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July 25, 2000

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**WHAT'S UP...**

- WEDNESDAY**
- Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room.
  - Senior Circle Big Spring Mall walkers meet 9:15 a.m. in front of movie theater box office.
  - Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.
  - Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park.
  - Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.
- THURSDAY**
- Gideons International, Big Spring Camp No. U42060, Herman's, 7 a.m.
  - Big Spring Senior Citizens Center Art Classes, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 55 and older.
  - Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.
  - Texas Workforce Center, 6 p.m., free seminar on career opportunities with StarTek
  - Masonic Lodge No. 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.
- FRIDAY**
- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281. Bring a lunch.
  - The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.
  - AMBUCS, noon, La Posada.
  - Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.
- SATURDAY**
- The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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**Big Spring responds to blood drives, more scheduled**

**HERALD Staff Report**

Big Spring residents were out giving the gift of life as United Blood Services (UBS) received units of blood from various drives last week. According to UBS community relations representative Johnna Pevey, 109 residents attempted to donate blood during the blood drives. The biggest blood donations were Rip Griffin's with 46 units and West

Texas Centers for Mental Health Mental Retardation with 27 units. Even with last week's large turn out, Pevey said more blood is needed. "We are 800 units of blood short this year," she said. "This is a very serious situation. It takes 300 units of blood a week to serve our 12 area hospitals. All the units come from willing donors." Blood has a shelf life of five to 42 days. Traveling on those summer vacations also leads to a higher risk of those trav-

elers needing blood transfusions, she said. Pevey cautioned against waiting until a friend or relative is in need of donated blood. By the time blood is collected and tested, it might be too late. "Some people say they will donate when a friend needs it," she said. "It takes two days to test blood and by then it may be too late." For those residents who missed last week's blood drive, both the *Big Spring Herald* and the Big Spring Mall will hold a drive to

donate blood. The Big Spring Mall will hold a drive on Saturday inside the mall, north of Saffa Fe Sandwiches from noon until 5 p.m. According to mall manager Kathy Lusk, donors will receive a T-shirt and a \$5 mall gift certificate. Donors are encouraged to make an appointment to help speed the process for the donor. Call Lusk at 267-3853 to make an appointment. Walk in donors will not be turned away, Lusk said, but

their donation time may take a little longer to process. On Aug. 10, the *Big Spring Herald* will hold a blood drive from 1 until 4 p.m. Those interested should call blood drive coordinator Lyndel Moody at 263-7331 ext. 238 to make an appointment. "Our goal is to have at least 17 units collected," Moody said. "The residents of Big Spring continuously show how caring a commu-

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**Howard County Night Out plans finalized**

**By DEBBIE L. JENSEN**  
Features Editor

Nearly two dozen local residents gathered Monday to finalize plans for the first Howard County Night Out. The crime-prevention event on Tuesday, Aug. 1, will include a public "block party" in the Railroad Plaza downtown. Sponsored by the *Big Spring Herald*, it is being organized with help from the Big Spring Police Department and Howard County Sheriff's Department. On that same evening, at least seven neighborhoods in Big Spring and Howard County are expected to host parties of their own, and some are planning to attend the city-wide event together.



**WALKER**

"We want you to just go out there and have fun," said John H. Walker, *Herald* publisher, "and remember that's what it's all about." Twenty-three people attended Monday's meeting, up from 18 who were present at the original planning session on July 18. Law enforcement officials said the Night Out program will have many benefits for those who participate. "Nobody knows your neighborhood like you do,"



HERALD photo/Debbie L. Jensen

**Deina Harvell, left, a resident of the North Moss Lake Road area, listens to Big Spring Police Sgt. Lee Everett speak Monday at a meeting to organize the first Howard County Night Out. Police Cpl. Terry Gray looks on at right.**

said Cpl. Terry Gray of the Big Spring Police Department. "As law enforcement officers, we rely on citizens. Without that input, crimes are harder to solve and may be more common." She said organizations like Night Out and Neighborhood Watch programs help send a message to criminals. "It really does help," Gray said. "At least the interest-

ed people are looking out for each other. It does seem to make that neighborhood a little bit safer." In the Railroad Plaza, plans are forming for musical entertainment, food and drink booths and balloons for the kids from 7 to 10 p.m. Booth space will be available for a \$25 fee, with all proceeds kept by the organization or individual. For more information about booth space, call

Gray at 264-2595, or Walker at 263-7331. Organizers are hoping to build momentum this year for a larger event in 2001, affiliated with the National Night Out organization. The Big Spring Police Department and the *Herald* are seeking interested people to serve as block captains to organize next year's Night Out, with plan

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**Martin County man indicted on sexual assault charges**

