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## Westside slates registration for next three days

Westside Community Center will have fall registration on Tuesday through Thursday at the Westside Community Day Care Center, building 449 in the Big Spring Industrial Park, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information call Melinda or Kelli at 263-7841.

## WHAT'S UP...

### TODAY

□ Texas Tech Ex-Students Association Big Spring Chapter, 6 p.m., Sparenberg Building, 309 S. Main.  
□ Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third.  
□ Gospel singing, 7 p.m., Kentwood Center, 2805 Lynn.

### TUESDAY

□ Intermediate line dance classes, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center.  
□ Coahoma Senior Citizens luncheon, 11 a.m., Coahoma Community Center.  
□ VFW Post No. 2013, VFW Hall, 7 p.m.  
□ Big Spring Chapter No. 67, Order of the Eastern Star, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 219 Main.

### WEDNESDAY

□ Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room  
□ Senior Circle Big Spring Mall Walkers meet 9:15 a.m. in front of theater box office.  
□ Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.  
□ Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park.  
□ Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

### THURSDAY

□ Gideons International Big Spring Camp No. 4206, 7 a.m., Hermans.  
□ Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classes, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.  
□ Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.  
□ Genealogical Society of Big Spring, 7:15 p.m., Howard County Library.

## WEATHER

### Tonight:



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## Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary hopes give Salvation Army a boost

By ALLISON THOMAS  
Staff Writer

Big Spring Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary is collecting canned food this month to benefit the Salvation Army.

"We read that the food bins are almost empty at the Salvation Army, and decided to help," said Sue Jones, a Ladies Auxiliary member who



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is organizing the drive.

Cans may be dropped off at the Eagles Lodge, which will be open on Wednesdays from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., and Saturdays from 8 p.m. to midnight.

The Salvation Army Lodge, a place where any individual or family in need may take shelter for a night, reported earlier in the summer that the food bins had reached a critical low.

The Salvation Army has also been holding a school supply drive to gather school supplies that might otherwise be too expensive for students in need.

The Eagles Lodge plans to contribute

about \$50 to the school supply drive, and another \$50 to the Northside Center, Jones said.

Although there is no specific number of cans the Ladies Auxiliary would like to bring in, they hope the drive will bring in enough food to significantly help the Salvation Army.

"Hopefully we will gather enough canned food to make it worthwhile to bring it down there," said Jones.

The Ladies Auxiliary Chapter of the Eagles is in charge of organizing the canned food drive.

