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Howard College offices will be closed on Friday

Offices at Howard College, which returned to normal hours this week, will be closed Friday as instructors and staff participate in professional development.

Normal hours, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, will resume Monday.

Registration for the fall semester is Aug. 18-19. On Thursday, Aug. 19, registration will be from 8:30 a.m. until noon.

Registration for the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for Deaf is set for Friday, Aug. 20.

Deadline nears to enter queen contest for fair

Entries are being accepted through Friday for the Howard County Fair Queen Contest. All those interested in competing can pick up a form at the Howard County Extension Office, in the basement of the courthouse, or Athletic Supply, Merle Norman or Joy's Hallmark.

Entrants will be judged on Saturday, Aug. 21, at Big Spring Mall, and the 1999 queen will be crowned Aug. 30 during the fair. Entrants must be enrolled in a high school of Howard County or an adjoining county, or enrolled at Howard College. This year's fair takes place Aug. 30-Sept. 5.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

- American Legion Auxiliary, 7 p.m.
- Masonic Lodge No. 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.
- Big Spring Newcomer's Club. Call for time and location at 267-8741.

FRIDAY

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Bring a lunch.
- AMBUCS, noon, Brandin' Iron Restaurant.

WEATHER

Tonight:



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Drop in Howard County oil values sends effective tax rates higher

RICK McLAUGHLIN
Staff Writer

Effective tax rates have been set for the various government taxing entities in Howard County, and all are up because the assessed valuations are down, according to Kathy Sayles, Howard County tax assessor collector.

For Howard County itself, this year's total effective tax rate is .53231 per \$100 of valuation.

This year's general fund adjusted tax base for Howard County is \$963,377,247, after subtracting value of new property. That is less than last year's general fund tax base of \$1,121,364,196.

This year's Howard County rollback rate is .57354 per \$100 of valuation.

Last year's general fund tax rate of .39540 is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. Total county taxes last year were \$4,443,873.

This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if properties taxed in both years are compared.

This year's rollback rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures.

In each case, these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the

tax base with adjustments as required by state law.

Effective tax rate for Big Spring Independent School District is 1.51 per \$100, according to Ron Plumlee, assistant superintendent for business. This year's tax base is \$608,230,566, compared to more than \$670 million last year, Plumlee said.

This year's rollback rate for BSISD is 1.53. Last year's tax rate was 1.4413 with taxes of \$9,531,776.

For the city of Big Spring, the total effective tax rate is .63178 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

This year's general fund adjusted tax base for the city is \$397,110,324, after sub-

tracting value of new property. That is less than last year's tax base of \$413,061,885.

This year's city of Big Spring rollback rate is .66723 per \$100 of valuation.

Last year's general fund tax rate of .61000 is the actual rate the used used to determine property taxes last year. Total city taxes last year were \$2,519,681.

For Howard College, this year's effective tax rate is .24623 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

This year's tax base, after subtracting value of new property, is \$962,149,985. That is less than last year's tax base of

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Hutchison touts tax bill in Gail



Borden County residents Larry and Wanda Smith visit with U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison after she spoke Wednesday at the courthouse in Gail.

By **BILL McCLELLAN**
News Editor

GAIL — During a whirlwind tour of West Texas, U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison touted the recently passed tax bill, pledged her support for George W. Bush as the next president and said society — not gun control — is the answer to combating violence at schools and in the workplace.

"The real difference between our tax bill and the one the president supports is that we give the surplus back to the people and he wants to spend it on programs that I feel are not the right priorities," said Hutchison, addressing a group of about 50 people in the Borden County Courthouse.

"The surplus comes from income tax withholding. We have taxed the public too much. Instead of spending it all on new government programs, we feel the taxpayers should get it back," the Dallas Republican said.

The \$792 billion tax bill,

which Clinton has said he will veto, would be phased in over a 10-year period, with citizens realizing more of a tax break several years into it, Hutchison said.

It includes lowering tax brackets 1 percent at all levels, cutting capital gains taxes, allowing those over age 50 to make catch-up payments to pension plans and individual retirement accounts, and phase-out of the marriage tax penalty.

She said the bill also includes oil and gas tax breaks and will aid farmers and ranchers.

"The taxpayer refund bill... provides tools farmers and ranchers can use to manage the extreme, year-to-year fluctuations in income that are a hallmark of agriculture. The bill creates Farm and Ranch Risk Management (FARRM) Accounts to help stabilize farm income."

Hutchison said the FARRM Accounts will allow farmers and ranchers to contribute up to 20 percent of their income to

a tax-deferred, IRA-type account for up to five years. The bill would also allow the self-employed to deduct the full cost of their health insurance, and would phase out the death (estate) tax, making it easier, she said, to keep family-run farms, ranches and businesses in the family.

Hutchison said she fully supports Texas governor and fellow Republican George W. Bush in his bid for the presidency.

"I wish we had more people like him in Washington," she said. And she told those present that while she believes he will win the GOP nomination "fairly easily," she expects him to have to work "very hard" during the election.

While the group of people at the courthouse was small, it was diverse, containing students, ranchers, farmers, business men and women and retirees. It was from a Borden County student that Hutchison

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CRMWD

Board of directors votes to do 'whatever necessary' to get water snake de-listed

RICK McLAUGHLIN
Staff Writer

The Colorado River Municipal Water District board of directors has unanimously voted "to do whatever necessary" to obtain the removal of the Concho water snake from the endangered species list and approved initial funding up to \$25,000 to carry on the fight.

The board made the decision immediately following a lengthy executive session during which the issue was discussed under the pending litigation provision of the Texas open meetings law.

"It's a long-term problem for us," said district general manager John W. Grant. "We don't think the snake should be on the list. Every time we want to do some work on (lakes) O.H. Ivie and Spence, that snake will always come into play. We've already spent \$4 million on it," observed Grant.



GRANT

"Every time we turn around, the Fish and Wildlife Service could require us to spend another \$40,000 to \$100,000 each time for special permits," said Grant. "That can be pretty costly in the long run. After 10 years of study and \$4 million, what more information do they need? When does it stop?" Grant asked.

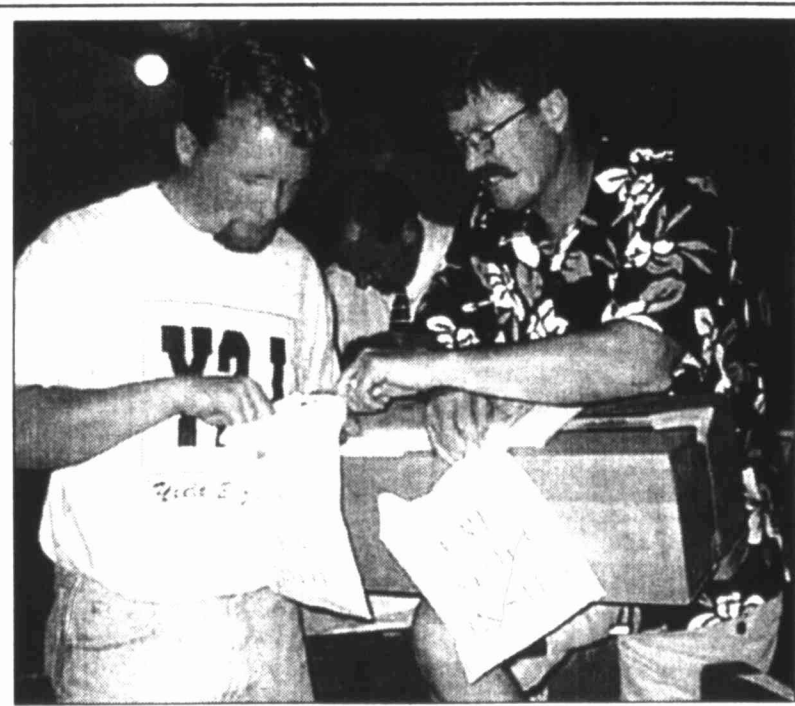
That will be the topic of the first effort to get the snake de-listed. In the wake of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service decision to keep the Concho water snake on the endangered species list, a meeting has been scheduled for Aug. 30 in Big Spring with federal and wildlife state officials, and officials of the water district.

The board and Grant do not agree with the finding that the snake should remain as a listed species.

The Concho water snake is a non-poisonous reptile inhabiting the Concho and Colorado rivers.

The snake became important when the CRMWD began building the O.H. Ivie Reservoir 10 years ago. To date, the CRMWD has invested \$3.9 million in a

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James Sanderson, left, and Malcolm Pointon, of Christ's Community Church, look over their information sheets after picking up videos about the life of Jesus Christ to be distributed locally. The church is one of more than 60 participating in the Jesus Video Project, in which 10,000 free videos will be handed out in Howard County beginning Aug. 21.

As anticipated, Howard College to increase tax rate

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

Howard College trustees voted unanimously to increase the district's tax rate for 1999-2000 to .2565 per \$100 valuation, up from .2123, the rate for last year.

"This reflects a 5 percent increase in tax levy, or the amount of money generated by taxes," said Terry Hansen, vice president for administrative systems.

A public hearing has been set



HANSEN

for Aug. 19 at 12:30 p.m. in the board room at the Student Union Building, to allow taxpayers an opportunity to comment on the proposed increase.

In dollars and cents, this approved tax rate will mean an additional \$14.10 for a homeowner of a \$30,495 house, for a total tax levy of \$78.84 for Howard College, Hansen said.

"These figures were provided by Kathy Sayles (Howard County tax assessor/collector)," Hansen said.

A home valued at \$40,000 will have an \$18.50 increase, for a total of \$84.92 in junior college taxes.

For a home with an assessed value of \$100,000, a tax payer may expect a \$46.24 increase, or a total tax levy of \$246.23 for

Howard College.

Hansen said taxes generate less than 20 percent of the overall budget for the junior college district, a marked decline in the past 15 years, when taxes accounted for nearly 50 percent of the budget.

"State and federal funds have increased, which has reduced the percentages. The tax rate has been pretty consistent since 1988, and some years we have not gone to the effective tax rate. This has not been easy and we have been very resourceful in generating funds," Hansen said.

To obtain the effective tax rate, or the rate that would generate the same amount of levy

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Trustees name Jasper provost for Howard's San Angelo campus

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

A new provost for Howard College in San Angelo was selected by trustees Wednesday. Col. John Jasper (Ret. Air Force), assumed his new post today.



JASPER

"I am pleased and excited to

be a part of Howard College and the opportunity to stay in the West Texas area and continue a relationship with West Texas people," Jasper said.

One of Jasper's first responsibilities will be working with the West Texas Workforce Training Center in San Angelo. The workforce training center is a joint effort between Howard College, Angelo State University and the San Angelo Independent School District.

A vacated Levi Strauss building has been acquired for the

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study of the snake, its habitat and population.

In June, 1998, Grant went to New Mexico and presented research compiled from the 10-year study to the regional office of Fish and Wildlife agency.

More than 13 months later, the response to the request for delisting the snake from the list was not what the water district wanted.

Grant said the federal wildlife agency is requesting an additional \$500,000 and another two years to continue study of the snake.

The Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife supports delisting the snake.

In other business, the water district board adopted a fiscal year 2000 budget of \$27,244,900, a 1.4 percent increase over the fiscal year 1999 budget of \$380,000.

"Some of the increase in the budget was due to a reduction in debt service payments," said Grant. "Some of the increase was also caused by an increase in the operations and maintenance side of budget," he added, "some of which is associated with general inflation as well as programs."

A portion of the increase is also blamed on the cost of electrical power. Of operations and maintenance budget, 52 percent or \$5.7 million is the electrical cost of pumping pumping water.

Of the district's budget of \$27 million, some \$16.3 million goes to debt service, mostly for the bonds for O.H. Ivie Reservoir pipeline and substation.

The board also set aside \$10,000 from the contingency and improvement fund for possible emergency action relating to Year 2000 compliance.

"We want to make sure we have taken every action we can to take care of any problem that might be associated with Y2K," said Grant. "We have run some tests and are confident the district is Y2K compliant, assuming we can get electrical power. We have set some money aside in case we need to do something in a hurry," he noted.

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center, which was donated to the city of San Angelo and is being leased to Angelo State University for \$1 a year.

"The West Texas Training Center" is a boon to the whole area. Everyone knows there are good folks in West Texas and businesses today need good folks with this training. And the people need the training of these particular skills for business and industry. The training center will be for the betterment of everyone involved, the people of West Texas, and business and industry," Jasper said.

The provost position at the San Angelo campus has been vacant for about a year. A management team consisting of D'Arcy Poulson, division director of workforce development, LeAnne Byrd, director of

administrative services, and Pam Stewart, division director of general studies, has functioned as an administrative body for the campus.

The administrative team will continue to serve the campus in decision-making processes, working closely with Donna Guthrie, director of workforce training, John Parsons, director of student serviced, and Jasper.

This creates an administrative council for the campus, with Jasper in the lead role as provost.

Jasper brings 23 years of educational and technical training to the position. Until his recent retirement, Jasper served as vice commander of the training wing at Goodfellow Air Force Base in San Angelo.

He was recognized in that capacity for efficient use of human resources, said Linda Conway, vice president for instruction at Howard College.

From 1989 to 19995, Jasper fulfilled several roles, including computer operations manager, avionics maintenance and satellite communications maintenance, in Mississippi at Keesler Air Force Base.

"In this position he moved a large training program from Illinois to Mississippi, which included 175 instructors, 27 courses and over \$4.6 million of equipment, with no loss of training time," Conway said.

Jasper was the chief of training research and systems development from 1985-89 at the Pentagon. He helped obtain \$30 million for 43 training technology and development projects during that time.

He was also the chief technical training inspector at Randolph, Texas, chief of standardization and evaluation team and squadron section commander at Sheppard Air Force Base and Air Force ROTC instructor at Southern Illinois University, Conway said.

Jasper received his master's degree in education from South Dakota State University, and his bachelor's in psychology from the University of Missouri. He has been a member of Phi Delta Kappa, a national education fraternity, for 19 years.

He and his wife Sharon have two children. Their daughter is a teacher in Memphis, Tenn., and their son is in television production in Columbia, Mo.

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was asked about gun control.

"The problem is not gun control. The problem is that values we need are not being taught... Situations like those at Columbine High School are horrific. They scare people. They scare me. But you have to address the root cause. We need to return to a family oriented, faith-based society.

"I don't support gun control," Hutchison said.

The trip here was one of six stops Hutchison made Wednesday, including Lubbock, Crosbyton, Dickens, Jayton and Post.

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as last year, trustees were facing an increase to .2485. This tax rate would have generated no new money for the college district this year.

The one-cent increase above the effective tax rate will generate about \$120,000 in new money, which will be used to fund salary increases, he said.

"The bulk of this increase is in the effective tax rate, not in the 5 percent tax levy increase," he said.

Along with the approved tax rate, trustees also approved an unrestricted \$13 million budget for Howard College and an unrestricted \$3.2 million budget for the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf.

"This reflects an increase of \$731,345 in revenue for Howard College and a \$902,865 increase for SWCID. The budget for SWCID includes money appropriated for several special projects, all of which are funded by the state and federal governments," said Dr. Cheryl Sparks, president of the junior college district.

And although Howard College received additional funds for an increase in contact hours, that money must be replaced in the budget, she said.

"Last year we worked with a deficit budget, with a \$600,000 deficit. We knew we had to spend money to make money. In order to start new programs, we pulled money out of reserves. That money was recovered," Sparks said.

Sparks said none of the tax dollars generated from Howard County taxpayers is applied to either the SWCID, San Angelo or Lamesa campuses.

"All Howard County tax money stays in Howard County," she said.

The funds for those campuses are generated through state and federal funds. Also grants, tuition fees and contact hours fund these campuses, she added.

Hansen prepared a slide show for trustees that recorded a 15-year view of taxes and property values in Howard County since 1984.

The tax base for Howard College has eroded to less than \$1 billion, a sharp decline from the 1984 value of more than \$1.5 billion, he said.

Yet despite the fluctuation of property values in Howard County, the junior college district tax rate has remained virtually the same during the past 12 years, just above 20 cents per \$100 valuation.

This increase will be a public service announcement in the Big Spring Herald, a requirement by law, Hansen said.

However, the actual advertisement will report a 6.133 percent increase, which Hansen said is due to new property values and exemptions.

"This is very confusing, but we have the figures from Kathy Sayles. If we kept the same rate, that would result in a \$300,000 loss," he said.

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\$1,120,008.156.

The Howard College rollback rate for this year is .25592.

Last year's total tax rate was .21230 raising \$2,377,769 in taxes.

For Coahoma, the effective tax rate is .6681 on valuations, or adjusted tax base, of \$13,468,235 compared with a tax base of \$13,791,077 last year.

The Coahoma rollback rate this year is .72015 per \$100 of valuation. Last years tax rate was .65335, which raised \$89,808.

For the city of Forsan, the effective tax rate is this year is .35467 on valuations of \$3,310,165 compared to valuations of \$3,746,594.

This year's rollback rate for Forsan is .38304. Last years tax rate was .331191, which raised \$11,686.

Coahoma ISD's effective tax rate is 1.73445 with a rollback rate of 1.36923. The tax base is valued at \$115,231,322 compared to last year's tax base of \$140,679,762.

Last year's tax rate for the Coahoma school district was 1.42, which raised \$1,984,934.54.

Forsan Independent School District has an effective tax rate of 1.8291 with a rollback rate of 1.61835. The tax base is \$143,716,124 compared to last year's base of \$184,615,781.

