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Tonight:



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Queen entries deadline today

Entries are being taken now for the Howard County Fair Queen Contest.

Entrants will be judged and crowned in a ceremony on Saturday at the Big Spring Mall. The 2000 queen will then be recognized during Howard County Fair events Aug. 25-29.

Entrants must be enrolled in a Howard County high school, or one in an adjacent county, or students at Howard College.

Entry forms are available at the Howard County Extension office, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Athletic Supply in Big Spring Mall, Merle Norman, Joy's Hallmark and the Master's Touch.

Entries must be returned to the county extension office in the courthouse today, along with the \$35 sponsorship fee.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

- Big Spring Art Association, 7 p.m., Library Annex, 500 Main, Community Room.
- Big Spring Chapter No. 67, Order of the Eastern Star, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 219 Main.

WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room.
- Senior Circle Big Spring Mall walkers meet 9:15 a.m. in front of movie theater box office.
- Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, call Terry Hansen 264-5175.
- Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park, call 398-5522 or 267-1628.
- Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie, 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.

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Dora Roberts gift allows renovation for district court building

By **CARL GRAHAM**
Staff Writer

Thanks to an additional gift of \$200,000 from the Dora Roberts Foundation, renovations to turn the former library into a district court building is a



FURQUERON

go. Construction should begin within the next couple of weeks.

District Judge Robert H. Moore III, a member of the Dora Roberts Foundation board of trustees, gave the good news at the Howard County Commissioners Court Monday. The \$200,000 gift will help make up the difference from the original bid that came from Lee George Construction Co. of Big Spring for \$692,300. Commissioners felt the

bid was quite a bit higher than they expected and wanted to have a look at ways to cut back on some of the expenses. Lee George agreed to lock in his bid for six weeks while commissioners decided what to do. At that time, County Judge Ben Lockhart appointed a committee of commissioners Jerry Kilgore and Bill Crooker and District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson to look at ways to cut renovation expenses.

In addition to the \$200,000, the Dora Roberts Foundation had already donated about \$415,000 to the project. Commissioners had pledged an additional \$150,000. This money, along with several adjustments in the project, will be enough to get renovations under way, according to architect Phil Furqueron.

"Contracts have been let and we expect the contracts back in a few days," said Furqueron. "Some of the

project adjustments were the use of inmate labor in some of the demolition and the use of county help in the hauling away of debris. Also the use of cast iron pipe instead of PVC and the use of aluminum jacketing on pipe insulation."

Lockhart was happy to see the project get the green light.

"I am definitely ready for the project to get started,"

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School to begin for BSISD, St. Mary's

By **GINA GARZA**
Staff Writer

It's still hot, and it's still summer, but school is back in session for much of the Crossroads area.

Forsan schools began their first day of classes on Monday while Coahoma started this morning.

St. Mary's Episcopal School and Big Spring schools will ring in the new school year on Wednesday.

"It is exciting because we are starting school one week later than we did last year and we are the last school to start in Howard County," said Bill McQueary, Big Spring ISD superintendent. "We really need everybody to show up for the first day of school because it is a very important day."

As the new year approaches for Big Spring students, one thing parents must keep in mind is the dress code as well as the backpack rule.

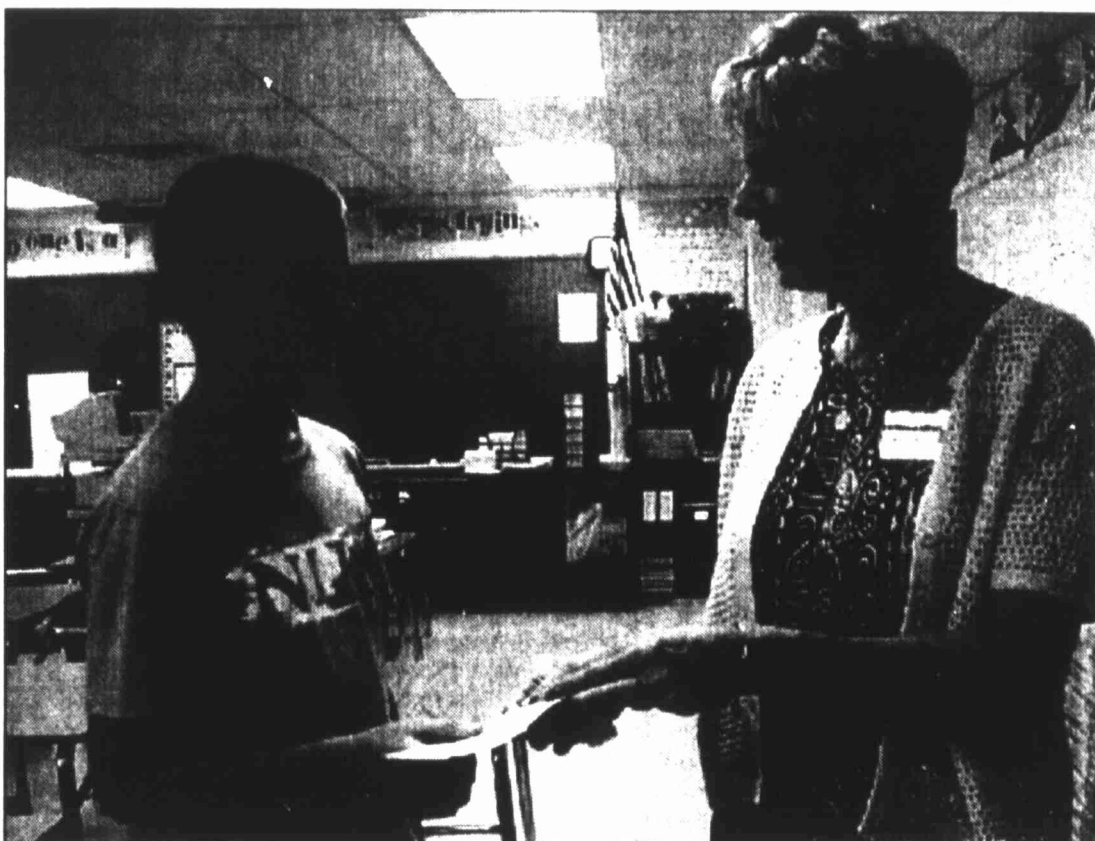
All BSISD students are required to carry only clear or mesh backpacks. For St. Mary's students, the dress code is the same as it has always been and clear or mesh backpacks are not required.

The 2000-01 elementary student dress code includes the following:

- Students are not to wear bike/spandex shorts or pants, boxer or soccer style shorts or cutoffs.
- No bare midriffs, no tops without seams at arm openings, no large arm openings, no off-shoulder shirts, no low necklines (back or front), no fish-net shirts, no T-shirts with vulgar pictures or vulgar wording and no spaghetti straps.



MCQUEARY



Jake Truelove gets a school supply list from Gall Berringer, sixth grade English and reading teacher at Gollad. The sixth graders had orientation this morning and were allowed to see where all of their classes will be. School begins Wednesday.

• Dresses, skirts and shorts should be only four inches or less above the knee.

• Advertisements for liquor, beer or tobacco on clothing is also not permitted.

• Student pants and shorts must fit in the waist and not be excessively baggy.

At the Big Spring Junior High School, the student dress code for the 2000-01 school year is as follows:

• Dresses and skirts - the hemline should be four inches or less above the knee.

• Shorts must be hemmed and must be four inches or less above the knee. Cutoffs, form fitting such as spandex or bicycle pants are not acceptable.

• Shirts - crop tops, tube tops, tank tops, halters and strapless dresses without jackets are unacceptable. Transparent and/or see-through material is also

Traffic fines are \$155 a pop in school zones

HERALD Staff Report

Along with schools back in session comes the need for alertness of motorists in school zones.

School zones are 20 mph and fines for speeding in a school zone can be hefty.

"I do know fines are quite a bit stiffer than if a person was caught speeding out-

side a school zone," said Sgt. Roger Sweatt of the Big Spring Police Department.

According to municipal court clerk Jeanne Wilson, fines for speeding in a school zone are \$155. School zones are in operation Monday through Friday from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. and 2:45 to 4:30 p.m. when school is in session.

"We have special patrols that are assigned to school zones when school is in through the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP)," said Sweatt.

least two inches wide. Shirts must be tucked in if they fall more than four

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SWEATT

New student orientation at Howard College offers some additional benefits

By **GINA GARZA**
Staff Writer

New student orientation (NSO) at Howard College this fall will have some additional benefits not typically found at a college orientation.

"We're doing this for our students," said Javier Flores, Howard College assistant dean of students.

"We've expanded our new student orientation into several days to give our students an opportunity to take the Texas Assessment of Skills Program or TASP, if they need to, as well as receive advising about their academic selections."

NSO begins Sunday at 6:30 p.m. with a check-in and

welcome in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Then on Monday, students have an opportunity to take the TASP as well as tour the Howard College campus.

"The campus tours will include the library, the Student Health Clinic, the Fitness Center and the Learning Resource Center," Flores said. "After lunch that day, we will also offer Academic Enhancement Workshops on time management, note and test taking techniques and money management."

Tours of Big Spring and a trip to the cinema will complete the first day of NSO.

On Tuesday, students will receive advice about their academic selections in the morning. Following lunch, interest sessions topics include the Dental Hygiene Clinic, Cosmetology Clinic, the Student Health Clinic, financial aid and student

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Budget

No tax increase expected from Howard College

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

Residents of the Howard College District aren't expected to see an increase in taxes this year.

Monday, trustees passed the annual operating budgets for both the Howard College District and South West Collegiate Institute for the Deaf.

According to college president Dr. Cheri Sparks, the budget for Howard College District is based on the same tax rate as last year and taxpayers should expect to pay the same amount unless their property has increased in value.

Howard College has budgeted \$19,489,579 for the academic year, in restricted and unrestricted funds.

