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College sets registration for Aug. 6-22

Advising for Howard College fall 2001 registration is going on now. Registration begins Aug. 6 and concludes Aug. 22. All new and returning students may receive an assigned time to register from the Admissions Office. Assigned times for Aug. 6-9 are reserved for returning students. New students may register with an assigned time from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Aug. 13-16 and Aug. 20-22. August 20-21 assigned times are extended to 7 p.m. to accommodate those students who need an evening appointment. And on Aug. 22, assigned times conclude with registration at noon. For more information contact Howard College Admissions at 264-5072 or 264-5000.

WHAT'S UP...

- THURSDAY**
- Gideons International, Big Spring Camp No. U42060, Herman's Restaurant, 7 a.m.
 - The Senior Citizens Center will host an Arts and Crafts session each Thursday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
 - The Coffee Club will meet at Gale's Sweet Shoppe at 10 a.m.
 - Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.
 - Genealogical Society of Big Spring meets at 7:15 p.m. at the Howard County Library.
 - Masonic Lodge 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster.
- FRIDAY**
- The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.
 - AMBUCS meets at noon at 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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Herald blood drive set Friday

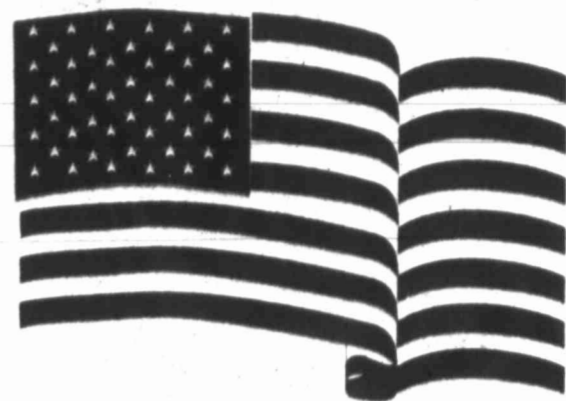
Herald Staff Report

The increasing traffic expected on the roads during the July 4 holiday prompts the *Big Spring Herald* to encourage those to take time to save a life by donating blood. "We encourage everyone who is able to take an hour of their time and donate blood," said Lyndel Moody, blood drive coordinator. "With more traffic on the roads this holiday season, the constant need for blood

will be even more critical." United Blood Service bloodmobile will be at the *Herald* office at 710 Scurry on Friday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. According to Johnna Pevey, UBS community relations representative, one pint of blood can help as much as four patients. All those interested in donating blood must be 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health. Those who have recently donated whole

blood may donate again in eight weeks. Those wishing to donate blood are asked to carry proof of identification containing a legal name and one of the following: date of birth, Social Security number, UBS assigned donor number or photo identification. Donors should also know the names of any medication they have taken during the past 30 days. See UBS, Page 3

FLY YOUR FLAG!



INDEPENDENCE DAY 2001

Pops draws overflow crowd again

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Comanche Trail Park was filled to capacity Tuesday night causing Big Spring police officers to turn away people entering the park to attend the Pops in the Park concert. An estimated 15,000 to 20,000 people filed into the park to listen to music, watch the fireworks display and celebrate America's independence. Parking space for those entering from U.S. Highway 87 quickly filled before 8 p.m. and police began diverting the traffic to the Wasson Road entrance. "There were cars parking in the barrow ditch on both sides of Highway 87," police officer Jay Fryer said. By the time the fireworks display began, cars were turned away from entering the park because of lack of parking space.



Inez Salazar, left and Ramona Saenz wait for the festivities to begin Tuesday at the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater. The sisters came early to find a good seats. At right, country music star Janie Fricke entertains the crowd with her performance during the Pops in the Park celebration.

HERALD photos/Lyndel Moody

Rotary clubs to church groups and youth softball teams. County music star Janie Fricke energized the crowd with her repertoire of songs from country to gospel, earning her a standing ovation. Sisters Gayla Stone, Annette Roberts and

