out of the closet. He married his lover in San Francisco in February.

Why would McGreevey post his wife at the press conference? I asked. Mangers explained that many political wives "would want to be there in a stand-by-your-man kind of way. Others might be prevailed upon by the staff to put the best face on it." Mangers hopes that Mrs. M was there because she wanted to be there, not because she was pressured to be there.

Telling his wife must have been very hard for McGreevey, Mangers added. "The fact that he is gay doesn't mean that he's stopped loving his wife and his child" or no longer wants to take care of them. The worst of it is, for some people, everything McGreevey ever did will be dissected under the lens of one word: gay.

While the experience was "devastating" for his wife, Mangers said, "My good wife, I believe, would have stood up with me" —

had it been necessary.

Maybe Matos McGreevey did choose to be at her husband's side at the press conference. Maybe she figured it was better to get the ordeal over with. Besides, if she didn't make a show, the paparazzi would have stalked her.

But if it was her decision, why seem so docile and accepting? How refreshing it would have been to see the wronged wife snarl a little, show some spunk, show some teeth — even throw the bum out. Better yet, show up at the press conference with a barracuda of a divorce lawyer. So that when the pol says, as McGreevey said, that his extramarital affair was "inexcusable," it would be clear that it was "inexcusable."

In this case, it is hard to imagine the McGreeveys making it to their silver wedding anniversary.

Which makes Mrs. McGreevey's appearance at the press conference that much more painful to watch. It's a public beginning of a private ending. A wronged spouse deserves better.

Just as McGreevey was a trailblazer for being a gay straying governor, someday a female politician will be caught with, well, her pants down. I wonder how America will react to the cuckolded husband, gazing calmly at his cheating politician wife.

Maybe when a man is put through this humiliating ritual, the polls will show that America doesn't like seeing a wronged spouse biting his cheeks at a very public press conference. And when the polls show it doesn't work, I suspect it will end.

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# Inside report: Gay marriage politics

The social conservative Family Research Council, lobbying for a platform plank backing a constitutional amendment against same-sex marriage, is attempting to put a new anti-gay marriage book into the hands of all 4,500 delegates and alternates to the Republican National Convention in New York.

"Outrage: How Gay Activists and Liberal Judges Are Trashing Democracy to Redefine Marriage" is written by Peter Sprigg, director of the Family Research Council's Center for Marriage and Family Studies. About 60 percent of the hotels housing delegates have agreed to help distribute the book.

Although the anti-gay marriage amendment has been endorsed by President Bush, many moderate Republicans are not happy about that. It is reported to be in the early platform draft, and social conservatives want to make sure that remains the case.

Republican members of Congress are furious with Secretary of State Colin Powell for inviting international observers to monitor November's presidential election despite a House-passed bill, pending in the Senate, that would prohibit public funds for such purposes.

Republican Rep. David Vitter has written Powell a letter of protest. Vitter, running for the Senate from Louisiana, called on State to "rescind the invitation" and "devote its time to diplomacy and pressing events overseas,

rather than playing some role in domestic political events."

Following the 2000 Florida recount, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) sent 10 observers to the 2002 Florida elections and two observers to the 2003 California recall. The Congressional Black Caucus and other Democrats have demanded foreign monitoring of this year's voting.

European conservatives and libertarians are complaining that they had a much easier time getting credentials for the Democratic National Convention in Boston than for the upcoming Republican meeting in New York.

An official of Germany's Free Democratic Party (FDP), which advocates free market policies, has been unable to gain access to Madison Square Garden for the GOP convention. He told this column the Democrats were easy to deal with, and the FDP had representatives at the FleetCenter in Boston.

With Europeans aligned for John Kerry against George W. Bush, it would seem logical for Republicans to give special attention to the Continent's conservatives. However, the conservatives complain nobody at the Republican National Committee even knows who would handle their access to the convention hall.

Conservative Republican members of Congress are pressing for a House floor debate Sept. 13 on a bill to overturn the District of Columbia's ban on all firearms in the nation's capital.

Rep. Sue Myrick of North Carolina, representing the conservative Republican Study

Committee, has written House Speaker Dennis Hastert asking for the vote. Sept. 13 is the date when the federal ban on assault weapons expires because Republican leaders don't plan to bring it up in the House.