Last year's tax rate was 1.43, which raised \$2,628,218.73.

Nun arrested for scrawling racist graffiti at hospital

JOLIET, Ill. (AP) — A 66-year-old nun has been arrested for scrawling racist graffiti in a hospital where she worked as a chaplain.

Police said Sister Dorothy Toman, a Franciscan nun,

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admitted that she was responsible for graffiti found in the emergency room lobby and in a washroom at Provena Saint Joseph Medical Center. She was arrested Wednesday.

"She confessed right away," said Joliet Police Capt. James Grace. "She said she did it because she wanted to see how the hospital would react."

Toman was charged with two counts of criminal defacement of property, punishable by six to 12 months in jail. She was released on \$100 bond.

The graffiti included anti-black and white supremacy messages, according to hospital spokesman Clint Giese. She was fired immediately after her confession.

The graffiti began to appear after racist literature was distributed at the hospital in May in two separate incidents.

Giese said Toman is not a suspect in those incidents and denied involvement during police questioning.

McDonald's testing self-serve machines

CHICAGO (AP) — Did somebody say kiosks? McDonald's is testing a machine that lets customers punch in their orders, pay with cash and wait at a table for their burgers and fries.

So far, the company is trying out two machines in its Illinois laboratories and one in a children's "Playplace" at a McDonald's restaurant in Wyoming, Mich.

"It's great for parents who have kids," says Lisa Howard, a McDonald's spokeswoman.

Competitors have set up similar systems, with varying degrees of success. Burger King tried a text-based system (McDonald's is picture-based) 12 years ago in Boston but eventually dumped it because of wrong orders and slow service, said Kim Miller, a Burger King spokeswoman.

"Consumers were somewhat receptive to it," Miller said, adding that the company wouldn't be opposed to trying again.

Meanwhile, an Arby's franchisee in Golden, Colo., is trying out its own patented kiosks at five of its 62 restaurants. The machines do not allow automatic payment but instead are placed in threes and fours around a cashier.

The system has had its share of problems, says Mark Eagleton, senior manager of the restaurant — everything from customers spilling sodas on the system's touch screens to grease from fryers gumming things up. That's made Arby's officials reluctant to use the kiosks nationwide.

But Eagleton says response from customers — including Spanish-speakers who can order in their language — has been worth the trouble.

Jodi Hall, a customer at the McDonald's test site in Michigan, said she prefers the machine.

"It's pretty cool. It's something different. And sometimes when I don't feel like talking, I can use it," the 14-year-old Wyoming, Mich., resident said Wednesday, while ordering an ice cream from what looks like an ATM with an oversized screen.

Her purchase was delayed slightly because she only had coins and had to borrow a dollar. The McDonald's machine only takes paper money up to \$50 bills at this point. The cus-

TEXAS LOTTERY

Lottery numbers are unofficial until confirmed by the state lottery commission.

tomers' change arrives in a paper cup when employees bring the order to the specified table.

Officials at McDonald's corporate headquarters say they plan to add a couple more machines in yet-to-be-determined restaurants in other parts of the country.

If successful, they say they may develop similar machines for those who prefer to order at drive-thrus — though those kiosks would have to be made of tougher, vandal-proof materials.

But Howard, the McDonald's spokeswoman, cautions that it's too early to tell if the idea will work.

"Can we serve the customer better with this new technology? Will it be accurate? How does it integrate with the operations behind the counter?" she asks. "Those are the kinds of questions we need to answer."

Lisa Singhania, correspondent in Grand Rapids, Mich., contributed to this report.

BRIEFS

ALL SENIOR CITIZENS IN the community are invited to a senior health fair Saturday, Aug. 21, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Canterbury, 1700 Lancaster. There will be many free screenings including: cholesterol, diabetes, oxygen/pulse, vision, hearing and plenty of good health information.

THE LADIES AUXILIARY OF THE Eagles Lodge is sponsoring a canned food drive during the month of August. Cans of food collected will go to help replenish the Salvation Army food bank.

Bring your donations to the Lodge on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m., or Saturday evenings at 8 p.m. Or call 264-7518, 268-9689, or 267-7115 and club members will pick up your donation.

MARKETS

Dec. cotton 53.90 cents, up 138 points; Sept. crude 21.44, down 8 points; cash hogs steady at 37 even; cash steers steady at 65 even; Aug. lean hog futures 54.30, down 7 points; Aug. live cattle futures 65.70, down 2 points.

courtesy: Delta Corporation.
Noon quotes provided by Edward D. Jones & Co.

Table with market data including ATT, Atlantic Richfield, Atmos Energy, BP Amoco, Chevron, Cifra, Coca Cola, Compaq Computer, Cornell Correc., Dell, DuPont, Exxon, Halliburton, IBM, Intel Corp, Mid Amer Energy, Mobil, NUV, Palex Inc., Pepsi Cola, Phillips Petroleum, SBC Com., Sears, Texaco, Texas Instruments, Texas Utils. Co, Total Fina SA.

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LOTTO: 9,18,19,35,38,44

Table with lottery results for Unocal Corp, Wal-Mart, Amcap, Europacific, Prime Rate, Gold, Silver.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Wednesday and 8 a.m. today.

-RAFAEL LOPEZ, 54, was arrested for public intoxication.

-FRAXEDIS GONZALES, 38, was arrested for public intoxication.

-MARCOS GARZA, 38, was arrested for public intoxication.

-SHOTS FIRED was reported in the 1100 block of Stanford.

-THEFT was reported in the 1800 block of Gregg, the 1100 block of N. Lamesa, 1000 block of Johnson, 2800 block of Clanton and the 2500 block of Gunter.

-MINOR ACCIDENTS were reported at W. 16th and Hudgett Memorial Dr., at Fourth and Abrams, at Fifth and Johnson, in the 300 block of Gregg, at FM 700 and Goliad and in the 500 block of W. Third.

-MAJOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 300 block of W. Fourth.

-NEIGHBOR DISPUTE was reported in the 1500 block of Wood.

-ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported at 400 E. 4th.

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-DISTURBANCE/FIGHTING was reported in the 3200 block of W. Ninth.

FIRE/EMS

Following is a summary of Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reports:

WEDNESDAY
4:53 a.m. — 4200 block Hamilton, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

8:34 a.m. — 1400 block E. Sixth, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

1:32 p.m. — 1200 block Mesa, medical call, service refused.

2:25 p.m. — SMMC, transfer to Lubbock Methodist.

5:32 p.m. — 700 block E. 11th, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

6:16 p.m. — 1900 block Wasson Road, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

8:52 p.m. — 600 block State, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

SHERIFF

The following information was transcribed from the Howard County Sheriff's Department arrest logs through 8 a.m. Thursday.

-RANDY JOE HURRINGTON, 39, was arrested on a bench warrant motion to revoke probation/theft from a person.

-SANTOS A. MENDOZA, 36, was arrested for driving while intoxicated. (BSPD).

-ANNETTE HILARIO, 42, was arrested for driving while intoxicated, 2nd offense. (DPS).

-CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL ALCANTAR, 21, was arrested on a motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana under 2 oz.

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HOUSTON (AP) — "white black" is not any Houston police think differently driven from their cials said.

Houston Mayor and Police Chief unveiled a plan study whether a 5,000 police officering minorities s of their skin col known as racial p "I never want our citizens sa stopped solely b

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City of Houston begins program to discourage racial profiling

HOUSTON (AP) — "Driving while black" is not a crime and any Houston police officers who think differently may soon be driven from their jobs, city officials said.

Houston Mayor Lee Brown and Police Chief C.O. Bradford unveiled a plan Wednesday to study whether any of the city's 5,000 police officers are stopping minorities simply because of their skin color, a practice known as racial profiling.

"I never want to hear any of our citizens say they were stopped solely because of dri-

ving while black," Brown said. "What we're announcing is a proactive step, a safeguard to find out if racial profiling is occurring here."

The new program, which will begin immediately, requires officers to enter information on the race, age and gender of all people they stop or arrest into their patrol car computers. The reports will be placed in a database for review by Bradford, police managers and the department's Internal Affairs Division.

Any confirmed incidents of

racial profiling could result in a guilty officer's dismissal or even criminal charges, Bradford said. Several patrolmen's associations and civil rights groups applauded the new policies.

"I'm delighted to hear it," said Jay Jacobson, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Texas. "That's a good beginning and a good example in the nation's fourth-largest city. Maybe it will catch on."

Houston is the latest of several metropolitan cities — includ-

ing San Diego and San Jose, Calif. — to attack racial profiling, which gained national attention last year through a federal civil rights lawsuit.

A 26-year Miami police veteran claimed he was the victim of racial profiling when a white Orlando police officer stopped him in 1997 for alleged minor traffic offenses. The black officer, who was doused with pepper spray and wrestled to the ground, later was sentenced to one year of probation for resisting arrest.

In June, President Clinton

issued an executive order calling for federal law enforcement agencies to collect race and gender data in all stops and arrests. State lawmakers around the nation have scrambled to pass similar legislation, but so far only North Carolina has.

The issue was also a subject at the National Urban League's annual conference Wednesday in Houston, where a panel of nationally recognized civil rights activists and experts discussed police brutality.

"(Racial profiling) is tolerated because the race is black peo-

ple," said the Rev. Al Sharpton, a New York City activist and president of the civil rights-oriented National Action Network. "If you had in any city of this country — including Houston — a black mayor that allowed black police to racially profile whites, you'd have emergency sessions of the United States Congress to remove them."

Attorney Johnnie Cochran said racial profiling is pervasive in American society.

"It's walking while black, jogging while black ... indeed, it's living while black," he said.

Battle continues to rage over state tobacco settlement money

TEXARKANA (AP) — Texas asked a federal judge Wednesday to dismiss a \$2.3 billion claim by private attorneys who helped win the state's tobacco settlement.

Attorney General John Cornyn's office said the attorneys are holding the state "hostage" with the claim because of an ethics investigation involving their dealings with the state.

"Let the taxpayers off the hook for the \$2.3 billion and comply with the investigation," said Andy Taylor, assistant attorney general.

The \$2.3 billion represents the difference between what the attorneys' state contract called for them to be paid and what a national arbitration panel awarded them.

The private lawyers say they don't want taxpayers' money,

but they want the ethics probe resolved before they make a decision on the additional legal fees, which will be paid by the tobacco industry, said Michael Tigar, who represents the private attorneys.

"We've offered to cut the knot. We're tired. It would be terrible if this litigation took longer" than the original tobacco case, Tigar said.

The private attorneys are pre-

pared to release all information sought by the attorney general in the investigation as long as U.S. District Judge David Folsom agrees and the material is kept confidential, Tigar said.

"These documents involve the rights of many people," he said.

Texas settled with eight tobacco companies and three trade groups in January 1998 for \$17.3 billion and has been fighting over money ever since with five

private attorneys who assisted in the case.

The attorneys had originally negotiated fees of 15 percent of any award won in the case. A national arbitration panel awarded the group \$3.3 billion.

The AG's office said the five private attorneys had promised to choose between the \$2.3 billion claim and the arbitration panel's \$3.3 billion award by Dec. 30, 1998.

The state argues that the private attorneys are now using the possible claim to the additional \$2.3 billion as leverage not to release documents, such as tobacco lawsuit work records, pertaining to their ethics investigation.

Folsom did not rule on any of the issues currently before him and reminded the courtroom he had eight volumes of motions that have been filed in the case.

Power company cuts electricity to Dallas buildings for 2nd day

DALLAS (AP) — The World Trade Center, Apparel Mart and several other buildings here were without power for a second day as cooling demand from triple-digit temperatures strained the electrical system.

Officials with TXU Electric & Gas shut off power again Wednesday to customers such as Dallas Market Center at the request of the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, an organization of utilities and power producers whose goal is to have a reliable and adequate power system.

High demand threatened the supply of electricity to places such as military bases, police facilities, hospitals and homes, officials said.

"It's more an issue of carrying the power through the lines because the demand is so high due to the hot weather," said TXU spokesman Ray Granado.

"There's an extra demand on those wires."

Power interruptions have continued all week to keep electricity going to residential customers and other key users,

said ERCOT Administrative Director Tom Sweatman.

He said he expects the interruptions to continue during peak-use periods because of high growth.

The council, which oversees electricity generation over much of the state, has ordered other utility companies to cut back on power use in order to prevent a statewide blackout.

Cutbacks in North Texas affected industrial customers that have "interruptible" contracts with TXU to buy electricity at a discounted rate in exchange for agreeing to curtail their electrical use during problem periods.

Bill Winsor, chief executive officer for Dallas Market Center, said TXU had not taken advantage of the agreement until this week.

But interruptions at the 15-story World Trade Center — containing 3.1 million square feet of showroom and other space — as well as the Trade Mart, Apparel Mart and Menswear Mart affected fewer than 1,000 people.

Carjacker thrown from truck, which slams into Ship Channel

HOUSTON (AP) — A suspected carjacker was thrown from a stolen truck Wednesday moments before the vehicle, which contained three young children and their babysitter, slammed into the railing of a Houston Ship Channel bridge.

The 31-year-old driver, whose identity was unavailable, died instantly after being ejected from the truck.

The three children and the 15-year-old babysitter went to Memorial Hermann Hospital for evaluation. None suffered serious injuries.

The children's mother was loading groceries into her black GMC extended cab pickup in an H-E-B Pantry grocery store parking lot.

Around 4:30 p.m., a man carjacked the truck from the east Houston store. Police engaged him in a 40-minute chase,

which local television stations carried live.

The chase ended when the right side of the truck collided into the Ship Channel bridge railing northbound along the eastern leg of Interstate 610.

Houston police spokesman John Cannon said it appears the man, who was not wearing a seat belt, was ejected through the passenger door or window when the truck's right side collided into the bridge railing.

The man hit the railing, then fell behind the truck where an oncoming truck hit him. His partially decapitated body was found a few feet behind the truck.

The babysitter and the children, ages 5, 2 and 1, were taken from the truck and placed on backboards as a precautionary measure before going to the hospital.

Former junk dealer executed for abduction-murder of 9-year-old

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Jan Brown thinks the death penalty is inhuman. That didn't stop her from watching James Otto Earhart's execution.

"I don't want to be the kind of person whose happiness depends on somebody dying," Ms. Brown said Wednesday. "I think it's barbaric of me to go watch a man die, but it's about my daughter."

Earhart was convicted of abducting and killing her daughter, 9-year-old Kandy Janell Kirtland, more than a dozen years ago.

"Actually, he's the lucky one," Ms. Brown said. "It's all over for him."

"Having your child murdered ... the effect it has on a person's life who happens to be her mother, it can't be described. The system that God created ... has a mechanism to protect you. It's called shock. You're

numb. You can't feel a thing. If you could feel it, the pain would kill you."

Earhart's execution came shortly after the U.S. Supreme Court, for the second time in two days, rejected appeals filed by the inmate.

Earhart, 56, a former junk dealer memorable to witnesses because of his 400-plus-pound size and grubby appearance, quietly went to his death Wednesday evening. He declined to make a final statement.

That made him the fourth condemned Texas prisoner to die this month, the second in two days and 20th this year.

"I'm glad he's dead," John Kirtland, Kandy's brother, said after accompanying his mother to the death chamber to watch Earhart die. "I'm glad he's dead because he's not going to get back out."

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OUR VIEWS

Let's start today getting ready for United Way

The United Way kickoff luncheon is less than a month away and it's time to start thinking how you as a business, organization or individual can do your part.

Eleven local agencies benefit from United Way funds — groups which provide after-school and weekend activities for children, physical rehabilitation for those recovering from a disability, emotional counseling for victims, food and shelter for the needy and many other necessary programs.

Providing those services takes a combined effort. Not many of us have the skills or the resources ourselves to take care of someone in trouble, but together we can make sure those in need receive help. That's where the United Way for Big Spring and Howard County campaign comes in.

More than 300 volunteers are ready to pitch in and give their time. What they'll be asking from you is to give up a night out on the town, a movie, dinner at a restaurant, a round of golf, a CD or something else, and instead donate that money to United Way. The goal this year is \$225,000. That's a lot of money, but it's not overwhelming if each of us contributes.

In past years, many businesses have held United Way fundraisers among employees. There have been challenges and contests — all sorts of imaginative ways to get employees in the United Way spirit.

Groups and businesses who would like suggestions, or wish to have a United Way volunteer or agency representative put on a program for their members or employees can call the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County at 267-5201. They'll help enthusiastically.

And don't forget to make plans for the kickoff luncheon at 11:30 a.m. on Sept. 7 at Garrett Hall. The Bellamy Brothers will be performing, and that's worth the \$10 ticket price by itself. Tickets are available beginning Monday at the United Way office, 406 1/2 Rannels St.

Let's start today, getting ready for United Way.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

Reading through our vacation pack, I was paralyzed when I saw the headline "Two-year-old dies after being attacked by neighbor's chained dog" in the Aug. 5 Herald. Though no longer a member of the Big Spring's Animal Control committee, I was chairman when it proposed the new animal nuisance and cruelty ordinances which the city council voted into code several years ago. It is time for an addition to Big Spring's Animal Control ordinances.

Tying a dog is the surest way to make it a dangerous dog. It is normal for tied dogs to become territorial and protective of their space when faced by other dogs or humans. Habitual teasing often aggravates aggression in tied dogs.

Some communities now prohibit the tying out of dogs. A recently passed Electra, Texas, law reads, "Dogs may not be tethered, and the tethering of any dog shall be a violation of this chapter." Even the United States Department of

Agriculture, which regulates certain animal activities through the Federal Animal Welfare Act, and which is not known for its progressive animal protection positions, states that tying or chaining a dog is inappropriate.

