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Discussion of I-27 designation highlights chamber meeting

By CARLTON JOHNSON
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Whether or not there will ever be an Interstate 27 designation, and which proposed corridor will be designated if any, was a major part of the discussion at the monthly meeting of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

A transportation meeting has been scheduled for Aug. 29 in Austin by the Texas Department of Transportation and, according to chamber officials, San Angelo representatives will be there asking TXDOT to designate the Sweetwater route as the I-27 corridor.

John Walker and Ralph Truskowski will be two of the delegation from Big Spring attending the meeting in Austin to present Big Spring's side of the issue.

The understanding at Wednesday's

chamber meeting was that TXDOT can choose a corridor or they can kill the issue all together.

Chamber member Jim Weaver said Big Spring representatives should definitely be at the meeting in Austin because the matter has become a political issue, one he believes is much larger than the chamber and Moore Development For Big Spring Inc. can handle.

"One of our biggest proponents, State Sen. John Montford, has retired. Rob Junell, who is the State Rep. for San Angelo, is still in place," Weaver said.

Board member David Wrinkle said the people who have represented Big Spring at past meetings have done a good job, but suggested the chamber or whoever takes the lead in this issue look at hiring a lobbyist.

Board member Chuck Williams thinks Big Spring should stay on top of the issue, but should be careful of pour-

ing money down a dry hole.

Weaver added, "We don't even know if there will be an I-27 corridor designation."

Previous TXDOT meetings had led Big Spring officials, as well as officials in San Angelo and Midland/Odessa, to believe that an I-27 designation was all but a dead issue.

A postponed December public meeting in Lubbock, which was rescheduled for May, discussed TXDOT's route study to connect Lubbock to Interstate 10, and also to connect I-27 in Amarillo north to the state line.

San Angelo Chamber of Commerce officials told local representatives in March that neither San Angelo, nor Midland/Odessa will get the proposed interstate highway.

Speculation now is that instead of turning one of three corridors into an interstate, TXDOT will make progressive improvements to all three routes.

HDR Engineering has the information it needs, such as traffic flow, economic figures and other demographics pertinent to the issue, but politics weigh heavily on the project.

Despite speculations, the HDR Route Study Team has also taken new speed limits into consideration.

TXDOT officials felt the new speed limit law signed by President Bill Clinton in December could effect the results of their study and asked their engineering consultants to revise the existing economic model with the new data and then reevaluate the freeway feasibility.

During several public meetings in July of 1995, based on the data it had collected, TXDOT identified five possible corridors; three south of Lubbock and two north of Amarillo.

Of the southern corridors, one connected Lubbock to Fort Stockton through Lamesa and Midland/Odessa;

one from Lubbock to Lamesa, Big Spring, San Angelo and Junction; and the third connecting Lubbock to Junction through Sweetwater, San Angelo and Eden.

According to HDR Engineering, the re-evaluation will ensure an accurate outcome based on current transportation conditions in the area.

Wrinkle added, "Even if we lose the designation, we want to be in the best possible position."

"We already have a four-lane highway," Williams said, "but we need to tap someone with the know-how and resources to work on this issue."

Since the I-27 issue is also related to economic development, Weaver said he believes Moore Development is the logical group to tackle the issue, contending that Moore Development also has the money necessary for such an effort.

DONATION



Sony Schroyer and John Conner Jr. watch as Kelly Overton and Jason Martin of the Coshomo Fire/EMS Department look at their new Ruscusi Anne CPR training mannequin that was donated to the group Tuesday. The Texas Automobile Dealers Association, as part of the National Automobile Dealers Charitable Foundation, donated the all-electronic device that measures the performance of the rescuer.

Council continues crunching figures looking for tax cut

By CARLTON JOHNSON
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Hammering out a new fiscal budget is never easy, according to city officials, a point well-proven during Wednesday's 4-hour budget worksession.

Wednesday's session was the fourth time in two weeks city administrators and city council members assembled at the Dora Roberts Community Center to add, subtract, multiply and divide dollar figures in an attempt to finalize a budget for the 1996-97 fiscal year.

Last year, the council was able to drop the city's tax rate from 65.5 cents per \$100 valuation to 65 cents per \$100 valuation, partly because new businesses like Family Medical Center, Jumburrito, the Wal-Mart Supercenter, Little Caesar's Pizza and Taco Bell were on the city's tax rolls for the first time, which helped expand the city's tax base to \$349.7 million in 1995, up from \$327.5 million in 1994.

The 1995-96 tax decrease was also attributed to new construction in the area and an increase in the appraised value of several residential properties.

The effective tax rate for last year was \$0.63211 or 63 cents per \$100 valuation, but the city was able to go three percent above the effective tax rate and generate more than \$120,000 in additional property tax revenue than in 1994 and still drop the tax rate.

The council plans to formally adopt a tax rate of 61 cents per \$100 valuation sometime in September for the 1996-97 fiscal year, a tax reduction of 4 cents from last year's rate.

The effective tax rate for the next fiscal year is \$0.56148 per \$100 valuation which will allow the city to drop taxes and still generate extra revenue.

Big Spring citizens will see their fourth consecutive tax reduction, due largely to the \$57 million increase in the city's assessed value.

When the 1995-96 budget year began, the city had an estimated \$39 million budget, but that

included operating costs for the three prison units the city won't have this year.

City Manager Gary Fuqua estimates the 1996-97 budget, without the correctional centers, will be somewhere in the low \$20 million range.

Wednesday's budget session ended with city officials discussing approximately \$184,000 worth of new improvements and the possibility of raising the sanitation rate by \$1, which would generate an extra \$115,000 to deal with the city's landfill and compost facility.

"The best idea I've heard so far is to take \$500,000 of the \$3.7 million (from the sale of the city's prisons) and put it into the landfill closure account," Fuqua said. "This account has about \$80,000 in it now and should have about \$700,000, which it had several years ago. Sooner or later we're going to need this."

If that plan is adopted by the council, Fuqua proposed taking \$200,000 of the remaining \$3.2 million and putting it into the city's general fund reserve. The remaining \$3 million would be placed in an annual Treasury bill account, which would be recycled each year and only the interest from the account would be used.

Councilman John Paul Anderson backed the idea saying if the city did use part of the \$3.7 million, it would recoup the funds when paid on lease agreements made with Cornell Corrections.

Fuqua is also looking at renovating the old municipal courtroom to be used as city office space for himself, Master Plan Coordinator Tara Kersh and a receptionist. The city could see as many as four new employees at City Hall or none at all. The council and city officials are still debating the issue.

Another issue receiving much attention Wednesday was the hiring of a new city attorney, a process that begins Friday when interviews for the position get underway.

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Dyess remembers cargo plane crash victims

ABILENE (AP) — Capt. Kevin N. Earnest's nickname was "Boo Boo." Staff Sgt. Michael J. Smith used to threaten his students with a midnight phone call to quiz them on what he taught them. Airman Thomas A. Stevens was saving up to buy a motorcycle once an upcoming tour of Germany ended.

On Wednesday, their wing commander, Brig. Gen. Larry W. Northington, remembered them and five other members of a Dyess Air Force Base crew who died when their cargo plane crashed into a Wyoming mountainside Saturday.

Northington's voice cracked throughout his remarks on the packed Dyess parade grounds. Many of the 3,000-plus civilians and military there also choked back tears as he gave a personalized roll call of the dead:

Capt. Kimberly Jo Wiselhouwer loved her cat Tigger, but not as much as her husband Bill. 2nd Lt. Benjamin T. Hall was an "absolute nut about flying," and

so was the ever meticulous Senior Airman Ricky L. Merritt.

Senior Airman Michael R. York once listed his children as his hobby on a personnel form. Senior Airman Billy R. "Bronco" Ogston could be picked out of a crowd easily because of his big smile.

Northington closed his remembrance with one final order for the crew's doomed mission number: "Havoc five-eight, mission complete."

The eight crew members and Secret Service agent Aldo E. Frascota died when their C-130 Hercules crashed near the Jackson, Wyo., airport. They were transporting gear from President Clinton's vacation spot to New York City, where he celebrated his 50th birthday Sunday.

Northington read a statement from Clinton in which he expressed regret that he couldn't attend.

"We share your grief and our

hearts are with you," Clinton wrote.

The service was a joint effort between the base and this city of about 106,000. Citizens donated flowers, hotel rooms for relatives and other goods and services.

"Perhaps it's a day like this that demonstrates the meaning of community," Abilene Mayor Gary McCaleb said. He ordered all city flags flown at half-staff for the rest of the week in honor of the crew.

About 140 family members ignored the intense sunlight and heat throughout the hour-long religious ceremony, which featured hymns and Scripture from both the Old and New Testaments.

After a bagpipe rendition of "Amazing Grace," two C-130s and a B-1B bomber flew across the pristine sky, with one of the cargo planes veering off overhead into the distance in traditional missing man formation. Families silently lined up to

place roses distributed by U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, at the bases of eight American flags, each symbolizing one of the fallen crew.

"It was a beautiful ceremony," said Mrs. Hutchison, who met with the victims' relatives before the memorial. "I think they are just moved deeply by the outpouring of community of Abilene."