The D.C. gun bill, sponsored by Rep. Mark Souder of Indiana, has 226 co-sponsors (including more than 20 Democrats) out of the 435 House members. The Senate companion measure, sponsored by Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah, has 33 co-sponsors (including Senate Minority Whip Harry Reid and two other Democrats) out of 100 senators.

The Teamsters Union demonstrated its political clout in the Missouri Democratic primary by working on the unprecedented defeat for renomination of Gov. Bob Holden, who was strongly supported by most of organized labor.

The Teamsters backed State Auditor Claire McCaskill because Holden failed to support the union on one of President Jim Hoffa's major projects: Mexican long-distance trucking. Quite apart from Missouri politics, the nationwide lesson for Democrats was that they can get on the wrong side of the Teamsters only at their peril.

Republicans would have much preferred the unpopular Holden over McCaskill to run against their candidate for governor, Secretary of State Matt Blunt. Now that the Teamsters' flirtation with the Republicans is finished, they will strongly oppose Blunt in the general election campaign.

To find out more about Robert D. Novak and read his past columns, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at [www.creators.com](http://www.creators.com).

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# Land seek ranc

Agricultural Commissioner Susan Reed announced the Texas Department of Agriculture's Land Heritage Program, which is seeking farms and ranches for recognition by the Family Land Heritage Program, which marks its 30th anniversary this year.

Since the first ceremony in 1974, the program has honored almost 100 farms and ranches for their contribution to the state's agricultural heritage.

"These family farms have nurtured life in Texas history and made their children while making in Texas history," said Reed. "The Family Land Heritage Program is a way to honor these farms and ranches for their contribution to the state's agricultural heritage."

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**Thursday**  
9 a.m.-noon — School tours (Pre-K through Fifth Grade)  
2 p.m. - 4 p.m. — Senior citizens ice cream and bingo.  
3 p.m. — Steers begin arriving  
4 p.m. — Fair opens  
7 p.m. — Colgate Country Showdown

**Friday**  
9 a.m.-noon — School tours (Pre-K through Fifth Grade)  
1 p.m.-3 p.m. — School tours  
1 p.m.—Weigh and classify steers  
1 p.m.-7 p.m. — Lambs arrive  
4 p.m. — Fair opens  
7 p.m. — Lamb weight cards due  
7 p.m. — Fiddler Jana Jae at the entertainment tent  
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**Saturday**  
8 a.m. — Lamb showmanship  
9 a.m. — Lamb show  
10 a.m. — Fair opens  
10:30 a.m. — Kountry Kids  
1 p.m. — Steer show with showmanship immediately following  
1 p.m. — Tractor pull  
3 p.m. — Goats arrive  
7 p.m. — Battle of the Cheerleaders  
9:45 p.m. — Quilt drawing

**Sunday**  
9 a.m. — Goat weight cards due  
11 a.m. — Goat showmanship  
1 p.m. — Goat show



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins  
Howard County 2004 Fair Queen Meagan Kothmann, center, celebrates her victory with her father, Kaddo Kothmann; mother, Penni Kothmann; and brother, Kadden Kothmann.

**Land heritage program seeks historic farms and ranches for recognition**

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced that the Texas Department of Agriculture's Family Land Heritage Program is seeking farms and ranches for recognition by the Family Land Heritage Program, which marks its 30th anniversary this year.

Since the first ceremony on Oct. 14, 1974, the program has honored almost 3,900 farms and ranches in 222 counties for being kept in continuous agricultural production by the same family.

"These families have nurtured life from the land to make a future for their children, all the while making their mark in Texas history," Combs said. "The Family Land Heritage Program honors



TOMMY YEATER

their contributions to the settlement of the Lone Star State. It also chronicles the unique history of Texas agriculture, a proud record that otherwise might be lost forever."

To be eligible for the program, the farm or ranch must meet these qualifications:

- The farm/ranch has to have been agriculturally productive for 100 years or more and the line of ownership traced from the first family member to the present, either through direct relatives, marriage or adoption.
- The land must fit the old U.S. Census definition of a farm: 10 acres or more with agriculture sales of \$50 or more a year; or if less than 10 acres, sales of at least \$250 a year.
- Owner(s) must be actively managing the everyday operations of the property.
- If all the land has ever been rented to someone outside of the family, it will not qualify. If only a portion was

leased, and as much as 10 acres retained in the family for agricultural production with sales of at least \$50 annually, it will qualify.