If you live in the neighborhood of a family who tethers a dog in an unfenced area, you might as well be living where neighbors bury land mines in their yards! The danger to your children is that real.

To learn more about the problems created by chained dogs, I recommend "Fit to Be Tied? Why tying up a dog as a primary confinement method is dangerous" in the June, 1999, issue of The Whole Dog Journal.

Readers, please urge Big Spring's City Council to enact a new ordinance prohibiting the tie-out of dogs. The death of little Sonny Montanez is sending our city a wake-up call. Let's listen.

CAROLE OWEN
MEMBER,
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The Confederate battle flag is not the problem

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the National Urban League are in a huff because the Confederate battle flag still flies from the South Carolina Capitol (underneath the U.S. and South Carolina flags). They have promised to boycott South Carolina until it is hauled down.

The NAACP once passed a resolution calling the dear old banner "the most odious symbol in the Universe." I think that's a bit of an exaggeration. I suspect most South Carolinians don't care if the NAACP and Urban League boycott the state since neither organization is known to be big spenders at their annual conventions.

There is no point in arguing the meaning of a symbol. The meaning of any symbol, like

beauty, lies in the eyes of the beholder. It is appropriate to toss in a few facts.

The flag which flew over slave states the longest number of years is the United States flag — Old Glory, the Stars and Stripes. The Confederate battle flag was just that, a battle flag, carried by Confederate soldiers whose bravery and skill have been universally celebrated whether today's politically correct folks like it or not. Winston Churchill referred to the Confederate armies' battle against overwhelming odds as one of the most glorious moments in Anglo-Saxon history.

The South did not secede to preserve slavery, and the North did not go to war to free the slaves. Both sides were racist. The issues were the Constitution and economic rivalry. Slavery was a sideshow issue that made for good propaganda.

Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee — one of the greatest human beings who ever lived and whose picture has been recently banished from an attraction in Richmond, Va., which he defended so ably — disapproved of slavery and

freed his slaves as soon as the terms of his father-in-law's will legally allowed him to do so. Union Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, whose later presidency was notoriously corrupt, retained his slaves throughout the war.

Five of six Southerners owned no slaves, and the 1860 census showed several thousands of free blacks living in the South. Some of them owned slaves. Slavery was recognized in the U.S. Constitution and upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court. Some blacks fought for the Confederacy.

Virtually all of the slave trade was run by Northerners, New Englanders in particular. The people were enslaved in Africa by Africans.

Finally, the Confederate battle flag was not placed on the South Carolina Capitol for racial reasons. It was originally put there in preparation for the centennial celebration of the second most important event in American history.

Today's widespread attack on symbols of the Confederacy is just part of cheap, racist politics. I suspect the average black American doesn't give a hoot about flags and monuments, but being against all

things Confederate gives black and white race-card players a cheap way to pretend they are doing something.

The real problems facing black Americans are economic and social and have nothing to do with Confederate flags and monuments. Or with racism, for that matter, but Lord knows those characters making a good living out of racism are never going to admit it.

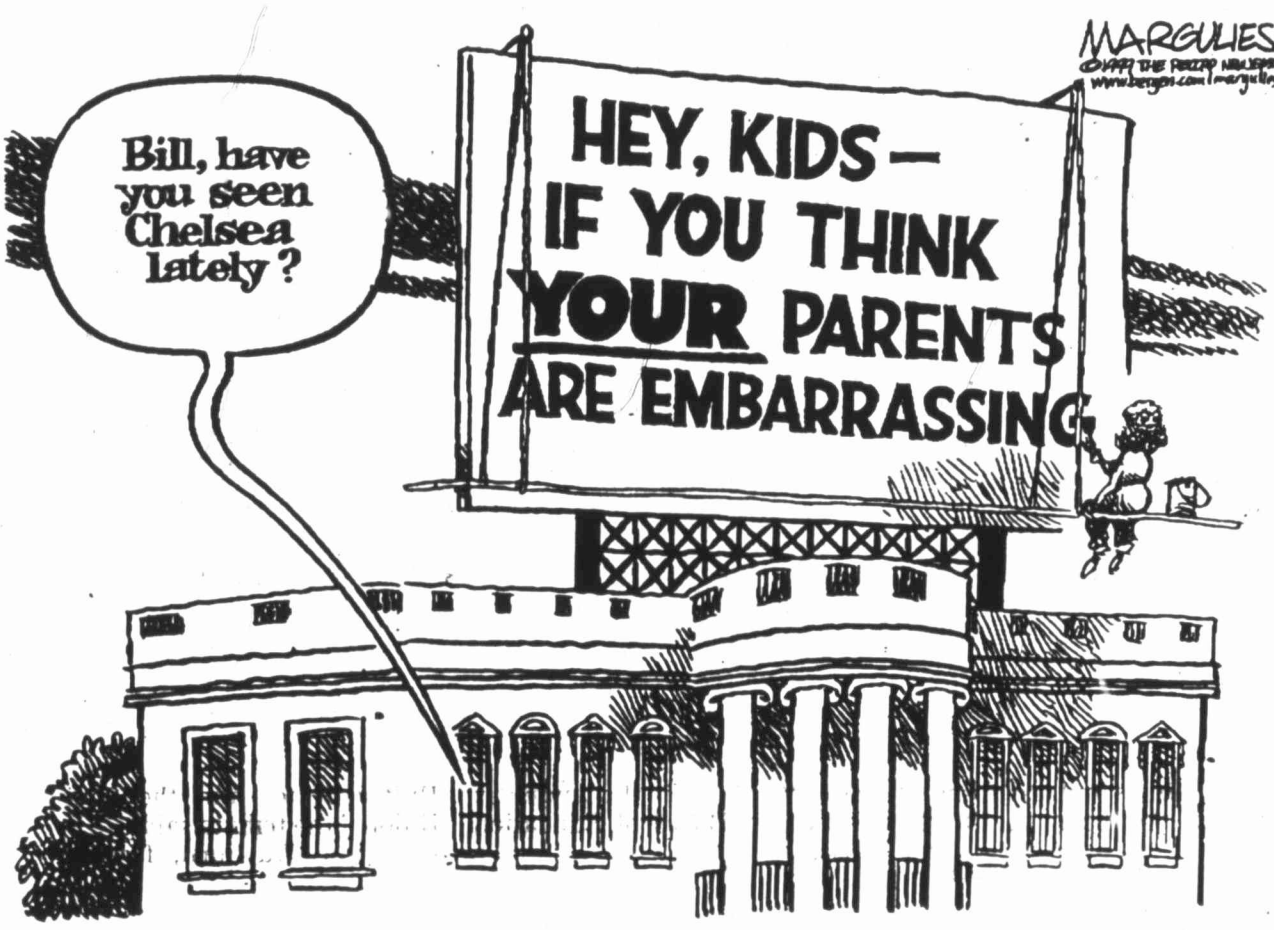
I wouldn't presume to tell the people of South Carolina what to do, but if it were up to me, I'd keep the flag flying. One, I wouldn't submit to blackmail. Two, I would not allow cheap, ignorant race-baiters and political panderers to slander my ancestors who died for the noble cause of preserving a constitutional republic which, by the way, was largely a Southern invention to begin with.

A Confederate chaplain, R.L. Dabney, told a group of young Southerners in 1868, "We have no need, sirs, to be ashamed of our dead; let us see to it that they be not ashamed of us." Amen to that.

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Still hunting for the money tree

The morning newspaper has happy headlines over the story of a man who walks into a Mr. Zip on the Georgia-Tennessee state line, buys a winning lottery ticket and collects \$59 million.



RHETA GRIMSLEY JOHNSON

It's a story people will talk about all day long, imagining aloud how it would feel to be in that lucky fellow's Reeboks. I've worn out the dazzling day-dream myself — paying off house notes in a lump sum, buying midnight-blue BMW convertibles, jetting off to France for the holiday.

What holiday? Why, every day's a holiday when you've got \$59 million.

Never mind I've never bought a single lottery ticket. Statistically, my chances of winning are almost as good without actually playing.

There's another story in the same paper, the horrible one about the day trader who lost all his money but couldn't stop playing the market. It's another story everyone's talking about, but nobody sane imagines himself in Mark Barton's shoes.

Getting rich quick is the new American dream. Not getting

by, or being solvent, or making a sufficient living. Not going to work day after day at a job with good benefits for a company that will stay in business until you reach retirement age. But getting rich quickly.

That's what we're teaching our children to strive for. We string the wealthiest people in America on lists, like so many fish caught on a deep-sea expedition. "Look at this, a boy not unlike yourself, named Bill, worth billions."

We take televised tours of the homes of the rich and famous, not the reasonably well-off or the fiscally responsible: "Meet Sam and Sarah, who have never missed a payment."

And we don't much care how our wealthy heroes make their money, so long as they have made lots of it — and overnight.

In the past decade or so, casino gambling has become a way of life, we've made it our favorite national pastime. We take the children along to Vegas or Biloxi, Miss., because people who own the casinos — the only ones getting rich off of them — have figured out that parents stay longer at the tables if Buffy and Junior are happy in the wave pool. And when we come out a little ahead at the slots, we are jubilant, and take the whole clan to a celebratory dinner.

Those of us with flinty eyes and tired backs know the truth, even if we like to pre-

tend otherwise for an occasional mental diversion. But at age 16, 18, even 20, most people don't realize that there are no real shortcuts to making a living, the key verb here being "to make." The young feel lucky. I know that from personal experience; I was young once.

But when I was, my generation wasn't bombarded constantly with jazzy alternatives to a daily struggle. We didn't hear amazing stories about big winners who live just up the street. There was, in fact, a certain taint to quick money, a belief that no good could come from something you hadn't really earned.

We heard our parents say: If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Rome wasn't built in a day. That's too much sugar for a dime.

And though, at times, we certainly hoped there was a way around the long haul, deep down we realized making a decent living was accomplished on the daily installment plan. And then only if you were lucky.

Don't get me wrong. I'm happy for the jackpot winner, the one who changed his life in a zip. May he spend every cent in good health.

But I worry that the young, the weak, the desperate or irresponsible among us will count on money miracles that don't happen unless the odds take a hike and the moon is blue.

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by BRUCE TINSLEY

It's very simple, really: "MOVIES" ARE THE ONES PEOPLE LIKE... "FILMS" ARE THE ONES THEY THINK THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO LIKE.

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Tornado plows through Salt Lake City

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Tornadoes aren't supposed to touch down in Utah. But there was Bill Alder, the chief meteorologist for the National Weather Service in Utah, watching his radar screen with growing concern just after lunch Wednesday.

"It looked like severe weather, and severe weather can generate funnel clouds which can turn into a tornado," he said. "But that doesn't happen here."

Just before 1 p.m., a twister ripped through the heart of the city that will be the host of the 2002 Winter Olympics, destroying 34 homes and damaging 87 others.

It overturned trucks, blew the windows out of downtown hotels and sent the city into a tailspin.

One person was killed and scores were injured.

It was the first fatal tornado ever recorded in Utah, where tornado sightings typically happen only about once or twice a year. Some of the first to spot the twister didn't believe what they were seeing.

"We said, 'Is that a fire?'" said Cole Lundquist, who was standing by a window on the 24th floor of the headquarters of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the city's tallest building. "Then we saw all the debris, then flames and sparks shooting above it."

Mayor Deedee Corradini said this morning there were 79 who had been injured, including about a dozen in serious to critical condition.

"It's been a tragedy for us, but we've been very, very lucky — it could have been much worse she said."

Corradini said crews had

worked through the night clearing debris and, "We are open for business in downtown Salt Lake City this morning."

Gov. Mike Leavitt, speaking on ABC's "Good Morning America," said, "There was virtually no way in which to warn people."

"It's been a hurtful experience for many and we're grateful that the sun's going to come up this morning and we can now finish the cleanup and move forward," he said.

The black funnel swept in from southeast of the city center and seemed to target the Delta Center, home of the National Basketball Association's Utah Jazz.

"You could just see it peeling the roof off," Lundquist said. "The debris there was at eye level with us on the 24th floor."

It also shattered the arena's

plate glass windows. But it did its worst damage just opposite the Delta Center, where exhibitors for the massive Outdoor Retailers Summer Market were setting up under a block-long tent, now mostly in tatters.

Allen Crandy, 38, of Las Vegas was killed when he was struck in the head by debris. The contractor for the retailers' show was skipping lunch to make sure the booths looked their best.

The show was postponed one day, until Friday.

As people ran screaming from tents, waitresses at a nearby diner watched while the lunchtime crowd huddled under tables. Visitors at Temple Square, the usually placid heart of the Mormon Church, dashed for shelter as the tornado churned by.

In Kansas, a key decision on the teaching of evolution has more than a few upset

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — The Kansas Board of Education has approved new standards for teaching science in public schools that critics say strips evolution from its accepted place at the center of biological studies.

Republican Gov. Bill Graves called the board's action on Wednesday "a terrible, tragic, embarrassing solution to a problem that didn't exist."

The standards are general guidelines for local school boards, which may still decide to teach evolution. But many fear students won't be evaluated on evolution in state assessment tests.

"I can't believe we would test anything that's optional," said board member Janet Waugh of Kansas City, who voted against the new standards.

The new standards delete references to so-called "macroevolution" — the process of change from one species to another — but include references to "microevolution," or changes within species. They also mention natural selection, the idea that advantageous traits increase in a population over time.

However, the standards do not contain language recommended by science educators that called evolution by natural selection "a broad, unifying theoretical framework in biology."

The issue of evolution education continues to raise passions in American schools more than 70 years after teacher John Scopes was convicted of violating a Tennessee law against teaching it.

Evolution is the theory that all life evolved from common ancestors.

Those opposed to it say it contradicts the biblical account of the creation of life, and they object to the idea that human life resulted from a lower life form.

More than a decade ago, the Supreme Court ruled that public schools cannot teach creationism, the theory that a divine being created the universe.

Opponents of the new stan-

"How can we allow our students to be tested on information that has never been presented to them?"

-Janet Waugh, board member

dards say conservatives are trying their only remaining tactic — to limit the teaching of evolution.

Kansas is one of several states, including Arizona, Alabama, Illinois, New Mexico, Texas and Nebraska, where school boards recently have attempted to take evolution out of state science standards or de-emphasize evolutionary concepts.

Critics of the Kansas board's action worry it took a step toward permitting schools to teach creationists' view that the earth is only a few thousand years old, based on the Bible's account.

Conservative board members said they wanted to make sure that schools teach sound science, arguing that evolution is a flawed theory that cannot be proven.

But Waugh and board member Bill Wagnon of Topeka, both Democrats, said the new standard will put Kansas students at a disadvantage with students from other states on college entrance exams.

"How can we allow our students to be tested on information that has never been presented to them?" Waugh asked.

Last year, the National Academy of Sciences said evolution must be taught in public schools if children are to understand biology at all.

The organization issued a guidebook for teachers, parents and school administrators that asserted: "There is no debate within the scientific community over whether evolution has occurred, and there is no evidence that evolution has not occurred."

Kentucky school district posts Ten Commandments

MCKEE, Ky. (AP) — Students returning to classes at Jackson County High School hardly paid attention to the new small plaques mounted in their classrooms. Maybe the new dress code was on their minds.

But officials in this eastern Kentucky school district hope that by posting the Ten Commandments in each classroom, they can prevent violence and other problems that have plagued schools nationwide.

The county school board and superintendent allowed the plaques as part of "an effort to start having good morals in school ... because of all the violent issues that have been showing up," said Betty Bond, principal of the high school.

The plaques went up Wednesday.

Schools around the country

have considered using the Ten Commandments as a symbol of morality amid headline-grabbing violence involving students over the past year.

In the 1960s, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that organized prayer and Bible readings were not permitted in public schools; in 1980, it decided posting the Ten Commandments violated the Constitution's ban of government-established religion.

But in June, the U.S. House passed a measure allowing the Ten Commandments to be posted in schools and other government buildings. The bill now goes to the Senate.

Timothy Crawford, Jackson County's school district attorney, said he is concerned about lawsuits, but believes the plaques in the district's five schools are allowed by law

because they were paid for and posted by local volunteers and not sponsored by the district.

"I do not believe posting the Ten Commandments is imposing anyone's religious views because the kids are not tested on that, the kids are not required to look at it, and the kids are not required to read it, and they're not held accountable for that knowledge," Crawford said.

Tonya Adams, principal of Union Chapel Elementary School in Russell County, which has had the Ten Commandments posted for years, said she's never received any complaints about it.

"People in our community would probably be upset if they were taken away," Adams said.

In Adams County, Ohio, a group of ministers paid to place

Ten Commandments tablets outside four high schools to counter "moral decline."

Jeff Vessels, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Kentucky, said the ACLU considers the move unconstitutional, but would not act unless there is a complaint.

"The ACLU is certainly very concerned about school violence, but saying posting the Ten Commandments solves it is incredibly simplistic," he said.

Brad Hughes, spokesman for the Kentucky School Boards Association, said the organization tells districts to follow the Supreme Court ruling and not allow the Ten Commandments to be posted.

He said a lawsuit could cost a district up to hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Former President Ford, others honored at White House

WASHINGTON (AP) — Over the strains of "Hail to the Chief," Gerald Ford strode into the White House East Room shoulder-to-shoulder with President Clinton and was hailed as the steady statesman the country needed after the "long national nightmare" of Watergate.