This is the first year for the drive, but

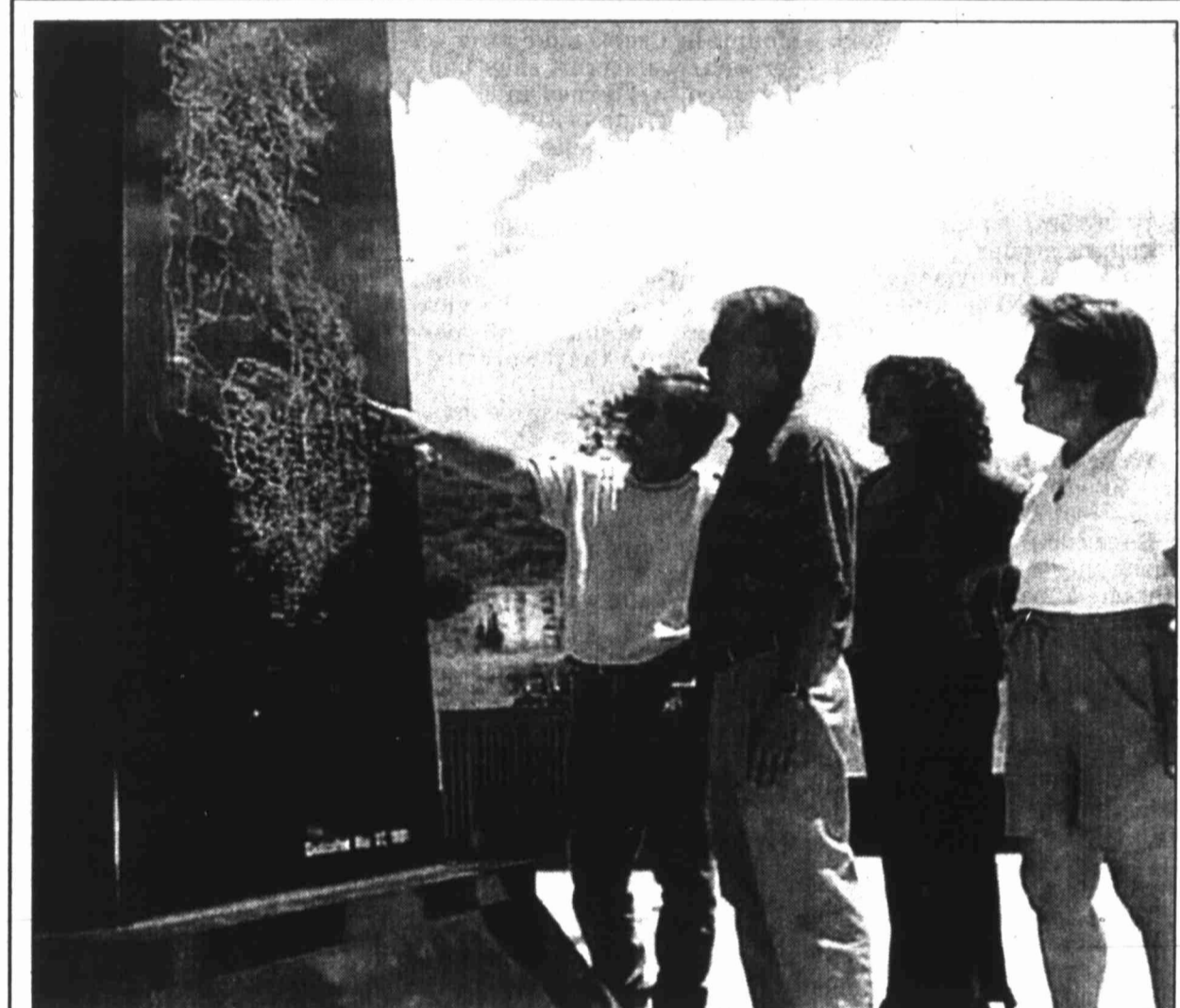
it may become an annual event for the Eagles.

"We're learning what to do as we go along," said Jones.

"We're doing everything we can, because whatever we can give is better than nothing."

The Eagles plan to deliver the canned food to the Salvation Army on Sept. 1, after the Wednesday meeting.

Anyone wishing to donate to the Eagle's canned food drive can bring cans to the Eagles Lodge on West Third Street, or Sue Jones can be reached at 264-7518.



HERALD photo/Rick McLaughlin

New Mexico visitors to Big Spring said they were pleased and impressed with the Vietnam Memorial. From left to right, Alfred Padilla of Belen, his brother Joe Padilla of Albuquerque, their sister, Angelina Jacquez of Albuquerque and Nicole Jacquez, daughter-in-law of Angelina, watch as Alfred describes his locations while in service in Vietnam on the engraved map of Southeast Asia.

## Reunion

### Old Settlers event expected to draw several hundred people here this weekend

By MARSHA STURDIVANT  
Staff Writer

Several hundred folks are expected to gather Saturday for the 75th annual Howard-Glasscock Old Settlers Reunion at Dora Roberts Community Center.

"This is for everybody, and we encourage young people to attend. The reason this was started in the first place was to give the younger people a chance to meet the founding fathers of the county," said Mel Prather, vice president of tourism for the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, and an organizer of the reunion.

Prather said the old settler's reunion began as an opportunity for early settlers of Howard and Glasscock counties to spend



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one day a year visiting and catching up on births, deaths, marriages and each others' lives.