- Deadline to submit applications for properties established in 1904 or before is November 15, 2004.
- Farms and ranches that qualify will be honored during the ceremony in Austin in March 2005. The history of the farm or ranch will be chronicled in a registry and honorees can obtain historic farm or ranch signage for their property.
- Program applications are available through TDA, county extension and on TDA's Web site at [www.agr.state.tx.us](http://www.agr.state.tx.us). For more information, contact Family Land Heritage Coordinator, Melissa Blair, Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, 78711 or (512) 463-2631.

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# Brotherly love: Toddler's marrow helps sibling heal

By DAVID FLICK

The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Four-year-old Isaiah Forman got to play with his little brother Xavier last week. That may not seem like a major achievement, but it was the first time in three weeks the boys weren't separated by the glass of a hospital door.

"People say that this is supposed to bring them closer together, but they were always close," said their mother, April Miller, 24, of Mesquite, Texas.

Isaiah, who had been diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia, underwent a bone-marrow transplant July 21. His 2-year-old brother was the donor.

Child donors are not uncommon, but Isaiah was fortunate that his brother proved to be a perfect donor match. The chance that a sibling will prove to be a match is only one in four, and Xavier is Isaiah's only sibling. Furthermore, mixed-race patients like Isaiah are particularly hard to match outside their own families.

"It would have been extremely difficult for a biracial child to find a non-sibling match," said Susan McCollom, transplant coordinator at Children's Medical Center of Dallas, where the transplant was performed. "He's very lucky. Very lucky."

Isaiah's condition was discovered at Xavier's first birthday party in November 2002.

Isaiah had experienced problems with fevers, nose bleeds and bruises for months. But at the party, "he was bleeding from his ear, and that was when we knew it was



Grandmother Donna Miller holds Isaiah Forman, 4, center, as his little brother, Xavier Forman, 2, visits at the Children's Medical Center of Dallas. The two are very close and hadn't been permitted to be in the same room, communicating only through a phone in a glass wall. Isaiah, who has leukemia, received a bone marrow transplant from Xavier in July.

time to go to ER," said his father Stedmon Forman, 27.

The doctors conducted tests and informed the family that Isaiah had cancer.

After treatments over the following months, the disease went into remission twice and relapsed twice before doctors determined that a bone marrow transplant was necessary.

The operation was so successful that Isaiah is

expected to go home early, perhaps as soon as Friday.

And last week, with Isaiah's immune system strengthened, he and his brother were permitted to be in the same room for the first time since the transplant.

When the door to the secured area opened, Xavier broke into a wide smile and lay his head against Isaiah's neck. Isaiah at first refused to look, but he quickly

opened up, and in a few minutes the boys were playing with a fire engine.

"They're the yin to the other's yang," Forman said.

"It was hard on them being apart. We'd bring Xavier to the hospital so they could see each other

through the door, and they'd kiss the glass."

The ordeal has affected both boys, Miller said, although Isaiah accepts the cancer as almost routine, while in some ways Xavier grasps the situation better.

"He'll walk around and say, 'I did something good

for Isaiah,' but I don't think Isaiah understands what's involved," their mother said.

Said Forman: "It's an understatement to say they're close. It's like big brother looks out for baby brother, but baby brother looks out for big brother, too."

Dallas Morning News photo/Mona Reeder

## WEATHER WHYS

### Hurricane names

Q: When were hurricanes assigned names?

A: Hurricanes have been around for thousands of years, but the naming of them started in 1953, says Michael Hammer of Texas A&M University.

"One of the reasons they were assigned names is that often, there was more than one hurricane forming in the Atlantic Ocean," Hammer explains.

"Naming the hurricanes reduced confusion when forecasters reported the activity of each storm. The storm is assigned a name once it reaches tropical storm strength, with winds of at least 39 miles per hour. For many years, they were assigned only female names, and forecasters would name them after their wives, girlfriends, daughters, relatives or other people they knew. One hurricane was even named after Bess Truman, the wife of president Harry Truman. Beginning in 1979, the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), the group that maintains the lists, created six lists of permanent names to be reused every six years. The lists have 21 names of alternating gender."