Ford and seven other prominent Americans received the Presidential Medal of Freedom on Wednesday, 25 years to the week after Richard M. Nixon resigned as president.

"Steady, trustworthy, Gerald Ford ended a long national nightmare," Clinton said, echoing the phrase Ford used when he was sworn in.

Ford became president after Nixon left office on Aug. 9, 1974, and served out what would have been Nixon's second term.

"When he left the White House after 895 days, America was stronger, calmer and more self-confident," Clinton said. "America was, in other words, more like President Ford himself."

—Evy Dubrow, an advocate for more than 50 years of laws to improve domestic labor conditions.

—Sister M. Isolina Ferre, founder of community service centers, clinics and programs to empower the poor in Puerto Rico, New York and Appalachia.

She gained international recognition in the late 1950s and

1960s for her mediation efforts with youth gangs in Brooklyn.

—Oliver White Hill, civil rights lawyer.

He is best known for litigating one of the school desegregation cases that became the landmark Brown vs. Board of Education case.

—Max Kampelman, lawyer, diplomat and negotiator in Democratic and Republican

administrations.

"In those roles, he emphasized human rights in East-West diplomacy and prepared the foundation for long-term arms reductions between the United States and the Soviet Union," the tribute said.

—Edgar Wayne, former vice president and a member of the board of directors of the Sierra Club for almost 40 years.

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Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The Howard County Junior College District (Howard College) will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll by 6.133 percent. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearing will be held on Thursday, August 19, 1999, at 12:30 p.m. in the Board Room in the Dora Roberts Student Union Building on the Howard College Campus, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, Texas, 79720.

FOR the proposal: Mr. Donald McKinney, Dr. Charles O. Warren, Mr. Harold Davis, Mr. Adrian Randle, Mr. Robert W. Ethridge, Mr. Michael L. Flores, and Ms. Sue Partee

AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: None

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

	Last Year	This Year
Average residence homestead value	\$30,520	\$ 30,495
General exemptions available (amount available on the average homestead, not including senior citizens or disabled persons exemptions)	\$ 6,104	\$6,099
Average taxable value	\$24,416	\$24,396
Tax rate	\$0.21230/\$100	\$0.25854/\$100 (Proposed)
Tax	\$51.84	\$ 63.07 (Proposed)

Under this proposal, taxes on the average home would increase by \$11.23 or 21.66 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would increase by \$0.04624 per \$100 of taxable value or 21.78 percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

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◆The turkey we eat today is a descendant of birds taken from Mexico to Europe in the 16th Century. It is not the same wild fowl feasted on at the first Thanksgiving.

◆The spotted newt is the official amphibian of the state of New Hampshire.

Do you have a story idea for the life! section? Call 263-7331. Ext. 236.

County fair art department to get updated look, new contests

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

At this year's Howard County Fair, the art department will highlight two favorite things of many local residents — their pets and their children.

First, however, many fairgoers will notice a new look to the art displays, said chairman Geraldine Posey. The fair opens Aug. 30 at the fairbarns.

"We've tried to make it more attractive," Posey said. Co-chair Tammy Watt said the changes have also been aimed

at making the department more "user-friendly."

"If you look at the book, you'll see we don't have a lot of restrictions, rules and regulations," she said. Fair books, with the complete rules, will be available next week at the Howard County Extension Office, Athletic Supply and Southwestern Crop Insurance.

Among other changes in the department this year are two new contests for special photographs. "Favorite Family Pet," invites people to bring in a picture of their cat, dog, bird

Fair queen contest entries due Friday

Could you, or your daughter or granddaughter, be crowned queen of the Howard County Fair this year?

For this year's fair queen contest, entry forms are due by Friday. Pick up a form at the Howard County Extension Office, in the basement of the courthouse, or Athletic Supply, Merle Norman or

Joy's Hallmark.

Entrants will be judged on Saturday, Aug. 21, at Big Spring Mall, and the 1999 queen will be crowned Aug. 30 during the fair.

Entrants must be enrolled in a high school of Howard County or an adjoining county, or enrolled at Howard College.

or other creature. The photos will be judged, with one Grand Champion and Reserve

between 3x5 and 8x10 size.

"Kids Do the Darndest Things," is a competition for photographs of children doing funny, cute or amusing things.

"This gives parents a chance to brag on their children, and grandmas a chance to brag on their grandchildren," Posey said.

Photos must be 3x5 or larger, framed and ready to hang. A Grand Champion and Reserve Champion will be chosen in two divisions, kids 0-21 years of age, and big kids, over age 21.

All art department entries

will be accepted Friday, Aug. 27, 3-7 p.m.; Saturday, Aug. 28, 3-7 p.m.; and Sunday, Aug. 29, 1-4 p.m.

That includes the other divisions, Fine Arts Originals, Reproduction Fine Art, and Photography. In order to fund improvements to the art department in coming years, the fair board will conduct a silent auction of work donated by local artists.

"This helps us improve the art department, and it also gets local artists' names out to the public," Posey said.

Some parents find it hard to accept children as adults

QUESTION: I went away to college and then came home to live again. I'll admit there is tension between my parents and me, but we'd be OK if they would just accept me as a full-fledged adult. Why can't they see that I'm grown and let me live my own life?

DR. DOBSON:

Leaving home and then coming back is called "the elastic nest," and as you're finding, it can be very difficult. You've been on your own — you've made your decisions and controlled your own life. You've changed dramatically during your time away, but you returned to find that your parents had not. They are just like you left them. They want to tell you how to run your life — what to eat, what to wear, which friends to cultivate, etc. It is a formula for combat.



DR. JAMES DOBSON

I understand your situation because I've been through it. My parents handled me wisely in my late teen years, and it was rare for them to stumble into common parental mistakes. That is, however, exactly what happened when I was 19 years old. We had been a very close-knit family, and it was difficult for my mother to shift gears when I graduated from high school.

During that summer, I traveled 1,500 miles from home and entered a college in California. I will never forget the exhilarating feeling of freedom that swept over me that fall. It was not that I wanted to do anything evil or forbidden. It was simply that I felt accountable for my own life and did not have to explain my actions to anyone. It was like a fresh, cool breeze on a spring morning. Young adults who have not

been properly prepared for that moment sometimes go berserk, but I remained rather sane. I did, however, quickly become addicted to freedom and was not about to give it up.

The following summer, I came home to visit my folks. Immediately, I found myself in conflict with my mom. She was not intentionally insulting. She simply responded as she had done a year earlier when I was still in high school. But by then, I had journeyed down the road toward independence. She was asking me what time I would be coming in at night and urging me to drive the car safely and advising me about what I ate. No offense was intended. My mother had just failed to notice that I had changed and she needed to get with the new program.

Finally, there was a flurry of words between us, and I left the house in a huff. A friend came by to pick me up, and I talked about my feelings as we rode in the car. "Darn it, Bill!" I said. "I don't need a mother anymore."

Then a wave of guilt swept over me.

It was as though I had said, "I don't love my mother anymore." I meant no such thing. What I was feeling was a desire to be friends with my parents instead of accepting their authority over me. Freedom was granted very quickly thereafter.

I hope you will be a bit more patient with your parents than I was with mine. I was only 19 years old, and I wanted it all. I should have given them another year to adjust. Your mom and dad will also change their thinking if you give them a little time. They'll accept you as an adult much quicker if you'll get out on your own and establish an independent life for yourself.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. James C. Dobson's "Focus on the Family" appears each Thursday as a cooperative effort of Scenic Mountain Medical Center and the Big Spring Herald.

ODDS-N-ENDS

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) — Three-year-old Alessandra Scalise was briefly a toy store's best friend.

Charter One Bank mistakenly gave the girl a \$5,000 credit line after her mother, Antonia, jokingly mailed in a pre-approved credit card application in her daughter's name last month.

Under occupation, Mrs. Scalise had written "preschooler," and added: "I'd like to have a credit card to buy some toys, but I'm only 3, and my mommy says no."

The bank approved the application.

"There was no Social Security number listed, no income listed — nothing. And Ali gets a card with a higher line of credit than me and my husband have," Mrs. Scalise said. "She keeps it in her little black purse, and we've taught her to say, 'Charge it.'"

Charter One spokesman William Dupuy told the New York Post the bank was "embarrassed" by the mistake, and has canceled the girl's account.

Military records helpful to genealogists

Today, I will talk about military records, and how to use them in tracing your family history.

From the beginning of time there has been a craving by some to rule others around them. This was true especially in the Roman Empire, where the quest for power led the Romans to conquer the entire region around them.

In these battles fought by the legions of Rome, it was the common foot soldier that fought the hardest and died on the battleground, just another soldier whose name is lost forever. As the years passed and wars came and went, the events of battles were more readily covered, and more of the names of the participants were recorded.

By the time of the American Revolution, more of the foot soldiers were listed on rosters, pay stubs and vouchers, and too, more family information came to light.

Many of the soldiers of the revolution applied for pensions, or their spouses and children, leaving a paper trail for family researchers. The pension applications of the soldiers themselves were indexed many years ago, however, only now

are the applications being abstracted getting all the names mentioned in these files. They include family members as well as people who served with the soldier.

These applications can be very helpful in filling in missing dates and family members. They can tell of birth and death dates, places living or moved to, marriages or other pertinent information on your family, found nowhere else.

They will also tell of the hard times our ancestors went through to bring victory to our great nation, both in the struggling years of independence and in later years of self-defense and self-preservation.

A case in point is the application of Alexander Rawls of Robertson County, Tenn., who fought in the war of 1812. He told of how they would march for days on end in the swamps of Louisiana, and how many



BOBBY RAWLS

came down with fevers and swamp sickness. This, he said in the 1850s when he made his application for a pension, was the cause of health problems that plagued him the rest of his life.

Most of the time, we take our freedom for granted, not thinking once about what our ancestors went through to make us the nation we are today — not just strong, but free. So many people of the world would give all they own just to have the life we have. We should treasure our freedom and remember the ones that made it possible.

By searching the indexes in various books in libraries around our area, you may find an ancestor already listed. If it lists his file number, you can send to the National Archives for his records. Some will be just his service record; others will include his pension as well. Be sure to add a note stating, "Please copy entire file," because if you do not, they may copy a few pages only.

You must use a specific form when ordering, the NATF Form 80. Write to: General Reference Branch, (NRRG-P), National Archives and Records Administration, Seventh and

Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington, D.C. 20408. They will send you the appropriate forms. You can ask for 10-15 forms if you think you will need them.

Fill out the form and send it in, but do not send money. They will bill you after they find the record, before they send the file.

I will write more about military records in future columns. Steven A. Ralls, a fellow researcher, is more knowledgeable in this field and will advise me. Also, for Internet users, there is a website devoted to the Longhunters. This series of articles in currently talking about Daniel Boone and George Rogers Clarke among others, and include articles from the American Revolution.

You can subscribe by sending an e-mail to Longhunters-Request@rootsweb.com, with the word "subscribe" in the message field, nothing else.

Next week — Native American research.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Bobby Rawls writes a weekly column on genealogy. To contact him, call the life! desk at 263,7331, ext. 236, and leave a message, or e-mail to: jwalker@crcom.net, attn: life! section.

School security measures may not spell success, experts say

DALLAS (AP) — Dress codes, metal detectors. See-through backpacks.

Many Texas students returning to classes this month are being met with stepped up security measures in light of school shootings across the nation.

While teachers and administrators hope to improve discipline and prevent tragedies, some fear educators have gone too far, are trampling students' rights and sending a message of distrust.

"I don't think anybody knows the level of frustration these students will feel and choose to express this fall in response to these policies," Diana Philip, director for the North Texas region of the American Civil Liberties Union, said Thursday. "It's going to be an interesting time."

Suburban Allen, which gained national attention when a rash of bomb threats shut it down last spring, has beefed up security measures at its new \$45 million high school.

Surveillance cameras and metal detectors greeted students on their first day of classes Thursday.

Telephone messages are screened by Caller ID.

Students also have to wear identification badges and sub-

mit their backpacks to security officers for routine searches. After the April massacre at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., the district north of Dallas banned specific dress and displays.

One Allen student was suspended for wearing a black armband to class to mourn the Columbine students and to protest the new rules. She has sued alleging her constitutional rights to free speech were violated.

Senior Jennifer Boccia said she was allowed to return to class under an agreement that prevents the district from punishing her further until the suit is resolved.

The honor student said she wants school officials to recognize that students have the right to disagree with them.

The district said in a statement the most important issue is for Miss Boccia to be in school.

However, the district said it must remain focused on ensuring the safety and security of students, faculty and staff.

"We clearly will not tolerate any efforts by anyone, including outside special interest groups to disrupt the high school experience of our students," the district's statement said.

Ms. Philip, whose organization is helping Miss Boccia in her lawsuit, said while school officials nationwide may be trying to show parents they are concerned about safety, "what they are conveying to students is a level of distrust."

"At a time when school administrators and teachers really need to be reaching out to students in order to build communication, some of the policies that have been passed may frustrate that goal," she said.

Larry Comer, spokesman for the Association of Texas Professional Educators, said his organization worked hard in the last two legislative sessions to change the Education Code so that teachers will have more power in dealing with disruptive students and discipline issues.

"You definitely don't want to get into a place where you are trampling on the most basic of rights," he said recently. "At the same time when you look at something like Columbine and, of course, the string of shootings we had in Southern states prior to that, something must be done."

"Occasionally, until we figure out what that something is, unfortunately we might err on the side of caution."

Biography celebrates history of Spam

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — For all of the encyclopedic tomes ever written on critical issues confronting mankind, never before has there been an in-depth examination of that pillar of American culture, luncheon meat.

Now, author, philosopher and woman-about-town Carolyn Wyman has produced the definitive treatise on the subject, "SPAM: A Biography." Wyman says the tribute to the gelatinous, pink brick-in-a-can is long overdue.

"This is a work of serious Spam scholarship," said Wyman, a graduate of Brown University. "By my nature, my training, my education, I'm into looking at every aspect."

"I examine Spam in a very comprehensive way, and I think I really have a handle on my subject matter."

Wyman, a nationally syndicated food columnist, is considered by many to be the world's foremost authority on convenience foods such as Spam, Twinkies and Jell-O.

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Singer and former talk show host Carnie Wilson gave an unusual performance Tuesday — a live broadcast via the Internet of her gastric bypass surgery.

Wilson, the 31-year-old daughter of Beach Boy Brian Wilson, said prior to the surgery she was "morbidly obese" and the procedure provided a permanent solution to weight loss.

"I am so obese to the fact that I could die. That's really what it is. I could have a massive heart attack," she said in a videotaped interview provided on the Website www.doctorinyourhouse.com.

The surgery was performed at Alvarado Hospital Medical Center by a team of doctors.

Many people who tried to see the surgery weren't successful because the Internet server couldn't handle the demand, a hospital spokeswoman said. The Website features celebrities and their health problems.

Wilson's stomach was reduced to a small pouch and attached to the small intestine. As a result, Wilson won't be able to eat as much food and food will leave the body before it is fully digested.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

AARP 55 ALIVE MATURE Driving course will be offered Aug. 17-18 at the Spring City Senior Center, 10 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m. Participants must attend both days and will qualify for a 10 percent discount on insurance upon completion.

Call to sign up, 267-1628, or 263-1576.

THE LADIES AUXILIARY OF the Eagles Lodge is sponsoring a canned food drive during the month of August. Cans of food collected will go to help replenish the Salvation Army food bank.

Bring your donations to the Lodge on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m., or Saturday evenings at 8 p.m. Or call 264-7518, 268-9689, or 267-7115 and club members will pick up your donation.

THE LAST WORD

It takes 20 years to make an overnight success.
Eddie Cantor

There was a time when a fool and his money were soon parted, but now it happens to everyone.
Adlai Stevenson

Youth is immortal. 'Tis the elderly only that grow old!
Herman Melville

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Big Spring girls Abilene team a

Two Big Spring girls, Christina Gwyn and Hufford, played in the Abilene Blue Wednesday's opener of pool play at Under Championships in

The Blue Sox tournament with the Illinois Trevi

Both Gwyn and Hufford were 1-for-3 at the opener, while Gwyn had two innings of no

The Blue Sox with a 4-1 tiebreak the California Orange in their second coming up big winner in the tiebreak.

It was Gwyn's only game, but she had two innings of shutout, allowing Hufford to pitch 1-plate.

Youth soccer scheduled for

The Big Spring Soccer Association scheduled upcoming season 5 p.m. Saturday at Spring Mall.

A second registration will be held to 5 p.m. Saturday.

Any youngster years of age or older is eligible to league.

United Girls Soccer public meeting

The United Girls Soccer Association of Big Spring scheduled an open house 7 p.m. Tuesday at Dora Roberts Center.

UGSA officials past coaches, umpires and chaperones are encouraged to attend.

For more info, contact Clay Slape at 268-

Big Spring Steers on sale to sea

Season tickets for the first of the Steers 1999 football season are now on sale at BSISD Business Center.

The four-game season is priced at \$10. Season tickets have until Friday to purchase.

After that, tickets will be sold to the general public Monday, Aug. 16, at 7 p.m.

Tickets will be sold at 8:30 a.m. until office will be closed until 1 p.m.

Little League registration

Youngsters in grades through sixth grade are taking Crossroads Little League this fall from 6 to 8 p.m. through Friday at Spring Mall.

To register as a player or cheerleader, parents must have certificate and card for last year.

For more info, call 270-2116 or 264-0-

Area coaches to return

Area football coaches asked to return for football season as soon as possible.