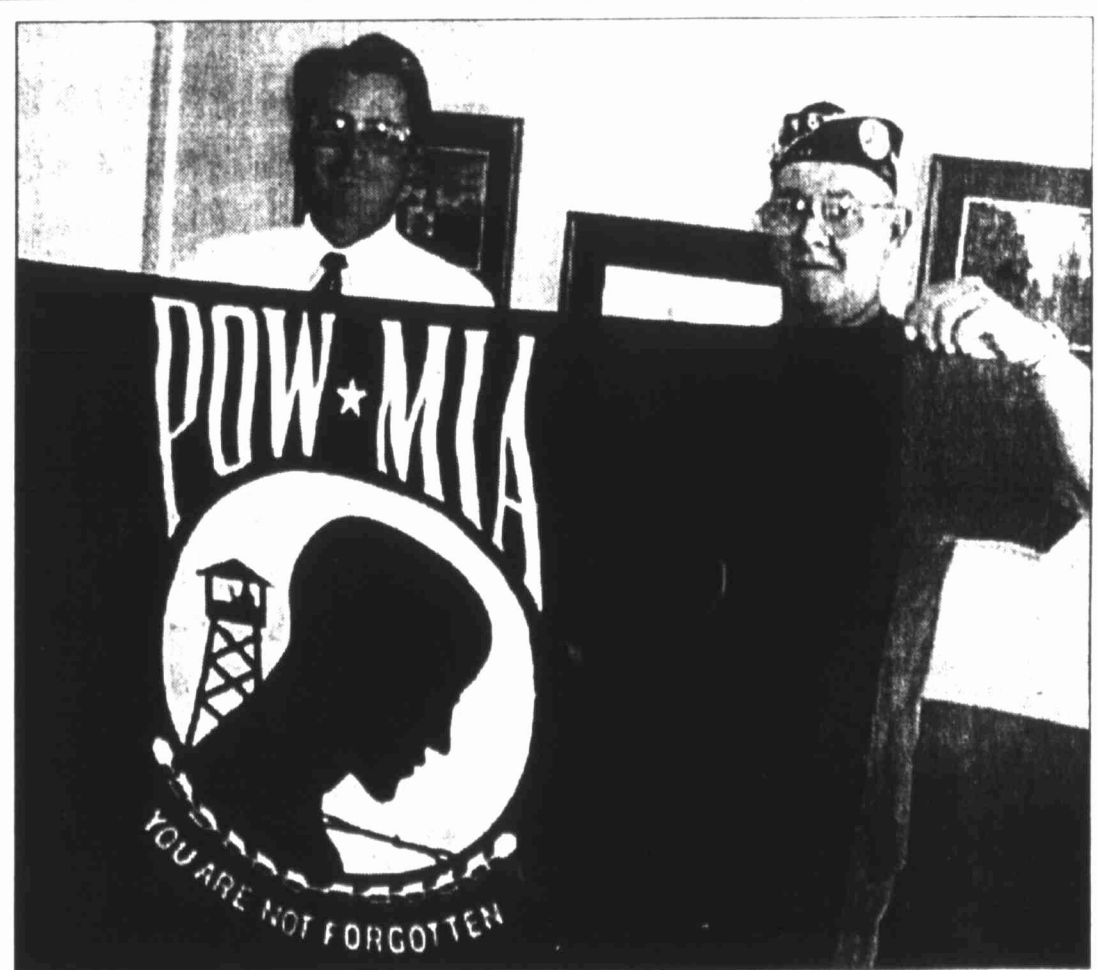
The restricted budget, monies given to the college in forms of scholarships, grants, title V and Pell grants only to be used for their particular purpose, is \$4,168,091.

According to Sparks, Howard College has budgeted for \$14,872,082 in unrestricted funds for the academic year and expects \$14,556,424 in revenue.

"We are working on a budget deficit of about \$315,685 and is a direct result of an insurance shortfall which will be corrected when the new session begins," said Sparks.

According to Terry Hansen, Howard College executive vice president, the board is considering a tax rate of 25.884 cents per

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Donald Schelber, right, commander of the Disabled American Vets, Chapter 47, presents Phillip Welch, manager of Trinity Memorial Park, with a Prisoner of War (POW) flag after he heard it did not have one. The VA Medical Center will celebrate POW day Sept. 13.

HERALD photo, Carl Graham

OBITUARIES

Jean Duncan Fields

Graveside funeral service for Jean Duncan Fields, 73, of Big Spring, will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 16, 2000, at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Wanda Hill, Pastor of First United Methodist Church, Coahoma, officiating.

Mrs. Fields died on Sunday, Aug. 13, at her residence. She was born on Dec. 2, 1926, in Coahoma and married James Kenneth Fields on Aug. 24, 1962, in Lamesa. He preceded her in death on June 3, 1977.

She was a lifelong resident of this area and graduated from Coahoma High School in 1945. She owned and operated Jean Fields Bookkeeping Service for over 25 years retiring in 1988. She was a member of First United Methodist Church, Coahoma.

Survivors include: a brother, M. L. Duncan of Marshall and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials to: First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 50, Coahoma, 39511.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home today from 6-7 p.m.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Bertis "Bert" Harris

Bertis "Bert" Harris, 74, of Big Spring, died on Monday, Aug. 14, 2000, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 16, 2000, at the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. James Wilborn, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Idalou and Dr. Ed Williamson, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating. Entombment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park Mausoleum.

He was born on Aug. 20, 1925, in Gustine and married Bertha Ernestine Beaty on Dec. 12, 1943, in Comanche.

Mr. Harris came to Big Spring in December 1965 from Lubbock. He owned and operated Harris Lumber & Hardware for 37 years.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church and was active in the church. He was involved in the Walk to Emmaus. He was a member of Big Spring Kiwanis Club, was a Mason and a member of the Suez Shrine Temple in San Angelo. Bert served on the board of the Big Spring Independent School District, served on the Community Relations Committee for the Big Spring Federal Prison Camp and served as a board member of the Lumberman's Association of Texas. He was a veteran of the United States Army.

Survivors include: his wife, Ernestine Harris of Big Spring; one son and daughter-in-law, Corky and Dianne Harris of Wichita, Kan.; one daughter and son-in-law, Gay and Steve Herren of Big Spring; two grandsons, Chad Harris and his wife, Misty, of Wichita, Kan., and Chase Harris of Ruidoso, N.M.; four granddaughters, Stephanie Hopper and her husband, JaCoby, and Heather Herren, all of Big Spring, and Tiffany Wooten and her husband, Michael, and Rachel Maninger and her husband, Scott, all of Wichita, Kan.; two great-granddaughters, McKenna Hopper of Big Spring and Adrienne Maninger of Wichita, Kan.; one brother, Glenn Harris of Comanche; four sisters, Maedell Drake, Maxine Sisk and Judy Ware, all of Idalou and Shirley Burton of Seymour; one sister-in-law and her husband, Skeet and J.E. White of Lubbock; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Naomi and Ethel Harris and an infant sister.

Palbearers will include: Lovelace, Frank Clark, Louis Collins, Danny Wright, Willis Burchett, James Johnston, Murray Murphy and Chuck Bagwell.

The family suggests memorials to First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1229, Big Spring, 79721-1229 or to Community Care Hospice, 1510 S. Gregg, Big Spring, 79720.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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Jean Fields died Sunday, Aug. 14, 2000. Graveside services will be held 10:00 AM Wednesday at Trinity Memorial Park.

Bertis "Bert" Harris, 74, died Monday, Aug. 14, 2000. Services will be 11:00 AM Wednesday at First United Methodist Church. Entombment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park Mausoleum.

Charlene Estes Kee, 77, died Saturday, Aug. 12, 2000. Services will be 2:00 PM Wednesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

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RENOVATIONS

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said Lockhart. "The quicker we get started, the quicker the project will be completed."

A proposed raise for all county employees has been tabled until a budget workshop session on Tuesday, Aug. 22.

Other items on the agenda were the approval of a three-quarter-ton and a half-ton pickup for use by the Road and Bridge department. Bob Brock Ford was the low bid on the half-ton with a bid of \$17,711.75 while Shroyer Motor Co. received the bid for the three-quarter-ton. Shroyer's bid, though \$65 higher than Bob Brock, was taken because the pickup was in stock while the one from Bob Brock would have to be ordered. The county maintenance

department also won approval for two pickups. The half-ton went to Bob Brock for \$12,161.75 while the three-quarter ton bid went to Shroyer Motor Co. on a bid of \$12,575.00.

Tommy Sullivan, Howard County 911 director, appeared before the court with a presentation 2000-01 budget. It was approved. Irene Dominguez, Howard County indigent care director, was given approval to go out on bids for prescription medication for county inmates and for indigent care.

Charlene Wurtz, chairman of the U.S. Census Bureau, gave a final presentation of Census 2000. She told the commissioners that Big Spring had a successful census count with a 60 percent response rate, a rate which was above the state average. The count is now complete, she said.

Appointment of election judges and their alternates was approved by the court as well as continuing with the current health care provider and retirement options for 2001.

SCHOOL

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inches below the waist line. Check the student handbook for exceptions.

• Long jackets, sweaters and coats are not allowed in the halls during passing periods or at class.

• All pants will be worn at waist level. Shorts or pants will not be allowed to be worn below the waist. Overalls with straps will be worn with both straps over the shoulders and buckled. Excessively baggy or sagging pants will not be allowed.

The students at Big Spring High School have the following dress code for 2000-01 school year:

• Dresses and skirts must be three inches or less above the knee. Dresses or tops with spaghetti straps are not permitted unless they are worn with a jacket over them. Any strap of a dress or top must be at least two inches wide at the shoulders.

• Shorts will be allowed at school as long as they are approximately three inches from the top of the knee. Form-fitting pants, such as spandex or bicycle pants, are not acceptable.

• Shirts - crop tops, tube tops, halters, strapless dresses without jackets are unacceptable. Transparent and/or see-through material is also considered unacceptable. Shirts or blouse must cover the entire torso at all times, even in movement. No obscene or offensive shirts or jackets may be worn.

• Pants must be worn on the waist. Overalls must be worn with both straps over the shoulder and fastened.