**HERALD Staff Report**

A Martin County grand jury returned indictments on 10 people, including one man accused of two counts of aggravated sexual assault of a child. Juan Carlos Valles, 35, was indicted on two counts of aggravated sexual assault of a 10-year-old girl. He allegedly raped and

sodomized the girl, whom authorities said was known to him. His crime is considered a first degree felony. If convicted, Valles could face five to 99 years or life in prison with a \$10,000 fine. Others indicted by the Martin County grand jury included: John Donald Forsyth Jr., 51, on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

- Aaron Napoleon Henderson Jr., 43, on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- Joe John Hinojosa, 38, on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- Santana Merriweather, 25, on charges of possession of controlled substance and possession of marijuana.
- Tawanna Jamarr Williams, 24, on a charge of possession of controlled sub-

- stance and possession of marijuana.
- William Lee Perry, 19, on a charge of tampering with a governmental record.
- Alfredo Lopez Morales, 31, on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- John David Rhodes, 39, on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- William Douglas Welch, 41, on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

**District court scene for two trials this week**

**By CARL GRAHAM**  
Staff Writer

Juries were selected Monday for two trials to be held in 118th District Court this week. The trial of Hermenejildo Orosco III, 34, of 1011 N. Bell began this morning before Judge Robert H. Moore III. Orosco is charged with a third offense of driving while intoxicated. He was indicted on Jan. 27. He is represented by local attorney Don Richard. District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson will be the prosecuting attorney. The second trial, the State of Texas vs. Verlin Wayne Harrington, who is charged with sexual assault of a child, is due to start Wednesday at 9 a.m. Harrington, 25, of 5700 Cedar Road, was indicted



**Licensed Vocational Nurse Chrissy Lopez administers a shot to 8-year-old Lauren Schwartz in preparation for the beginning of the new school year in a couple of weeks. The West Texas Department of Human Services gives immunizations on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at a cost of \$5 each. Parents should bring the child's shot record or a note from the school. Lauren's mom, Tara Schwartz, comforts her.**

HERALD photo/Carl Graham

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**City park**

**Moore group puts funding request off until budget is complete**

**By BILL MCCLELLAN**  
News Editor

A request for funds from Moore Development for Big Spring is on hold until organizers of the Heart of the City Park determine whether additional monies will be needed. Leigh Corson, city planning coordinator, addressed the board on Monday to ask for its help in completing landscaping of the park, located along Scurry, between Second and Third streets. She told the board that eight antique-like light poles will be needed at an estimated cost of \$1,200 each. "We think they will be more than that, but we're not sure of the exact cost yet," said Corson, who added that funds for three poles have been either received or pledged. She was quick to note that Moore Development has already helped with the project by donating \$50,000 to help tear down the Permian Building. She noted that some \$23,000 was left over from that project to put toward the city park. Other



**CORSON**

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# Bush picks Cheney as running mate; former defense secretary accepts

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Texas Gov. George W. Bush asked Dick Cheney to be his running mate in an early-morning telephone call today and the former defense secretary accepted, a highly placed Republican official said.

Bush spokeswoman Karen Hughes said Bush called his selection at 6:22 a.m. CDT from the governor's mansion in Austin.

Hughes, who would not identify Bush's choice, said

the running mate accepted the offer. However, the GOP source said the call went to Cheney. The new GOP presidential ticket planned a news conference for later today and a trip to Cheney's home state of Wyoming on Wednesday.

The official announcement promised to be an anticlimactic ending to a top-secret search involving a score of prominent Republicans who had hoped to land a spot on Bush's

ticket, only to be bested by the man who had an inside track from the start.

Cheney, 59, brings to the ticket a wealth of foreign policy experience and political stature — traits that Bush, a two-term Texas governor, lacks himself. He is a bridge between Bush and his father, former President Bush, who put Cheney in his Cabinet and promoted him for his son's ticket.

After promising an "electrifying" choice, Bush took

the safe route: Cheney is a rock-solid conservative who poses little or no political risk. Bolder choices were available, including abortion-rights Govs. Tom Ridge of Pennsylvania and George Pataki of New York.

Fashioning an impressive resume in two decades of public service, Cheney served as President Ford's chief of staff, six terms in Congress from Wyoming and four years as Pentagon chief, where he successfully

executed the Persian Gulf War.

Cheney suffered three heart attacks by age 48, but a doctor commissioned by the Bush campaign issued a statement saying his health "should not interfere with a strenuous political campaign."

Bush, 54, plucked the former Pentagon chief from the private sector to head up his selection process.

Though rumored to be a candidate himself, Cheney's

position atop Bush's short list didn't become public until Friday.

Even before the deal was sealed, Republican officials welcomed the prospect of a Bush-Cheney ticket.

Vice President Al Gore, whose convention begins Aug. 14 in Los Angeles, is considering a number of candidates, including former Senate George Mitchell of Maine, Florida Sen. Bob Graham and Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry.