She said the shock of a crash during such a routine mission has made it even tougher on relatives, but the survivors are "rallying around each other and holding up the best they can."

It was the first such service at Dyess since a memorial for four crewmen who died in a B-1B crash south of El Paso in 1992.

Dyess practically shut down during the memorial, but returned to normal soon afterward. A full slate of flights were scheduled Wednesday, which Col. Ron Seyle said might be the best medicine of all.

Huntsville 18-year-old takes Miss Teen USA crown

LAS CRUCES, N.M. (AP) — A Texas teen who would like to talk to President Clinton about sex education and thinks parental consent should be required for birth control has been named Miss Teen USA.

Christie Lee Woods covered her face with shaking hands Wednesday night as she heard she had been chosen, and then, smiling broadly through her tears, she waved to the cheering crowd at the Pan Am Center.

The 18-year-old from Huntsville, Texas, was crowned by the last year's Miss Teen

USA, Keylee Sue Sanders of Kansas, during a two-hour show which aired live on CBS with hosts Bob Goen, co-host of "Entertainment Tonight," and singer-actress Shari Belafonte.

The 5-foot-8-inch brown-eyed, brown-haired student will spend her year-long reign traveling throughout the U.S. making commercial and civic appearances.

In addition to her crown, Woods won more than \$150,000 in cash and prizes.

Miss Pennsylvania Patricia Campbell was named first run-

ner-up and Miss California Michelle Kathlene Cardamon was second runner-up.

During the interview portion of the competition, Woods said she fundraises for local charities and is a Houston Rockets fan. She said she plans to get a PhD in health psychology and would like to work with people suffering from stress and depression.

Woods said that if she had a chance to talk to President Clinton, she would like to discuss sex education.

"I would discuss with him

having mandatory sex education classes, because if students decided to have sex, they should be practicing safe sex. However, in my opinion, abstinence is always the best way," she said.

The presentation show marked the first time the contestants were judged in swimsuits — mostly bikinis — and evening gowns.

The '60s rock group, the Monkees, performed during the pageant's entertainment segment.

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Partly cloudy tonight with a low in the upper 60s. Friday, partly cloudy. High in the upper 90s and a low in the upper 60s.



Bullock appoints Republican Ratliff to head finance panel

AUSTIN (AP) — Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, a Democrat, on Wednesday picked a Republican lawmaker for the Senate's most powerful committee post — chairman of the budget-writing Finance Committee.

In a sign of the GOP's growing legislative clout, Sen. Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, succeeded Sen. John Montford, D-Lubbock, at the head of the finance panel.

Montford resigned his Senate seat to become chancellor of the Texas Tech University System.

A civil engineer, Ratliff, 60, has served in the Senate since 1989. He was the first Republican elected from the 1st District in northeastern Texas since Reconstruction.

He has chaired the Senate Education Committee and was instrumental in writing state education and school finance laws.

Bullock named another Republican, Sen. Teel Bivins of Amarillo, to replace Ratliff as head of the education panel.

The GOP chairmanships come

despite Democratic control of the Senate. Democrats held a 17-14 majority before Montford's resignation.

Bullock's press secretary, Mike Halley, said the lieutenant governor "does not take party politics into consideration when making key decisions such as the appointment of senators to committees."

"The main things he's interested in are dedication, work ethic, insight into the issues that a particular committee will deal with. He wants their top

priority to be fairness and what's best for all Texans."

Republicans hope to win a majority of Senate seats for the first time since Reconstruction this November. They need a net gain of two seats to take control.

In announcing the committee changes, Bullock tapped several Democrats as well.

Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, was named chairman of the Senate Jurisprudence Committee to replace Sen. Don Henderson, R-Houston, who isn't seeking re-election.

Bivins' spot as chairman of the Nominations Committee was given to Sen. Frank Madia, D-San Antonio.

Sen. Eddie Lucio, D-Brownsville, replaced Ellis as chairman of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee.

"I have full faith and confidence in the hard-working senators I have picked for new leadership roles in the Texas Senate," Bullock said. "Each and every one is more than up to the challenge and ready to do their level best for Texas."

Gov. George W. Bush said he expects to continue working closely with Bullock no matter the outcome of this year's elections. However, he said, it is important for the GOP to gain more legislative power.

"I think the most important thing is first and foremost that there be a majority of people in both bodies who are conservative thinkers. As you know, there are many rural Democrats who are conservative in nature," Bush said.

TEXAS BRIEFS

Perot, coming to screen soon, but not to town

DALLAS (AP) — When the Lone Star State holds its Reform Party convention this weekend, the lone no-show in Texas politics will be Ross Perot.

Welcome to Campaign Perot, a made-for-TV series playing this fall, starring a presidential candidate who feels more comfortable visiting voters on their 21-inch TV screens than in person, even in his home state.

The Reform Party founder and nominee refers to campaigning as "this unpleasantness" and rarely appears in public forums. Today, he'll speak in Louisville, Ky., to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, but he plans only two more public appearances through September, both with economic groups.

Perot cited a scheduling conflict in bowing out of Saturday's Reform Party state convention at Austin. Former presidential hopeful Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, plans to address the third-party crowd. So do candidates for statewide office, U.S. Senate and even the Texas Railroad Commission.

In general, Perot says he sees politics as "dirty tricks, being negative, bitter, and mean-spirited" and vows he won't play that game.

Teamsters boss installs trustee at Dallas local

DALLAS (AP) — National Teamsters President Ron Carey has installed a trustee to oversee the 8,200-member Dallas local after an investigative board alleged corruption and nepotism among union leaders.

Carey on Wednesday directed union official Jim Buck to take over the Dallas Teamsters branch until an election can be held, probably in a year to 18 months, said Teamsters spokesman Craig Merrilees.

The action came amid Carey's bitter campaign for the top Teamsters job against James P. Hoffa, the son of former Teamsters head Jimmy Hoffa, and only three months before the nation's largest union holds its election.

T.C. Stone, principal officer for Dallas Local 745 and a prime target of corruption allegations, is a Hoffa supporter and won a spot on the candidate's national slate last month.

Neither Stone nor any other local union official returned repeated calls from The Associated Press on Wednesday. Hoffa representatives, however, claimed Carey's action was politically motivated.

Morales suggests 'race-neutral' guidelines

AUSTIN (AP) — Attorney General Dan Morales has outlined ideas he says will allow Texas' state-supported universities maintain diverse student bodies without resorting to race-based admission policies.

Morales' advice comes nearly two months after the U.S. Supreme Court let stand a lower court ruling that threw out affirmative action programs at Texas, Mississippi and Louisiana universities.

In a letter to Leonard Rauch, chairman of the Texas Higher Education Coordination Board, Morales detailed factors he thinks may be used to consider students for admissions and financial aid.

Morales said universities should consider students' grades and test scores, age, gender, family history, hometown, employment history, military service, socioeconomic history, financial status and personal traits.

"I do not believe that our state universities should abandon their pursuit of diverse student bodies," Morales wrote in the letter he made public Wednesday.

Six incumbents file redistricting appeal

HOUSTON (AP) — Welcome to Texas Elections, Act II.

The contentious redistricting case is back before the U.S. Supreme Court, just two months after the high panel sent the matter to a federal panel in Houston.

On Wednesday, six Texas members of Congress appealed the lower court's call for a one-time-only special election plan for the 13 redesigned districts.

The six Democrat incumbents from Dallas and Houston want the high court to delay a ruling calling for the redesign and allow elections to proceed under the old voting boundaries.

"No federal court has ever intervened in an election cycle after the primaries, after the runoffs, after both major party

conventions," Keith Ellison, an attorney for the Houston-area congressional representatives, said.

The court-ordered special elections to select representatives in 13 redrawn districts will coincide with the Nov. 5 presidential election. Runoffs, if needed, are set for Dec. 10.

The appeal, filed by U.S. Reps. Sheila Jackson Lee, Eddie Bernice Johnson, Gene Green, Ken Bentsen, John Bryant and Martin Frost, contends it is too far in the election process to redesign districts.

"We're also arguing that it is a breakdown of federal principles to take away from the legislature what is a quintessentially a legislative task," said Ellison, who contends the matter should be decided by the Texas Legislature when it convenes in January.

In June, the Supreme Court ruled three districts — the 29th and 18th in Houston and the 30th in Dallas — were drawn unlawfully to favor minority voters.

The case then was sent back to the three-judge panel of U.S. District Judges Melinda Harmon, David Hittner and 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Edith Jones.

After parties in the case failed earlier this month to agree on a redistricting plan, the judicial panel redesigned the three districts and 10 other adjoining ones.

Somewhat bolstering the appeal from the six Texas repre-

Prison riot leaves one guard, 13 inmates hurt

EDEN (AP) — Calm was restored early today at a private prison where a daylong disturbance left at least 13 inmates and a guard injured.

At least six of the inmates were injured by shotgun pellets as guards fired shotguns in an attempt to keep inmates who appeared to be storming a fence from escaping.

Rioting prisoners began surrendering late Wednesday and continued into the early morning hours of today.

"The disturbance began as a sit-in at about 11 a.m. when

prisoners didn't report to dormitories for roll call in an apparent protest over prison conditions such as food, dental care and recreation, authorities said.