"Everything is the dress code is pretty much the same as last year," said Kent Bowerman, Big Spring High School principal. "Except body piercings are not allowed. And boys are allowed only one earring."

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employment and student life and activities such as clubs and organizations available for student participation.

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Other interest sessions available are parking, textbooks, food service, the Learning Center and Survival Skills for Success and registrars/tech prep.

Tuesday night, a special Nigh Hawk Extravaganza is planned for students with 3-on-3 basketball and sand volleyball in the recently completed courts.

Wednesday, Aug. 23, all students who have attended NSO will register for classes from 9:30 a.m. until noon.

"The expansion of our NSO and the broad range of services we are providing for our students should make transition into college an enjoyable experience for all," Flores said.

TAX RATE

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\$100 valuation, the same rate as last year.

Historically, the Howard College tax rate has been kept in the 20-cent level since the late 1980s while the tax rate has continued to decrease in the total percent of the budget, Hansen said.

"In 1984 the budget was over \$5.5 million in current unrestricted funds while this year's projected budget is close to \$14.8 million in current unrestricted, but the tax rate has stayed virtually the same," Hansen said.

According to Hanson, in 1986, tax dollars made up a little over 50 percent of the budget while currently, tax dollars are down below 20 percent.

"I think it is something to be proud of and something the taxpayers should be proud of to be in that position," Hansen added.

"When most colleges are raising their tax rates, we have kept ours down," said Howard College board secretary-treasurer Harold Davis.

"We have been frugal as possible, resourceful and worked with other communities to generate income using all our manpower for service," said Sparks.

According to Hanson, the largest levy in actual dollars for Howard College was in 1990 and the college has been below the 1990 levy and expects to be under that level next year.

The board agreed to hold a public hearing on the tax rate before adoption on Monday at 12:15 p.m. in the Howard County board room.

Sparks addressed the issue of faculty and staff salaries during the meeting.

According to Sparks, Howard College is near the bottom of the list statewide in comparable faculty and

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SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activities between 8 a.m. Monday through 8 a.m. today:

• **LUZ JUAREZ**, 35, of 602 NW 7th, was arrested on a charge of criminal mischief. (BSPD)

• **OSCAR ONTIVEROS CERVANTES**, 25, of 3804 Connally, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated, 2nd offense. (BSPD)

• **JESSE HILARIO FIERRO**, 30, of 1802 State, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated and fleeing from police. (BSPD)

• **ADAM HERNANDEZ VALENCIA**, 39, of 608 NW 5th, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended. (BSPD)

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activities between 8 a.m. Monday through 8 a.m. today:

• **LUZ JUAREZ**, 35, of 602 NW 7th, was arrested on a local warrant.

• **ENRIQUE CALDERON**, 20, of 1005 N. Lamesa, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended.

• **PABLO ORTIZ**, 39, of Odessa, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **JOHN RAMIREZ**, 33, of Waco, was arrested on a charge of failure to identify to a police officer.

• **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported in the 1200 block of Runnels.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1800 block of Mittel.

• **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 500 block of Westover.

• **FORGERY** was reported in the 2000 block of Gregg.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 1300 block of E. 4th and in the 1700 block of Wasson.

• **ACCIDENT/MAJOR** was reported at Sixth and Gregg, Gunter and Randolph.

• **LOUD PARTY/NOISE** was reported in the 700 block of E. 13th, 1700 block of Donley, 1500 block of Cherokee.

• **ATTEMPTED BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1300 block of Princeton.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 1100 block of Sycamore, 2300 block of Wasson, 400 block of Johnson, in the 1200 block of 11th Place, in the 1100 block of N. Lamesa, in the 200 block of W. Marcy, in the 800 block of E-1-20 and in the 400 block of Birdwell.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 200 block of W. Third.

• **ASSAULT BY THREATS** was reported in the 2400 block of S. Monticello and in the 1700 block of Johnson.

• **INTOXICATED SUBJECT/DRIVER** was reported in the 400 block of Johnson, 500 block N. Lamesa.

• **DISTURBANCE/FIGHT** was reported at Algerita and Lockhart and in the 2800 block of Cactus.

• **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 200 block of NE 12th.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF TO A VEHICLE** was reported in the 500 block of Westover.

• **NEIGHBOR DISPUTE** was reported in the 1200 block of Lancaster.

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activities for the weekend ending at 8 a.m. Monday, August 14:

• **ASSAULT, 4**
• **FAMILY VIOLENCE, 3**
• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION, 3**
• **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING, 1**
• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF, 4**

• **CRIMINAL TRESPASS, 1**
• **DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED, 4**
• **DRIVING WHILE LICENSE INVALID, 4**
• **EVADING ARREST, 1**
• **THEFT, 14**

• **CONVENIENCE STORE THEFT, 12**
• **GAS THEFT, 9**
• **BEER THEFT, 3**

• **ACCIDENTS, 8**
• **MAJOR, 3**
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Tropical Storm Beryl skips South Texas

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — The sheriff and county judge were in bed and the county's emergency management center was empty as Tropical Storm Beryl punched inland, 125 miles south of Texas and began spinning itself out.

The National Weather Service canceled a hurricane warning for a 100-mile stretch from Baffin Bay, just north of Corpus Christi, to the Mexican border late Monday night. The weather service lifted tropical storm warnings at 4 a.m. CDT today.

The weather service in Brownsville also dropped flash flood warnings at 4 a.m. CDT, although some bands of spin-off rainstorms were sweeping across the region.

Around 3:30 a.m., a patch of light rain began moving across Brownsville and had dropped one-quarter inch by

4 a.m. The squall could drop as much as an inch before sweeping to the northeast, said NWS forecaster Scott Wigginton.

Beryl also kicked off a heavy patch of rain off of Corpus Christi that could produce from two to four inches of rain, Wigginton said.

South Texans earlier had begun storm preparations, securing government offices and filling sandbags as residents of low-lying areas were told to brace for evacuations that weren't needed.

Early today, the isolated storms had dropped no more than two inches of rain and winds had reached only 35 mph, Wigginton said.

"It was weak system to begin with and it didn't have enough time over water to organize itself," Wigginton said. "That is the trouble in the Western Gulf.

It makes it tough to predict these storms."

"It should dissipate over northern Mexico over the next 24 to 30 hours," Wigginton said. "Things should finish late this afternoon, returning us to our summer conditions."

Beryl was declared a tropical storm when its sustained winds reached 40 mph around 10 a.m. Monday and was predicted to barely reach hurricane strength — sustained winds of at least 75 mph — before it hit shore around the Texas-Mexico border.

Beryl strengthened around 7 p.m. when winds reached 50 mph and occasionally gusted to over 60. The storm's eye crossed inland at 1 a.m. today about 75 miles north of La Pesca, Mexico, the weather service said.

Across South Texas on Monday, residents had pre-

pared for the worst.

Emergency workers filled thousands of sandbags, bolted up government offices and dusted off generators. Homeowners nailed plywood over windows and loaded cars with batteries and candles. As the day wore on, seaside parks locked their gates and government documents were hauled into waterproof storage areas.

Residents of South Padre Island were instructed to head for the mainland. At its highest, South Padre is only 16 feet above sea level.

Outside Brownsville, where the Rio Grande empties into the Gulf of Mexico, residents of low-lying colonias, or shantytowns, were urged to seek shelter. About 20,000 people live in the rural neighborhoods, known for flimsy construction, inadequate drainage and severe flooding.

Recruiting efforts help to ease teacher shortage

FORT WORTH (AP) — Wedgwood Middle School is kicking off the new academic year with something most other schools in the state don't have: a teacher in every classroom.

Just two weeks ago the Fort Worth Independent School District lacked nearly 200 teachers, a shortage repeated in countless other cities across Texas and the rest of the country.

The Houston Independent School District, the largest in the state and the seventh largest in the nation, for example, was trying to fill 1,000 out of 11,700 teacher jobs at the beginning of summer.

But as classes started Monday in Fort Worth, only 35 out of 4,500 teacher positions were vacant.

Officials attribute their success to heavy recruiting and invoking a state law that allows school districts to keep teachers from quitting within 45 days of the start of the school year.

"It's just scary. We've known for about three years that the teacher shortage will get worse and worse," said Elene Odno, the Fort Worth school district's director of employment, recruiting and staff. "Every year it's miraculous that we do as well as we do."

Texas will have an estimated 45,000 teacher vacancies of a total teacher workforce of about 250,000 this school year with only 14,000 new in-state recruits available to fill the jobs, according to the State Board of Educator Certification.

And they aren't getting much help from out-of-state recruits. Officials estimate about 7,000 out of state recruits will be available to

fill vacancies.

Additionally, more than 18 percent of current teachers last year taught at least one class for which they did not have the appropriate certificate: 11 percent of bilingual teachers in first through sixth grades, 13 percent of all special education teachers, 19 percent of all secondary math teachers and 21 percent of all social studies teachers.

No figures were available Monday on how many substitute teachers will start classes this year and whether any courses will be canceled due to a lack of qualified instructors.

Texas schools are growing an average of 70,000 students a year, which required about 5,700 new teaching positions to be created in 1998-99, said Pamela Tackett, executive director of the State Board of Educator Certification.

She told the state Senate Education Committee in November that almost 11,000 teacher vacancies were due to retirement.

But the majority of the vacancies — 19 percent of Texas' entire teacher workforce — were caused when educators left the field.

"I hear teachers complain about the salary, too much paperwork, behavioral problems and no parental support, and many of them decide to quit teaching," said Laura Luke, who administers the special education program at Wedgwood Middle School. "And the best and the brightest college students know they'll make more money elsewhere."

To combat the shortages, the state is focusing on alternative certification programs, recruitment and retention programs and beefing up the state's teaching schools.

Air conditioning failure blamed in woman's death

ARLINGTON (AP) — An elderly North Texas woman is the latest victim of the summer heat wave that has claimed almost three dozen lives statewide.

Temperatures inside Eunice Gibson's apartment were close to 100 degrees before her death, the Tarrant County medical examiner's officers and Arlington city inspectors said Monday.