"This was really a group of farmers and ranchers who gathered together to talk about their heritage," Prather said.

The reunion begins with registration at 9 a.m. Prather said organizers anticipate 350-400 people for the barbecue luncheon, catered by T & T Barbecue.

Tickets for the luncheon are \$3 for those younger than 12 or older than 65. For those 12-65, the cost of the meal is \$6, he said.

Bingo will begin about 9 a.m., he said, for 50 cents a card, and other games are scheduled throughout the morning.

"We have several awards planned, including the Mack Underwood Travel Award, for the person who traveled the farthest to attend the reunion, and

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## Judge doesn't want Borden County to be used as 'dumping ground'

By BILL MCCLELLAN  
News Editor

If Borden County Judge Van L. York has his say, a company looking for a nuclear waste disposal site can just keep looking.

"I don't want Borden County to be a dump ground for the State of Texas and other states. I just don't want it here. And I will fight them every step of the way, if that's what it takes," York said this morning.

Envirocare of Texas has iden-

tified Borden County and Childress County as potential sites for a nuclear waste bunker. Rick Jacobi, vice president of operations for the disposal company, visited with York recently to discuss the possibility of locating a site in Borden County.

"They say it's low-level. What they tell me is it has a long half-life, but some other measurement they use defines it as low-level," said York.

Envirocare says the low-level

waste would not be a threat. Geological testing shows the site, and the one in Childress County, might be suitable for an above-ground concrete bunker to house the waste.

"My understanding is they have come up with new technology and they are looking at that," said York. "I just had one visit with them. I told them I was against it and would fight it all the way like I did in the early '80s."

Texas Low Level Nuclear

Waste Disposal Authority was interested in Borden County as a site in the 1980s, but county residents weren't interested then, either. Eventually, Hudspeth County was selected, and Texas agreed to build a disposal site for Maine and Vermont. However, the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission denied a license last year, citing concerns about a geological fault under the 500-acre tract near Sierra Blanca.

Hudspeth County is suing Vermont and Maine for \$2.5 million, claiming it is still owed that money, even though the deal fell through.

Money, said York, is what it is all about.

"That's the only thing they've got to sell, dollars," said York. "The people I've visited with don't want it here. While I'm sure that technology has improved, I'm not confident that there is no danger. We don't want it here."

## Latest donations put HOG within \$1,300 of reaching goal to purchase camera

By ALLISON THOMAS  
Staff Writer

With recent fundraisers and donations from Big Spring businesses such as Wal-Mart and the Carriage Inn, the Harley Owner's Group (HOG) is close to its goal of \$18,000 to purchase a thermal imaging camera for the Big Spring Fire Department.

In an outdoor presentation on Thursday morning, Wal-Mart employees presented HOG members with a \$500 check. Present was a fire truck, which the Wal-Mart employees climbed on and cheered when manager Daryl Holley presented the check.

"We're really happy to do this," said Holley.

The Carriage Inn hosted a free pancake breakfast last Friday morning from 6:30 to 9:30 with donations going to the fundraiser. Approximately 100 people were served, and \$809 was donated toward the camera.

"Some people bought a very expensive breakfast," said Barry Barnett, a member of HOG.

Chuck Cawthon and his employee Ryan Beall donated \$100 to the camera fund. Cawthon's business, Chuck's

Surplus, is located next to the Harley shop, and Beall's father is a firefighter.

With these recent donations, only \$1,300 more is needed for the camera.

"It is the people of Big Spring, not HOG, that have done all this," said Barnett. "We just gave them the opportunity to come together for this, and they have. It's the citizens of Big Spring who have done it."

A thermal imaging camera uses heat-sensitive technology to allow firefighters to locate people in dark or smoky buildings.

The camera senses body heat, so the firefighters can instantly determine if there is a person still in the building. The camera also enables firefighters to "see" through walls to locate the source of the fire, therefore extinguishing it more quickly.