A spokesman for the Texas Department of Public Safety called the episode one of the state's worst prison riots in recent years.

Officials estimated that about 400 prisoners participated in the disturbance at the detention center, operated by Nashville, Tenn.-based Corrections Corp. of America under contract with the Justice Department.

The facility houses about 910 prisoners, most of whom are in federal custody while awaiting deportation proceedings.

One guard suffered a fractured jaw when he was struck by a rock hurled by an inmate and two guards were treated for heat exhaustion, according to DPS spokeswoman Lauren Chernow.

One of the unidentified inmates was transferred to Concho County Hospital in Eden, which is about 200 miles southwest of Dallas and about 40

U.S. neo-Nazi gets four-year German prison sentence

HAMBURG, Germany (AP) — Shouting "The fight will go on!" American neo-Nazi Gary Lauck was convicted today of illegally distributing hate propaganda in Germany and sentenced to four years in prison.

The Hamburg state court found Lauck guilty on charges of inciting racial hatred and distributing propaganda of organizations that violate the German constitution. Lauck's lawyer said he would appeal.

Lauck, 43, an admitted admirer of Adolf Hitler and Nazi ideology, prints his publications in the United States and mails them to neo-Nazis abroad, including Germany, from his base in Lincoln, Neb.

Lauck's attorney Hans-Otto Sieg said his client's actions were legal under U.S. constitutional guarantees of free speech and he should be acquitted.

German prosecutors had sought a five-year prison term.

Explaining the verdict, Judge Guenter Bertram told the court Germany must remain vigilant against neo-Nazi propaganda.

Lauck "would like to be the world's greatest Nazi propagandist and the Fuehrer's most glowing follower," he said.

Prosecutors said Lauck has been German fascists' main supplier of brochures, Nazi and neo-Nazi stickers, arm bands, banners and signs for two decades.

Clinton signing overhaul of welfare system

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton is signing into law a historic overhaul of America's welfare system that compels welfare recipients to go to work and ends six decades of guaranteed cash assistance to the poor.

Keeping a centerpiece promise of his 1992 campaign to "end welfare as we know it," the president is making new promises to create the jobs needed for the controversial new system to succeed.

The ceremony, in the Rose Garden of the White House today, is the president's third effort in as many days to take the headlines away from Republican rival Bob Dole by giving a dramatic send-off to high-profile legislation.

On Tuesday the president signed a bill raising the minimum wage, and on Wednesday he approved a new law that ends the practice of denying insurance coverage because of pre-existing medical conditions and ensures workers access to health insurance when they change jobs.

The welfare transformation ends a federal guarantee to the poor that has existed since the New Deal days of President Franklin Roosevelt. It was denounced by many erstwhile Clinton allies.

Marian Wright Edelman, president of the Children's Defense Fund, called Clinton's action a "moment of shame ... the biggest betrayal of children and the poor."

The new welfare law is also opposed by Catholic bishops and urban groups. But it is expected to appeal to a broad range of moderate to conservative voters.

White House press secretary Mike McCurry said Clinton will "reach out to those who disagree with this decision."

White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta is heading an administration task force to make sure the welfare overhaul succeeds, McCurry said. And he said Clinton understands that if he wins re-election, the work of making the welfare change successful "would fall on his shoulders."

"That would require a very strong effort at implementing the act, at making sure that as welfare dependents make the transition to work, the work is there," McCurry said.

Clinton is considering a package of proposals intended to ease the burden on welfare recipients. It includes a possible tax break for companies that hire people off welfare rolls and a series of economic development ideas aimed at areas with large shares of welfare recipients.

The proposals will be unveiled next week at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago as part of Clinton's list of initiatives and goals for a second White House term.

Clinton twice vetoed Republican welfare proposals, denouncing them as "extremist" plans that would hurt children.

But he agreed to sign the third version, even though it contained provisions he opposed, including deep cuts in child nutrition programs and tough restrictions on granting welfare

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"Diplomacy is the art of letting someone else have your way."
-Daniele Vero

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OTHER VIEWS

Binti Jua, our hero

The story of Binti Jua and the 3-year-old boy has ended happily, with the child being released from the hospital four days after he fell 18 feet into the ape exhibit at Brookfield (Ill.) Zoo. It was then that Binti, a female ape, gently cradled the injured boy in her arms, shooed away other gorillas and placed the toddler where human rescuers could reach him. Other animals — dogs mostly, the odd horse or cat or bird — have by intent or accident saved people, but is it primarily the angle of overdue species equity that makes this tale so sweet? We think not.

Rather, it is the sense of faint remembrance. The old stories tell of a time when all creatures great and small, upright and four-legged, got along just swell. Today when the lion lies down with the lamb, notes Woody Allen, the lamb doesn't get much sleep. But was it always so? Before (by one account) the original First Couple made their unfortunate selection of fresh produce, all creaturedom was at peace. Babies seem to remember. They are happiest when their cribs are guarded by stuffed tigers and apes and bears. It may be that the story of Binti and the boy stirs our Edenic impulse.

It is a pleasant idea to contemplate that kindness is not limited to kind. In Binti we have a simian Samaritan. Born in captivity, she had to be taught by humans how to nurture her own baby. Her wonderful act teaches us something.

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OTHER VIEWS

Drugs and the blame game

A sudden, swift rise in teenage drug use, which was reported this week in a federal study, should motivate parents, community groups and elected officials across the nation to take sudden, swift — and sustained — action. It should not be the occasion for partisan demonizing that it almost immediately became.

The report was full of scary statistics — that from 1992 to 1995, for instance, marijuana use jumped 141 percent. Not a few Republicans immediately lashed out at the White House, pointing to the coincidence of the increase with President Clinton's term in office and observing, correctly, that the administration had given only scant support to some elements of the federal anti-drug crusade until just months ago.

Presidential leadership and federal programs can make a difference, of course, but the White House is on track now and the youthful consumption of illegal drugs is a cultural phenomenon whose curtailment is far beyond the power of Washington acting by itself. Harping on the federal role may divert communities from a needed grass-roots effort and also makes it seem that some people are more interested in scoring politically than in coping with a mushrooming pathology.

Why are we seeing the increase now? Perhaps elected officials, educators and parents were lulled into thinking the monster had departed after a decline in the 1980s. What's

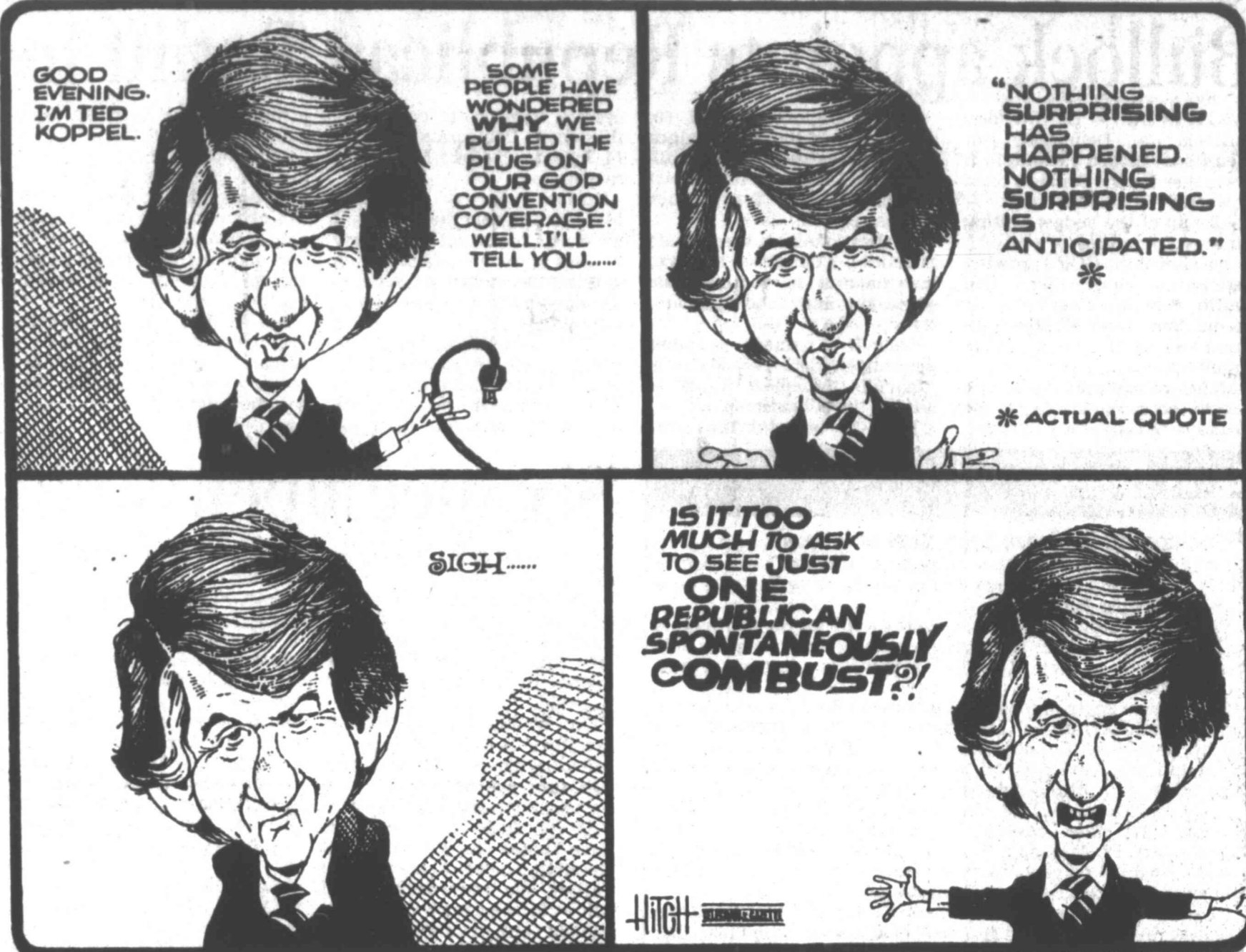
also possible is that some Baby Boomer parents, who themselves once experimented with drugs, imparted ambiguous messages to their children. Thanks partly as well to some inexcusable attitudes conveyed in the popular culture, the stigma of use began to evaporate, and many teens, it seems, have felt at least some illegal drugs will do them no harm. They are wrong.