Q: Can a name be used more than once?

A: Usually not, Hammer says.

"When a hurricane has caused significant damage, a country can petition the WMO to retire that name," Hammer says. "So you will probably never see another Hurricane Andrew, Camille or Celia."

There have been 37 names to date that have been retired, the most recent being Lenny that hit the Antilles in 1999.

Also, the naming system is a bit different in the Pacific, where hurricanes are called typhoons. Starting in the year 2000, 14 countries around the Pacific Rim that are usually affected by typhoons submitted their own list of names, about 140 in all. These include personal names, flowers, animals and even astrological signs."

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### IN BRIEF

#### BSISD announces community rally

Big Spring High School would like to invite the community to the Amphitheater inside Comanche Trail Park for a community pep rally at 8 p.m. tonight.

All fall sports teams and the cheerleaders will be introduced. There will also be Steer gear for sale and the band will play.

For more info, call John Sparks at 263-8527.

#### 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 Hawk 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. Wednesday-Friday and from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday.

#### Big Spring announces tennis club meeting

Big Spring's tennis booster club will be holding a meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday in the Big Spring Cafeteria.

Anyone with an athlete on the tennis team can attend, but the meeting is also to find new members.

For more information, contact Royce Islas at 466-1588.

#### 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.

#### Coahoma sets 'meet the Bulldogs night'

The Coahoma Athletic Booster Club would like to invite fans to have ice cream and meet the Bulldogs football and cross country teams, as well as the cheerleaders and Big Red Band for the 2004-2005 season.

The event will take place Monday at 7 p.m. at the high school.

#### Peloteros announce final tournament

The Texas Peloteros have set up an end of the year softball tournament for Friday-Sunday at Cotton Mize Field.

The tournament costs \$115 to enter. The winning team is awarded \$200, while second and third places receive T-shirts and trophies.

For more information, call Manuel at 432-263-8219 or Edna at 432-316-6159.

### ON THE AIR

## Pampa gets best of Steers, Big Spring beats rival

By TROY HYDE  
Sports Editor

Big Spring head tennis coach Sarah Corse and the rest of the team got put into uncomfortable situations Saturday at their tennis matches in Levelland.

Corse was without senior Nick Rivera for singles and doubles after Rivera sustained an ankle injury during practice last week.

"Not having Nick in my regular lineup hurt because it shifted every single doubles team," said Corse. "Players who don't normally pair up were forced to do so and that can be hard on the players."

Rivera did, however, play mixed doubles in both matches against Levelland and Pampa Saturday, but Big Spring managed to only defeat their old district rival. The Steers knocked off Levelland, 12-7, but lost to Pampa, 10-4.

The loss of Rivera forced Corse to dig into her youth as two fresh-

man took to the courts in doubles competition.

And both of them played extremely well, said Corse.

Ryan Gonzales teamed up with Bryan Juan and Allison Ward paired with Jamie Jordan against Levelland and both teams came away with wins.

"(Allison and Ryan) stepped in and played extremely well in spots they haven't played before," said Corse.

Gonzales and Juan won their doubles match 7-5 and 6-1, while Ward and Jordan defeated their opponents 6-3 and 6-3.

Also winning in boy's doubles was Matt Islas and Jason Villa, who won their match 6-4, 4-6 and 6-2.

Sophomore Roshan Shroff, the team's number one seed, paired up with three-seed Nick Paredez for the first time ever and lost to their opponents 7-5

and 6-4.

Senior Alex Gariepy and sophomore Reinhilde Robinson also won their doubles match, while senior Jessica Rodriguez and junior Natasha Neighbors lost.

Rivera paired with number one seeded Veronica Villarreal in mixed doubles despite his injury and the team pulled out the win easily 6-1

and 6-3.

"I was happy with the way the doubles went," said Corse. "Most of the teams hadn't even practiced together let alone played any matches, but they still played well."

The boys claimed two more wins in singles as Villa and Juan each won their matches, while Shroff, Paredez, Islas and Robert Andrade, who replaced Rivera in the lineup, all lost.

The girls team had a lot better time in singles as five of the six competitors

recorded straight set wins.

Villarreal won her match 6-0 and 6-1, while Gariepy knocked out her opponent 7-6 and 6-0.