Big Spring Police Department will also be using the camera as it is needed. The police can use the heat-sensitive technology to find a lost child in the trees, or locate a criminal hiding in an abandoned building with minimal risk.

Anyone wishing to make a donation toward the thermal imaging camera, may contact the Harley Davidson Shop at 263-2322.



At right, City Councilman Chuck Cawthon and employee Ryan Beall present a \$100 check to Howard Walker, who owns the Harley Davidson Shop. Below, Wal-Mart manager Daryl Holley sits on Harley Owners Group (HOG) member Barry Barnett's motorcycle after presenting him and other HOG members with a \$500 check. Wal-Mart employees raised the money to help HOG buy a thermal imaging camera for the fire department.

HERALD photos/Allison Thomas



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# As heat breaks, grim discoveries mount

CHICAGO (AP) — The mercury had slipped to an almost crisp 59 degrees when Bill Hansche left for work. "Today, it's just perfect," Hansche said as he headed for the Maple Grove County Club in West Salem, Wis. "I wish you could box these up and bring one out every day you need one."

The Midwest and East definitely needed one. As cooler air wafted through Chicago on Sunday, authorities continued to find bodies and said they were sure the number of heat-related deaths would go even higher.

Thirty more names were added to the list Sunday. The heat has contributed to the deaths of 80 people in Illinois and at least 191 people nationwide since July 19.

A cold front that pushed to the east early today brought much-needed relief to the Midwest on Sunday, dropping high tempera-

tures by 10 degrees to 20 degrees than the end of last week. Chicago warmed to 81 by early afternoon, compared to a high of 104 on Friday.

In Louisville, Ky., the afternoon temperature was down to — from a high of 104 on Friday and 99 on Saturday. In Missouri, where 44 people died, temperatures returned to seasonable levels.

"This feels wonderful," said Scott Kissell as he took a Sunday morning walk along Brush Creek near Kansas City's Country Club Plaza shopping district. "It's been nutty. A hundred and six! That's a little much. This is a lot better."

Deaths were reported in 20 states and many shared a tragic thread: People most at risk from the heat were often the ones who wouldn't — or couldn't — wrap themselves to pay the electricity bill and install an air conditioner in Eddie Slautas' apartment above their tavern.

Each time, they said, he refused.

"He said, 'Why should I make my electric bill higher. The fan is good enough,'" Sandy Folak said.

On Friday night, with his fan still running, the heat killed Eddie Slautas, two days before his 75th birthday.

Another Chicago resident, Ilko Homziak, also didn't want any help.

"I tried to get him (air) conditioning," said Olga Romani of her 82-year-old younger brother, whose body was found in the upstairs room of the house they shared. "He say, 'I no want, I no want.'"

In dozens of states, authorities found heartbreaking scenes when worried neighbors or friends called about those missing or at risk.

Police in Nashville, Tenn., kicked down a door and discovered the body of a 95-year-old woman in her 95-degree home.

Gertrude Williams was dressed for church and sitting in a wheelchair with an offering check in her hand.

Church members say they wanted to help Ms. Williams get an air conditioner but she refused, saying it would make her sneeze and uncomfortably cold.

In Newman, Ga., a 14-year-old boy confined to a bed and requiring a ventilator to breathe died of heat stroke in a home where the electricity had been turned off by the utility company.

The teenager's battery-run ventilator continued to work without electricity, but the home's central air conditioning shut down. The boy's body temperature was 107 degrees when he died, the coroner said.

Dennis McEntire of Newman Utilities said the power was turned off as a result of miscommunication. The family had moved in last week.

# Congress negotiates final tax cut package

WASHINGTON (AP) — House and Senate lawmakers, facing an end-of-week deadline and the certainty of a presidential veto, are seeking to forge a common version of their similar 10-year, \$792 billion tax cut packages.