Drugs impair judgment, can thwart maturation, can be addictive, can cause health problems, can ruin lives, can and do kill. The use of the less potent drugs often breaks down psychological barriers to the use of more potent drugs; the federal study shows an alarming jump in the use of LSD and cocaine. Overall, more than 10 percent of young people ages 12 to 17 are using drugs on at least a monthly basis. The trend lines all point dramatically upward.

Preventative education, treatment and interdiction are all parts of the solution, says Barry McCaffrey, the administration's drug czar. He is particularly taken by some innovative local programs, such as a successful one in Miami, where some first-time criminal offenders are afforded drug treatment as an alternative to jail. He has said the so-called drug war will never be won, but that a creative, unending, serious effort can minimize the problem and significantly reduce its social and human harm. It seems to us he is right.

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The FBI's hallmark is fear under Clinton administration

By PAUL CRAIG ROBERTS
Scripps Howard News Service

Under the Clinton administration the FBI has suffered more damage to its reputation than in any prior time.

It has shocked most Americans that the FBI has become a political arm of the Clintons, illegally placing highly confidential files protected by the Privacy Act on more than 900 Republicans into the hands of Democratic political operatives.

This news came on top of the revelation of the FBI's complicity in the Clintons' firing of White House travel office director Billy R. Dale, which, in turn, followed the story of the high-level FBI cover-up of its misdeeds that resulted in the slaughter of 85 men, women and children in Waco, Texas, and the killing by an FBI sniper of Randy Weaver's wife at Ruby Ridge, Idaho.

Law-and-order conservatives blame these lapses of integrity on Clinton's politicization of

the Justice Department. They are unable to face the fact that the FBI no longer has a culture of integrity. Today the bureau routinely relies on perjured testimony bought with grants of immunity.

A case in point is the FBI's three-year investigation of agribusiness giant Archer-Daniels-Midland. The company must rue the day it notified the FBI in November 1992 of an illicit offer, reported by one of its executives, Mark Whitacre, from an employee of a Japanese competitor to sell information to ADM for \$10 million. When ADM's top management informed the FBI, Whitacre, then head of ADM's BioProducts Division, objected to being interviewed by the FBI.

Then, the company claims, Whitacre was later caught with his hand in ADM's till and charges were filed accusing him of embezzling millions of dollars. Now ADM executives contend that the Japanese competitor's offer reported by

Whitacre was in fact one of his own schemes to bilk the company.

Whitacre ultimately met with the FBI and less than two months later he signed a secret agreement with the U.S. Attorney of the Central District of Illinois "to act in a covert capacity" as an agent against ADM "solely at the direction and under the supervision of agents of the FBI and this office." In exchange, Whitacre was granted immunity.

No one but the FBI and Whitacre knows why his story of the purported Japanese offer resulted in his secret agreement to create evidence against ADM. However, the government has been trying for some time to win a price-fixing case against ADM. The most recent attempt had been thrown out of court the previous year by a federal judge. Perhaps the government saw a chance to create a new case with Whitacre's help. He agreed to orchestrate "price-fixing" meetings that the FBI could secretly videotape.

The FBI's case of ADM price-fixing rests on information contained on these tapes.

Having had their first case thrown out, the FBI has resorted to bully tactics in hopes of frightening ADM executives into a plea bargain. The bureau assigned 80 agents to raid the homes of 30 of the company's executives and leaked to the press that new indictments of ADM officials were forthcoming. These abusive practices are attempts to elicit a negotiated plea bargain in order to end the harassment and avoid the uncertainties of prosecution.

It does not speak well for the Justice Department, Congress, the courts, nor the well-being of the American people, that fear is now the hallmark of the FBI.

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Hospital chains, led by HCA, on a buying binge

By BRUCE HILTON
Scripps Howard News Service

Articles in a medical journal can be scary. Many doctors discourage you or me from reading them, for fear we'll begin to imagine every illness we see described there.

There's an article that just appeared in the prestigious New England Journal of Medicine (NEJM) that is the scariest I've seen. The sickness it describes is likely to affect your health, or that of somebody in your family.

The title of the two-part article is this: "Columbia/HCA and the Resurgence of the For-profit Hospital Business." It's a vivid, plain-English description of the conversion of America's system of community and charitable hospitals into profit-making links in huge investor-owned health-care chains.

Last year, it says, 447 community hospitals were negotiating to sell out to the chains.

Robert Kuttner, whose piece faced the same tough peer review as any medical article in the NEJM, writes about "hospital chains on a buying binge." It sounds like an alligator set loose in a backyard fish-

pond. Kuttner's main example is the "largest and most aggressive" of the conglomerates, Columbia/HCA Healthcare Corp., which already owns 340 hospitals, 1,400 medical practices, 200 home health care agencies and 135 outpatient surgeries.

The company is the country's 10th largest employer, with 240,000 employees. It controls 7 percent of all the hospital beds in the United States — and returned a profit of just under \$1 billion last year. Investors love it.

In pursuing more hospitals to turn more profit, Kuttner says, CHCA has been notable for "speed, secrecy and legal ingenuity."

"The company has flying squads of acquisition specialists (that) can negotiate a binding letter of intent with a hospital's board of trustees in a matter of weeks."

How fast? Some of the trustees of Nashville (Tenn.) Memorial Hospital learned of the hospital's sale only after the deal had been completed.

They play hardball. When the St. Petersburg Times called for an antitrust investigation of CHCA, the company pulled

more than \$800,000 worth of ads from the paper — and banned its sale in hospital gift shops and the racks out front.

To communities where the local hospital has been struggling under the pinch of managed care, an outfit like CHCA can look pretty good. It has the power not only to keep the hospital going, but to pour millions into capital improvements. It can turn a community's tax-exempt burden into a tax-paying cash cow.

If this is all true, then why the fuss? Shouldn't free market forces be allowed to flourish? Critics point out that:

— Hospitals traditionally have been much more than businesses. Their responsibility is to the community and the patient. But investor-oriented institutions have no room for the idea of "the public good."

— Free markets didn't create these hospitals. Communities and church groups nurtured them — giving free land, endowments, philanthropic gifts, tax-free status and the sweat of underpaid staff. The purpose was charity. A hard-nosed entrepreneur can turn these assets into piles of cash in a few weeks.

— In health care, the "seller" has vast advantages of power and knowledge over the "consumer." Professional ethics helped protect the patient. The new systems draw doctors deeper into the money-grubbing — using loopholes in conflict-of-interest laws, for example, to let them own stock and still refer patients.

— Although non-profit hospitals must break even, they have "embraced a social ethic, serving uninsured patients, taking Medicaid losses, not insisting that every mission or procedure be profitable." Teaching, research and public health

don't turn a profit, and often don't survive the takeover.

— The cost-cutting that makes a newly acquired hospital profitable may endanger the patient. CHCA vehemently denies this. But when are the cuts in staff, administration and quality of supplies too deep for safety and good care?

And what will happen to the patients who can't take care of themselves, who fall through the cracks?

CHCA's answers are vague, and not very convincing.

And the data available to Kuttner and NEJM are not encouraging.

In Florida, for example, researchers found that the for-profit hospitals — more than half of Florida's institutions — supply just 6 percent of the charity care.