Robinson, Neighbors and Jordan also won in straight sets, but Rodriguez fell in her match. Rodriguez lost the first set 4-6, took the second set 7-6, but then the tiebreaker 10-8.

Big Spring (2-1) and Pampa did battle, as well, but the Steers came out on the short end, losing 10-4.

"We just played until one team reached 10 wins," said Corse. "We were winning most of the other matches, but we stopped after they got to 10."

The score might have been closer if the final matches were completed, but the two team's decided to stop, added Corse.

Big Spring trailed 4-3 after the doubles competi-

tion.

"We had to climb out of an early hole after doubles and just couldn't do it," said Corse.

Villarreal and Rivera took their match in mixed doubles 6-0 and 6-1.

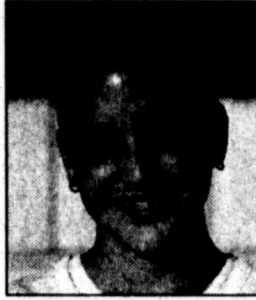
Two doubles team won, as well. Gonzales and Juan won their match 6-0 and 6-1 and Gariepy and Reinhilde defeated their opponents 4-6, 6-

3, 6-3.

The fourth and final win of the day came in singles were Villarreal took care of business, winning 6-0 and 7-6. In the second set, she trailed 2-5 and still managed to win.

"She could have just lost and went on to the third set, but she didn't give up, played better and pulled out the win," said Corse.

Big Spring's next match will take place at Figure 7 Tennis Center inside Comanche Trail Park at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday.



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GONZALES



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde

Big Spring senior Kendal Adams gets up high for the spike in a match last week against Midland High. The Lady Steers brought home fourth place at the Monahans Tournament this past weekend after losing to Monahans and Trinity Christian Saturday.

## Consistency needed as netters settle for fourth in Monahans

By TROY HYDE  
Sports Editor

After picking up two wins in pool play at the Monahans Tournament Friday, the Big Spring volleyball team advanced to the championship bracket Saturday.

The Lady Steers defeated Seminole in the first round of the tournament and then lost to Trinity Christian in the semifinals before falling to Monahans in the third place match.

Big Spring also lost to Midland High Friday night in three games. They won the first game 25-19, but then lost games two and three by scores of 11-25 and 16-25, respectively.

In game two, the Lady Steers got out of the gates quick and led 8-2, but then failed to finish the match as Midland High outscored Big Spring 23-3 to close out the match.

"I am not sure what happened really, but we just imploded," said head coach Revis Daggett. "We had no clue how to pass and got away from our fundamentals. They acted like they hadn't seen a jump server before."

Junior Krista Chesworth led the team with 10 points on eight kills, one ace and two assisted blocks. Junior Carmen Lewis finished with six kills and junior Raegan Ritchey scored six points on four kills, one ace and two assisted blocks. Junior Brenn Swinney had five points, including four aces.

"We couldn't pass and that limited our hitting opportunities," said Daggett.

The Lady Steers knocked off Seminole in the quarterfinals, 25-19 and 25-20 in their first match Saturday morning. "We made a change defensively and played some solid ball control," said Daggett.

Lewis led the team with 7.5 points on six kills, one ace and one assisted block, while Chesworth and Swinney each contributed 6.5 points.

Chesworth had six kills, while Swinney had three kills and two aces.

Big Spring (6-6) then took on eventual champion Trinity Christian in the semifinals and fell in straight sets 25-10 and 25-18.

"We played the first game with our eyes closed I think," said Daggett. "Our passing and defense was our demise."

The Lady Steers made 17 misplays on defense and had 14 hitting errors, which were both ridiculously high according to Daggett.

"We are not executing consistently right now," added Daggett. "One day we look brilliant and others we look bad. But, I think a lot of that has to do with experience."

Ritchey led the Lady Steers with four points on four kills, while senior Shannon Higgins added three points on two kills and one ace. Adams and senior Cycelye Tuitt each contributed two points on two kills.

Despite being tired, Big Spring finished up the tournament in Monahans against the host team and a chance to take home third place. However, Monahans had better ideas as they won 25-13 and 25-18.

"Physically we were drained because of our brutal schedule," said Daggett. "We have athletic kids and they really want to win and I still think this team will be great."