# Hostage, suspect killed in standoff

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Jamie Dean Petron told authorities negotiating the release of two children that the standoff would be over in 20 minutes.

After 51 hours of waiting outside the suburban home, they had no reason to believe him. One hostage was already dead. Two others, a 16-year-old and a 9-month-old, were still inside with the murder suspect.

This time, however, Petron wasn't stalling.

With SWAT team members closing in, Petron killed himself with a shot to the chest Monday, ending a four-day ordeal that began after he allegedly shot to death a convenience store clerk and wounded a sheriff's deputy.

The two children were found unharmed huddled inside a walk-in closet.

The crime spree leading to the three-day hostage standoff began Friday, 200 miles to the south in Pompano Beach. Authorities there say Petron killed Jorge Trillos, 22, a store clerk, and wounded store owner Samir Hantash, 48. Hantash was hospitalized Monday in critical condition.

Orange County authorities were watching for Petron because he had a brother living in the area.

Police were on their way to the brother's house Saturday when a deputy spotted Petron and his car and tried to arrest him. He allegedly shot the officer in the thigh and fled to a nearby residential neighborhood less than 10 miles from Walt Disney World.

At the Meadow Woods subdivision, Thelma Mills was standing in her garage when Petron drove up and jumped out of the car armed with a semiautomatic 40-caliber handgun, authorities said.

Mills fled, but Petron

stormed into the house and shot at her 28-year-old son, Norman West, police said. A bullet grazed West's head but he escaped.

Left inside were 40-year-old Andrea Hall, her 16-year-old niece, 8-year-old son, infant daughter and infant grandniece. Hall and Mills were sisters.

Petron spoke with negotiators, but police said they were concerned because of his broken promises and lack of demands. On Sunday, a police sharpshooter fired into the home but missed Petron.

Later that day, Petron released Nicholas Hall, 8, and his 11-month-old sister, Nicole. Petron had said he would free the others after the tape of a statement he made was aired on television. But Hall, Althea Mills,

16, and 9-month-old Daniquea Akoon remained in the house until Monday.

On the tape, Petron said he didn't mean to hurt anyone.

"All I can say is deep in my heart I am really apologetic. Don't think I'm the devil. I'm not the devil," he said.

A SWAT team entered the house at about 8:30 a.m. Monday and saw Hall's body lying on the kitchen floor. She might have been shot Sunday by police sharpshooters who fired into the home, said Orange County Sheriff's Capt. Steve Jones.

When police entered the master bedroom, they found Petron dead. Inside the walk-in closet, Althea was holding 9-month old Daniquea Akoon.

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEWS

Vaccinations vital for our school kids

As back-to-school time arrives, parents have many things to remember. Not the least of them, however, is to have your child immunized.

All school-age children, and those in day care, are required to be vaccinated against certain diseases that include diphtheria, polio and hepatitis. The first set of shots is usually given at 2 months, followed by more at 4 months, 6 months and then between 12 and 15 months.

Before starting school, a child usually needs another shot or two, and may be required to get a few more over the next few years. Most children are given three doses of hepatitis B, several doses of the diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis vaccines, five doses of the haemophilus influenzae, four doses of the polio vaccine, two measles, mumps and rubella immunizations and one varicella vaccine (or chicken pox vaccine).

If you haven't kept up with these shots, stop by the Texas Department of Health in College Park Shopping Center. They give immunizations on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. The cost is a very reasonable \$5 each.

Your family doctor can also provide the shots. Bring your child's shot record or a note from the school if you have received one.

But don't wait — there is a crunch time for children's shots that usually hits just before school starts. If you don't want to wait in line, make arrangements to take care of it this week or next.

To offer further help to busy parents, the health department is planning to have a kindergarten shot clinic at Anderson Kindergarten Center during registration.

Nothing is more important that your child's health, and immunizations are part of that picture. Give your child a head start on back-to-school by keeping his or her shot record current.

OTHER VIEWS

President Clinton has been seeking a way to improve his tarnished image for historians. Congress just handed him one way and another one may be coming. Clinton should sign legislation passed Friday that does away with the estate tax and if Congress passes a marriage penalty tax cut, Clinton should sign that too.

Even though it only affects a small number of estates every year, it is simply wrong for the government to confiscate up to 55 percent of an estate when a business owner dies. It punishes success and tarnishes the image of America as a land of opportunity.

Rising incomes have forced more people to worry about estate taxes. A house, a retirement plan and some insurance can quickly put a person's estate into the tax zone. Many families and business owners are being forced to pay thousands of dollars to lawyers and consultants for arrangements to protect their hard-earned money.

Americans work hard to earn a living and provide a nice home and lifestyle for their families. They and their families should be able to enjoy more of the fruits of that hard labor, rather than give it to the federal government.

THE DAILY ARDMOREITE,  
ARDMORE, OKLA.