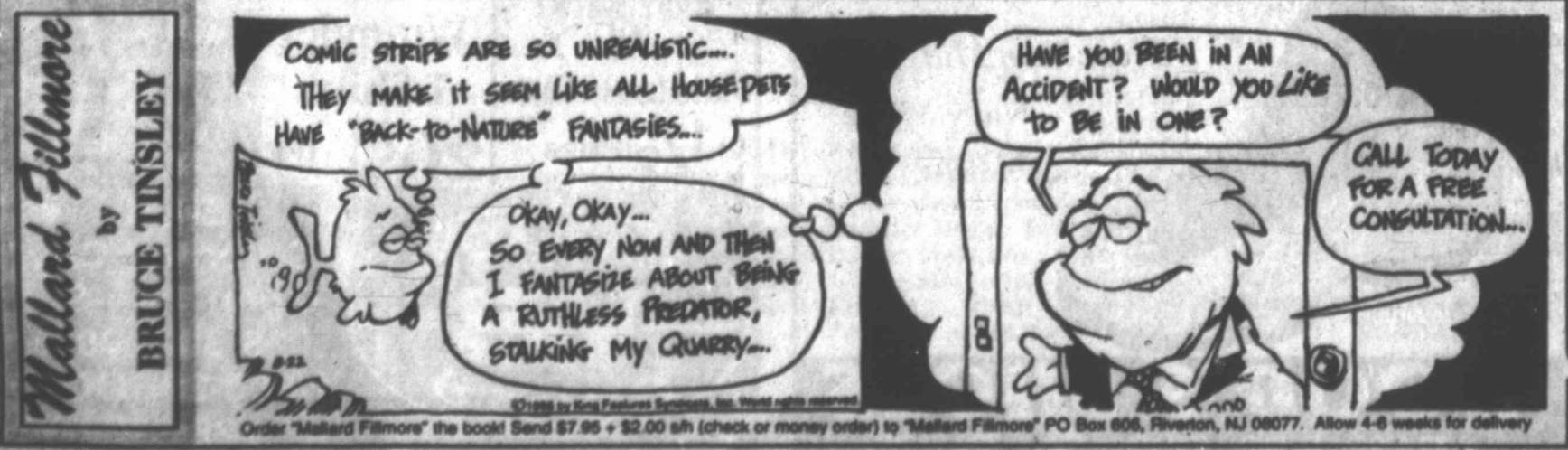
The worst result of the new trend may be that the institutions most likely to provide charity care will be irrevocably lost to their communities.

That isn't enough for CHCA. It actually finances an aggressive PR campaign "to portray non-profits as social parasites," in Kuttner's words.

The company's CEO, Richard Scott, makes it clear: "Non-tax-paying hospitals shouldn't be in business."

Some states disagree and are regulating the takeovers. Unless you agree with him, go read that article, and then make noise.

(Bruce Hilton, director of the National Center for Bioethics, has been an ethics consultant to doctors, hospitals and patients since 1972. He welcomes your letters via CompuServe (76328,1071) or America Online (Ethics).



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◆ Fat ordinarily accounts for about 10-20 percent of the weight of an adult male and about 25 percent of the weight of an adult female.

Do you have a good story idea for the life! section? Call 263-7331, Ext. 235.

Time to sign up for the Howard County Fair Queen and Kountry Kids contests

By KELLIE JONES
Features Editor

The annual Howard County Fair gets underway Labor Day and the deadline for entering the queen's contest is fast approaching.

Fair Director LaVerne Gaskins said the deadline for contestants to enter the pageant is Friday, Aug. 30 with a \$25 fee. Each club, social, fraternal, religious group, business, civic or school organization of Howard County and adjoining counties are allowed to enter one contestant each. The girl doesn't have to be a member of their sponsoring organization but must be a resident of Howard County or an adjoining county.

Gaskins said, "The contestant has to be enrolled in an area high school class of Howard County or an adjoining county or in Howard College. She must be single and never married nor had children." The contestant must be attired in an evening dress.

Gaskins added the girls are judged in an interview on knowledge of the fair and their personality. The queen is expected to be at the fair during the week and help as she is needed. The fair runs from Sept. 2 until Sept. 7. The winner isn't allowed to enter the contest in the future.

The queen will be crowned during a ceremony on the first night of the fair, Sept. 2, at 8 p.m. at the fair grounds. The winner will receive a \$300



HERALD photo
Coahoma teen Carol Garcia was crowned the 1995 Howard County Fair Queen last year.



HERALD photo
William Curry looks anxiously at the judges during last year's Kountry Kids contest at the Howard County Fair.

scholarship to Howard College and the first alternate wins a \$200 scholarship. The second alternate receives a gift and all of the contestants vote on Miss Congeniality who will also receive a gift.

Entry forms may be picked up at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Joy's Hallmark or Athletic Supply. Entries must be submitted by 9 a.m. Friday, Aug. 30.

Meanwhile, preschool children can enter this year's Kountry Kids contest at the Howard County Fair. Boys and girls who are ages zero months to five years but haven't entered kindergarten yet are eligible to enter.

The deadline to enter is Thursday, Sept. 5 at 5 p.m. and the contest is Saturday, Sept. 7 at 10:30 a.m. at the Howard County Fair Barn.

Each contestant is required to wear sportswear with the material content being at least 50 percent cotton. There is a \$10 entry fee per child to cover the cost of prizes, out-of-town judges and promotion cost. Trophies will be handed out to the winners in each age group.

Entry forms may be picked up at the Kid's Shop, Athletic Supply and the Howard County Extension Office. Contact LaVerne Gaskins at (915) 353-4411 or Jaynie Gamble at 263-8504 for more information.

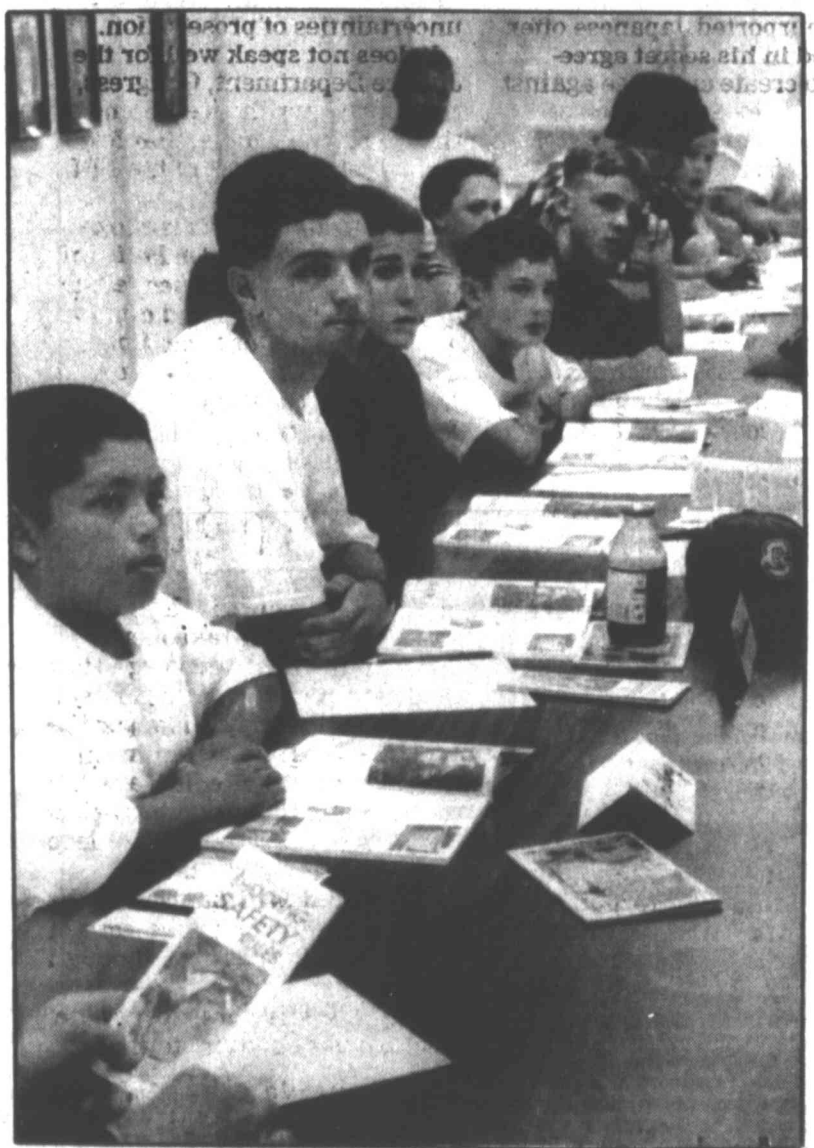
Big Spring Herald survey on: Sex Education and Teen Pregnancy

1. Should there be "sex education" in Big Spring Independent School District classrooms? No ___ Yes ___
2. If so, at what grade level should it begin? Sex education should begin in the ___ grade.
3. If sex education should not be in BSISD classrooms, what is your solution for combatting the high teen pregnancy rate in this area?
4. Do you feel there is a direct correlation between not having sex education in school and a high teenage pregnancy rate? No ___ Yes ___
5. What is your definition of "sex education?"
6. Should control be incorporated into a sex education curriculum? No ___ Yes ___
7. Should condoms be distributed on school campuses? No ___ Yes ___ If yes, at what school level? Elementary ___ Middle school ___ Junior high ___ High school ___
8. Is it realistic today to teach abstinence as part of a sex education curriculum? No ___ Yes ___
9. What do you think is the main reason contributing to such high local, state and national teenage pregnancy rates?
10. Are we doing a disservice to our teens by not fully educating them on the subject of sex and the consequences of becoming sexually active at an early age? No ___ Yes ___
11. Putting public opinion and moral issues aside, would you or do you want you teenage child exposed to a comprehensive sex education curriculum? Yes, I would ___ No, I would not ___

Please return to the Herald at P.O. Box 1431 or 710 Scurry by 5 p.m. Aug. 26.