Rep. Bill Archer, R-Texas, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee; Senate Finance Committee Chairman William Roth, R-DeL., and others planned to meet tonight to try to resolve differences in the two bills. The goal is to win final passage of a bill before Congress begins its summer recess at week's end.

The measure, however, would not be sent to the White House until September, preventing President Clinton from vetoing it while Congress is away.

Clinton aides and congressional Democrats kept up their attacks on the GOP plans Sunday.

"It would be better to do nothing and pay down \$100 billion of our national debt than to sign a large and irresponsible tax cut that would signal to the world that the era of fiscal discipline in the United States is over," Gene Sperling, chairman of Clinton's National Economic Council, said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

The projected \$1 trillion surplus over the next decade that Republicans assume in their tax cut plans "is all imaginary and I think we ought to get with the reality that now is the time to pay down the debt," Sen. Ernest Hollings, D-S.C., added.

But Republicans insisted that the money is there and that unlike Democrats, who would spend it on new govern-

ment programs, they believe it should be returned to the American people. "We are much further apart than the public understands," Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, said on ABC's "This Week."

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Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M., said any such compromise must include a very large tax cut. "If they don't want to start with that, then we will have gridlock on their terms; it will be their fault," he said on CNN's "Late Edition."

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Another opponent of tax cuts, Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., said that with a continuation of current government spending levels and normal emergency spending for such things as droughts, the surplus would be closer to \$46 billion than \$1 trillion after 10 years. "And that means the tax cut sends us into a deficit."

# Texas schedules six executions in 14-day period

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Up to six convicted killers could be put to death over the next 14 days in the busiest spurt of executions in Texas in more than two years.

Texas already accounts for more than one-third of all the executions in the United States since capital punishment resumed in the late 1970s and is closing in on 200 lethal injections since convicted murderer Charlie Brooks ushered in the new death penalty era in the state in 1982.

The Texas count now stands at 180, including 16 this year. Another six already are on the execution schedule for September and October and it's possible this year could challenge the record 37 prisoners put to

death in 1997.

The convicted killers set to die this month are all longtime death row inmates whose confinements range from more than 11 years to more than 18 years.

They include:

- Ricky Blackmon, set to die Wednesday for the robbery-slaying of a Shelby County man who was stabbed and slashed with a homemade medieval-style sword in 1987.
- Charles Boyd, to be executed Thursday for strangling and drowning a Dallas woman at her apartment in 1987.
- Kenneth Dunn, 39, facing death Aug. 10 for the 1980 shooting death of a Houston-area bank teller.
- James Earhart, 56, sched-

uled for injection Aug. 11 for the fatal shooting of a 9-year-old Bryan girl abducted from her home in 1987.

- Larry Robison, 41, set to die Aug. 17 for the fatal stabbing and shooting of a 33-year-old man, one of five people Robison has acknowledged killing in Tarrant County in 1982.
- Joe Trevino, 37, scheduled for punishment Aug. 18 for the rape-strangulation of an 80-year-old Tarrant County woman at her home in 1983.
- Blackmon, 41, the first of the half-dozen this month to face the lethal needle, says his death, likely to occur Wednesday because all his appeals are exhausted, is the best thing that could happen.

"Every young man on death

row should give thanks to God when they get an execution date," he said in a recent interview with The Associated Press.

"If they wanted to punish me, that would be a life sentence. They're giving me a way out. I'm thanking God for it."

Blackmon acknowledges hacking to death Carl Rinkle, 26, at Rinkle's Shelby County home in far East Texas the night of March 28, 1987, and taking about \$600 in cash and a small pistol.

The murder weapon was a 3-foot-long serrated-edge steel sword the former sawmill worker made out of a sawblade. He blamed a girlfriend, jealousy, drugs and a need for some quick cash for the attack that left Rinkle butchered.