Tobacco ruling sheds light on irrationality

The verdict against tobacco companies in Florida simply proves that in today's world, it is easy to find a bad trial judge and an ignorant jury.

No smoker can, with a straight face, claim to not know that cigarette smoking represents a risk to his or her health. Nor can any smoker claim to have been deceived by tobacco companies, which have been printing warnings on their products for more than 30 years.

But warnings about the health hazards of smoking came long before the surgeon general's report in 1964. Reader's Digest published results of studies in the United Kingdom in the late 1930s or early 1940s.

The result was a competition by the tobacco companies to produce cigarettes

with lower nicotine and tar contents. It was during this period that the filter cigarette made its appearance. There was also heavy research to develop tobacco plants whose leaves had less nicotine. In other words, tobacco companies tried to keep their customers smoking, but they did so by offering them a product with less nicotine and tar. That puts the lie to the claim that tobacco companies were secretly doctoring their cigarettes to make people addicted.

In other words, tobacco companies did what all companies do — try to design a product people will want. If they wanted less nicotine, that's what they got. That's no different than Coke or Pepsi, which continue to sell sugared water at a price higher than a gallon of gasoline.

This assault on the tobacco companies illustrates four negatives in current America. One, the rule of law is being destroyed before our very eyes by unscrupulous lawyers, dimwit judges and corrupt legislators. We as citizens will pay more for this

than the tobacco companies will pay for their alleged sins.

Two, greed is rampant, especially on the part of politicians who, having taxed every conceivable object they could think of, are now trying to shake down corporations with specious lawsuits.

Three, the awful irresponsibility of people seems to be growing like a cancer. No tobacco company ever put a gun to anybody's head and ordered him or her to smoke. People smoke by choice. Other people choose not to smoke. Still others who did smoke chose to stop. But those who choose to smoke should be manly enough to take responsibility when the consequences show up. It's their fault, not the fault of the tobacco companies.

Fourth, the hypocrisy of the government in this matter stinks like a pile of garbage. Please note that at all times prior to the tobacco lawsuits, tobacco products have been declared legal and licensed for sale to the people of the 50 states by federal and state governments. Please note

that this condition continues even after the lawsuits. Please note that as in the past, greedy governments collect taxes from the sale of tobacco products.

Now it seems inescapably logical to me that if one is going to claim that tobacco is an injurious product sold under false pretenses, then the government that licenses its sale is an accessory before and after the fact. How can you blame tobacco but not the government, which subsidized and authorized its sale and taxed its proceeds?

This is just another example of how America has become as irrational and arbitrary as the old Soviet Union.

There is no logic to the treatment of the tobacco industry. A smart lawyer colluded with an unscrupulous governor to change the rules and make the suits possible.

And all along, the motive has not been improving health but simply greed. Only the lawyers and the politicians benefit from this sad escapade. Everybody else, smokers and non-smokers alike, lose.



CHARLEY REESE



Cleanliness in eye of the beholder

Once upon a time, Donald Wildmon of the American Family

Association — self-appointed censor of our steamy Sonys and naughty Zeniths, the man who sees evil in everything from Harry Potter to Amazon.com — tied himself to a mountaintop and declared Clorox the enemy.

Time passes, boycotts run together. I have been "following" Wildmon since he began the National Federation for Decency in Tupelo, Miss. (It was rechristened and mainstreamed later.)

So I cannot remember the specific offending TV show — maybe "Lonesome Dove," with its crude, quipping cowboys — that landed sponsor Clorox on Wildmon's black list.

But don't tell women, even religious zealot women, especially Southern women, that Clorox is no longer an option. It won't fly. Clorox has cleaned up more messes than Wildmon ever will. It's whitened and brightened several generations.

So that turned out to be one of Wildmon's quieter

battles, and I never heard the boycott results. I suspect it was a flop.

I thought about Wildmon vs. Clorox when the news broke that we're all too clean for our own good.

In a sincere effort by conscientious parents to keep their households sterile and their tykes parboiled, Americans finally have gone too far. We've snapped up so many anti-bacterial products that bacteria is working overtime to become resistant. Or so say scientists. And scientists are worried.

(It's always safe to argue with scientists, don't you think? They'll be reversing themselves next week.)

First of all, I have a radical observation: I don't believe Americans are the cleanest people on earth. I believe that honor would fall to the Dutch.

Living in Holland one summer, I saw Dutch women scrubbing tree trunks, as van Gogh is my witness. And every sunny morning — though admittedly there weren't many of those — Amsterdam apartment windows were full of down comforters taking the air. The city from above must have looked like an old quilt, tufts of cotton batting escaping everywhere.

But Americans probably do come in second in the fanatical cleaning department, especially in personal hygiene. We scrub and burn off all the natural oils

and then spend our paychecks trying to coax them back.