The 73-year-old woman died Sunday after a thermostat in her west Arlington apartment's cooling system malfunctioned.

Funeral services for Gibson were pending at Moore & Sons Funeral Home.

After Gibson's death, inspectors found that the thermostat inside her apartment unit had short-circuited, making the air condi-

tioner inoperable.

Friends telephoned emergency workers after they had not seen Gibson. Police and paramedics found the retired nurse in a chair inside her apartment. The windows inside her second-story apartment were closed.

The chief executive officer for the apartment management company, Robinson Management, said Gibson

had not reported the malfunction, so repair crews were not aware the air conditioner was not working.

Arlington code enforcement workers had visited the 52-unit Wilshire Manor apartments on Aug. 9 after a complaint that the cooling system was not working properly.

Repairs were made the same day and no citations were issued.

Bush expected to pardon man cleared of sexual assault

CONROE (AP) — A 35-year-old man who has spent the last 10 years in prison for a rape conviction that has been put into question by DNA evidence was expected to be pardoned by Gov. George W. Bush.

Monday, the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles unanimously voted 18-0 in favor of pardoning Roy Wayne Criner, who was

convicted of raping 16-year-old Deanna Ogg. Her naked and bludgeoned body was found in September 1986, about 20 miles northeast of Houston in New Caney.

The board's recommendation was immediately forwarded to Bush's office. The governor planned to sign the pardon today.

"I agree with the Board of Pardons and Paroles that

credible new evidence raises substantial doubt about the guilt of Roy Criner, and that he should receive a pardon," Bush said.

While authorities and Criner's family and attorney waited for Bush to sign the pardon, they still planned to be in court this morning for a previously scheduled bond hearing to free Criner.

Criner originally was charged with murder, a count dropped for lack of evidence. He was convicted of aggravated sexual assault.

Criner's attorney, Michael B. Charlton of Houston, successfully argued DNA evidence found on a cigarette butt matched semen found on Ogg's body and neither matched Criner.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Big Spring I.S.D. will hold a public meeting at 12:00 PM., August 29, 2000 in High School, Board Room 707 E. 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1,500,000	\$0,066,300	\$1,566,300	\$2,272	\$2,861
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1,436,900	\$0,063,500	\$1,500,400	\$2,328	\$2,927
Proposed Rate	\$1,490,000	\$0,076,300	\$1,566,300	\$2,430	\$2,927

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy On Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$29,552	\$30,555
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$8,642	\$9,444
Last Year's rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1,566,300	\$1,566,300
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$135.36	\$147.92
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$12.56

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.567104. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.567104.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$4,000,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balances (s)	\$75,000

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 10.003 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 Monday, August 21, 2000, at 12:15 p.m. in the Board Room in the Dora Roberts Student Union on the Howard College Campus, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

FOR the proposal: Don McKinney
Dr. Charles Warren
Harold Davis
Adrian Randle
Rob Ethridge
Michael Flores
John Freeman

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	\$30,495	\$32,070
General exemptions available (amount available on the average homestead, not including senior citizens or disabled persons exemptions)	\$6,099	\$6,414
Average taxable value	\$24,396	\$25,656
Tax rate	\$0.25854/\$100	\$0.25854/\$100 (Proposed)
Tax	\$63.07	\$66.33 (Proposed)

Under this proposal, taxes on the average home would increase by \$3.26 or 5.17 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate should increase by \$0.00 per \$100 of taxable value or 0.00 percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

EDITORIAL

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

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OUR VIEWS

Time to get ready for the county fair

It's hard to believe that a little more than one week from now, we'll be celebrating the opening of the Howard County Fair. While the event has been "condensed" into four days this year, organizers assure us it won't be short on family fun. In fact, we are expecting a busier atmosphere at the event, which kicks off Friday, Aug. 25. After all, most of the same events that once took place over a full week will now happen in a long weekend. Even the livestock shows, which often took place before the fair's official start in past years, are planned to coincide with the official event this year.

Exhibitors will find several promotions designed to bring more people into the main barn and keep them there.

Entertainment, meanwhile, will be of the same high-caliber we have come to expect: Red Steagall is featured on Saturday, Aug. 26, while Jody Nix takes the stage for two shows Friday, Aug. 25. The popular Gospel Night returns on Sunday, Aug. 27.

Many of our favorites, including the ranch rodeo, Battle of the Cheerleaders and the carnival, will be back. Additions have been made to the food divisions — pies are back and the Shedd's Spread muffin contest returns as well.

For kids, there is a special art contest dealing with three-dimensional illustration of nursery rhymes. In the antique area, serving bowls will be displayed.

As you can see, this shorter fair still has something for everyone. If you plan to enter one or more of the contests in art, cooking, photography or other areas, remember there is only one day to submit entries — Thursday, Aug. 24.

Start planning ahead to make the Howard County Fair part of your plans during Aug. 25-28. This is one place there really is something for every member of the family to enjoy.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:
Hip hip burrray! Yes! Good job. Three cheers. A high five and two thumbs up. Fabulous! Stupendous! Hats off. Outstanding times a thousand to all those involved in making the Apache Bend Apartments disappear. What an opportunity we now have to rebuild, beautify and improve this part of our community. Thank you to all of you that made it happen.
MARIA DOUGLAS
BIG SPRING

Monday, Aug. 7, to promote Vacation Bible School at First Baptist Church of Knott. More than 40 children's lives were touched in a positive way. Thank you's also to College Baptist and First Baptist in Ackerly for sharing props, decorations and materials for the Bible School. We were so impressed by the time and talent of your VBS committees. God Bless our community and the children as school resumes.
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, KNOTT
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TO THE EDITOR:
To the sheriff's department of Howard County, a great big "thank you" for providing an escort for the parade at Knott, held on

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 - Our normal hours of operation are from 7:30 a.m. until 5 p.m.
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Questioning Lieberman's integrity

W live in a period when, to put it one way, religion — both Judaism and Christianity — have lost the "cognitive battle." That is, the educated classes for the most part do not think religion tells us anything about the kind of universe we live in.



JEFFREY HART

The average university professor or journalist holds thoroughly naturalistic assumptions about actuality. The natural world of the five senses is all that there is. Such a person might well approve of religion as a social or moral force. Or he may dislike it for any number of reasons. But religious statements about the origin of the universe, about the nature and destiny of man, about the nature of morality, are not true in the same sense that science yields true statements.

But Lieberman's orthodox Judaism differs radically from this. The God of Genesis was there before the beginning; one might say, before the Big Bang that science tells us launched the universe. As the philosopher St. Anselm remarked, if for a split second there were nothing, there never could be anything. And science has nothing to say about what was there before the beginning.

Nor does Lieberman's orthodoxy hold that moral

law is just opinion. Psalm 119 uses the Hebrew word "emeth" to describe the law — that is, the law is "true." The law is true because it accords with the nature of things, or the structure of being.

It follows that Lieberman keeps the Sabbath and is observant in all the other ways.

And, as I say, this is a plus as far as I am concerned. He testifies to a different account of reality than the one that is — without much rigorous thought — pervasive at the present time. Lieberman is bearing witness.

I also admired — nay, was thrilled by — his early denunciation, on the floor of the Senate, of the behavior of our "Yahoo in Chief." Not only regarding Monica Lewinsky, but also about the Lincoln bedroom and all the rest of it.

Clinton has shown everyone that he has no regard for the dignity of the presidency. Now he is saying that he forgives himself. But Harry Truman wouldn't forgive him, and he would scorch Clinton's ears if he told him what he thought of him.

Truman, for example, had a deep sense of the dignity about the presidency, and he upheld it at all times. Once, when he was campaigning in Connecticut in 1948, his train pulled to a stop, and Truman spoke to the crowd. A small boy sitting in a tree started to yell, "Tell 'em about Alger Hiss, Harry. Tell 'em about Alger Hiss."

Truman paused and said soberly, "Young man, never speak that way to the president of the United States." Truman understood that

he was a colleague of Abraham Lincoln, of George Washington. He could be profane and demagogic, but he had dignity, and he understood that this was part of the power of the presidency.

As the Lewinsky scandal emerged, Lieberman stood for the dignity and integrity of the presidency in that sense, and he was joined by Sen. Bob Kerry and Sen. Pat Moynihan in denouncing Clinton. Lieberman used the term "unacceptable." That's strong language. It appeared we were seeing the emergence of "conscience Democrats" — people who could not stomach Clinton.

But then, by George, Lieberman accepted Clinton's behavior — lies and all — and voted against throwing Clinton out. And so did Moynihan and Kerry. That vote was defensible, I suppose, but I felt disappointed in Lieberman. Clinton, after all, had broken at least nine of the Ten Commandments. (There is no evidence that he has violated the Sixth: Shall not murder.) Still, I was glad when Gore selected Lieberman as his running mate. Gore was making a statement, separating himself from our "Yahoo in Chief." Yes, Gore had called the Yahoo "one of our greatest presidents." But that was then, and this is now. Lieberman is a good choice.

But Lieberman, the "Honest Man" of the Democratic Party, all of a sudden doesn't seem so solid after all. Overnight he has reversed himself on Social Security, vouchers, racial preferences and moving the U.S. Embassy to

Jerusalem. On all these important points he has flipped completely in order to agree with Gore. His record:

1998: "Individual control of part of the Social Security retirement funds has to happen."

Now: "I turned away from privatization because the promises and the numbers supporting them did not add up."

1992, 1994, 1996, 1998: Voted four times for a federal pilot voucher plan. Declared that public schools had "failed to innovate."

Now: Dropped vouchers from his education bill. Now limits himself to expanding charter schools.

1996: Supported California's Civil Rights Initiative, which banned race preferences, saying, "I can't see how I could be opposed to it. It basically is a statement of American values."

Now: His staff is publicizing his statements in support of preferences.

1999: Led opposition to the Clinton-Gore decision not to move the embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

Now: "I think it would not be a good idea to do that (move the embassy)."