Higgins, who was named to the all tournament team for her efforts, led the Lady Steers with five points on four kills and one ace. Lewis added 3.5 points, while Ritchey turned in 2.5 points.

"These scores don't look good, but we still finished fourth out of 16 teams," said Daggett. "The same thing happened to us last season during all these tournaments. We'll get there. We still have plenty of time before district play starts."

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# Gatlin becomes new fastest man

By ROB GLOSTER

AP Sports Writer  
ATHENS, Greece — Justin Gatlin ran the race of his life Sunday night, barely holding off the fastest Olympic 100 field in history to win the gold in 9.85 seconds.

Francis Obikwelu of Portugal got the silver in 9.86. Defending champion Maurice Greene won bronze in 9.87, falling short in his quest to crown himself the "greatest sprinter of all time."

A third American, Shawn Crawford, was fourth in 9.89. Five runners broke the 10-second mark, and another — world champion Kim Collins — finished in exactly 10 seconds.

It was the closest finish in an Olympic 100 final since the 1980 Moscow Games, when Allan Wells of Britain held off Silvio Leonard of Cuba as the two were timed in 10.25.

Gatlin's previous personal best was 9.92. He finished the race Sunday with his mouth wide open, then dropped to his knees and clasped his hands in prayer. Next he jumped into the stands.

"The race was magnificent. The only way I knew the race was great is because I watched it on TV," Gatlin said. "I couldn't even feel the race. I felt that I was 100 miles in front of everybody. It was so close, but that's what I felt."

It was the first time in Olympic history that five men broke 10 seconds in one race. Four did it at the 1996 Atlanta Games.

Greene was unable to become the first man since Carl Lewis in 1984 and '88 to win back-to-back Olympic 100s.

"You know what, I think we put on a great show," Greene said.

Gatlin, 22, is the youngest Olympic 100 champion since Jim Hines in 1968. Gatlin won six NCAA titles in his two seasons at Tennessee, then won the 60-meter title at the world indoor championships last year. But he had been overshadowed at the Athens Games by flamboyant training partner Crawford.

Crawford gave Gatlin a huge hug after his victory. Both are trained by Trevor Graham, the former mentor of Marion Jones and Tim Montgomery — who holds the 100 world record of 9.78, but did not qualify for the Olympics and has been charged with steroid use.

Earlier Sunday night, Gail Devers' heartbreak in the Olympic 100-meter hurdles continued as she was felled by injury just steps into her first heat.

Devers, 37, who has three world championships in the event, pulled up short and screamed as she slid under the first hurdle. She sat on the track for about two minutes, rubbing her left leg and grimacing.

Devers hurt her leg in practice a week ago and wore a heavy bandage during three rounds of the 100 before being eliminated in the semifinals Saturday.

Her failure Sunday may lead to second guessing about Devers' decision to run in the 100. She took the third U.S. spot in that event when Torri Edwards was suspended for two years for accidentally ingesting a banned



Justin Gatlin of the United States celebrates after winning the 100 meters at the 2004 Olympic Games Sunday.

stimulant. Devers could have turned down the spot and focused on the hurdles, allowing Marion Jones to try to defend her Olympic title. She holds the U.S. record of 12.37 seconds. She has three Olympic medals — she won gold in the 100 in 1992 and 1996, and was on the victorious 400-meter relay team in 1996.

But she slammed into the last hurdle while leading the 1992 Olympic final, crawling to the finish line in fifth place. In 1996, she missed an Olympic medal by a hundredth of a second. In 2000, she injured her hamstring in the semifinal and pulled up after five hurdles.

Gatlin also has had problems with drugs. He tested positive for an amphetamine at the 2001 U.S. junior championships. The drug was contained in prescription medication Gatlin had been taking for 10 years to treat a form of attention deficit disorder.

The International Association of Athletics Federations gave him early reinstatement from a two-year ban in July 2002. The IAAF said a second violation would lead to a life ban.

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"We need to work on ball control, defense and we need to put the ball away."

The Lady Steers will travel to Lamesa Tuesday night before

heading to San Angelo Friday and Saturday for a weekend tournament. Big Spring will play at 10 a.m. Friday morning, but its opponent was unknown at press time. "I am going to do some lineup shuffling because I need to find a consistent sixth player," added Daggett.