I once knew a woman whose ears bled because she washed them too much. She took her bleeding ears to the doctor, who said — wisely enough — "Quit washing your ears so much."

She should have had my mother, who has the most irritating way of always being right in the long run, if sometimes for the wrong reasons.

Mother kept an immaculate house but might easily have fit with the laid-back Europeans when it came to hygiene. She thought her teen-age daughters were spending far too much time in the tub.

Hair, for instance, was healthier when shampooed once a week, she believed. If you slept with a wet head, it would make you sick.

Many's the night I sneaked a shampoo, twisting my long locks around empty frozen orange juice cans to straighten the natural but unstylish curls.

"Is that hair wet?" she would ask at bedtime. "It's just the Dippity-Do that makes it look wet," I'd say.

I still shampoo every day. But I've come around to Mother's philosophy about clothes. I will wear a "Dry-Clean Only" garment more than once (OK, more than thrice) and hope nobody notices.



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OH... EXCUSE ME! I WAS JUST WAITING FOR THE HOWLS OF OUTRAGE FROM CIVIL LIBERTARIANS.

IN BRIEF

Coahoma names Hart to replace Lewis

Brad Hart, a December graduate of Angelo State University, was named the new head baseball coach at Coahoma High School.

He replaces Scott Lewis, who resigned and went to Odessa Permian after leading the Bulldogs to consecutive Class 2A state play-off berths.

Altogether, Coahoma has been to the state baseball tournament the last four years.

Howard County fall meeting today

All persons in Howard County interested in learning more about a fall baseball program for children aged 8-14 are asked to attend a meeting today at 7 p.m. at the National League Ball Field on Driver Road (Country Club Road).

Anyone needing more information may contact Paul Gibbs at 263-1976.

Coahoma Basketball Camp scheduled

The Coahoma Basketball Camp is set to run from Wednesday through Friday.

The camp is open to both boys and girls entering from third through ninth grade. The camp will run from 9 a.m.-noon and again from 1-4 p.m. each day.

The morning session is for those entering third through sixth grade and the afternoon session is for those entering seventh through ninth grade.

Cost of the camp is \$30 and registration takes place on the first day. For more information, please call Terri Hopkins at 268-9490.

Coahoma football camp scheduled

The Coahoma football camp is set to run from Wednesday through Friday.

The camp is open to kids in Big Spring, Forsan or Coahoma entering from first through sixth grade. The camp will run from 5:30-7:30 p.m. all three days.

Cost of the camp is \$25. Signup for the event will take place Wednesday at the practice field.

Anyone needing further information may contact Bobby Lang at either 263-7510 or 425-3350.

Summerall may retire from broadcasting

Pat Summerall will celebrate his 50th year of involvement with the NFL next year, and it might be his last.

Then again, it might not. Summerall announced his retirement as an NFL broadcaster, effective after the 2001 season, at a news conference Monday, but left the door open to the possibility that he'll announce games after that.

Summerall will have completed 50 years of involvement with the National Football League following next season - 10 as a player and 40 in broadcasting.

ON THE AIR

Television

6:35 p.m. - Florida Marlins at Atlanta Braves, TBS, Ch. 11. 7:30 p.m. - Anaheim Angels at Texas Rangers, FSN, Ch. 29.

Athletic changes may not be forthcoming at Stanton

By JOHN HASSELMEIER Sports Editor

STANTON - There will still be another meeting of the Stanton Independent School District board of trustees in which public comment will be taken concerning possible changes to the athletic program, but if Monday's special meeting is any indication, things might not change at all.

The board looked at a survey designed by SISD superintendent Jim White in wake of a formal complaint alleging that the district's athletic program was in vio-

lation of Title IX, which provides for equal athletic programs for female athletes. All students, from juniors to eighth graders during the 1999-2000 academic year, were surveyed.

This complaint was pointed toward girls softball. According to the Martin County Messenger, Gigi Phillips made the complaint, representing a group of parents upset that girls softball was not being added.

Monday's meeting was especially called to address that issue, but no public showed up. However, the

topic, which includes both the survey and an Office of Civil Rights report, will be taken up again at the regular August meeting, which will take place Monday, Aug. 14.

According to the survey, given to 110 girls in those four grades, a total of 21 said they were interested. Of those, SISD athletic director Mark Cotton said that 17 of those were in more than one spring sport and some of those were in two spring sports.

Softball was the fourth-most popular choice among girls in the survey. Track

(34) was the most popular, followed by basketball (32) and tennis (23).

White commented that it didn't really look like the interest in softball was there among younger kids either.

"I was on the Little League committee," White said. "I planned for Stanton to have four teams."

"There were three, counting Grady," SISD board member Rocky Barnes added.

White further added that, girls in a wide range of ages had to be put together to form even that many teams.

The board also approved an OCR report and authorized White to sign it.