Information provided to parents at Crossroads Football Section, to be held Thursday, Aug. 12.

Radio MAJOR LEAGUE I

5:40 p.m. — Detroit Texas Rangers, K-

Television MAJOR LEAGUE I

6 p.m. — Detroit Texas Rangers, F- MAJOR LEAGUE I 6:30 p.m. — Sports at New England R ESPN, Ch. 30.

IN BRIEF

Big Spring girls helping Abilene team at tourney

Two Big Spring girls, Christina Gwyn and Whitney Hufford, played key roles for the Abilene Blue Sox during Wednesday's opening rounds of pool play at the ASA 14-Under National Championships in Garland.

The Blue Sox opened the tournament with a 1-0 loss to the Illinois Trevians. Both Gwyn and Hufford were 1-for-3 at the plate in the opener, while Gwyn pitched two innings of no-hit softball. The Blue Sox rebounded with a 4-1 tiebreaker win over the California Orcutt Express in their second game, Gwyn coming up big with a two-run homer in the tiebreaker.

It was Gwyn's only hit of the game, but she added 2 2/3 innings of shutout mound work, allowing just two hits. Hufford was 1-for-3 at the plate.

Youth soccer registration scheduled for Saturday

The Big Spring Youth Soccer Association has scheduled registration for the upcoming season for 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Big Spring Mall.

A second registration session will be held from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21.

Any youngster who was 4 years of age or older by Aug. 1 is eligible to play in the league.

United Girls Softball sets public meeting for Aug. 17

The United Girls Softball Association of Big Spring has scheduled an open meeting for 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 17, at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

UGSA officials encourage all past coaches, umpires, managers and chaperones, as well as concerned parents of players to attend.

For more information, call Clay Slape at 268-9869.

Big Spring Steer tickets on sale to season buyers

Season ticket holders have the first option on Big Spring Steers 1999 football tickets, that are now on sale at the BSISD Business Office.

The four-game ticket package is priced at \$16.

Season ticket holders will have until Friday to purchase tickets.

After that, tickets will go on sale to the general public from Monday, Aug. 16 until Friday, Sept. 3.

Tickets will be sold from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. The office will be closed from noon until 1 p.m.

Little League football registration scheduled

Youngsters in the third through sixth grades interested in taking part in Crossroads Little League Football this fall will register from 6 to 8 each evening through Friday at the Big Spring Mall.

To register as either a player or a cheerleader, youngsters must have their birth certificate and their report card for last year.

For more information, call 270-2116 or 264-0887.

Area coaches reminded to return questionnaires

Area football coaches are asked to return their Herald football questionnaires as soon as possible.

Information provided will be used to produce the Crossroads Football special section, to be published Thursday, Aug. 26.

ON THE AIR

Radio

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
5:40 p.m. — Detroit Tigers at Texas Rangers, KBST-AM 1490.

Television

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
6 p.m. — Detroit Tigers at Texas Rangers, FXS, Ch. 29.

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER
6:30 p.m. — San Jose Clash at New England Revolution, ESPN, Ch. 30.

Bottom of order steps out of shadows in Rangers' 8-2 win

ARLINGTON (AP) — The bottom third of the Texas Rangers' batting order is usually overshadowed by sluggers like Rafael Palmeiro and Juan Gonzalez.

On Wednesday night, Roberto Kelly, Royce Clayton and Tom Goodwin combined to go 7-for-12 in support of Rick Helling's six-hitter as the Rangers beat the Detroit Tigers 8-2.

"About the fourth or fifth inning I said to the guys, 'Let's do it for The Dungeon,'" Clayton said. "We're contributing, getting on base, stealing a base. It's something we can take a lot of pride in."

Goodwin drove in three runs and Kelly and Clayton drove in one run each for the Rangers, 20-6 since the All-Star break.

Helling (9-7) won his third straight decision, striking out eight and walking

two in his second complete game of the year. He took advantage of a 4-0 lead after two innings, getting ahead of the Tigers hitters. While he allowed two homers, both were solo shots.

"My mentality this season has been to give the team innings," said Helling, who reduced his ERA to 4.18, down from 4.41 last season. "You can't have your best stuff every night, but you've still got to try to figure out how to get through it. In this hot weather, you want to go right at the hitters, and I've been doing that."

Rangers manager Johnny Oates says Helling is a better pitcher than he was last season, when he went 20-7.

"He knows how to use a lead," Oates said. "He had a lot of fly-ball outs, which is a sign he's pitching well."

Helling's route-going performance allowed the Rangers to rest their weary

bullpen, which was extended the two previous games. Texas gave up 25 hits in a loss to Toronto on Monday night, and the Rangers needed 12 innings to beat the Tigers 4-3 Tuesday night.

"We needed a complete game after the last two nights," Oates said. Tigers manager Larry Parrish said his team didn't take advantage of the few mistakes by Helling.

"He's going to throw some good ones and bad ones," Parrish said. "We've got to take advantage of the bad ones."

Texas is 8-4 on this homestand, which ends tonight.

"You start playing like this, you have confidence and walk with an attitude," Oates said.

Palmeiro and Kelly homered for the Rangers, who have won four straight against the Tigers and are 22-5 against

the AL Central.

Willie Blair (1-9), making his first start since May 26 following 19 straight relief appearances, allowed seven runs and nine hits in 5 1/3 innings.

Gonzalez, who strained his left hamstring Tuesday, missed the game.

Texas took a 2-0 lead in the first on Mark McLemore's triple, Rusty Greer's RBI groundout and Palmeiro's 29th homer. Goodwin hit an RBI double in the second, and McLemore added a run-scoring single.

Juan Encarnacion homered in the fourth for the Tigers' first hit, but Kelly's homer made it 5-1 in the bottom half.

Clayton greeted Nelson Cruz with an RBI single in the sixth, and Goodwin followed with a two-run single against C.J. Nitkowski for an 8-1 lead.

Crenshaw erupts on eve of PGA

Ryder Cup turmoil still overshadowing season's final major

MEDINAH, Ill. (AP) — It figured that Medinah Country Club would help decide the U.S. Ryder Cup team. What no one could figure was a Ryder Cup controversy overshadowing the start of the season's final major.

Long the stepchild of the four major championships, the PGA Championship begins today amid a variety of Ryder Cup subplots unfolding both on and off the famed No. 3 course.

Almost lost among them is that perhaps the strongest field of the year — from Tiger Woods to Jean Van de Velde — will play on a widely praised and traditional golf course to decide the last major title of the 1990s.

"If you win this tournament, you have beaten the best field in the world," said Davis Love III, who did just that in the PGA two years ago. "When you measure yourself against other golfers, this is the one you want to win."

Vijay Singh is the defending champion, but he has been mostly overlooked in pre-tournament practice dominated by remarks from the likes of Woods and David Duval that the Ryder Cup players should get something more than just the reward of representing their country next month.

That led to an angry outburst by captain Ben Crenshaw on the eve of the tournament directed at a couple of team members who "know who they are."

"It burns the hell out of me to listen to some of their viewpoints," Crenshaw said. "Playing for your country, I can't imagine anymore than that. It's an honor in itself. It's a duty, a duty."

Crenshaw, a four-time Ryder Cup player himself and a golf historian, invoked the names of players such as Arnold Palmer and Ben Hogan in suggesting that today's top players think more about themselves than their country and the game of golf.

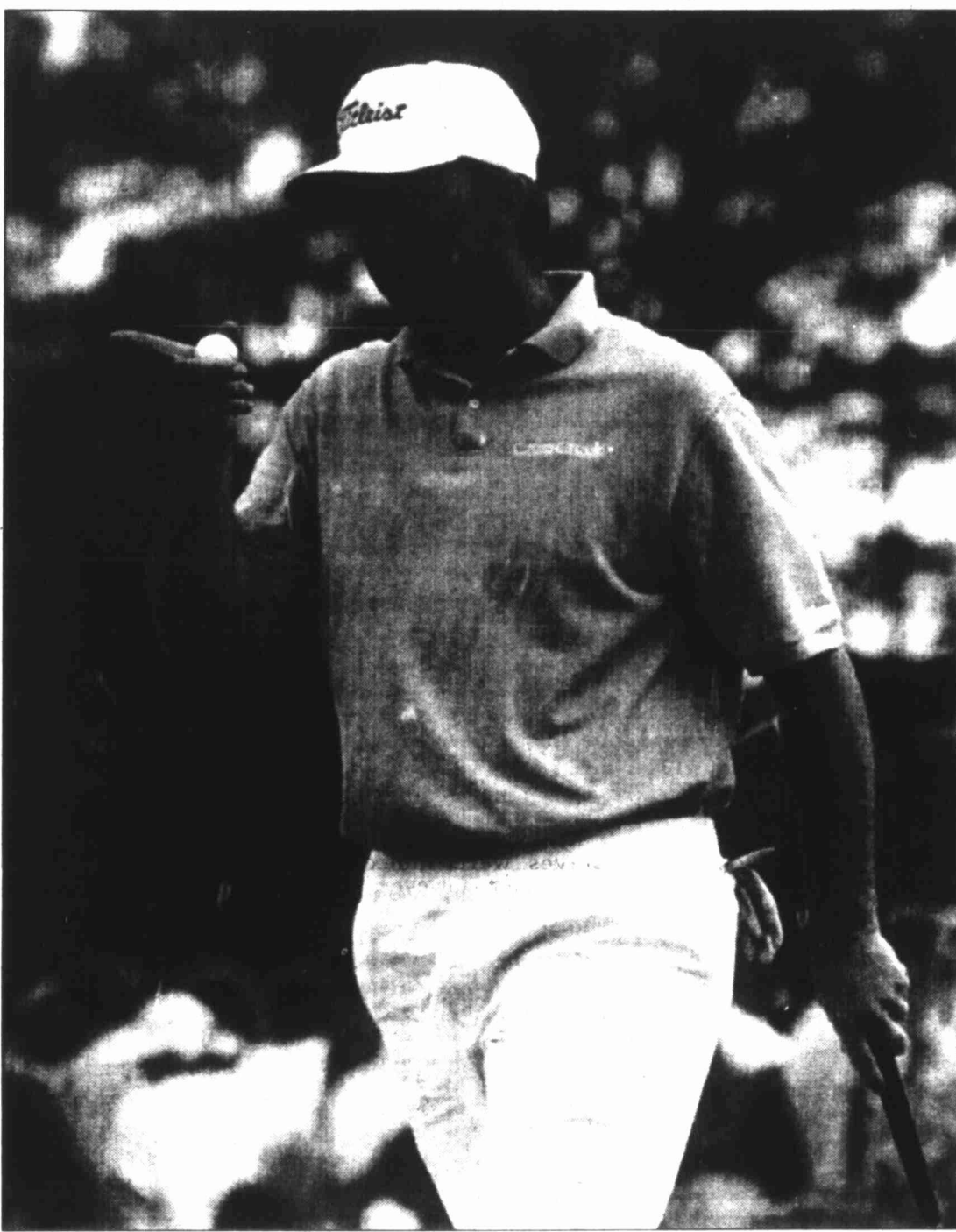
"Whether some players like it or not, there are some people who came before them that mean a hell of a lot to the game," Crenshaw said.

Even before the outburst, Crenshaw was one of the most watched players in the field, even though he hasn't made a cut all year and doesn't figure to be a factor at the age of 47.

He does, however, have the last two picks for the 12-member team, and plans to carefully watch the performance of a group of golfers just outside the top 10 in Ryder Cup points to decide who he will pick for the team.

Among those on the bubble are Tom Lehman, who figures to get one of the picks, and such players as Steve Stricker, Tim Herron, Lee Janzen and Chris Perry.

"All these fellows know what's at stake this week," Crenshaw said. "They have to succeed this week. There's a few players



Tom Lehman, pictured here during the final round of the 1994 Masters, headed into today's opening round of the PGA Championship just out of the running for a guaranteed spot on the United States' Ryder Cup team. Regardless of his finish this weekend, however, Lehman is expected to be picked for the team by captain Ben Crenshaw.

on the hot seat so to speak, and they need to step up."

Woods and Duval, of course, already have positions on the team, but there's one thing Woods has that Duval doesn't — a major title on his resume.

Duval, who has made more news lately for what he has said rather than how he has played, gets a chance to start to rectify that in the featured threesome today that includes Greg Norman and Fred Couples.

It's a return trip to Medinah for Duval, who first played here in the 1990 U.S. Open as an 18-year-old amateur.

"All in all, it's probably been not quite what I would have hoped for," Duval said. "But you know, I have another good opportunity here. It's pretty neat to come back now and play a major on a course that I played my first major on."

Medinah is stretched more than 200 yards since that Open, one of three it has hosted, and now plays 7,401 yards. But the rough isn't as severe as the British Open and there is some playing room in the fairways.

That means the driver will be back in the bag of most players, even such long hitters as Singh, who hit his driver only four times in as many days in winning his first major tournament at Sahalee Country Club near Seattle last year.

"I have no fear of pulling out my driver and hitting it here," Singh said. "I'm very at peace with my game right now."

Singh continued a PGA Championship streak last year by becoming a first time major winner. Of the last 11 championships, 10 have been won by players who had never won a major previously.

Aikman seems to be all smiles when looking at receivers

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — When rearing back after the snap and quickly assessing which receivers have completed their routes, quarterback Troy Aikman can't remember when he's felt better about his options.

Whether he's zipping passes to rookie standout MarTay Jenkins or connecting with a seemingly refreshed Michael Irvin, Aikman has been all smiles this preseason.

He says the Dallas Cowboys corps of receivers is running on all cylinders. He's also pleased with most other parts of the offense.

"Right now, I can say that we have a group that is very promising," Aikman said. "Just as promising as any group we've ever had."

Aikman said he is especially happy to see competition between rookies hoping to fill the void left by James McKnight, who is out for the season with a knee injury.

"It always helps to have that kind of competition because it makes everyone push themselves," Aikman said. "You

can't be around guys who are running hard every play and then go out there and play timid."

Leading the pack of rookies is Jenkins, who drew oohs and ahhs when he made a diving catch in Wednesday's practice and then held on as a defender tried to strip him on the way down.

"He has great speed and is really a good catcher," Aikman said. "That's exactly the kind of receiver we need right now. He's going to fight for the ball and he's going to win many times."

Aikman also likes rookie Wane McGarity.

"Wane has been impressive in my opinion," Aikman said. "We all know about the injuries he's had over the last five or six years with his knees, but if he can stay healthy, I think he's a guy who can play at this level."

Coach Chan Gailey said keeping Aikman content was a major concern in the off-season.

"We tried hard to bring in people who could contribute right away on offense," Gailey said. "And to the extent that we

did that, I think Troy has a reason to be pleased."

Also receiving high marks from Aikman is center Mark Stepnoski.

"We ask a fair amount from our center in this system," he said. "If we've got a center that can play like Step can, it really helps us with a lot of things that we do with the blocking schemes and the running game. Step brings a real toughness to the game and he is extremely intelligent."

PENALTIES UPSET GAILEY

Gailey was not amused by the Cowboys' 17 penalties in their first exhibition game of the season in Ohio.

At a news conference Wednesday, Dallas' sloppy play during Monday night's 20-17 loss to the Cleveland Browns remained foremost in his mind.

"We had too many pre-snap penalties," Gailey said. "That was the most upsetting thing about the ball game. ... We've got to clean things up."

Gailey wasn't the only one talking about the miscues.

School leaders eyeing court's prayer ruling

HOUSTON (AP) — The pre-game prayer has long been a part of the pageantry that accompanies high school football in Texas.

But it may be going the way of drive-in theaters and passenger trains.

As Texas high schools prepare for the opening of football season, superintendents in the Houston area are trying to decide how to handle a court ruling that students can pray at graduations, but not at sporting events.

Some say they will comply with the no-prayer rule. Others say their communities still want it and will have it.

It all came to a head when an appeals court let stand U.S. District Judge Sam Kent's decision allowing nondenominational student prayer at more serious functions such as high school graduations, but not at sporting events.

The lawsuit that took prayer out of the pre-game ceremonies originated in the Santa Fe Independent School District in Galveston County when two families, one Mormon and the other Catholic, filed a lawsuit against it.

The Santa Fe district has appealed the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruling to the U.S. Supreme Court.

But the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals issued a conflicting decision last month that ruled an Alabama school district cannot prohibit student-initiated religious speech, including prayers at school-related assemblies and sporting events.

"If federal judges across the country cannot agree on this, we need clear guidelines," said Lisa Brown, attorney with the Bracewell & Patterson law firm that represents Santa Fe.

Glen Moreau, president of the school board at Pearland, sent out letters to other area boards outlining his plan.

"Because we are sworn as elected officials to uphold the Constitution, our district will comply with this court order covering the state of Texas," Moreau said.

"However, since our district has traditionally held prayer before all varsity football games, it is our feeling that we should do whatever is reasonable in supporting the Santa Fe ISD appeal of this decision to

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TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

DETROIT TIGERS—Signed RHP Doug Brocail to a two-year contract.

NEW YORK YANKEES—Announced that RHP Jason Grimsley dropped his appeal of a three-game suspension. Activated RHP Jeff Nelson from the 15-day disabled list. Optioned RHP Dan Neely to Columbus of the International League.

TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Activated 2B Miguel Cairo from the 15-day disabled list. Optioned RHP Mickey Callaway to Oxnard of the International League.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Activated RHP Darren Holmes from the 15-day disabled list. Optioned RHP Erik Spivey to Tucson of the Pacific Coast League.