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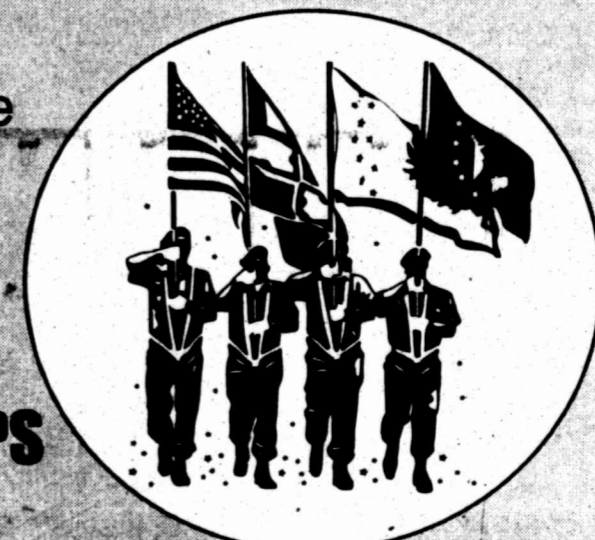
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

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**Virgo** With the sun newly exploring Virgo, it's an atypical Monday. Instead of dread, we feel mostly excitement about getting to work. If all is handled well, the rewards for our efforts seem glorious, even if they are the same benefits we've been getting all along. The Sagittarius moon helps out like a double shot of espresso — we start in high gear.

**Aries** (March 21-April 19). Your heart is on your sleeve, which attracts all kinds of emotional appeals for sympathy and help. You will probably hear more than one sob story and will wonder if you're getting the full truth. Guard your resources.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20). It would be lovely to live in a world where you could take everything at face value, but you've been around the block a few times and are far too wise for that — some might even say you're skeptical. Test, assess and analyze.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 21). You're in a unique position to help others. If it looks like it will only take an hour, just say "yes." Your rewards are fabulous — an increased self-esteem and the radiant confidence that comes from knowing you're useful and generous.

**Cancer** (June 22-July 22). It's a super-active day, and you're right on top of it. You may go so

far as to wonder what good patience serves. While one person stands quietly by, enduring the wait, the squeaky wheel is getting greased.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll come to a fork in the road of a relationship and wonder whether or not you can really trust someone. Past experience tells you one thing, but Pollyanna wishing paints an alternate picture. Somewhere in the middle is the truth.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Rise to the occasion in every respect, though it will be no easy task. Those who show they're made of true grit will be rewarded. You don't want to look back on this day and wish you had been more gracious.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Take care of your body, and your body takes care of you. Friends are in the know about improvements in health, nutrition and fitness, from which you can benefit. Also, activities involving an Aries or Gemini will give you a boost.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The key to your success is in the preparation stage. Anticipating the obstacles you'll be faced with is key. Besides thinking things through, though, actually rehearse what you'll say and do should the situation dictate it.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There are so many things to contemplate that you could spend the day in the clouds and get nothing accomplished. Home in on one particular task that needs to get done, and finish it as early in the day as possible.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). If it looks like hard work, don't back off. There are definite benefits that will far outweigh a momentary muscle ache. Making a competition out of things could be the key to motivating yourself — and everyone else.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're masterful! You'll be stretching time and speeding it up at your will — it's like

an experiment in quantum physics. The seconds feel like minutes, or the day goes by in a moment as you fit desired events into your schedule.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20). Usually a modest person, you find it embarrassing to have to sell yourself. The trouble is, you may not be doing business with folks who are as intelligent and sensitive as you are, so tooting your own horn will likely be necessary.

**Astrological Questions:** "I'm 18 years old and was born on March 2, 1986. I fell in love with a guy born on Jan. 12, 1987. I met him in high school, and I've had this feeling ever since. However, we have no relationship because we're both too shy. Somehow, I feel that he likes me, too, though. He'll always be my first love, but right now, we have no communication. Since school ended, I don't know where he is, but I always think of him and want to know if he loves me, too."

For a sensitive Pisces, first love is not easily overcome, nor should it be. Capricorn men mature very young, and they can embody a heroic and romantic ideal.