Please take a moment and fill out this survey concerning teen pregnancy and sex education. The results will be published as part of a week-long series beginning Sept. 1 and ending Sept. 8. The series will look at the problem, offer solutions and publish the results of this survey along with surveys conducted at the Big Spring campuses in grades six through 12.

HUNTING FOR EDUCATION



HERALD photo/Tim Appel
Both youth and adults alike listen to a lesson during a Hunter's Gun Education Course at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Saturday. It is required by law for hunters to take this course before they are issued a hunting license for the first time.

Fun lunches can be a challenge for parents

Scraps Howard News Service

What is your children's day-care or elementary school serving — or failing to serve — for lunch. And, if your children want you to pack a lunch for them, what food should you be sending?

Many children eat most of their food at breakfast and lunch. They get extra calories at snack time and a few more at dinner.

But despite its importance, it's hard for parents to send nutritious, fun lunches day after day. And it's even more intimidating when the U.S. Department of Agriculture tells us a complete lunch should include a protein, two fruits or two vegetables or a fruit and a vegetable, a grain product and milk.

If a good lunch is served at the day-care center or school,

and everyone gets the same, children usually will eat more. Eating together is a healthy stimulant for young appetites. It turns a potential problem time into a party time.

It's tougher, however, if you have to pack your children's lunch. Kids seem to hate everything, and everything seems too big a chore to send. But if a provided lunch is not possible in your child-care situation, here are some tips:

- Consider your child's size. Is he one-fourth as big as you? Then don't pack an adult-sized lunch. An uncut sandwich in a Ziploc bag looks like a raft in a sea of plastic to a small child.
- Sandwiches are dull. To make them more attractive, try packing the contents separately.

Take one or two pieces of bread and cut them in quarters; spread on butter or jam; stack

them and wrap in a mini Ziploc. Bologna, cheese, egg, ham or turkey? Roll it up and pack it in another Ziploc. Remember,

good ones. If children have only so much stomach room, three deserts will fill it quite nicely, and they won't bother

Sandwiches are dull. To make them more attractive, try packing the contents separately.

peanut butter is not a complete protein and should accompany another protein such as cheese or egg.

• Cut fruit and vegetables into children's bite-sized pieces. Pack raisins and other dried fruit, and pack a dab of salad dressing or fruit dip or whipped cream cheese in a capped plastic container.

• Desserts are great, but don't overdo them. Three deserts are too many.

Kids can't choose sensibly between empty calories and

with the protein or the vegetables.

• If Johnny liked last night's leftovers — pack some up in a microwaveable, 4- or 5-ounce covered plastic container.

• Avoid ready-to-eats. They are loaded with fat, sodium and are lacking in nutrition.

Rule of thumb: If you separate the food from the packaging and the garbage piles higher than the food, it's a problem.

Best tip: Think small, think cute, think fun. It makes kids want to eat.

Readers Corner

Submissions for the next Readers Corner page should be at the Herald office by Sept. 16. The next Readers Corner page is scheduled for Sept. 25.

Readers are encouraged to submit stories, poems and pictures. Stories and

poems should be about a page and a half in length.

Some photo suggestions: children or pets doing funny or interesting things. We also accept five-generation pictures.

For more information, call 263-7331 ext. 235.

Recipe Corner

If you have any recipes you would like to see published, please submit them to the Herald office at 710 Scurry or mail them to: P.O. Box 1431; Big Spring, Texas; 79721; attention: Kellie Jones.

Submissions need to be in the Herald office no later than Sept 2. It is scheduled for Sept. 11. Meals that can be made in 30 minutes or less are needed. Also, send in any favorite recipes where you have lowered the calories, fat and/or cholesterol Call 263-7331, ext. 235 for more information.

TIPS 'N' TRIVIA

Dehydration

(NAPS)—Symptoms and tips:
•Symptoms include dry lips and tongue, dark-colored urine, infrequent urination and loss of energy
•Drink fluids every 15 to 20 minutes during physical activity.
•For children under 10, drink until thirst is satisfied then drink two to four ounces more.
•For kids over 10, drink until thirst is satisfied then drink four to eight ounces more.
•Weigh child before and after exercise; for every pound loss, drink 16 oz. of fluid.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Car wash on Saturday

There will be a car wash Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Taco Villa, 1501 S. Gregg. The youth group from Cornerstone Church will be raising money for their youth fund. The money is used for the group to take trips and to do community service work.

Adult education class

Saint Paul Lutheran Church, 810 Scurry, is sponsoring a 14-week adult education class beginning the week of Aug. 25 at 7:30 p.m. Childcare is available if needed. The courses will focus on answering such questions as "Is there a God?", "Does He Care About Me?", "Can't we be 'good' without going to church?", and "Am I Going to Heaven?" Contact the church at 267-7163 for more information.

Pancake breakfast Saturday

The Howard County Fair Board of Directors is sponsoring an All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast fundraiser to benefit the children's Pet-A-Zoo. The breakfast is Saturday from 7-9:30 a.m. at Santa Fe Sandwiches in the Big Spring Mall. Tickets are available in advance for \$4 at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Athletic Supply and Posey Cotton Co.

Send in your recipes

The Sands PTO is putting together a cookbook for this year's fundraiser. The proceeds from the sale of the cookbook will go towards the Sands Scholarship Fund. If you have any recipes you would like to contribute please send them to Alison Foster, Rt. 1, Box 78A; Ackerly; 79713 or call 353-4574. The deadline is Sept. 1.

THE LAST WORD

Great tranquility of heart is he who cares for neither praise nor blame.
—Thomas A Kempis

In politics as on the sickbed people toss from one side to the other, thinking they will be more comfortable.
—Goethe

Experience is not what happens to a man. It is what a man does with what happens to him.
—Aldous Huxley

We always like those who admire us.
—La Rochefoucauld

U.S. Amateur

Challengers eye Tiger

CORNELIUS, Ore. (AP) — No one is giving this U.S. Amateur Championship to Tiger Woods. Not yet, anyway.

Not J.D. Manning, the guy he defeated 3 and 2 in Tuesday's opening round.

And certainly not Jerry Courville, his opponent in today's second round.

And most of all, not Woods who seems to know more than anyone that there is a lot of work to do if he is to win an unprecedented third consecutive U.S. Amateur title.

"You have to take it one step at a time," Woods said after he closed out Manning on the 16th hole. "You can't look forward to the finals on Sunday. You can't skip ahead or you're going to be packing your bags."

Woods, who was 1-down after six holes — mostly because of a series of missed putts — wore down Manning with one 320-yard drive after another.

"We played different golf courses," Manning said. "On No. 9, I'm hitting 2-iron in and he's hitting 7, 8 or 9."

The 20-year-old Stanford student finally shattered Manning's spirit with a very difficult 40-foot, downhill chip-in for birdie on No. 8.

"That was really the turning point of the match," Woods said about the intentionally bladed wedge down the slope from the back fringe.

"With the speed it was going, it would probably have gone off the green," he said.

Instead it hit the stick and dropped in for a birdie.

"It took the wind out of my sails," Manning said. "I think I lost my tempo for a couple of holes."

He lost the next hole to fall 2-down and never got closer.

But as much as Woods out-classed Manning, the 22-year-old Colorado State senior still had an 8-foot birdie putt on No. 16 to keep the match alive. But he missed and that was that.

"That's the funny thing about match play," Woods said. "The best guy doesn't always win. You've got to be tough."

Woods got a tough customer in Courville, a 37-year-old veteran of 14 USGA tournaments, including nine U.S. amateurs.

"I'm even with him right now," Courville said about Woods. "I'm going to go out and play as hard as I can and see what happens."

Courville, the 1995 U.S. Mid-Amateur Champion and a

Walker Cup team member along with Woods, defeated Roger Tambellini 3 and 2 on Tuesday.

Also among the 32 players advancing on Wednesday were Robert Floyd, the son of PGA Tour veteran Raymond Floyd, and Bo Van Pelt, runner-up to Woods in the 36-hole stroke-play qualifier.

The longest match of the day was won by Charles Howell on the 24th hole over Jeff Golliger.

Manning, who said he could only laugh at how far Woods was driving the ball, said Woods was anything but invincible and that the tournament could still be won by someone else in the field of 32 survivors.

"If someone plays well and starts making putts, they can give him a run for his money," Manning said. "It won't be a cakewalk."

Woods started with a shaky putter, missing birdie putts of 15 feet or less on the first three holes before going 1-up when Manning conceded the fourth hole after hitting his second shot out of bounds.

But Woods bogeyed No. 5 from the back bunker and Manning birdied No. 6 to go 1-up.

Rangers feeling giddy after downing Indians

CLEVELAND (AP) — The Texas Rangers took two out of three from the Cleveland Indians. They're in first place in August. The Rangers! It's time for a party! Barbecue and jalapenos for everybody!

Not so fast, manager Johnny Oates said.

"We beat one very good ballclub in one ballgame," Oates said after Texas beat Cleveland 10-8 in 10 innings Wednesday night.

"I could really jump around and get excited if it was the last game of the American League playoffs. But since it's August, I can't."