Well, I have to say that my notion of Lieberman as Mr. Integrity has begun to show cracks and even crumble. He wants to be Gore's vice president. But isn't there something in those commandments about bearing false witness? And how about "whited sepulchers" — whitewashed tombs that look pure on the outside but are full of corruption within? Say it ain't so, Joe.



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Reality television: Can we outgrow it?

They are cropping up everywhere. But their titles, like most euphemisms, hide the truth of these reality-based television shows, which often consist of a voyeuristic appeal to the less than angelic aspects of our nature.

Some of these reality-based television shows are nothing more than peep-show spin-offs of confrontational day-time talk shows, which feature such foolishness as best friends revealing torrid secrets about one another. Other reality-based programs are contrived survival programs, and still others are simply glimpses into the foibles of unsuspecting people.



JACK ANDERSON

This new phenomenon, started by MTV's "The Real World" and "Road Rules" spread to Europe and found its way back to the United States. American television studios bought the rights to European hit shows such as "Survivor" and "Big Brother," and PBS is airing re-runs of the British show "1900 House." Even ABC has contributed to this trend with "Making the Band."

"The Real World," now in its ninth season, puts seven strangers together in one house for one year. "Road Rules" puts seven people together in a bus or boat and runs them through different challenges and assignments.

CBS introduced two reality-based shows this year. In "Survivor," 16 castaways are thrown together on a remote tropical island to compete against one another. The last person left on the island wins \$1,000,000. The show is actually achieving higher ratings

than June's NBA finals. CBS' other show, "Big Brother," features 20 cast members locked in a house with no access to the outside world for three months. The television audience votes out one member every week. The person left at the end receives \$500,000.

PBS' "1900 House" chronicles the Bowler family, who volunteers for a three-month stint in a house equipped with technology found in the 1900s.

ABC's "Making the Band" follows eight young men competing for five spots in a new boy band founded by the creator of "N Sync and the Backstreet Boys."

The first "reality-based" program, however, came in 1973 with "An American Family," a documentary series produced by Craig Gilbert. The series followed the Loud family for seven months and aired to an audience of 10 million viewers. The shows cur-

rently running enjoy similar high ratings and audience appeal.

Other types of reality shows include "Cops," "Candid Camera" and "America's Most Wanted," as well as court shows such as "The People's Court" and "Judge Judy." New shows slated for next season include "Survivor 2: The Australian Outback," "The Frontier House," "American High" and "Chains of Love."

Psychologists explain that the popularity of such shows may be due to the fact that they are a type of sanctioned invasion of privacy.

Audiences watch in the hopes of seeing something that they consider forbidden. The shows also capitalize on the humiliation of their cast members.

At its best it is harmless entertainment. At its worst it lessens the culture. All we can do is hope the country will enjoy the best of it and outgrow the worst of it.



Mallard Fillmore
by
BRUCE TINSLEY

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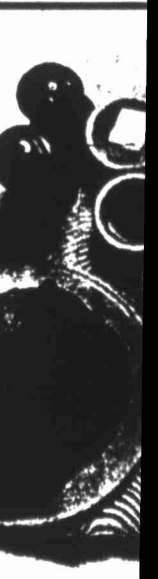
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Democratic convention: A send-off for Clinton, a liftoff for Gore

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Heralding Al Gore as "one strong leader," President Clinton got a roaring, sentimental send-off from the Democratic National Convention as he yielded the political stage to the man he wants elected his successor.

Clinton's vice president watched the convention farewell on television, preparing to join the president today in Monroe, Mich., to dramatize the passing of the Democratic mantle.

"It's a symbolic message that's more important than most of the words we'll be

using," Gore said, calling Clinton's Monday night speech a great one. "It's a handoff, a passing of the torch."

The convention is Gore's show now, adopting his platform today and installing his vice presidential running mate, Sen. Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut. Lieberman was meeting today with black Democrats, some of whom are concerned about his stance on affirmative action.

Delegates will formally vote Gore the Democratic presidential nomination Wednesday night.

Then it's Gore's turn to

take the convention salute as he accepts the nomination in its finale Thursday night.

But first, it was Clinton's turn, a 41-minute nationally televised address celebrating his eight years in the White House and urging that Gore be elected to take over.

"In the most challenging moments, when we faced the most difficult issues, of war and peace, of whether to take on some powerful special interest, he was always there," Clinton said. "And he always told me exactly what he thought was right...."

"I can tell you personally, he is one strong leader," the president said.

He saved a slap for Republican presidential nominee George W. Bush, although not by name, saying that ticket stands for policies that would "spend every dime" of budget surpluses on giant tax cuts, shortchanging needed programs the Democrats would deliver.

The Bush camp had an instant retort. "Instead of passing the baton, Bill Clinton used it to beat his own drum," said spokesman Ari Fleischer. "The vice president remains in Bill

Clinton's shadow."

Clinton's speech drew wave after wave of convention cheers, in a standing room-only Staples Center sports arena, the floor and galleries a sea of red placards — "Thank you President Clinton."

Arkansas delegate Harry Truman Moore of Paragould called Clinton's exit from the presidency "bittersweet," but added, "now it's time for people to start focusing on Al Gore."

In his remarks, Clinton recited his record first, saying he'd matched the promises of his two winning campaigns and proven

Republican critics wrong with the longest economic expansion in history. "Harry Truman's old saying has never been more true," he said.

"If you want to live like a Republican, you better vote Democratic."

When he turned to the election ahead, Clinton prefaced his boost for Gore with a word for Hillary Rodham Clinton, "a great first lady" campaigning for the Senate in New York. She spoke first, for herself and for Gore and Lieberman. "They have what it takes, and they'll do what it takes," she said.

Freight train carrying poisonous, flammable chemicals derails in Montana

MALTA, Mont. (AP) — About 50 people were voluntarily evacuated and U.S. Highway 2 was closed for more than five hours after a westbound freight train, including tankers containing a poisonous and flammable chemical, derailed near here.

"Our hazardous material team inspected the cars and it was determined we had no leaks," Gus Melonas, a Burlington Northern Santa Fe spokesman, said today. "The people can go home and the highway was reopened," Melonas said. "It does not appear there will have to be further evacuations."

Seven cars from the westbound BNSF train derailed a mile east of Malta, and

residents were moved back a half-mile. No injuries were reported, but sparks from the derailed train created small fires for several miles.

Melonas said three of the tankers contained carbon disulphide, a poisonous, highly flammable chemical used in making solvents and cellophane.

Two other tankers contained titanium dioxide and posed no threat to the environment, Melonas said.

Another derailed car, containing glue, remained upright, as did an empty lumber car, he said.

Melonas said the derailment occurred Monday about 8 p.m. MDT on a 100-car train from Memphis, Tenn., to Pasco, Wash. Malta, a town of about 2,300,

is about 50 miles south of the Canadian border.

A railroad emergency team rushed to the site and a special hazardous-materials firm was sent from Helena, about 290 miles to the southwest. The tank

cars have thick outer walls, insulation and then an inner tank to reduce the possibility of leaks, Melonas said.

Phillips County Fire Chief Clark Kelly said the train set fires along the right-of-

way as far away as 20 to 30 miles to the east, toward Saco, and train personnel and others were fighting them.

Within two hours, firefighters from Malta and Dodson said they had the

fires under control.

The Malta City Hall was opened for evacuees, Kelly said. In addition to those families leaving their homes, others had been placed on alert for possible evacuation, he said.

Safety group calls on Ford, Firestone to widen tire recall

DETROIT (AP) — Safety advocates are urging Ford Motor Co. and Bridgestone/Firestone Inc. to broaden the Firestone tire recall, saying the same problems that have been reported with the 15-inch tires affect other sizes of the three recalled tire models.

Company officials say their actions were sufficient and that the overwhelming majority of complaints were from tires being recalled. Ford and Bridgestone/Firestone say their data show the problems are limited to the models under recall.

Many accused the companies Monday of dangerously limiting the recall.

"The public can afford no further delay in getting these tires off the road," said Joan Claybrook, head of the group Public Citizen and a former administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Bridgestone/Firestone said last week it would recall all of the F 35/75R15 size radial ATX and ATX II tires, and Wilderness AT

tires of the same size made in Decatur, Ill.

The 6.5 million 15-inch tires in question — most of which were installed on Ford trucks, notably the Ford Explorer sport utility vehicle — are being investigated by federal officials in connection with more than 300 accidents and the deaths of at least 46 people.

Ford replaced a wider range of tires for Explorer owners in the Middle East and Venezuela after similar complaints, including 16-inch sizes, but said problems there were related to misuse — deflating the tires to drive on sand, for example.

Most of the reports of tire failure have involved tread separating from the tire, sometimes at high speed, causing blowouts and rollovers. Ford and Bridgestone/Firestone have not offered a theory for the failures, but have said hot weather plays a role.

Claybrook charged that too many unanswered questions remain about the safety of Bridgestone/Firestone's 16-inch tires.

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What People Are Saying About Scenic Mountain Medical Center

July 24, 2000

Loren Chandler, CEO
Scenic Mountain Medical Center
1601 W 11th Place
Big Spring, TX 79720



Dear Loren:

I recently had a patient, Ms. Letha Wayland, admitted to the hospital with a severe stroke. Her cerebral vascular accident left her with a very dense hemiplegia of the right side of her body. In fact, her condition was so severe I was not certain she would survive the hospitalization and, even if she did, I was not certain she would have a good 12-month prognosis.

The rehabilitation department was consulted and with a concerted team approach, the physical therapist, occupational therapist, and speech therapist worked diligently to help Ms. Wayland. She was initially treated aggressively in the acute care setting and then transferred to the Transitional Care Unit where she continued to receive aggressive rehabilitation.

Amazingly, Ms. Wayland was ambulating, was able to speak, and to perform—with some assistance—most activities of daily living prior to discharge from the Transitional Care Unit.