ATLANTA BRAVES—Purchased the contract of 3B Howard Battle from Richmond of the International League. Optioned C Pascual Matos to Richmond. Transferred C Javy Lopez from the 15-day to the 60-day disabled list.

FLORIDA MARLINS—Named David Ryan manager of baseball information systems and Laurie Soltman coordinator of player program development.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Optioned LHP Jeff Huberka to Albuquerque of the PCL.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Fired Phil Garner, manager. Named Joe Lefebvre interim manager.

NEW YORK METS—Claimed RHP Jeff Tam of waivers from the Cleveland Indians. Optioned RHP Dan Murray to Norfolk of the International League.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Activated INF Mike Benjamin from the 15-day disabled list. Designated INF/DJ Freddy Garcia for assignment. Released OF Turner Ward.

BASISBALL

NATIONAL BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

CHICAGO HORNETS—Signed F Eddie Robinson.

HOUSTON ROCKETS—Announced the resignation of Robert Bant, senior vice president for basketball operations.

NEW JERSEY NETS—Signed C Evan Eschmeyer to a two-year contract. Agreed to terms with George Muresan on a one-year contract.

NEW YORK KNICKS—Signed Jeff Van Gundy, coach, to a multi-year contract extension through the 2002-03 season. Named Scott Layden general manager and executive vice president.

ORLANDO MAGIC—Traded C Isaac Austin to the Washington Wizards for F Terry Davis, F Ben Wallace, G Tim Lincey and G Gheorghe Muresan.

WOMEN'S NATIONAL BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

PORTRAIT—Named Sarah Bitterer vice president of business operations and Katy Steding community liaison.

FOOTBALL

ATLANTA FALCONS—Agreed to terms with RB Jamal Anderson on a multi-year contract.

CLEVELAND BROWNS—Activated DE Derrick Alexander from the physically-unable-to-perform list.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Signed RB Steve Walsh to a two-year contract. Released QB Steve Watson.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS—Signed C Jeri Dumaguang.

ST. LOUIS RAMS—Agreed to terms with RB Jamal Anderson on a multi-year contract.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Waived DE Michael Mason.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—Agreed to terms with DE Lamar King on a five-year contract. Agreed to terms with WR Michael Jackson.

HOCKEY

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

ATLANTA THRASHERS—Signed RW Alexei Yegorov.

EDMONTON OILERS—Signed F Rem Murray to a one-year contract.

NEW YORK RANGERS—Agreed to terms with F Ken Gendamer.

VANCOUVER CANUCKS—Signed D Chris O'Sullivan.

SOCCER

Major League Soccer

MLS—Assigned M DaMarcus Beasley to the Los Angeles Galaxy and G Scott Galloway to the Dallas Burn.

TAMPA BAY MUTINY—Waived F Jefferson Gottardis. Added D Joe Addo to the roster.

COLLEGE

ARMY—Named Jimmy Gonzales director of football operations.

AUGUSTANA, IL—Announced the resignation of Diane Schumacher, softball coach, to become the athletic director at Howard Community College.

BERMIDJ STATE—Named Dina Kangas softball coach.

CORNELL—Named Nathan Taylor men's cross country and track and field coach.

MORGAN STATE—Named Roger Cascano tight ends coach.

NEWBERRY—Named Hunter Spivey wide receivers coach and Steph Hatley women's basketball coach.

MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
American League				
Seattle	70	43	.619	0
New York	65	51	.562	6 1/2
Boston	63	51	.553	7 1/2
Baltimore	51	63	.447	19 1/2
Tampa Bay	47	67	.412	23 1/2
Central Division				
Cleveland	69	44	.611	0
Chicago	51	61	.450	17 1/2
Minnesota	47	64	.423	21
Kansas City	46	67	.407	23
Detroit	44	69	.389	25
West Division				
Texas	68	45	.602	0
Colorado	61	53	.535	7 1/2
Seattle	56	58	.491	12 1/2
Anaheim	46	67	.407	22
National League				
St. Louis	70	46	.603	0
Atlanta	69	46	.600	1/2
Philadelphia	62	52	.544	7
Montreal	46	65	.414	21 1/2
Florida	47	68	.409	22 1/2
Central Division				
Houston	69	47	.595	0
Cincinnati	66	49	.574	1 1/2
St. Louis	58	58	.500	11
Pittsburgh	57	57	.500	11
Milwaukee	52	62	.451	15
Chicago	50	63	.442	18 1/2
West Division				
Arizona	66	49	.574	0
San Francisco	58	56	.509	7 1/2
San Diego	52	62	.456	13 1/2
Los Angeles	51	63	.447	14 1/2
Colorado	49	65	.430	18 1/2
Friday's Games				
Boston 9, Kansas City 3				
Seattle 11, Chicago 2				
Tampa Bay 4, Tampa Bay 2				
Toronto 6, Minnesota 3				
Los Angeles 2, Detroit 2				
New York 4, Anaheim 3				
Cleveland 5, Oakland 3				
Today's Games				
Toronto (Hartgen 7:30) at Minnesota (Mays 4-4), 12:15 p.m.				
Los Angeles (Mack 6:10) at Texas (Sele 12:6), 6:05 p.m.				
Tampa Bay (Witt 6:8) at Kansas City (Reichert 1:0), 7:05 p.m.				
Only games scheduled				
National League				
East Division				
St. Louis	70	46	.603	0
Atlanta	69	46	.600	1/2
Philadelphia	62	52	.544	7
Montreal	46	65	.414	21 1/2
Florida	47	68	.409	22 1/2
Central Division				
Houston	69	47	.595	0
Cincinnati	66	49	.574	1 1/2
St. Louis	58	58	.500	11
Pittsburgh	57	57	.500	11
Milwaukee	52	62	.451	15
Chicago	50	63	.442	18 1/2
West Division				
Arizona	66	49	.574	0
San Francisco	58	56	.509	7 1/2
San Diego	52	62	.456	13 1/2
Los Angeles	51	63	.447	14 1/2
Colorado	49	65	.430	18 1/2
Wednesday's Games				
Florida 6, San Francisco 5, 10 innings				
Philadelphia 8, Milwaukee 5				
Chicago 7, Chicago 5, 11 innings				
Pittsburgh 5, Cincinnati 4				
Atlanta 8, Houston 5				
St. Louis 5, Philadelphia 1				
Los Angeles 9, Montreal 7				
New York 12, San Diego 5				
Today's Games				
San Diego (Williams 5:10) at New York (Leter 9:7), 11:10 a.m.				
Los Angeles (Judd 0:0) at Montreal (Hermanian 5:10), 12:05 p.m.				
Only games scheduled				
Friday's Games				
Montreal (McJohnson 0:0) at Philadelphia (Tomko 12:8), 9:35 p.m.				
Today's Games				
St. Louis (Bohannon 10:9), 1st game, 2:05 p.m.				
Cincinnati (Byrd 13:6) at Cleveland (Nagy 4:5), 6:05 p.m.				
Atlanta (Cordova 7:5) at Houston (Hampton 16:3), 7:05 p.m.				
Chicago (Farnsworth 2:5) at St. Louis (Bottenfield 15:5), 7:10 p.m.				
Montreal (Vazquez 5:5) at Colorado (Benes 7:10), 9:05 p.m.				
Milwaukee (Romo 9:5) at Arizona (Meadows 9:11) at San Diego (Boehrer 6:4), 9:05 p.m.				
Atlanta (Miller 12:1) at Los Angeles (Dreifort 9:11), 9:10 p.m.				
New York (Yoshi 5:7) at San Francisco (Ott 12:8), 9:35 p.m.				
Today's Games				
Philadelphia 7 p.m.				
San Diego at San Francisco, 7 p.m.				
Friday's Games				
Washington 5 p.m., New York 5:05 p.m.				
Pittsburgh 6 p.m., Detroit 5:30 p.m.				
Today's Games				
Cleveland at Orlando, 6:30 p.m.				
Philadelphia at Houston, 7:30 p.m.				
Friday's Games				
New York at Detroit, 7 p.m.				
Phoenix at Utah, 8 p.m.				
Charlotte at Sacramento, 9 p.m.				
NFL PRESEASON				
Today's Games				
Philadelphia 7 p.m.				
San Diego at San Francisco, 7 p.m.				
Friday's Games				
Detroit at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.				
Atlanta at Jacksonville, 6:30 p.m.				
New Orleans at Miami, 6:30 p.m.				
Washington at New England, 6:30 p.m.				
Chicago at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m.				
N.Y. Giants at Minnesota, 7 p.m.				
Saturday's Games				
N.Y. Jets at Green Bay, 7 p.m.				
Cincinnati at Indianapolis, 7 p.m.				
Cleveland at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.				
Arizona at Denver, 8 p.m.				
Buffalo at Seattle, 8 p.m.				
Sunday's Games				
Dallas at Oakland, 3 p.m.				
Tennessee at Kansas City, 7:30 p.m.				
TEXAS LEAGUE				
Wednesday's Games				
Midland 9, El Paso 7				
Jackson 2, Shreveport 1				
Wichita 1, San Antonio 0				
Tulsa 6, Arkansas 1				
Today's Games				
Midland at El Paso				
Shreveport at Jackson				
Wichita at San Antonio				
Arkansas at Tulsa				
TEX-LA LEAGUE				
Wednesday's Games				
Greenville 21, Abilene 8				
Alexandria 11, Amarillo 2				
Lafayette at Ozark, p.p., rain				
Today's Games				
Abilene at Greenville				
Alexandria at Amarillo				
Lafayette at Ozark, 2				

339: HRODRIGUEZ, Chicago, 338: EVERETT, Houston, 332: GRANVILLE, Philadelphia, 325: MARGACE, Chicago, 323.

RUNS—Bigwell, Houston, 106; J.Bell, Arizona, 95; Alfonso, New York, 87; Biggio, Houston, 87; Sosa, Chicago, 86; Walker, Colorado, 84; Jones, Atlanta, 83; Gonzalez, Arizona, 83.

RBI—McWilliams, Arizona, 104; McGwire, St. Louis, 102; Bigwell, Houston, 99; Sosa, Chicago, 96; Bjordan, Atlanta, 92; L.Walker, Colorado, 92; Ventura, New York, 91.

HITS—Granville, Philadelphia, 150; LGonzalez, Arizona, 150; Alfonso, New York, 146; Biggio, Houston, 145; McWilliams, Arizona, 145; Casey, Cincinnati, 142; NPerez, Colorado, 136; Crillo, Milwaukee, 136; MaGrace, Chicago, 136.

DOUBLES—Biggio, Houston, 48; KYoung, Pittsburgh, 35; CJones, Atlanta, 33; Ramos, Los Angeles, 33; Alfonso, New York, 32; LGonzalez, Arizona, 32; Casey, Cincinnati, 31.

TRIPLES—AGonzalez, Florida, 7; Kotter, Florida, 7; Abreu, Philadelphia, 7; Cameron, Cincinnati, 7; NPerez, Colorado, 6; Martinez, Montreal, 6; Martin, Pittsburgh, 6; Sprinley, Arizona, 6.

HOME RUNS—McGwire, St. Louis, 44; Sosa, Chicago, 43; Bigwell, Houston, 36; L.Walker, Colorado, 30; CJones, Atlanta, 29; J.Bell, Arizona, 29; Vaughn, Cincinnati, 27.

STOLEN BASES—Cedeno, New York, 58; Wronosack, Arizona, 49; L.Casillo, Florida, 34; EYoung, Los Angeles, 34; Cameron, Cincinnati, 30; Henderson, New York, 29; RSanders, San Diego, 28.

PITCHING—(13 Decisions)—Hampton, Pittsburgh, 16.3, 842, 2.96; Bottenfield, St. Louis, 15.5, 750, 3.84; Schilling, Philadelphia, 14.5, 737, 3.49; RReed, New York, 10.4, 714, 4.94; GMaddux, Atlanta, 14.6, 700, 3.57; Byrd, Philadelphia, 13.6, 684, 3.83; KBrown, Los Angeles, 13.6, 684, 3.26.

SAVES—Hoffman, San Diego, 28; Wagner, Houston, 27; Urbina, Houston, 26; Rozema, Atlanta, 25; W.L. Young, San Francisco, 25; Shaw, Los Angeles, 24; Wickman, Milwaukee, 22.

WNBA

Wednesday's Games

Athletics' superiority at home doesn't show against Yankees

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Oakland Athletics are the best home team in baseball this season — except, of course, when they play the New York Yankees.

The Yankees beat the Athletics 5-3 at Oakland on Wednesday night. It marked the second time this season that the Yankees won two of three at the A's stadium, where Oakland is a major league-best 41-19.

This time, the Yankees won with the help of a three-run homer in the seventh and a key single in the ninth by Bernie Williams, who has 20 RBIs in his last nine games.

"There was too much Bernie Williams for us. That three-run homer was what really hurt us, and he also came through in the ninth," A's manager Art Howe said. "It was a heck of a game, but the wrong team won."

In other American League games, it was Boston 9, Kansas City 3; Seattle 11, Chicago 2; Baltimore 4, Tampa Bay 2; Toronto 6, Minnesota 3; Texas 8, Detroit 2; and Cleveland 4, California 3.

In National League games, it was St. Louis 5, Philadelphia 1; Arizona 7, Chicago 5 in 11 innings; Florida 6, San Francisco 5 in 10 innings; Colorado 8, Milwaukee 5; Pittsburgh 5, Cincinnati 4; Atlanta 8, Houston 5; Los Angeles 9, Montreal 7; and New York 12, San Diego 5.

Williams' homer in the seventh helped the Yankees wipe out a 2-0 deficit. After Oakland tied the score in the bottom of the inning on a wild pitch by Alan Watson, New York won it with a two-run ninth highlighted by Tino Martinez's tie-breaking RBI single of the right-field wall.

Martinez's single off Doug Jones (3-4) came after Williams singled and Chili Davis walked. Ricky Ledee followed Martinez's decisive hit with a run-scoring double as the Yankees improved their road record to 34-22, second-best in the AL behind Cleveland's 35-22.

Watson (2-1) got four outs for the victory. Mariano Rivera pitched the ninth for his 32nd

saves as the Yankees won for the seventh time in eight games.

Jason Giambi had a sacrifice fly in the first and Ben Grieve hit his 19th homer for the A's in the second as Oakland took a 2-0 lead.

Red Sox 9, Royals 3

Bret Saberhagen, back in the ballpark where he won two Cy Young Awards, allowed four hits in eight innings to lead Boston to victory at Kansas City.

Saberhagen (9-4) struck out three and didn't walk a batter for the 10th time in 17 starts. Saberhagen, 110-78 for the Royals from 1984-91, gave up a solo home run in the second to Mike Sweeney, who extended his hitting streak to 23 games, and another solo homer in the eighth to Tim Spehr.

Butch Huskey and Mike Stanley homered for the Red Sox. Jose Rosado (7-9) took the loss.

Mariners 11, White Sox 2

Alex Rodriguez homered and drove in five runs as the Mariners beat Chicago for a three-game sweep.

Rodriguez, who went 3-for-4, has 28 homers, all since he was activated from the disabled list May 14. He hit an RBI single in the first, a two-run single in the fourth and a two-run homer in the sixth.

Edgar Martinez and Raul Ibanez hit also hit two-run homers for Seattle, which handed Chicago its seventh straight loss.

Mariners starter Paul Abbott (3-0) allowed two runs and three hits in five innings. Jaime Navarro (7-10) was the loser.

Orioles 4, Devil Rays 2

Mike Mussina stopped his three-game losing streak and B.J. Surhoff and Albert Belle hit consecutive homers as Baltimore won at Tampa Bay.

Mussina (14-7) rebounded from losing three consecutive starts for the first time in his career. Mussina gave up two runs and nine hits in 7 2-3 innings, striking out seven and walking one.

Surhoff and Belle hit solo

homers in the fifth inning. Tampa Bay starter Rolando Arrojo (2-8) went six innings, allowing three runs and nine hits.

Blue Jays 6, Twins 3

Chris Carpenter pitched a complete game for his sixth straight win, and Carlos Delgado hit his 35th homer as Toronto won at Minnesota.

Carpenter (9-5) allowed only six singles and a two-run homer in the ninth inning. The right-hander struck out a season-high nine and walked none for his fourth complete game of the season and sixth of his career.

Carpenter hasn't lost in 10 starts since May 28, when he was beaten 10-6 by the New York Yankees.

Eric Milton (4-9) took the loss despite striking out a career-high 12.

Indians 4, Angels 3

Manny Ramirez hit his 30th homer and Roberto Alomar added his 20th as Cleveland won at Anaheim to complete a three-game sweep and send the Angels to their sixth straight loss.

Ramirez, who hit 45 homers last year, connected off Lou Pote in the eighth for his second homer in two nights and raised his major league-leading RBIs total to 116.

Dave Burba (9-7) allowed one run and seven hits in six innings. Steve Sparks (5-9) lost for a fifth time in six decisions.

Arizona 7, Chicago 5

Matt Williams hit a two-run double in the 11th inning and had four RBIs as Arizona beat Chicago at Wrigley Field and opened a 7-game lead in the NL West.

The Diamondbacks, who have won five straight, are 66-49 and topped their win total from 1998. Chicago has lost five straight and 11 of 14.

Randy Johnson, who struck out 11 in eight innings and left with a 5-3 lead, lost a chance for the win when the Cubs tied the game in the ninth on Henry Rodriguez's RBI double and Glenallen Hill's run-scoring infield single.