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## 1999 Property Tax Rates In BIG SPRING CITY

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<b>Last year's tax rate:</b>	
Last year's operating taxes	\$1,928,283
Last year's debt taxes	\$591,398
Last year's total taxes	\$2,519,681
Last year's tax base	\$413,061,885
Last year's total tax rate	0.61000/\$100
<b>This year's effective tax rate:</b>	
Last year's adjusted taxes	\$2,508,871
(after subtracting taxes on lost property)	
/ This year's adjusted tax base	\$397,110,324
(after subtracting value of new property)	
= This year's effective tax rate	0.63178/\$100
<b>This year's rollback tax rate:</b>	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes	\$2,855,202
(after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for transferred function)	
/ This year's adjusted tax base	\$397,110,324
= This year's effective operating rate	0.71899/\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.77650/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	0.10817/\$100
= This year's rollback rate	0.88467/\$100
- Sales tax adjustment rate	0.21744/\$100
= Rollback tax rate	0.66723/\$100

### Schedule A Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

<b>Type of Property Tax Fund</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Interest & Sinking Fund	\$0
Maintenance & Operation Fund	\$505,048

### Schedule B 1999 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
Contractual Obligations 1990	\$30,000	\$1,125	\$0	\$31,125
General Obligations Bonds 1993	\$125,000	\$103,194	\$200	\$228,394
General Obligations Refunding Bonds 1993	\$152,516	\$8,866	\$0	\$161,382

<b>Total required for 1999 debt service</b>	<b>\$420,901</b>
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A	\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources	\$0
- Excess collections last year	\$0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 1999	\$420,901
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 96.00% of its taxes in 1999	\$17,538
= Total debt levy	\$438,439

### Schedule C: Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax

In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates the unit estimated that it will receive \$0 in additional sales and use tax revenues.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 315 MAIN (COUNTY ANNEX) BIG SPRING, TX. 79720.

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## 1999 Property Tax Rates In HOWARD COLLEGE

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<b>Last year's tax rate:</b>	
Last year's operating taxes	\$2,377,769
Last year's debt taxes	\$0
Last year's total taxes	\$2,377,769
Last year's tax base	\$1,120,008,156
Last year's total tax rate	0.21230/\$100
<b>This year's effective tax rate:</b>	
Last year's adjusted taxes	\$2,369,153
(after subtracting taxes on lost property)	
/ This year's adjusted tax base	\$962,149,985
(after subtracting value of new property)	
= This year's effective tax rate	0.24623/\$100
<b>This year's rollback tax rate:</b>	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes	\$2,369,153
(after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for transferred function)	
/ This year's adjusted tax base	\$962,149,985
= This year's effective operating rate	0.24623/\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.26592/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	0.00000/\$100
= This year's rollback rate	0.26592/\$100

### Schedule A Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

<b>Type of Property Tax Fund</b>	<b>Balance</b>
UNENCUMBERED FUND	\$0

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Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
NONE	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

<b>Total required for 1999 debt service</b>	<b>\$0</b>
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A	\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources	\$0
- Excess collections last year	\$0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 1999	\$0
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 0.00% of its taxes in 1999	\$0
= Total debt levy	\$0