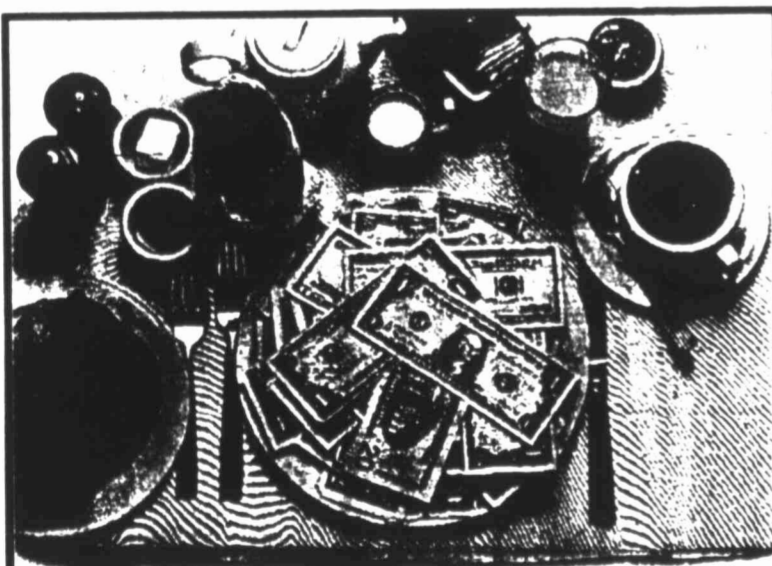
I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to the professionals in the rehabilitation department for their untiring efforts to help my patient, Ms. Wayland, in her recovery efforts. Their hard work and attention to detail resulted in what could only be a near miraculous improvement in Ms. Wayland's condition and prognosis. In addition, the nursing staff in the Intensive Care Unit, Medical/Surgical floor, and the Transitional Care Unit were also instrumental in Ms. Wayland's recovery.

We are fortunate to have such a dedicated group of professionals affiliated with Scenic Mountain Medical Center and I am grateful for their efforts.

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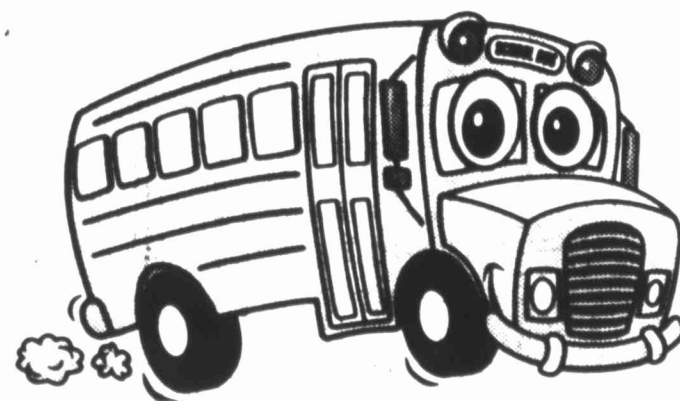
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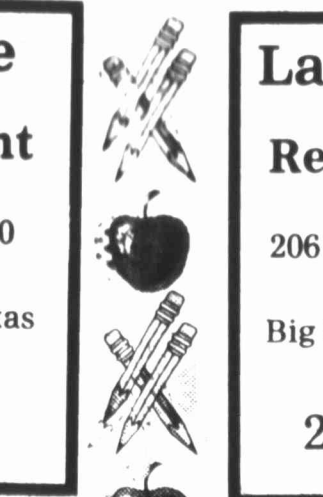
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IN BRIEF

Three aces recorded at Comanche Trails

Three holes-in-one have been recorded for this month at Comanche Trails Country Club.

The first was recorded on Aug. 1. Sherill Farmer accomplished the feat on No. 15 with a 6 iron. Jim Roger, Tim Spring and Jimmy Leal were the witnesses.

Two more happened on Aug. 11. The first of these was Loy Carroll, also at No. 15. He used a 5 iron and the witnesses were Blaze Carroll, Colin Carrol, Miles McCormick, Mike Stephens and Jimmy Leal. This was the third ace of his career.

Then two groups, later, Farmer hit his second hole-in-one, this was also on No.15. This was done with a 6 iron. The witnesses were Jope Sharpnackle, Tim Strain, B.A. Brunson and Byron Harris.

Hunting application acceptance ends

Applications for public hunting permits on the O.H. Ivie Reservoir Wildlife areas will be accepted by mail through Tuesday at the O.H. Ivie Reservoir Office.

Hunting permits will be limited and requests for information and application packets should be made by calling the Colorado River Municipal Water District (CRMWD) at 267-6341 or writing CRMWD, P.O. Box 869, Big Spring 79721; Attn: Public Hunting.

Youth soccer signups scheduled this week

A signup for this year soccer season will be held from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at Big Spring Mall.

Players may also sign up at All-Star Sports from Monday to Friday from 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

The league is eligible for boys and girls between the ages of four and 14.

YMCA swim team parents to meet

The Big Spring YMCA swim team will be holding a parents meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the YMCA.

Workouts for the fall will start Monday, Aug. 21. Children who are ages six and up and can swim two lengths of the pool with proper breathing are eligible.

For further information call the YMCA at 267-8234.

Hawk Flight boosters to gather on Thursday

There will be an organization meeting for the newly restructured Hawk Flight Booster Club at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum East Room.

For more information, call Stan Feaster at 264-5045.

Three fall baseball signups scheduled

Three signups for the Crossroads Fall Baseball League have been scheduled; one for sessions is set from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

The second will be 6-8 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 25, and the final session will be 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26.

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Lowry to coach Sands cross-country, basketball and track

By JOHN HASSELMEIER
Sports Editor

ACKERLY — When Lisa Lowry first applied for a coaching position at Sands, it was to be an assistant.

However, a sudden resignation meant that she was a candidate for the job and now she is the new head



LOWRY

girls basketball and girls cross-country and track coach at Sands High School. The wife of new head football coach Clint Lowry, she comes from Kopperl, where her husband also coached.

At first, she was surprised when she learned she had a chance to become head coach.

As Lisa Lewis, she was a 1986 graduate of Olney High School. Her senior year was one to remember as she was starting point guard on a state semi-finalist Cubette girls basketball team. That culminated a three-year career.

"Abernathy beat us by seven points in the first round (at state)," Lowry said. "It was exciting to get to Austin. It was a life experience."

Not content with one trip to Austin that year, she went back down as the third leg on a state-qualifying mile relay team. That four-some finished just out of the medals with a fourth-place finish. She also went to regionals twice in tennis.

Before she graduated, in fact well before then, she decided she wanted to be a coach.

"All my life, I've wanted to

teach and coach," Lowry said. "I think sports was such a big part of my life. I always knew that's what I'd do. It just took a while to get there."

After graduating, she went off to Tyler Junior College to continue her basketball career. She then transferred to Cisco and then, a little later, to Tarleton State University in Stephenville to play two years.

"The first year I was there I got Newcomer of the Year," Lowry said. "I started both years at point guard."

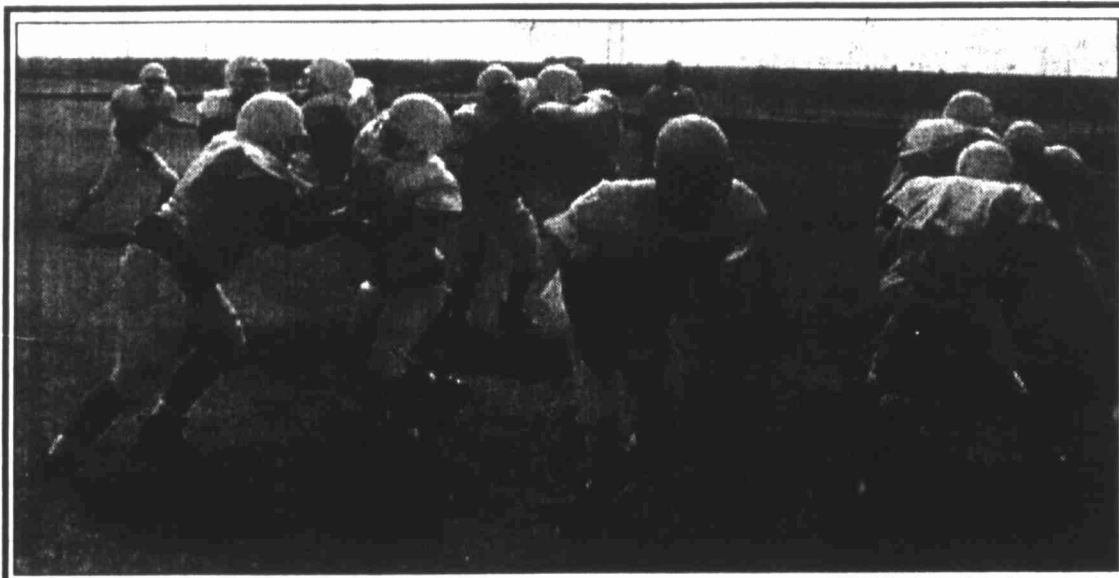
During her time in Stephenville, she met her eventual husband. The Lowrys have one child, Matthew, who is 5.

Eventually, she got her degree in exercise and sports studies in 1994.

After that, she got her first coaching job at Venus. That lasted two years.

"I was the head softball, assistant basketball and seventh-grade coach," Lowry said. The first year, we (the softball team) struggled. The second year, I left in March and had Matthew

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HERALD photo/John Hasselmeier

The Sands Mustangs are shown running a practice Monday morning at the football stadium. The Mustangs sport a new coach in Clint Lowry this year and hope to win another district championship this season.

Astros vent frustrations on Pirates with 16-2 defeat Monday night

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Houston Astros haven't played like the worst team in the majors the last two games.

Moises Alou hit two homers for the second straight game as Houston, which has scored 30 runs in two games, had 19 hits for the second straight day in a 16-2 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates on Monday night.

In other National League games, it was San Francisco 11, New York 1, Colorado 4, Montreal 3; Atlanta 9, San Diego 2; Milwaukee 4, Cincinnati 3; Chicago 7, St. Louis 3; Florida 11, Los Angeles 2; and Arizona 4, Philadelphia 3 in 11 innings.