AL LEADERS

BATTING—Garciparra, Boston, .354; Jeter, New York, .352; BeWilliams, New York, .351; Ramirez, Texas, .347; Farnsworth, Toronto, .343; McSwain, Kansas City, .338; Viquez, Cleveland, .337.	RUNS—Alomar, Cleveland, 98; Jeter, New York, 96; SGreen, Toronto, 93; Griffey Jr., Seattle, 91; CDelgado, Toronto, 89; Lofton, Cleveland, 89; Stewart, Toronto, 87; Durham, Chicago, 87; MRamirez, Cleveland, 87.	RBI—MRamirez, Cleveland, 116; CDelgado, Toronto, 102; RPalmiero, Texas, 99; SGreen, Toronto, 98; Griffey Jr., Seattle, 97; Dye, Kansas City, 92; JGonzalez, Texas, 92.	HITS—Suroff, Baltimore, 155; Jeter, New York, 154; Stewart, Toronto, 149; BeWilliams, New York, 149; Beltran, Kansas City, 145; Randa, Kansas City, 144; Damon, Kansas City, 140.	DOUBLES—Damon, Kansas City, 34; Walker, Houston, 33; MSweeney, Kansas City, 33; Greer, Texas, 33; SGreen, Toronto, 32; Farnsworth, Toronto, 32; CDelgado, Toronto, 30; MRamirez, Cleveland, 30; Palmiero, Texas, 29; Abudriguez, Seattle, 28; Belle, Baltimore, 26.
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FISHING REPORT

Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for Aug. 11. (Report also available on Web at www.tdfrishing.com.)

CENTRAL
BROWNWOOD: Water stained; 85 to 89 degrees. Black bass are good on topwaters and Texas-rigged soft plastics fished around the points and bank edges in 2 to 10 feet. Crappie are good on jigs and minnows fished around the docks and at night under lights in 10 to 16 feet. White bass are excellent on small spoons fished through the big schools. It is not hard to find the schools just stay on the main lake between Flat Rock Park and the state park and watch for the water to come alive.

BUCHANAN: Water clear; 87 degrees; Black bass are fair on 1/4oz. white/chartreuse Terminator buzzbaits, bone orange Spiffire topwaters and Carolina-rigged chartreuse/pepper Ring-Frys fished very early along the breaklines in the upper end and around the islands in 3 to 8 feet. Crappie are fair on minnows fished at night under lights. White bass are fair trolling shad-type crankbaits and vertically jugging Horizon Park Minnows and 1/8oz. chrome/blue Spin Traps from Beaver Creek along the rocky shoreline. Striped bass are slow trolling bucktail jigs on downriggers early and late in 28 to 60 feet (fishing along dam is also producing a few fish). Channel and blue catfish are good on stinkbait, cheesebait and cut baits. Yellow catfish to 21 pounds are good on live perch.

AMSTAD: Water clear on the main lake, off-color upriver; 82 degrees; 37' low. Black bass are good on topwaters fished early and jigs, crankbaits and worms fished in and around the hydrilla beds. Crappie are slow on minnows fished up the Devil's River at night. White bass are good on slabs fished around the Hwy. 90 and railroad bridges. Striped bass are slow. Channel and blue catfish are fair on cheesebait fished in 25 to 35 feet. Yellow catfish to 18 pounds are fair on trotlines baited with live perch set in 25 to 35 feet.

WEST
ALAN HENRY: Water slightly stained; 83 degrees; Black bass to 7 pounds are fair on large dark colored worms fished on flats near river channels in 20 to 25 feet. No reports of Alabama Spotted bass, small mouth bass, or crappie. Channel and blue catfish to 10 pounds are good on minnows and shrimp. Yellow catfish to 15 pounds are good on perch and large minnows.

ARROWHEAD: Water clear; 80 degrees; 5.5' low. Black bass are fair on spinnerbaits fished shallow. Crappie are fair on small minnows fished in 14 feet around the derricks. White bass are fair on minnows and jigs with light schooling action on the Hwy. 90 and Channel and blue catfish are good on cheese bait fished in 8 to 10 feet. Yellow catfish are good on jugs and trotlines baited with perch in 6 to 14 feet on the south end of the lake.

BRADY: Water slightly stained; 77 degrees; 14' low. Black bass are good on worms and crankbaits fished on points early. Crappie are poor on minnows. White bass are poor on minnows and jigs. Blue and channel catfish are fair on cut shad fished in 10 feet. Yellow catfish are poor on large minnows.

COLORADO CITY: Water slightly stained; 76 degrees; 12' low. Black bass are poor on minnows fished under lights at night. Red fish are fair on minnows.

FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 82 degrees; 13.5' low. Black bass are poor on spinnerbaits and worms fished in 2 to 5 feet. Crappie are fair on small minnows and jigs fished in 22 to 25 feet at the new crappie house at night. Sand bass are fair on small minnows fished shallow near Johnson park. Hybrid stripers are good on liver and minnows fished in 8 to 14 feet. Blue catfish are good on shad. Yellow catfish to 55 pounds are fair on shad and perch fished in 30 to 35 feet near the dam.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water clear; 85 degrees; 6' low. Black bass are fair on Carolina-rigs fished in 5 to 8 feet around grass beds (early and late) and at night on top waters. Crappie are poor on small minnows fished in 15 to 20 feet and around boat houses. White bass are poor on small spinners and slabs where they are schooling and also by trolling. No reports on hybrid stripers. Channel catfish are fair on cut bait fished in 12 to 15 feet near boat houses. No reports of blue or yellow catfish.

KEMP: Water slightly stained; 79 degrees; 1.5' low. Black bass are poor fished in 2 to 5 feet. Sand bass are poor on minnows. Crappie are poor on minnows fished in 4 to 5 feet. Striped bass are fair on live shad fished in 30 to 32 feet. Blue and channel catfish are fair on perch and cut bait. No reports on yellow catfish.

NASWORTHY: Water stained; 85 degrees; Black bass are poor on spinnerbaits and black and blue jigs fished in the gator weed and moss. No report on crappie. White bass are poor on small crankbaits and jigs fished under lights at night. No reports on yellow catfish or hybrid stripers. Channel and blue catfish are fair on cut bait. Yellow catfish are poor on trotlines baited with goldfish, shad and perch.

NOCENA: Water stained; 87 degrees; 3' low. Black bass to 8 pounds are good on purple worms and crankbaits fished in 5 to 20 feet. Crappie are good on chartreuse jigs and minnows fished in 15 to 25 feet. White bass and hybrid stripers are excellent on lipless crankbaits and topwaters fished in 10 to 25 feet with schooling activity. Channel and blue catfish are good on prepared baits and shad fished in 8 to 15 feet. Yellow catfish are poor.

OKA CREEK: Water clear; 84 degrees; 11' low. Black bass are fair on spinnerbaits, crankbaits, plastic baits and minnows fished in 4 to 12 feet. White bass are excellent on minnows fished in 4 to 16 feet. Crappie are poor on minnows and jigs fished in 4 to 16 feet. Blue and channel catfish are fair on stink bait, minnows, shad, cut bait and liver fished in 3 to 10 feet. Yellow catfish are fair on shad, gold fish, liver and cut bait fished in 3 to 10 feet.

OH. RIVE: Water clear on main lake, stained up the rivers and creeks; 88 degrees; 8.5' low. Black bass are fair on top waters fished in less than 5 feet early and late on grass beds and up the rivers on small plastic baits fished early in brush. Crappie are poor at night fished under lights in 30 to 40 feet. White bass are good on minnows at night fished under lights on the main lake. Catfish to 25 pounds are poor on trotlines fished in 35 to 45 feet next to river channels.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear; 84 degrees; 4' low. Black bass are poor on flukes and spoons early and on ring worms fished in 5 to 20 feet later in the day. White bass are poor on minnows fished in 10 to 20 feet and on small top waters fished early with schooling stripers. Striped bass are poor on live shad fished in 30 to 40 feet. Crappie are poor on minnows and jigs fished in 5 to 20 feet. Blue catfish to 20 pounds are poor on cut shad and perch fished in 20 to 40 feet. Yellow catfish are poor on perch fished in 20 to 30 feet.

SPENCE: Water slightly stained; 80 degrees; Black bass are fair on plastic baits fished near structure and rocky cliffs. White bass are good on small crankbaits and spinnerbaits fished early near shallow water bars in the main lake. Crappie are poor on minnows fished on rocky bottoms in 12 to 15 feet. Striped bass to 25 pounds are good on cut bait and live shad fished in 10 to 15 feet. Channel and blue catfish to 30 pounds are good on shrimp and nightcrawlers fished near the bank. No reports on yellow catfish.

STAMFORD: Water clear; 81 degrees; 5' low. Black bass are poor on crankbaits fished in 8 to 10 feet on rock bottoms. Crappie are poor on minnows fished deep. No reports on white bass. Yellow catfish are poor on trotlines baited with shad. Channel catfish are poor on shad, stink bait, worms and perch. Blue catfish are poor on punch bait.

SWEETWATER: Water slightly stained; 80 degrees; 11.5' low. Black bass to 9.48 pounds are fair on Carolina-rigs (plastic baits) and jigs fished in 15 to 18 feet on under water humps. Crappie are slow on minnows. White bass are poor on road runners fished on points in the main lake. Blue and channel catfish are good on punch bait fished in 5 feet. No reports of yellow catfish.

TWIN BUTTES: Water stained; 83 degrees; 35' low. Black bass are poor on crankbaits fished along the cam and on spinnerbaits fished shallow along the bank. White bass are fair on minnows and very small crankbaits with some schooling action. No report on crappie. Channel, blue and yellow catfish are fair on cut shad and worms.

WHITE RIVER: Water clear; 80 degrees; Black bass to 9.4 pounds are poor on spinnerbaits and minnows fished shallow. Crappie are good on small minnows fished late in the evening and at night. White bass are fair on minnows. No reports on walleye. Channel catfish to 10 pounds are good on shrimp fished in the mouths on the rivers and creeks. No reports on blue or yellow catfish.

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By BETTY DEBNAM

**Tiny Bird Champions
Hail to the Hummingbird!**

Hummingbirds are the top record breakers of the bird world. They are:

- the smallest birds;
- the only birds that can hover continuously;
- the only birds that can fly backward, upside down or sideways for more than a few seconds;
- the only birds with so many extremely bright, vivid, shiny colors;
- the second-largest family of birds in the world, with 318 types, or species.

Itsy-bitsy birds

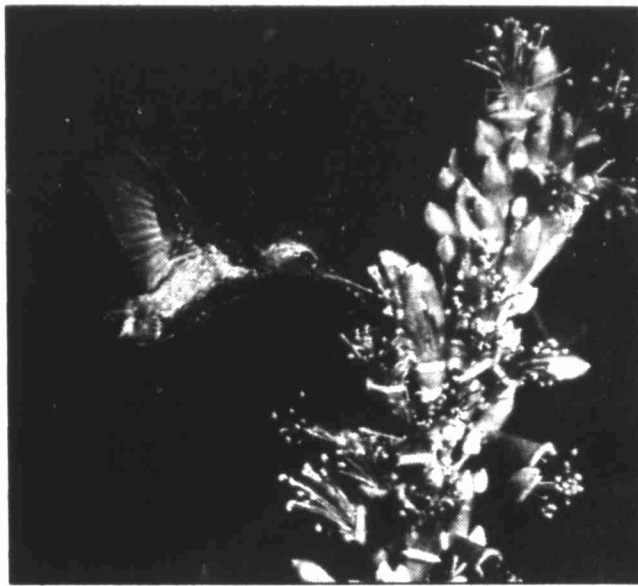
Hummingbirds are so tiny that one of their enemies is an insect, the praying mantis.

The smallest bird in the world is the Cuban bee hummingbird. It is less than 2 inches long from the tip of its beak to the tip of its tail.

It weighs about 6/100ths of an ounce. You could put 16 in an envelope and mail them all for 33 cents! They are so small, people often mistake them for insects.



Cuban bee hummingbird



Because they can hover, hummingbirds can feed from flowers that have no places for them to land. Sticking their long beaks inside the blossom, they drink up the nectar. The bills of many hummingbirds are the longest in the bird kingdom.

This broadbilled hummingbird is one of many types that nest in Arizona.

The Mini Page thanks H. Ross Hawkins, president, The Hummingbird Society, Newark, Del., for help with this story.

Flying fast

The hum from hummingbirds comes from the super-fast beat of their wings. The smallest ones beat their wings the fastest, up to 80 times per second. Even the slower beat of bigger birds, 20 times a second, is so fast that people see only a blur.

A hummingbird's flight muscles make up about one-third of its weight, a bigger amount than in any other bird.

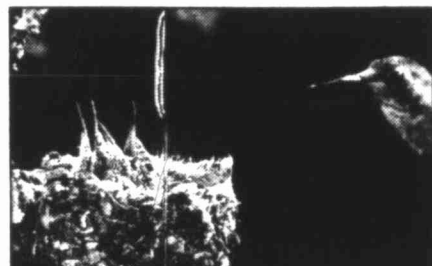
They are so good at flying that most don't ever walk. They use their feet only to perch. Even when they are just changing position on a branch, they fly.

While they can do special things such as fly backward or hover, they cannot glide or soar.



Nesting

The mother binds plants together with spiderwebs to make a tiny nest about as big as a golf ball. She sticks bits of leaves and other matter around it for camouflage. The male does not help with the nest or the babies.



Hummingbirds usually lay two eggs about the size of small jellybeans. They live in the wild three to five years.

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Bird Nests**

- You'll need:
- 1 (6-ounce) bag butterscotch chips
 - 1 cup peanut butter
 - 2 cups miniature marshmallows
 - 1 (3-ounce) can chow mein noodles
- What to do:
1. Place butterscotch chips and peanut butter in a medium, microwave-safe bowl. Microwave on high 2 minutes or until melted. Stir every minute.
 2. Remove from heat. Stir in marshmallows. Mix well.
 3. Stir in noodles. Mix well.
 4. Place by teaspoonfuls on a cookie sheet.
 5. Refrigerate until well-chilled. Makes about 40.

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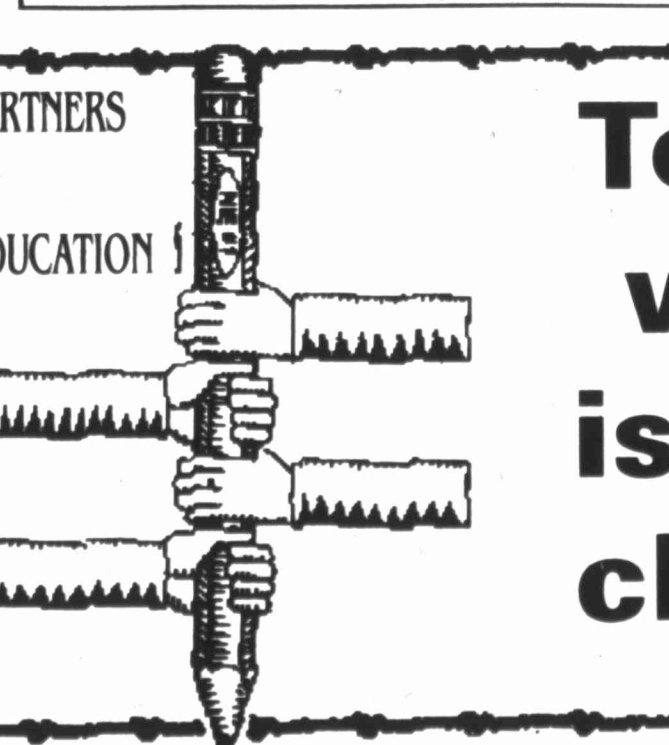
Words that remind us of hummingbirds are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: HUMMINGBIRD, NEST, TINY, COLORFUL, BRIGHT, FLY, BACKWARD, SIDEWAYS, WINGS, BEAT, HUM, NECTAR, FLOWERS, REED, EAT, ENERGY, FEED, EGGS, BEAK, BIRD.

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Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and Alpha Mouse are watching hummingbirds at her feeder. See if you can find:

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- kite
- carrot
- dragon
- ice-cream bar
- bandage
- number 3
- ladder
- caterpillar
- letter E
- word MINI
- squirrel
- candle



The Hummingbird World

Food

Hummingbirds are so active they have to eat lots and lots of food. If an awake hummingbird does not eat at least every 30 minutes, it could starve to death.

Small insects make up part of their food, especially when they are babies. Their main food is nectar from flowers or trees. Water makes up about three-fourths of nectar. Sucrose, or ordinary table sugar, makes up the rest.

They need to eat 2 1/2 times their body weight in nectar every day. This is the same as eating about one-half their body weight in sugar, and two times their weight in water.

To get enough nectar they must feed from hundreds of flowers every day. During the night, and if there is not enough food, they can go into a kind of hibernation.

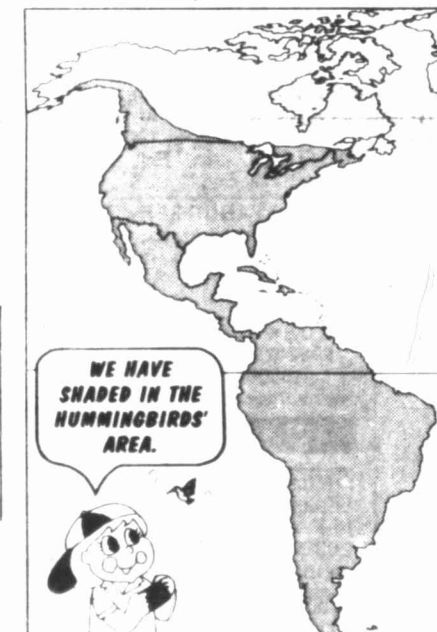
If humans moved as much as hummingbirds, a 75-pound child would have to eat 163 pounds of potatoes a day. If soft drinks were as rich in sugar as nectar, a child would still have to drink 250 12-ounce cans of soft drink every single day.