Before it's through, the board will have to submit three reports to the OCR, one on Sept. 15, one Feb. 15 and one June 15.

According to the Messenger, the Sept. 15 report is to detail what changes will be made, the Feb. 15 report is to detail the sport SISD will add or intends to add and the June 15 report is to discuss the program and show how it is accommodating the female student in terms of athletic interest and ability.

Crossroads League helps teams

By JOHN HASSELMEIER Sports Editor

Generally speaking, whenever a Panhandle team plays a team from the Permian Basin, it usually isn't very pretty.

However, that could be changing with the Crossroads Summer Basketball League, which recently ended play with a tournament at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on the campus of Howard College.

The league preceded present Howard College women's basketball coach Ron Mayberry by several years, but it has shown some improvement in just the time Mayberry has been the supervisor.

"It was slowly getting to where it was going down because of the expense of coming back to Big Spring," Mayberry said. "There's traveling expense and constantly they'd have teams not show up because of it. It was a problem."

Mayberry said the first thing he did was poll the coaches about what the problem was. He said that efforts were made toward making each problem situation better.

"We succeeded in some ways and failed in other ways," Mayberry said. "Some problems are inevitable. We try to control them, but we can't control them."

When he got here, there were 12 teams and about 60 participants in two gyms. Now, there are 33 teams and 325 participants in four gyms. Divisions include Varsity, Junior Varsity and Junior High.

"Whenever you do that, you've got lots more people working and lots more opportunities for problems," Mayberry said. "It's been great, but there's some downers. Basic communication problems are the main things."

Crossroads is pretty serious business. In Ron Mayberry was asked about that when he took the position.

"The very first thing they



Charlie Hall, head coach of the Big Spring entry in the Varsity Division of the Crossroads Basketball League, is shown getting his team ready to play in a recent tournament at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Hall stated that the league was helping the area close the gap on schools in the Panhandle.

talked about when I took this job was about summer league," Mayberry said. "It's really a good program for Howard College. We're really providing a service for these small schools (such as Borden County, Grady, Greenwood, Forsan, Coahoma, Colorado City, Stanton, etc...)

"It makes us feel real good about what we're doing," Mayberry said. "It makes us feel we're community-oriented. There's a thousand people coming in every week to the community. They're buying gas, they're buying food, they're traveling back-and-forth. It's great for the economy and it's good for Big Spring."

Mayberry has two assistant coaches (Tonya Benton and Joey Wells) who essentially run things.

The Big Spring coaches

in the Varsity Division of the League, Charlie Hall (girls) and Kenny Tuttle (boys) have noticed a difference in their teams.

"It's a real good opportunity for the kids to get together, play some basketball and have a lot of fun," Tuttle said. "It's helping a lot of teams. It's done a lot of good for the girls program and the boys program."

"You get to see a lot of different styles of games," Hall said. "That helps."

Tuttle said that the varsity coaches have been very much behind the team's efforts.

Both Hall and Tuttle believe that the gap between the panhandle and the crossroads area will continue to bridge.

"Our kids have always been able to compete (with panhandle teams)," Hall

said. "We just didn't have the skill level of everybody else. We've got the heart, the talent, the speed, we just haven't been gotten it all together yet."

"There's no doubt about it, we'll be able to give the teams up north a good run for their money," Tuttle said. "What's exciting is when the kids get excited. They know they're getting better. They want to be better and they want to win. That's real encouraging for basketball."

"Our kids can press with anybody," Hall said. "They can run with anybody now. Our kids used to just walk out on the floor and play the game and leave. Now they're looking toward the end of the game to see what they can do to win. What they needed was lots of court time. Now they're getting it."

Thomas capitalizing on first training camp at fullback

WICHITA FALLS (AP) -

This time last year, Robert Thomas was hoping his gung-ho attitude on special teams and experience playing linebacker in NFL Europe would help him make the Dallas Cowboys.

It worked. Thomas secured a job late in camp and became a starter by midseason ... at fullback. Huh?

Thomas was switched from LB to FB in the final days of training camp

because Dallas had a glut of linebackers and not enough fullbacks. The move had been in the works for a while, except nobody informed him.

"We had talked about it really all the way back to the draft," said coach Dave Campo, who was defensive coordinator last season. "But with him being in NFL Europe as a linebacker, we didn't think it would be prudent to call him and say, 'Look, you're playing line-

backer over there, but you're going to be a fullback for us.' So we gave him a couple of weeks at linebacker, saw what we had at fullback, then made the move."

Dallas' lack of fullback depth was a big problem when Daryl Johnston suffered what proved to be a career-ending injury in the opener. Thomas wasn't ready to take over, so the Cowboys signed veteran Tim Lester and made him

the starter.

Thomas, though, progressed quickly and by late October the job was his.