As for the American League, it was Baltimore 8, Chicago 2; Detroit 15, Seattle 4; and Oakland 8, Cleveland 1.

Alou, who homered twice Sunday in a 14-7 win at Philadelphia, went 3-for-3 and tied a career high with five RBIs. He had his third multihomer game of the season and 16th of his career, raising his home run total to 22.

Bogar failed to make a difficult play in the seventh inning that would have kept Chris Holt's no-hitter going.

Holt (5-12) finished with a five-hitter, walking four and striking out five. He is 2-1 with a 1.11 ERA in seven career appearances against Pittsburgh.

Giants 11, Mets 1

Russ Ortiz (8-10) shut out the Mets on one single for seven innings to win his third straight start, and Barry Bonds had a season-high four hits as San Francisco averted a four-game sweep at New York.

Limited to one earned run in 32 innings in the series, the Giants broke loose for five runs in the sixth

against Rick Reed (7-3), and added six more in the seventh off Dennis Cook. New York lost for just the second time in 14 home games this season.

Rockies 4, Expos 3

Todd Helton homered twice, including a go-ahead, two-run drive in the ninth as Colorado swept a four-game series at Montreal.

Helton went 3-for-5 to raise his major league-leading average to .394.

With the Rockies trailing 3-0 in the eighth, he homered off Anthony Telford. Then, after Jeff Cirillo's RBI single with two outs in the ninth, Helton hit a two-run homer off Scott Strickland (4-3).

Craig House (1-0) allowed one hit in 1 1-3 innings, and Jose Jimenez got three outs for his 16th save.

Braves 9, Padres 2

At Atlanta, Tom Glavine (15-6) allowed five hits in seven innings and struck out six to win for the eighth time in nine decisions.

Andres Galarraga hit a two-run double in the fifth and Javy Lopez added a three-run homer as Atlanta stopped San Diego's four-game winning streak.

Jay Witasick (0-1) gave up seven runs, eight hits and five walks in 5 1-3 innings of play.

Brewers 4, Reds 3

Richie Sexson's seventh-inning single scored Geoff Jenkins with the go-ahead run as Milwaukee overcame a 3-0 deficit at home and stopped Cincinnati's four-game winning streak.

Paul Rigdon (1-2), acquired in last month's trade with Cleveland that also brought Sexson to Milwaukee, allowed three runs — two earned — and seven hits in seven innings. Curtis Leskanic got three outs for his sixth save of the

season.

Elmer Dessens (5-3) gave up four runs and seven hits in 6 2-3 innings.

Cubs 7, Cardinals 3

Sammy Sosa hit his 37th homer to tie Gary Sheffield for the major league lead, and Chicago broke a 25-inning scoreless streak at Wrigley Field.

Jon Lieber (11-5) won his sixth straight decision and matched his career high for victories, allowing three runs and eight hits in six innings. He hasn't lost in 10 starts since June 23.

Andy Benes (10-7), winless since July 13, allowed five runs and six hits in five innings.

Marlins 11, Dodgers 2

Kevin Brown (10-5), pitching in Miami against the team he helped win the 1997 World Series, made his earliest exit in five years, giving up nine runs — five earned — and seven hits in 1 1-3 innings.

Former Dodgers outfielder Henry Rodriguez drove in four runs with two doubles and a 451-foot solo homer.

Jesus Sanchez (8-8) pitched six innings, allowing Eric Karros' two-run double in the first. Florida beat Los Angeles for the first time in seven meetings this year.

D'backs 4, Phillies 3

Matt Williams had three RBIs, including a tiebreaking single in the 11th off Jeff Brantley (1-7) at Philadelphia.

Randy Johnson allowed two runs — one earned — and five hits in six innings. He had 10 of Arizona's 16 strikeouts, but walked four and failed to win for the fifth straight start.

Dan Plesac (2-0) pitched a perfect 10th, and Matt Mantei got his 10th save in 12 chances with a perfect 11th.

Pettitte beats Rangers while family members look on

ARLINGTON (AP) — Andy Pettitte has finally settled down when he pitches close to home.

Pitching in front of 26 family members, Pettitte (14-6) pitched into the eighth inning for his fifth straight victory as the New York Yankees continued to dominate Texas with a 7-3 win Monday night.

Pettitte, whose offseason home is in Deer Park near Houston, has won his last two starts at The Ballpark in Arlington after giving up

22 earned runs in 12 1-3 innings in his first three appearances there.

"Earlier in my career, I couldn't concentrate out there," said Pettitte, who pitched against Texas for the first time this season. "When I first came up, I tried to care of everyone. But now I've think I've matured a little bit."

Once again, Pettitte took advantage of the offensive support he's getting from his teammates. The Yankees have averaged 7.4

runs in his 23 starts.

Pettitte allowed just four hits while shutting out Texas the first seven innings, but the Rangers started the eighth with three straight singles, the third by Chad Curtis driving home a run. Pettitte was pulled after he hit Rusty Greer to load the bases with no outs.

"The guys scored runs for me and I got in a good rhythm," Pettitte said. "I felt in so much control, then there are a couple of

Cowboys ready for Williams return

DALLAS (AP) — After three preseason losses with a patchwork, battered offensive line, Erik Williams is on his way to training camp Tuesday with the Dallas Cowboys after a three-week holdout.

"We were told he is in the car with (defensive lineman) Leon (Lett), and they're heading up to Wichita Falls as we speak," owner Jerry Jones said Monday.

Over the last three games, the Cowboys have been outscored 79-29, had 43 first downs, had 226 yards on 70 carries and been sacked 6 times for 39 yards.

On Sunday against the Oakland Raiders, Dallas rushed for only 19 yards on 10 carries in the first half, and finished the game with only 58 yards rushing on 24 attempts.

Sure, wide receiver Michael Irvin's retired, running back Emmitt Smith's nursing a leg injury and Troy Aikman's still adjusting to speedy receiver Joey Galloway. And it is, after all, only the preseason.

But the return eight-year veteran right tackle, who is coming off his third Pro Bowl selection in four years

and the fourth of his nine-year career, will shore up a problem-plagued line.

Only one Cowboys offensive lineman has been playing in position, left tackle Flozell Adams. Starting right guard Solomon Page had been bumped to play right tackle and backup guard Jorge Diaz filled Page's spot.

Pro Bowl left guard Larry Allen is also nursing a fractured hand.

"This is great news," Jones was quoted as saying on dallascowboys.com, the team's official Web site. "Erik can really help us."

The Pro Bowl right tackle didn't report to camp four weeks ago amid rumors he was considering retirement.

Some suggested the eight-year veteran, who is coming off his third Pro Bowl selection in four years and the fourth of his nine-year career, was holding out for more money.

Williams is due \$1.85 million this season and next under a six-year deal he signed after the 1995 season. Cincinnati's right tackle Willie Anderson recently got a six-year deal that averages \$5.1 million, per year.

Lady Steers begin season at home

HERALD staff report

The Big Spring High School varsity volleyball team will be opening its season today with a pair of matches against Brownfield and Greenwood.

The Lady Steers will start things off at 5 p.m. at Steer Gym against Greenwood. After that match, the Rangerettes will stay on the court to face Brownfield at approximately 6 p.m. Then after that, Big Spring will play the Lady Cubs at approximately 7 p.m.

Both teams were in the

playoffs a year ago. In fact, Greenwood got within one step of the regional tournament last year, falling to Denver City.

As for the Brownfield, the Lady Cubs had their best march in a while as they got to the second round before losing to Crane. That was the first time BHS had gotten that far since the 1994 season.

The home action will be the last for the Lady Steers for a while as they won't play again at home until the second match of district, Sept. 9 against Frenship.

Lady Wolves to face Water Valley team

HERALD staff report

The 2000 volleyball season will be getting under way for Colorado City today when the Lady Wolves travel to Water Valley. The JV will play at 6 p.m. and the varsity will follow.

Water Valley is a traditional Class 1A volleyball power. The Lady Wildcats reached the state tourna-

ment a year ago.

"They'll be pretty solid," Colorado City head volleyball coach Karen Trent said. "They graduated the (Shannon) Counts girl and she was a solid player, but I'm sure they'll still be pretty good."

After Tuesday, the Lady Wolves will next play in the Abilene Tournament, which takes place this weekend.

earned runs in the 35 2-3 innings he has pitched during his five-game winning streak. He struck out three and walked one.

"The Ballpark hasn't been a good place for him to pitch, but he was great tonight," manager Joe Torre said. "I think he struggles here because of all his family. He wants to do well for the home folks. He's an emotional guy."

New York led 2-0 after just two batters in Monday's game.

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Anaheim 0-1 at Toronto
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N.Y. Yankees (Hernandez 8-9) at Texas (TBA), 6:05 p.m.

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LOWRY

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and they went on and did well."

After staying home with her son for a year, she went to Keene. During that time, she coached junior high girls sports. That lasted one year.

"They were having financial problems, so they laid off every new teacher," Lowry said. "I think there was something like 36 of them."

She then joined her husband at Kopperl. She coached a variety of things that first year, including cross-country, girls basketball and softball and assisted in volleyball and girls track.

"I was the head softball coach, but we didn't have softball," Lowry said. "There were not enough girls."

The next year, the load got lightened. She was the head coach of cross-country, girls basketball and track. The

most successful sport was track.

"The first year, we had a girl (Courtney Sanford) finish fourth in the state in the shot put," Lowry said. "She made it back last year and got fifth."

"The first year I was there, the girls basketball team was very weak," Lowry said. "The second year, we were young. I had eight on the team, five freshman, two sophomores and one senior."

Her husband then got the job at Sands and she interviewed for a position as well.

"I was gonna come in, I believe, as the assistant," Lowry said. "(Former Sands girls basketball) Coach (Jimmy) Taylor hadn't resigned at that time I took the job. Then he resigned, so then they interviewed me for the head position."

"I was shocked, excited and a little nervous," Lowry said. "I had been a head coach and basketball's a big

thing here."

Before it was over, she ended up head coach of the Lady Mustangs.