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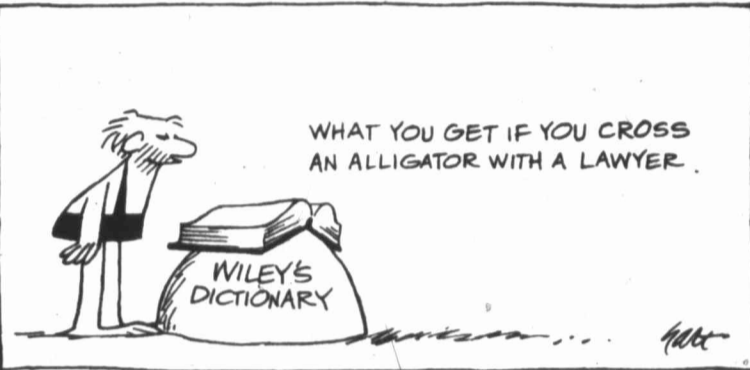
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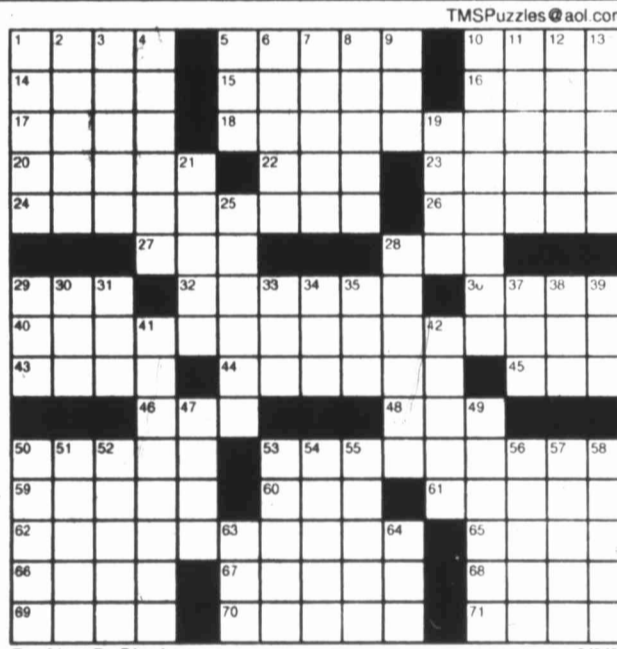
The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Monday, Aug. 2, the 214th day of 1999. There are 151

days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Aug. 2, 1776, members of the Continental Congress began attaching their signatures to the Declaration of Independence. On this date:

In 1876, frontiersman "Wild Bill" Hickok was shot and killed while playing poker at a saloon in Deadwood, S.D. In 1923, the 29th president of the United States, Warren G. Harding, died in San Francisco. In 1934, German President Paul von Hindenburg died, paving the way for Adolf Hitler's complete takeover. In 1939, Albert Einstein signed a letter to President Roosevelt...

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By Alan P. Oleschewig Huntington Beach, CA 8/2/99

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In 1943, a Navy patrol torpedo boat, PT-109, commanded by Lt. John F. Kennedy, sank after being sheared in two by a Japanese destroyer off the Solomon Islands. (Kennedy was credited with saving members of the crew.) In 1945, President Truman, Soviet leader Josef Stalin and British Prime Minister Clement Attlee concluded the Potsdam conference. In 1964, the Pentagon reported the first of two attacks on U.S. destroyers by North Vietnamese torpedo boats in the Gulf of Tonkin. In 1980, 85 people were killed when a bomb exploded at the train station in Bologna, Italy. In 1985, 137 people were killed when a Delta Air Lines jumbo jet crashed while attempting to land at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport. In 1990, Iraq invaded Kuwait, seizing control of the oil-rich emirate. (The Iraqis were driven out in Operation Desert Storm.) Ten years ago: Abortion rights advocates gained a surprising victory in the U.S. House of Representatives, which voted against including abortion curbs in a spending bill for the District of Columbia. Five years ago: Serbia threatened to cut all aid to the Bosnian Serbs if they didn't approve an international peace plan. One year ago: Cyclist Marco Pantani of Italy won the Tour de France, which had been marred by a doping scandal. Ventriloquist Shari Lewis died in Los Angeles at age 65. Today's Birthdays: Actress Beatrice Straight is 81. Former Republican Sen. Paul Laxalt is 77. Actor Carroll O'Connor is 75. Actor Peter O'Toole is 67. Country singer Hank Cochran is 64. Rock musician Garth Hudson (The Band) is 62. Movie director Wes Craven is 60. Singer Edward Patten (Gladys Knight & The Pips) is 60. Singer Doris Kenner-Jackson (The Shirelles) is 58. Actor Max Wright is 56. Actress Joanna Cassidy is 54. Actress Kathryn Harrold is 49. Singer Andrew Gold is 48.