He started the final eight games, including the playoffs and did an admirable job. Slamming his stocky 6-foot-1, 252-pound body into the line, Thomas opened enough holes for Emmitt Smith to gain 1,397 yards, his most in four years.

The Cowboys were impressed enough not to seek a replacement.

Orioles lefty makes memorable major league debut

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

John Parrish made a perfect major league debut. For one inning, at least.

Pitching against the New York Yankees, the Baltimore lefty started Monday night's game by striking out Chuck Knoblauch, Derek Jeter and Bernie Williams - on only 12 pitches!

Parrish was impressive, but still wound up with the

loss as the Yankees beat the Orioles 4-3 at Camden Yards.

In other American League games, Seattle stopped Oakland 6-4, Chicago downed Kansas City 7-6, Minnesota beat Boston 4-2 and Tampa Bay defeated Detroit 4-2.

As for the National League, Houston topped Cincinnati, 7-5, in 10 innings, Los Angeles cut down Colorado, 4-1 and San

Francisco shut out San Diego, 3-0.

Roger Clemens won his fifth straight start since coming off the disabled list as the Yankees beat Baltimore. Relievers Mike Stanton and Mariano Rivera closed out the Orioles.

Parrish struck out nine in seven innings, allowing three earned runs and four hits.

Glenallen Hill, traded

from the Chicago Cubs to New York last Friday, led off the second inning with a home run in his first at-bat for the Yankees.

Parrish, 22, never pitched above Double-A before this year. He set down 11 straight batters at one stretch, mixing a 93 mph fastball with a sweeping curve.

Mariners 6, Athletics 4

Seattle activated All-Star shortstop Alex Rodriguez from the 15-day disabled list, but didn't need him to beat Oakland at Safeco Field.

Edgar Martinez hit his 25th home run and Jamie Moyer defeated the Athletics for the sixth straight time.

Kevin Appier matched a career high with his fifth loss in a row.





TUESDAY

JULY 25

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7:30 PM	Be a Millionaire	70s Show Taus (CC)	National Geographic	Movie: There Was a Little Boy	Big Brother Love & Money	Be a Millionaire	3rd Rock-Sun Frasier (CC)	League Baseball	Rosalinda	ain (CC) Movie: There (CC)	Movie: Eight Is Enough: A	Movie: The Big Lebowski	to Ride (CC)	Light of the Southwest	Biography (CC)	On the Inside (CC)	Movie: Above the Law	Trauma: Life in the ER	Star Fleet
8:30 PM	Dharma-Greg Two Guys-Girl	Family Guy P.J.s (CC)	Nova (CC)	Boy	Movie: Night Sins (CC)	Dharma-Greg Two Guys-Girl	Frasier (CC) Just Shoot Me	Florida Marlins at Atlanta	Tres Mujeres	Ready to Run (CC)	Family Reunion (CC)	Movie: Varsity Blues (CC)	(CC)	Movie: Chain of Command	Something Good (CC) Space	Investigative Reports (CC)	FBI Files	Movie: Race Against Time	Understanding Space Travel
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10:30 PM	News (CC) Fortune	Jerry Springer (CC)	News-Lehrer	700 Club (CC)	News (35) Late	News (CC) Nightline	News (35) Tonight	The Great Outdoors	P. Impacto Noticiero Univ.	Tower of Terror (CC)	Cagney & Lacey	Alive (CC)	Movie: Apt Pupil (CC)	Sex and-City Ariss (CC)	News Life in Word	Law & Order (CC)	On the Inside (CC)	Trauma: Life in the ER	
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"I DECIDED TO EAT OUT TONIGHT, SO WHATS FOR DINNER?"

FAMILY CIRCUS



"Daddy had a pet rock when he was little, but it died."