It seems these much-improved Rangers don't get excited about beating World Series teams anymore. Texas, 6-3 against Cleveland this season, increased its lead in the AL West to eight games over Seattle, which lost to Baltimore.

The Rangers have never been in first place this late in a season. They have a habit of being oh-so close and then wilting in the Texas heat.

Not so this year. At least not yet.

"The people who are talking all that stuff are not the players, in case you haven't noticed," said Will Clark, who seems pretty comfortable in first place.

In clinching the decisive game of the three-game series at Jacobs Field, the Rangers did to the Indians what the Indians usually do to everyone else. And they did it twice in one game.

During the AL pennant season last year, the Indians won 27 games in their last at-bat. They almost won their 15th of this season on Wednesday night, but the Rangers stopped them.

Trailing 8-6 in the ninth, Cleveland tied it on Kenny Lofton's two-run single. The place was rocking like it was 1995 when Albert Belle came up with runners at second and third and two outs.

Ed Vosberg walked Belle intentionally and then got Manny Ramirez to ground out.

In the 10th, Ivan Rodriguez hit a one-out double off Julian Tavarez (4-7), and Rusty Greer followed with his 15th home run to make it 10-8. Ramirez barely moved.

With runners on first and second in the bottom of the inning, Vosberg (1-0) struck out Lofton to end the game.

Greer had an incredible series: 8-for-14, including 4-for-5 in the second game and 3-for-6 with the go-ahead homer on Wednesday.

Floundering Pirates snap losing streak against Astros

HOUSTON (AP) — Denny Neagle and Jeff King helped themselves and the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Neagle got his first victory in a month and King tied his career high with four hits as the Pirates snapped a five-game losing streak and an eight-game road losing streak with a 5-2 victory over the Houston Astros on Wednesday night.

It took Neagle (13-6) six tries to get his 13th victory.

"I've been getting out of my rhythm and not pitching my game," Neagle said. "I've been rushing and fighting myself instead of relaxing and throwing my pitches. Getting the monkey off my back and getting the 13th win will help."

"I was trying to do too much. Tonight, I started out that way, but from the fourth inning on, I pitched my game."

Neagle was 0-2 with three no-decisions since beating Cincinnati 6-4 on July 21. He allowed six hits in 6 2-3 innings. Neagle left in the seventh after Ricky Gutierrez doubled and scored on Brian Hunter's single.

King went 4-for-5, boosting his average in the last five games to .455.

"I've been scuffling for the last three of four weeks, but that's part of the game," King

said. "There are times when you get going and things are easier. That's the way it's been the last few games."

"I can't really say I hit the ball hard. I beat out a couple of infield hits, but I'll take them any way I can get them."

John Ericks pitched the ninth for his third save.

The Pirates snapped Houston starter Mike Hampton's four-game winning streak. The Astros made three errors, helping Pittsburgh win for just the fourth time in 20 road games.

Hampton (10-8) pitched six innings and allowed 12 hits. His last previous loss was July 23 against San Diego.

"He threw fine, his stuff was sharp, but he got some balls out over the plate," Collins said.

The Pirates jumped into the game from the start.

Orlando Merced doubled, took third on left fielder James Mouton's error and scored Pittsburgh's first run in the second inning.

The Pirates got two more runs in the third inning when Jay Bell singled and scored from first on King's double into the left-field corner. King scored on a grounder that shortstop Orlando Miller bobbled for an error.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Bass Club to sponsor kids tourney
The Big Spring 6th Annual Kids Tournament will be held on Sept. 21 at Comanche Trail Lake. Fishing hours are from 9 a.m. to noon. The registration table opens at 8 a.m. Age categories are from 0 to 16.

Meet HC athletes tonight
"Meet the '96-97 Howard College Athletes" will be held tonight night at 7 p.m. in the Student Union Building on the Howard College campus. All sports, trainers, cheerleaders and coaches will be present. The Hawk Booster Club will enroll members (\$10 membership fee) for the 1996-97 campaign.

Varsity volleyballers lose opener
The Big Spring varsity and jayvee volleyball teams lost their season openers against Greenwood on Tuesday night. The varsity lost 15-2, 15-12. The jayvee fell 14-16, 15-4, 15-6. Top players were Juanita Valdez, Lacy Anderson and Leslie McClellan. The varsity plays in the Colorado City Tournament this weekend.

Permlan golfers have playday
Winners in the Permian Basin Women's Golf Association on Tuesday at Big Spring Country Club were:
Low gross: 1. Jo Dickson, Ranchland Hills, 73; 2. Lanell Guelker, Andrews, 75; 3. Nita Horton, Andrews, 86; 4. Jean Abbott, Sunset, 86; 5. Polly Martin, Ranchland Hills, 89.
Low net: 1. Glenodene Williams, Big Spring, 65; 2. Becky Hakes, Ranchland Hills, 68; 3. Lane Reynolds, Big Spring, 68; 4. Sandra Holt, Big Spring, 69; 5. Annie Ward, Comanche, 70.
Low putts: 1. Ginny Piette, Hogan Park; 2.

Janel Davis, Big Spring; 3. Dana Wilkinson, Comanche; 4. Gladys Awalt, Ranchland Hills; 5. Emily Goodfellow, Ranchland Hills, all with 29.

Dove hunt in Colorado City Sept. 7
The 6th Annual Colorado City Rotary Dove Hunt will be held Saturday, Sept. 7. Pre-registration by mail for the hunt can be made by providing name, address and hunting license number, along with a fee of \$30 per gun, to: Rotary Club Dove Hunt, PO Box 1071, Colorado City, TX 79512, Attn: Don Wilson. For more information contact Pat Taylor at 728-3161 or 728-8430 after 5 p.m. or Don Wilson at 728-3445.

Chicano golfers plan Sunday event
The Chicano Golf Association will hold a four-man scramble tournament on Sunday, Aug. 25, at 10 a.m. at Comanche Trail Municipal Golf Course. Teeoff time is 10 a.m. For more information call Benny at 267-5714.

Crossroads football sign-ups end Saturday
Crossroads Little Football League sign-ups will end on Saturday, Aug. 24, at the Big Spring Mall. Players from the third through sixth grades will need a birth certificate. Entry fee is \$30. Cheerleader entry fee is \$10. Registration is from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. today and Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday. For more information contact Bobby Lang at 263-7510 or Carla Crow at 263-7206.

YMCA plans flag football league
The Big Spring Family YMCA will start a flag football league. The organization meeting will be held on Sept. 6 at the YMCA. For more information call the YMCA at 267-8234.

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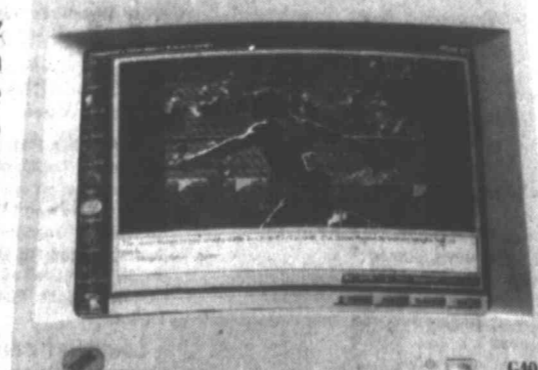
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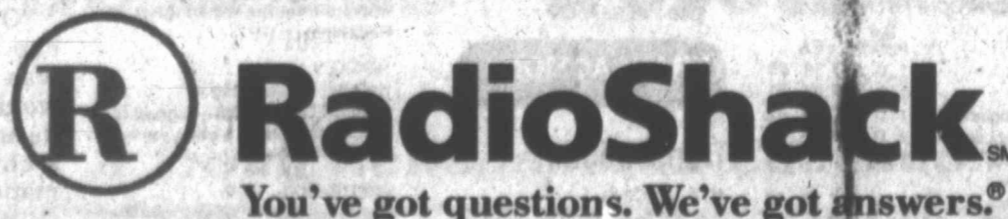
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THIS DATE
IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Thursday, August 22, the 235th day of 1996. There are 131 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On August 22, 1485, England's King Richard III was killed in the Battle of Bosworth Field, ending the War of the Roses. On this date: In 1762, Ann Franklin became the first female editor of an American newspaper, the Newport (R.I.) Mercury. In 1775, England's King George III proclaimed the American Colonies in a state of open rebellion. In 1787, inventor John Fitch demonstrated his steamboat on the Delaware River to delegates of the Continental Congress. In 1846, the United States annexed New Mexico. In 1851, the schooner America outraced the Aurora off the English coast to win a trophy that became known as the America's Cup. In 1902, President Theodore Roosevelt became the first U.S. chief executive to ride in an automobile, in Hartford, Conn. In 1911, it was announced in Paris that Leonardo da Vinci's "Mona Lisa" had been stolen from the Louvre Museum the night before. (The painting turned up two years later, in Italy.) In 1956, President Eisenhower and Vice President Nixon were nominated for second terms in office by the Republican national convention in San Francisco. In 1989, Black Panther co-founder Huey P. Newton was shot to death in Oakland, Calif. (Gunman Tyrone Robinson was later sentenced to 32 years to life in prison.) Ten years ago: Kerr-McGee Corp. agreed to pay the estate of the late Karen Silkwood \$1.38 million, settling a 10-year-old nuclear contamination lawsuit. Five years ago: Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev returned to Moscow following the collapse of the hard-liners' coup. Later that day, he purged his government of the men who'd tried to oust him.