Ruby-throated hummingbird

Insects don't see red, so they often pass by red flowers, leaving them for hummingbirds. Hummingbirds know a red flower might mean food just for them. They will check out anything red, even lipstick or clothes.

Location



Hummingbirds are found only on the American continents and Caribbean islands. The areas near the equator have the most species. Ecuador has 160 species, the most of any country. Mexico has 40.

Sixteen species nest in the U.S. They are in every state except Hawaii.

Only one species, the ruby-throated hummingbird, nests east of the Mississippi River.

The best place in this country to find hummingbirds is southeastern Arizona. They come there from many different areas.

The rufous is the only hummingbird to nest in Alaska. It might migrate 2,000 miles to Mexico each winter, and then back to Alaska in the spring.

Ruby-throated hummingbirds migrate about 600 miles across the Gulf of Mexico, flying for about 20 hours.

To keep from starving on the journey, they go on an eating binge for two weeks before leaving. By the time they reach land again, they will have burned up almost half their body weight.

Glorious color

Famous bird artist John Audubon called hummingbirds "glittering fragments of the rainbow." Hummingbirds often have beautiful, bright, shiny colors.

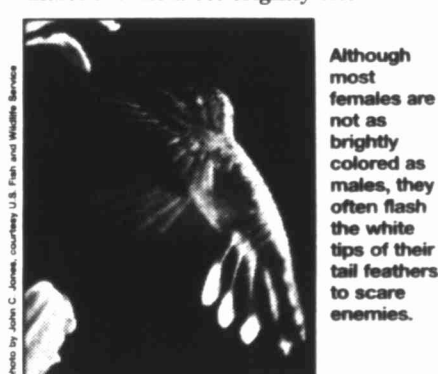
Most bird feathers have chemical colors, or pigments, that always show the same color. For example, a blue jay is always blue, no matter how the light hits its feathers.

While hummingbirds do have feathers colored with pigments, they get their brightest colors in a different way. Tiny layers of feather cells break the light into brilliant colors, just as water breaks light into a rainbow.

Unless the light hits the bird just right, you can't see any color at all. It just looks dark.

The ability to display colors when they want is a great help to hummingbirds. A male flashes his bright colors to attract a female or scare off an enemy. Even a hawk can be scared off if it sees a sudden burst of color.

Only about 5 percent to 10 percent of hummingbirds are adult males. The rest are females or young. Usually the males are the most brightly colored.



Blue jay

Although most females are not as brightly colored as males, they often flash the white tips of their tail feathers to scare enemies.

Meet Phylicia Rashad

Phylicia Rashad is starring in her second TV series with Bill Cosby. She plays Ruth Lucas on the show "Cosby." For eight years she played Clair Huxtable on "The Cosby Show." Phylicia has been on other shows, including "Touched by an Angel" and "A Different World." In addition to acting, she also sings and has performed on Broadway and in shows around the country. Phylicia grew up in Houston and graduated from Howard University in Washington, D.C. She studied fine arts. She lives in Mount Vernon, N.Y., with her husband, sportscaster Ahmad Rashad, son, Billy, and daughter, Condola Phylea. Phylicia works with several charities.

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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) *** Pressure builds. Clear your desk and get the job done. You have unusually high energy. Mobilize another's support; this could mean that everyone starts the weekend earlier. Early afternoon could prove to be frustrating for anything but socializing. If you must work, network! Tonight: Charge into the weekend.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) **** Let your mind wander. Perhaps you need a little indulgence. A loved one wants you to think about him. Another makes an overture toward you; what do you want to do about it? This person is unusually assertive. Leave the office early if possible. Tonight: Having some old-fashioned fun.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) **** You are preoccupied with personal matters. Do your best to clear them out. Bring extra work home or stay at work a little later. You can resolve a lot once you decide to tackle it. There is no time like the present! Make time for some exercise to ease stress. Tonight: Home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) **** Keep talking, even when

another comes on hard and strong. Understand how important it is for him to convince you that he is right. Brainstorm and be open to suggestion. Allow a little more flirtation into a love relationship or new friendship. Tonight: Bat those baby blues, browns or greens!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) *** Handle finances with a strong hand. A family member sees a situation differently, wanting to do it his way. Expect to be coerced until you think alike. Consider distancing! Work demands your total concentration. Do nothing halfway. Others are demanding. Tonight: Finally, the weekend.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) **** Understand where a loved one is coming from. Ask questions if you need to. You might still have difficulty identifying. Your thinking is quite different. Phones ring; others seek you out. Listen carefully to feedback that you are getting. Others have strong opinions; work with them. Tonight: It is your call!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ** Take a deep breath. Think twice about what is going on with another. Listen carefully to feedback about money. You might not have all the answers, presently. Think of another's attitude as an opportunity to pull back and think. Don't commit to any course of action right now. Tonight: Take a break.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) **** Your vitality quickly draws others to you. Do do everything you need to do, and more. Aim for what you want. Stay on top of work, yet make time for networking. A friend invites you to join him - there is no answer other than yes. Another might see you as quite aggressive. Tonight: Where your friends are.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) **** Intuition helps you get your work done and please a boss. You might feel you're in

the doldrums. Why take longer completing a job than you need to? Excitement surrounds your next few days. Clear out your obligations. Be sensitive to a parent or older relative. Tonight: A must appearance.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) **** A friend knows what he wants and lets you know quite clearly. Another is down and needs to talk, but he could have a difficult time opening up. Pave the way - invite him to do something you both love. Sharing an activity helps lighten the mood and the moment. Tonight: Take off ASAP.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) **** You have a lot on your mind, especially at work. Pull a partner, friend or associate aside and talk problems through. Not only is he supportive, he pitches in and does everything he can to help. Don't forget to discuss a weighty personal issue as well. Again, you find support. Tonight: Say "thank you" nicely.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

**** Opportunity knocks on your door. Prepare to take off at the drop of a hat. Another doesn't see a situation in the same vein as you; he could challenge you or put you down. Remain confident. Zero in on what you want. Popularity soars. Leave work early and enjoy more of your life. Tonight: Deep into summer fun.

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Dad's story of divorce plays to big audience

DEAR ABBY: On a recent trip back East, my father reunited with his childhood sweetheart and is now seeking a divorce after 32 years of marriage to my mother. Apparently my father has never gotten over this woman and had pined away for her since the day he married my mother.



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

The trouble is, he feels the need to tell everyone (including friends, family, strangers and my new boyfriend) about his dilemma in complete detail. He goes on and on about how terrible my mother is, why he needs to leave her and be with this other woman, etc.

How can I approach my father on the subject of appropriateness? I would like to tell him to put a lid on it, but then he pouts because he feels I'm not "supporting" him. Have you any suggestions, Abby? He doesn't need to be airing our family laundry in such detail with each and every person he encounters. - THROWN FOR A LOOP IN L.A.

DEAR THROWN FOR A LOOP: Tell him exactly what you have told me and don't mince any words, because you are absolutely right. Also, don't count on muzzling the old dog. He's trying to justify throwing away his marriage and abandoning the wife he "tolerated" for 32 years. And frankly, he's only making himself look bad.

DEAR ABBY: I have a beautiful, brilliant daughter who has graduated with three degrees and high honors, but she seems to have no common sense.

She was engaged to her high school boyfriend, whom we all loved, then ditched him to date his friend. She gave up several excellent jobs, always landing on her feet, dated several men we all disapproved of, almost married a physical abuser (who, thankfully, dumped her just before the wedding), traveled all over the U.S. and Europe, and returned to another wonderful job.

She now lives with a slob, 15 years younger than herself, with no future and no money. He looks like an unmade bed with long dirty hair. I am mystified about how she can possibly introduce this person to her co-workers or others, ignoring the embarrassment to all of us. What is going on here? We had a huge blowup, and she now refuses to speak to me. - HER LOVING MOTHER

DEAR LOVING MOTHER: Your daughter appears to be experienced, accomplished and successful at almost everything she has attempted. Apparently she is happy with this man, so he must be doing something right.

If you are truly a loving mother, be less critical of what you perceive to be his shortcomings and concentrate on the fact that he makes your daughter happy. Although you are well-intentioned, this is a choice that only she should make - and she has made it.

DEAR ABBY: The letter

from the woman who was uncomfortable about using her father-in-law as her OB/GYN prompts this letter. "Uncomfortable" posed a question I often receive at the South Carolina Board of Medical Examiners from practicing physicians.

It would be unprofessional and unethical for the father-in-law of "Uncomfortable" to serve as her physician, according to the American Medical Association Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs.

If her father-in-law treats her, his license could well be subject to disciplinary action by his state medical board, and if he does so against her will, it SHOULD be. The father-in-law has only one ethical alternative: Decline to treat "Uncomfortable." - AARON J. KOZLOSKI, J.D., M.P.A., BOARD ADMINISTRATOR

DEAR AARON: If my prior column on the subject did not settle the question, I'm certain that your letter will put the matter to rest. Thank you for your expert opinion.

DEAR ABBY: I am 12 years old. Starting in the fourth grade, no one in my class really cared for me. A boy named "Tom" and a girl named "Megan" were the exceptions.

After fourth grade, Megan gave in to peer pressure, so Tom and I were the outcasts. At the end of the year, Tom moved - so I spent the first half of the sixth grade as the lone outcast.

My family and I moved to Iowa about a year ago. I enrolled in school and for the first few days I was accepted. Then one day I said or did something that offended the other kids and my old life came back. I am haunted with the name-calling and teasing and feel like I'm going crazy.

I came home from school crying, and have even mentioned suicide to my mom. The teachers have helped some, and I've spoken to two counselors. Today I thought of having a train hit my arm, with the intention of breaking it, to prove my seriousness. Please help me. - 12-YEAR-OLD WEIRDIE IN IOWA

DEAR 12-YEAR-OLD: You are not alone with this problem; you have lots of company. Suicide is not the answer, nor is breaking your arm. You need intensive professional counseling immediately. Please ask your mother to write to me so I can advise her more fully. I promise that your situation will improve.

DEAR ABBY: When writing thank-you notes, how do you deal with gifts from a group of people? Do you write an individual thank-you to each person who signed the card, or can you send a "group" thank-you? - TRACY IN CLACKAMAS, ORE.

Much depends upon how many people make up the "group." For example, if the group comprises approximately 25 to 30 or more people, one thank-you note would be sufficient.

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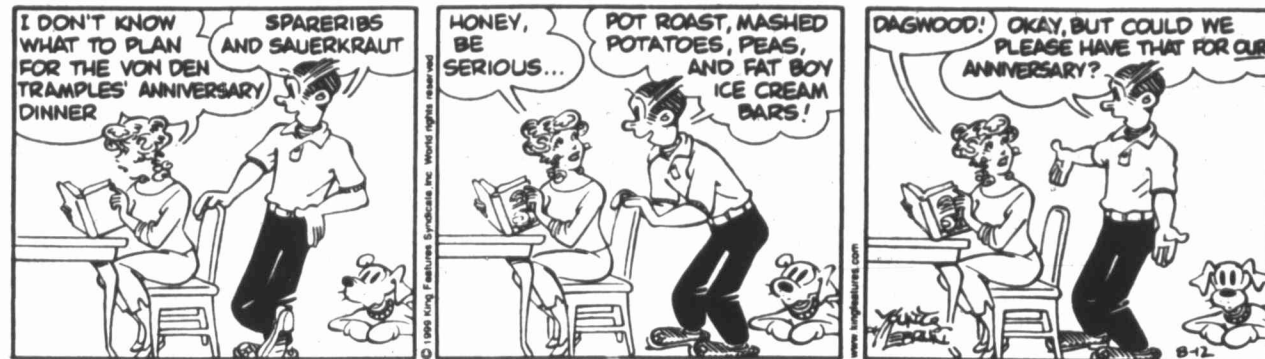
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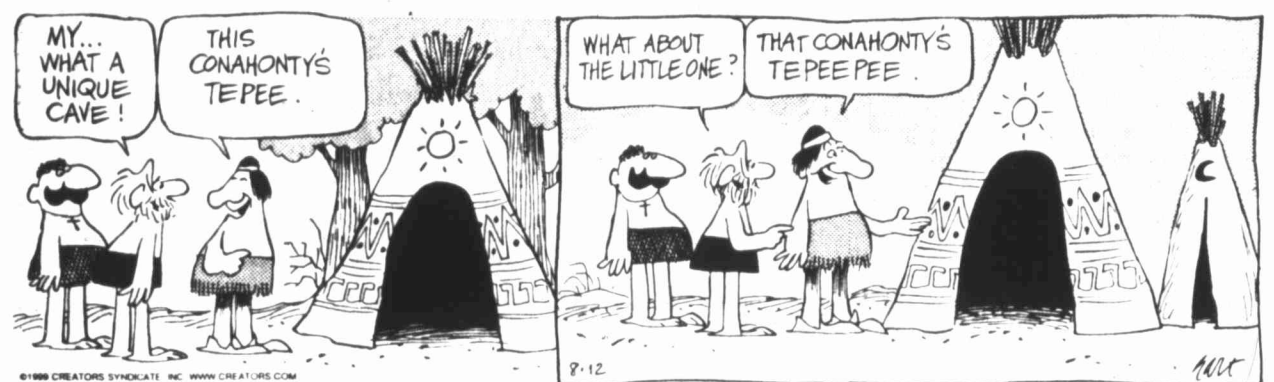
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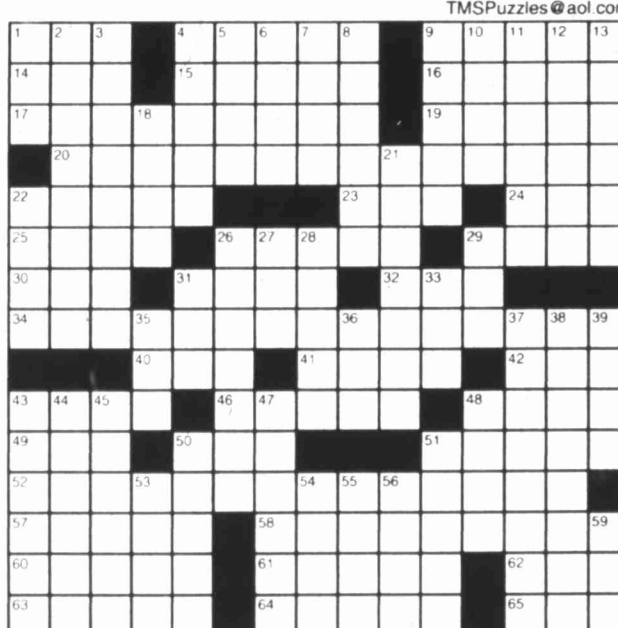
141 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Aug. 12, 1867, President Johnson sparked a move to impeach him as he defied Congress by suspending Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton.

On this date: In 1851, Isaac Singer was granted a patent on his sewing machine. In 1898, the peace protocol ending the Spanish-American War was signed. Hawaii was formally annexed to the United States.

THE Daily Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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By Matthew Higgins Concord, NH

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved



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In 1944, Joseph P. Kennedy Jr., eldest son of Joseph and Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy, was killed with his co-pilot when their explosives-laden Navy plane blew up over England.

In 1953, the Soviet Union conducted a secret test of its first hydrogen bomb.

In 1960, the first balloon satellite - the Echo One - was launched by the United States from Cape Canaveral, Fla.

In 1972, the last American combat ground troops left Vietnam.

In 1977, the space shuttle Enterprise passed its first solo flight test by taking off atop a Boeing 747, separating, then touching down in California's Mojave Desert.

In 1977, Pope Paul VI, who had died Aug. 6 at age 80, was buried in St. Peter's Basilica.

In 1985, the world's worst single aircraft disaster killed 520 people when a Japan Air Lines Boeing 747 on a domestic flight crashed into a mountain.

Ten years ago: The Pentagon said it was stepping up efforts to find missing Texas Rep. Mickey Leland and 15 companions in Ethiopia. (The wreckage of the group's airplane, with no survivors, was found the next day.)

Five years ago: In baseball's eighth work stoppage since 1972, players went on strike rather than allowing team owners to limit their salaries. Supreme Court Justice Stephen G. Breyer, already sworn in during a private ceremony, took a public oath at the White House.

One year ago: Swiss banks agreed to pay \$1.25 billion as restitution to Holocaust survivors to settle claims for their assets.

Today's Birthdays: Choreographer Michael Kidd is 80. Former Arkansas Sen. Dale Bumbers is 74. Country singer Porter Wagoner is 72. Singer-musician Buck Owens is 70. Actor George Hamilton is 70. Actress Jennifer Warren is 58. Rock singer-musician Mark Knopfler (Dire Straits) is 50. Singer Kid Creole is 49. Jazz musician Pat Metheny is 45. Actor Sam J. Jones is 45. Country singer Danny Shirley (Confederate Railroad) is 43. Pop musician Roy Hay (Culture Club) is 38. Rapper Sir Mix-A-Lot is 36. Tennis player Pete Sampras is 28. Actor Casey Affleck is 24. Rock musician Bill Uechi (Save Ferris) is 24.