For your whole life, love will never be that all-consuming again. So savor this horrible, beautiful stage while it lasts.

You have no idea how perfect it is that the two of you were never able to take this relationship into the realm of actuality, as you'll always have this pristine fantasy. Your hopes and projections about this relationship are integral parts of your personality and will guide your relationships in the future.

**Celebrity Profiles:** Sean Connery could appear in the fourth "Indiana Jones" film. Reportedly, it has been hard for the major players of the film to find time that would match up in their schedules. Connery could be the one who gets the ball rolling on this highly anticipated project.

Virgos are great organizers. Count on your Virgo friend to lay out the most logical solution to a sticky situation.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: My father-in-law, "Steve," and his wife, "Sally," live several states away and visit us once or twice a year. They are both wonderful people, but Sally is a chain smoker. When Steve first brought Sally to our home, we were incredulous that she lit up inside without first asking if it was OK. (She carries her own ashtray with her.) In fact, she likes to light up at the dinner table, ruining the meal for the rest of us, so we have to eat quickly when she's here.

Other than the cigarettes, Sally is a lovely person, and our kids adore her. However, we recently built a new home and would rather not have Sally smoke like a chimney during the entire visit.

I am fairly certain that if we ask her not to smoke in the house, neither Steve nor Sally will visit anymore, which would sadden all of us. Having them stay at a hotel is irrelevant because Sally still smokes when she comes



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to the house. We've also noticed Steve has been having some respiratory illnesses, and although we told him the smoke is probably making it worse, nothing changed.

Do you think we should say something or just continue as we have been? I hate that our decision could affect how much time our children get to spend with their grandfather. — Smoker's D-I-L

Dear D-I-L: Sally is quite addicted. Try approaching her with love. Tell her you think she is a wonderful person

and your children adore her. Explain that you know how important smoking is to her and you have no intention of asking her to give it up, but you are trying to maintain a better environment in your new home and it would be healthier for the children if she could smoke outside. We hope she'll have enough respect for you that she will make the effort.

Dear Annie: I am 14 years old and think I should get a bra. The problem is, I don't know how to tell my mother. The first time I had my period, it took me five hours before I worked up the nerve to tell her.

I've given Mom hints that I need some "support," but she doesn't get it. Should I just save up some money and purchase one myself? — Too Embarrassed to Ask

Dear Too Embarrassed: Do you have a sister or a close friend who can help you out? Your mom sounds oblivious, so you need to be more direct with her. Say, "Mom, can you help me pick out a bra?" If you cannot do this, or if Mom ignores you, it's OK to select one on your own.

You can find tips for measuring yourself on the Internet, or you can ask a salesperson, a friend or another relative to help. If that's too embarrassing, try on a few brassieres until one feels right. It should fit comfortably around your chest and smoothly around the cups.

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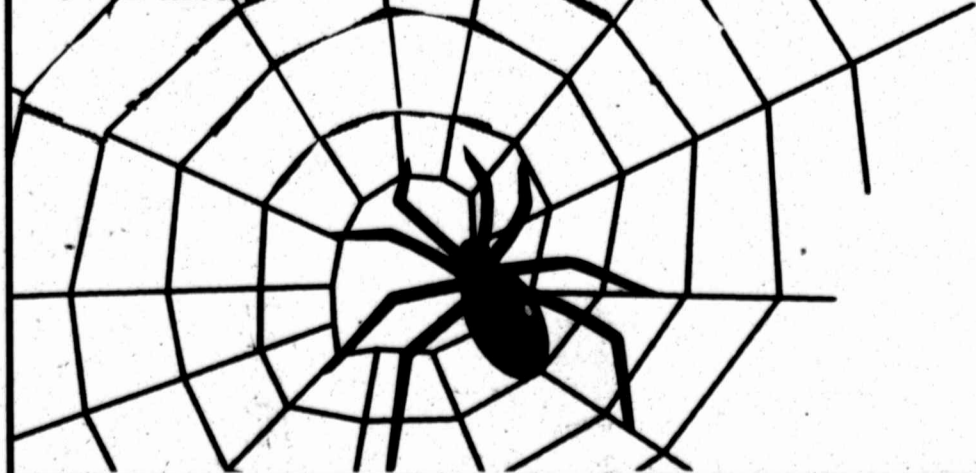
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