THE Daily Crossword by Wilson McBeath

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.

Wednesday's Puzzle solved: A crossword puzzle solution grid.

- ACROSS: 1 Ordered, 5 Diva Callas, 10 Traffic sign, 14 Ancient Greek coin, 15 Construction item, 16 Chardonnay, 17 Practical wisdom, 19 "a kick out...", 20 Print measurements, 21 Slipper, 22 Gadabouts, 24 Subsides, 26 Restaurant employee, 28 Command to a dog, 30 Plants with bell shaped flowers, 33 Tot in a pool, 36 Turkish generals, 38 CD rate, 39 Press, 40 Practice, 41 Calgary's prov., 42 Part of a journey, 43 Tan, 44 Stratrum, 45 Spanish island, 47 Stern, 49 Votes to accept, e.g., 51 Mozart songs, 55 Write, 57 Scorch, 59 Levin or Gershwin, 60 Protuberance, 61 Kind of knot, 64 Borneo sea, 65 Albacores, 66 PA port, 67 Integers, 68 Inscribed pillar, 69 Some breads, 44 Hideaways, 46 French farewells, 48 Slip by, 50 Display of anger, 52 Log, 53 Baseball's Banks, 54 Rouses, 55 many words, 56 It can be proper, 58 Cure, 62 Ramshackle structure, 63 Pronoun

Big Spring Herald advertisement with contact information and office hours.

Ritz advertisement for Alaska PG and House Arrest PG-13.

Cinemark Theatres advertisement for movies like The Fan (R), A Time to Kill (R), and Jack (PG-13).

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The many benefits of exercising

By KELLIE JONES
Features Editor

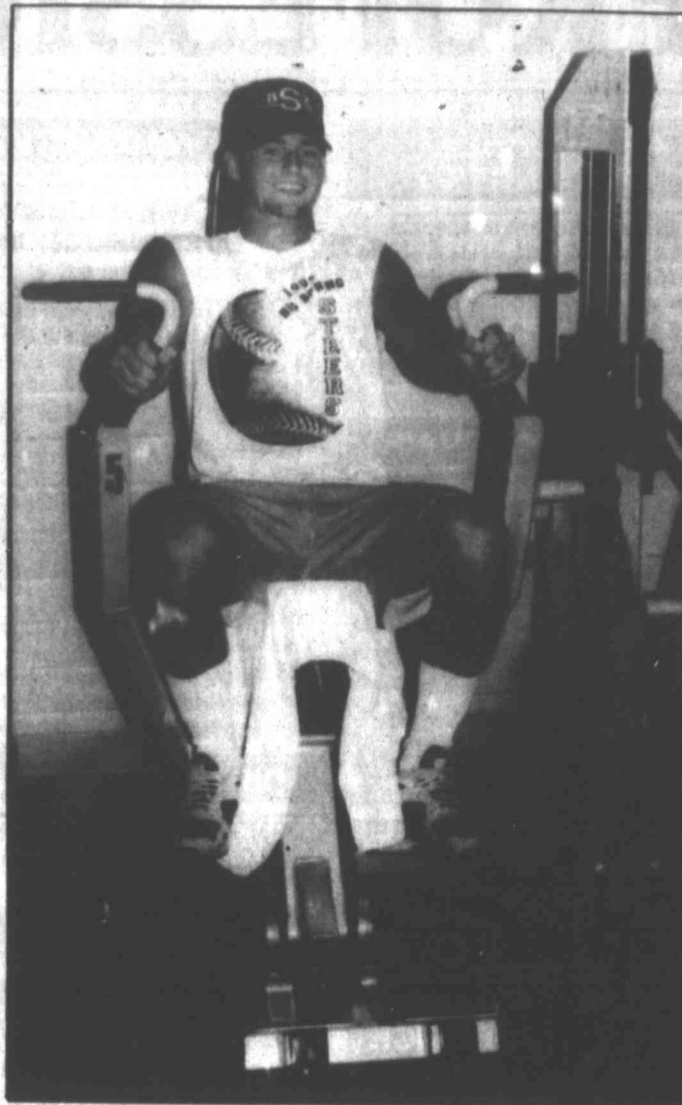
The benefits of exercising are many - from getting yourself in shape, lowering your cholesterol or high blood pressure to losing weight. Exercising doesn't have to mean sweating at a stinky gym for two hours every day in order to see and feel the benefits of working out.

Many studies have shown walking 30 minutes a day, three days a week has reduced stress, lowered cholesterol and increased people's energy and stamina. TaeKwonDo not only exercises the mind but also the body. Performing various moves gets you in shape and motivates you to keep yourself healthy.

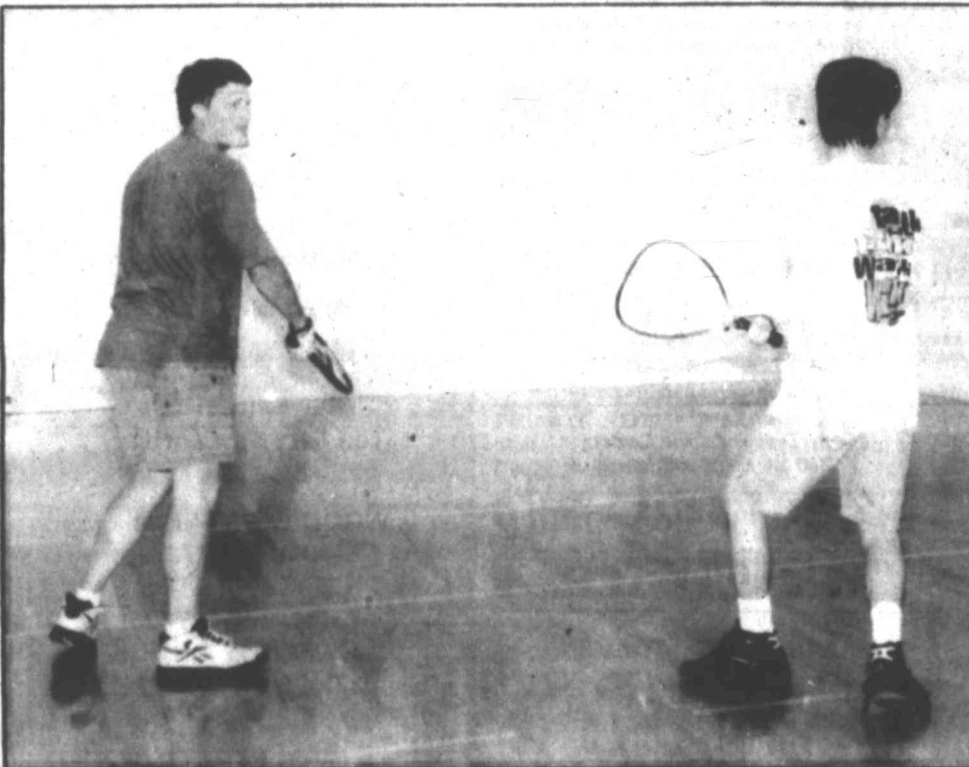
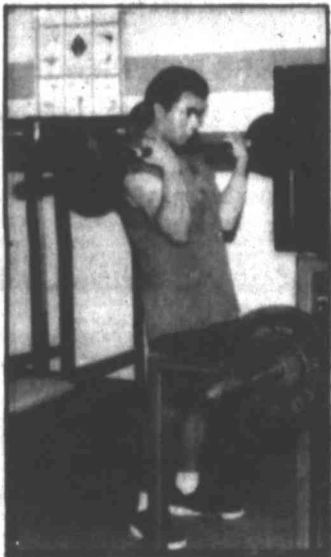
Lifting weights is by far the best way to develop muscle tone. The Harold Davis Fitness Center on the campus of Howard College and the YMCA both have weight rooms for the community to use. The fitness center also has a circuit training course where you do repetitions on a weight machine for 30 seconds then move to a new station and do some sort of aerobic workout. The aerobic portion could be running in place, riding a stationary bicycle or stepping on a step machine. There are several stations and it takes a total of about 20-30 minutes to complete.

The YMCA also has racquetball and handball courts. That's the kind of exercising that is both fun and beneficial. There is also an indoor swimming pool and basketball court.

There is always aerobics or Jazzercise classes that offer different courses in the mornings, evenings and weekends. If you want to get in shape or stay that way, then Big Spring has the answer whether it be the fitness center, YMCA, Jazzercise, Aerobic Connection or even the track at Blankenship Field where you can walk for free.



Clockwise from left: Crystal Ramirez (left) and Shane Rios practice during their TaeKwonDo class at the Harold Davis Fitness Center at Howard College. Marc Baker uses the chest press machine on the circuit training course at the Fitness Center. TaeKwonDo instructor Cliff Brott (right) watches as his student Misty Trevino practices a move. Chris Batchelor (left) and James Fite enjoy a friendly game of racquetball at the YMCA. John Valbuena takes advantage of the weight room at the YMCA to work out Thursday evening.



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