"I really like it here," Lowry said. "There's friendly people. I'm excited. I think it was a good move. It for my family."


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*** Pressure builds. Take a risk and venture out of present thinking. Wild ideas come from left field. Don't sit on plans. Take action. Success only happens if you are willing to try. A co-worker appreciates what is happening and lets you know. Tonight: Take a break. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** Aim for what you want. A disruption serves the purpose of helping you see where change is needed. A stubborn pattern could block your path. Stay centered as ideas fly. Curb sharp words. What appears to be an excellent idea needs to be tested. Tonight: Let go of work and enjoy a partner. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** All eyes turn to you. You could easily become frustrated with a boss or co-worker. Stay centered as you receive a glut of information. You will be able to digest all that is coming

down. Reach out for trusted associates. They have a totally different view. Tonight: Work late. CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** You're challenged by news and a financial development. Get past present thinking. You know you don't have all the answers. Seek out another's help, especially with work. You could be surprised by another's perspective. Teamwork guarantees success. Tonight: Rent a movie on the way home. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** You could be spewing out information without thinking. Evaluate what is happening with a partner. By walking in another's shoes and tapping into your creativity, you find answers. Indulge a partner, associate or loved one who helps you out. Tonight: Make nice. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) *** Others clearly hold the cards. You might not like information that is forthcoming. Understand another better by exploring his sensitivities. Express insecurities and how your feelings can be hurt. Another makes overtures. Do the peacemaking dance. Tonight: Accept an invitation. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) *** Focus on your performance at work. Listen to others, even though you might find their words difficult. Get past anger or hurt feelings and concentrate on the job at hand. Friends knock on your door. Children and loved ones also need your attention. Tonight: Indulge a loved one. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) *** Call upon your creativity to answer a money issue. A risk looming ahead is probably a bad bet. A boss proves to be verbal, yet erratic. Understand how much you flex or need to flex for others. Network. A meeting produces enviable results. Tonight: Treat another as you would like to be treated. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) *** You easily sense another's pressure, but you need

to make your own decisions. Let another know that you hear him loud and clear. Ideas fly, and sarcasm could blossom in this hot atmosphere. Seek out answers. Use traditional means of exploring options. Tonight: Let another indulge you. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** Speak your mind in a manner that another can hear. Sometimes you become tense and reactive. Let go of that behavior today. By expressing ideas and brainstorming with a partner, you discover alternatives. Take another's lead. A call brings good news. Tonight: Munchies at a favorite spot. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) *** Experiment with new ideas. Determine limits with associates. Ask questions and explore options. Another could be as frustrated as you are with a money problem. How can you help each other? A friend comes through for you. Express your gratitude. Tonight: Treat a friend to dinner. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** You stir up more activity than you might intend. Another takes a hard look at your job performance. What initially seems like bad news reverses itself. Don't let anxiety interfere with positive suggestions. Take a suggestion. Another appreciates you and lets you know. Tonight: Whatever makes you smile. BORN TODAY Singer Madonna (1958), talk-show host Kathie Lee Gifford (1953), football legend Frank Gifford (1930) For America's best extended horoscope, recorded by Jacqueline Bigar, call (900) 740-7444, 99 cents per minute. Also featured are The Spoken Tarot and The Runes, which answer your yes-or-no questions. Callers must be 18 or older. A service of InterMedia Inc., Jenkintown, Pa. Jacqueline Bigar is on the Internet at <http://www.jacquelinebigar.com> © 2000 by King Features Syndicate Inc.

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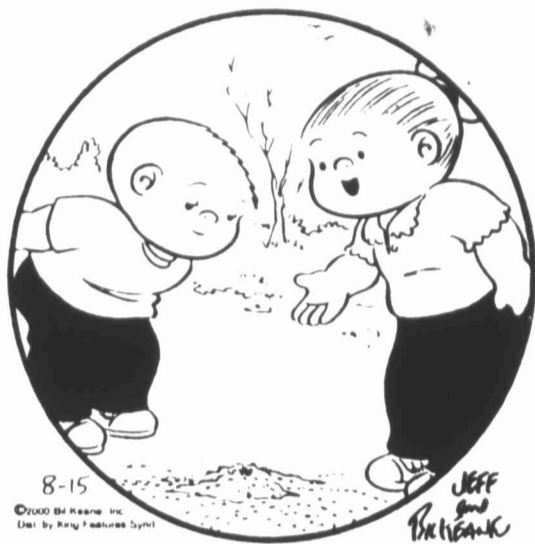
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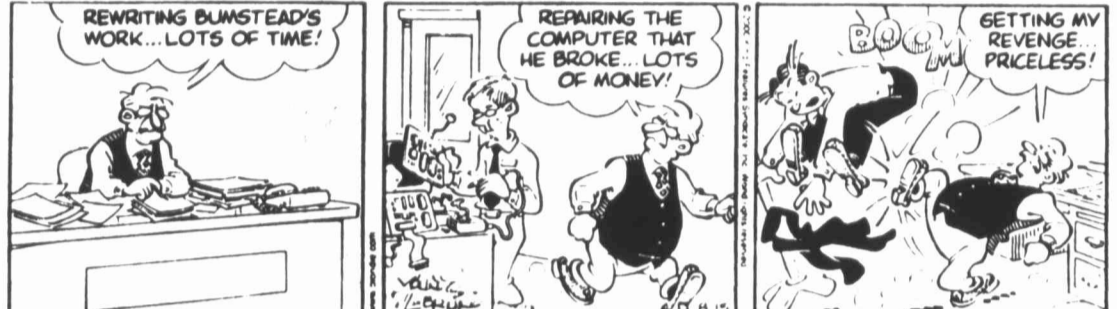


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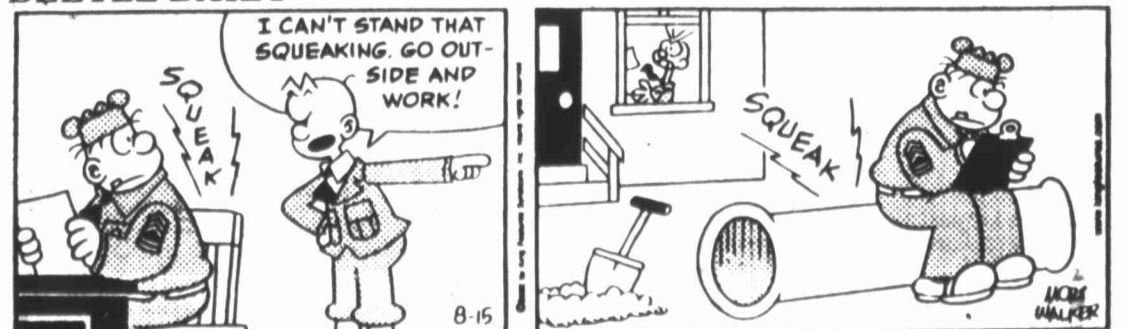
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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miered at the Grauman's Chinese Theater in Hollywood. In 1944, during World War II, Allied forces landed in southern France. In 1947, India became independent after some 200 years of British rule. In 1948, the Republic of Korea was proclaimed. In 1969, the Woodstock Music and Art Fair opened in upstate New York. In 1971, President Nixon announced a 90-day freeze on wages, prices and rents. In 1994, Ilich Ramirez Sanchez, the terrorist known as Carlos the Jackal, was jailed in France after being captured in Sudan. In 1998, 29 people were killed by a car bomb in Omagh, Northern Ireland; a splinter group calling itself the Real IRA claimed responsibility. Ten years ago: In an attempt to gain support against the U.S.-led coalition in the Persian Gulf, Iraqi President Saddam Hussein offered to make peace with longtime enemy Iran. Five years ago: The Justice Department agreed to pay \$3.1 million to white separatist Randy Weaver and his family to settle their claims over the killing of Weaver's wife and son during a 1992 siege by federal agents at Ruby Ridge, Idaho. Pioneering TV journalist and Timex watch pitchman John Cameron Swayze died in Sarasota, Fla., at age 89. Today's Birthdays: Cooking expert Julia Child is 88. Actress Dame Wendy Hiller is 88. Conservative activist Phyllis Schlafly is 76.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

Crossword puzzle grid with clues listed on the left and right sides. Clues include: 1. Cleansing ritual, 5. Author of "Ragged Dick", 10. Granular seasoning, 14. Concept, 15. Auto model, 16. Champagne chiller, 17. United force, 18. Fireside yarns, 19. Coastal bird, 20. Mind-reading letters, 21. Time for a cup of java, 23. Smells, 25. Neither's partner, 26. Scorers, 28. Entices, 33. Bygone, 34. Earth visitor, 35. Regret, 36. Resting on, 37. Unlabeled, 38. Prison unit, 39. Uncle, 40. Zones, 41. Thrash about, 42. Infringement, 44. Cranky folk, 45. Sebaceous cyst, 46. Catch forty winks, 47. Made palatable, 52. Vocalized grunt, 55. Caspian's neighbor, 56. Clified, 57. '60s do, 58. Dell, 59. Back of a boat, 60. At a distance, 61. Building additions, 62. Man and Wight, 63. Org. 5. Players, 6. Takes it easy, 7. Wide separation, 8. Dueling sword, 9. Felt indignation, 10. Nevada, 11. Square measure, 12. Actress Olin, 13. Arduous journey, 21. Country humor, 22. " on the Bayou", 24. Profound, 26. Facetious tribute, 27. Temple table, 28. Assumed name, 29. Metal containers, 30. Rich desserts, 31. Dutch flower, 32. Offers to buyers, 34. Pub drinks, 37. Romanian-born abstract sculptor, 38. Piece of evidence, 40. Sketch artist, 41. Savage or Couples, 43. Low tracts, 44. Ford and Close, 46. Fixed gaze, 47. Rescue, 48. Caspian feeder, 49. Chutzpah, 50. Food scraps, 51. Seth's brother, 53. Mard's, 54. South American cape, 57. Letters on many cars.

Monday's Puzzle Solved grid showing the solution to the crossword puzzle.