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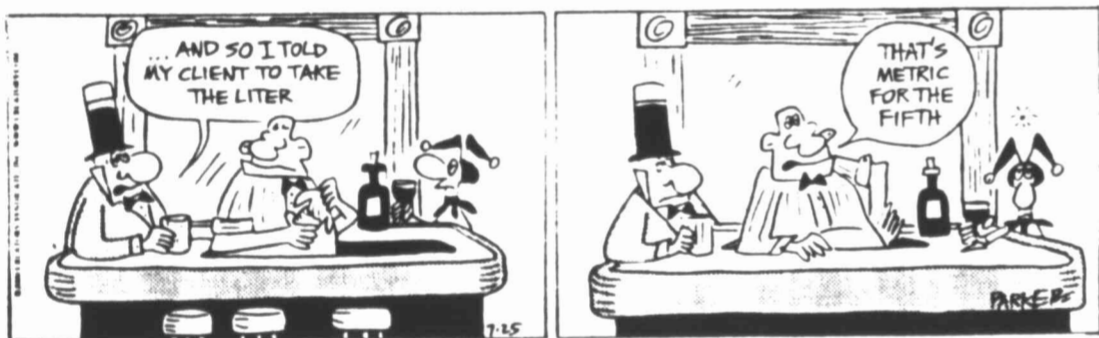
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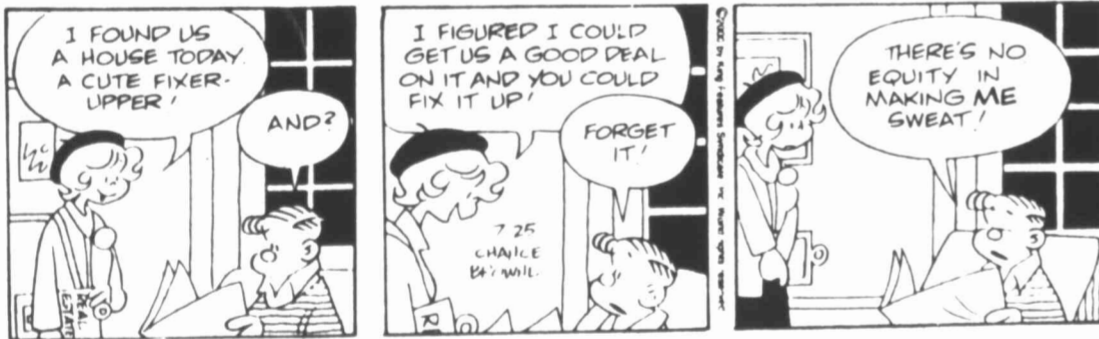
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today is Tuesday, July 25, the 207th day of 2000. There are 159 days left in the year.  
Today's Highlight in History:  
On July 25, 1866, Ulysses S. Grant was named General of the Army, the first officer to hold the rank.  
On this date:  
In 1593, France's King Henry IV converted from Protestantism to Roman Catholicism.  
In 1868, Congress passed an act creating the Wyoming Territory.  
In 1909, French aviator Louis Bleriot flew across the English Channel in a

monoplane, traveling from Calais to Dover in 37 minutes.  
In 1944, Bing Crosby and the Andrews Sisters recorded Cole Porter's "Don't Fence Me In" in Los Angeles for Decca Records.  
In 1946, the United States detonated an atomic bomb at Bikini Atoll in the Pacific in the first underwater test of the device.  
In 1952, Puerto Rico became a self-governing commonwealth of the United States.  
In 1956, 51 people died when the Italian liner Andrea Doria sank after colliding with the Swedish ship Stockholm off the New England coast.  
In 1978, Louise Joy Brown, the first test tube baby, was born in Oldham, England; she had been conceived through in-vitro fertilization.  
In 1985, a spokeswoman for Rock Hudson confirmed that the actor, hospitalized in Paris, was suffering from AIDS. (Hudson died the following October.)  
In 1994, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Jordan's King Hussein signed a declaration at the White House ending their countries' 46-year-old formal state of war.  
Today's Birthdays:  
Actress Estelle Getty is 77.  
Actress Barbara Harris is 65.  
Musician Verdone White (Earth, Wind & Fire) is 49.  
Model-actress Iman is 45.  
Cartoonist Ray Billingsley ("Curtis") is 43.  
Rock musician Thurston Moore (Sonic Youth) is 42.  
Actress Illeana Douglas is 35.  
Country singer Marty Brown is 33.  
Actor Matt LeBlanc is 35.  
Actor Brad Renfro is 18.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

ACROSS

- Waterproof covers, for short
- Listen at keyholes
- Martino and Pacino
- Check out what's ahead
- Maudlin
- Lobster trap
- Footwear for Lincoln?
- Speak creatively?
- Thaw
- Sky blue
- Honest to goodness
- In ill repair
- Gots up
- Badmouth
- Added alcohol
- Employed
- Part of TGIF
- Requests
- Rubber base
- Resound
- Understand
- Remedied
- Gardener, at times
- than life
- Slightest
- Superior abilities
- Specimens
- Soup scooper
- mater
- Summer drink
- Lincoln's midway?
- Menagerie
- Get all melodramatic
- Afghanistan's capital
- Margret
- Less civil
- Pittsburgh product

DOWN

- Recipe amt.
- Dead-eye
- Howard or Wood
- No intended
- Flummoxed
- Functions
- Challenged
- Haley or Trebek
- Carpenter's box
- Rabbits' kin
- "We hold truths to be..."
- Alphabetizes
- Wheel nuts
- Marshal Wyatt
- Vine
- Comments
- Hole-making tool
- Call from the cradle
- "Suite"
- Heaviest of the noble gases
- Sneakier
- Pot builder
- Ostrich's cousin
- Crowse
- Hep dude
- Justice Fortas
- Appropriate
- Dining area

Monday's Puzzle Solved

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