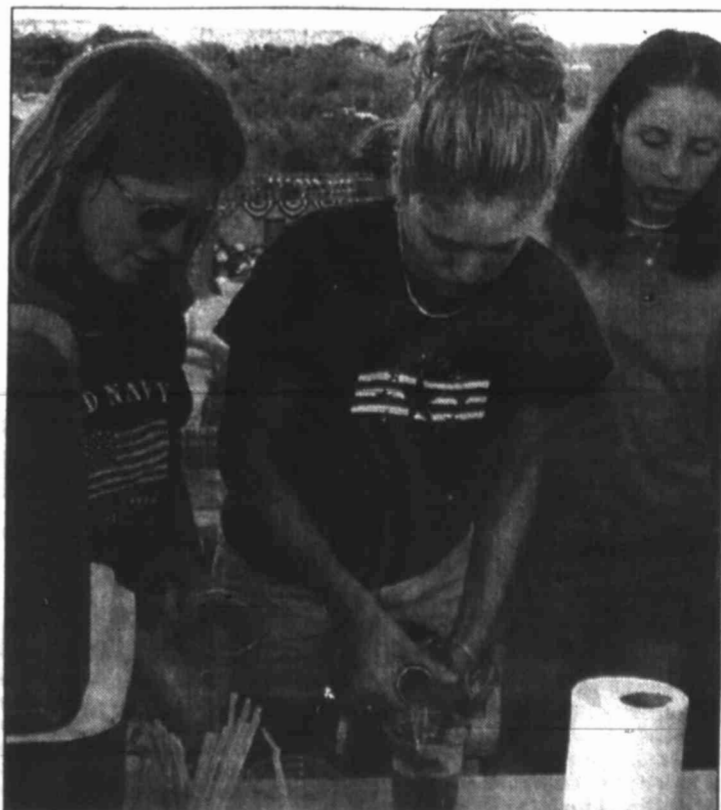


HERALD photo/Roger Cline
Braden Upshaw, 1, of Colorado City enjoys a piece of flavored ice fed to him by his grandmother, Shirley Limones.

Fizzers, fajitas and burgers: Celebration-goers get their fill

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer

What's red, white and blue, fizzy, and cold? A "Fizzer," of course. The West Texas Bandits girls softball team was selling the concoctions of lemon-lime carbonated beverage over frozen Kool-aid "rocks" at the annual Pops in the Park Independence Day celebration Tuesday at Comanche Trail Park. The girls were among about 40 vendors set up at the park raising money for good causes. "We're raising money to go to the Lubbock World Tournament," third baseman Shannon Higgins, 14, said. "We did this last year." The girls said that each teammate prepares several trays of the fruit-flavored frozen ice cubes a few days before the celebration. "We got the idea from the



HERALD Photo/Roger Cline
Shannon Higgins, 14, makes a "fizzer" drink to sell while softball teammates Kate Smiley, left, and Courtney Rodriguez, both 13, look on. The girls were selling the fizzers to raise money for their team.

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POPS

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Melissa McCullough sang back up for Fricke while the Big Spring Symphony provided music for the country star.

"It was a neat opportunity to sing with Janie," said Roberts.

Ackerly farmer and rancher G.W. Martin said he has been a big fan of Fricke's for 20 years.

"This is the first time I have seen her in person," Martin said. "She looks good."

Martin was also there to support the grandson of a friend, Guy Will Zant, who earned a standing ovation of his own when he sang "God Bless the USA."

Fireworks lit up the sky, pleasing the crowd of thousands while the symphony and chorus performed patri-

otic songs.

For Stephanie Bechenridge and Nancy Black, Tuesday night's festivities marked the first time they'd attended the Pops in the Park event. They'd been invited by friends and were impressed by the show.

"I think it is awesome," Black said.

Jim Fleming, a newcomer to Big Spring, admitted being very impressed by the concert and absolutely loved the show.

"We are still talking about it," Fleming said as he and his family left the amphitheater after the show ended.

Randy Roberts, a member of the Pops in the Park committee, said he was pleased with the results.

"This was great," Roberts said. "There is no way we could have improved it."

Monday's rain showers

created some problems for organizers, however, when equipment which had already been set up was drenched by the downpour. The sound crew and volunteers from the committee were out until 11 p.m. drying the equipment with hair dryers, Roberts said.

"We want to thank everybody who contributed," Roberts said. "This is designed as a gift from the business to the citizens of Big Spring. Nearly every business gave something to this event."

VENDORS

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Internet," center fielder Kate Smiley, 13, added.

Another softball team, the Big Spring All-Stars, was also raising money to go to a tournament, this one in Abilene later in the month.

The girls, ages 7 to 9, sold watermelon, ice cream and bottled water.

"We've done this for many, many years," said Pam Yanez, league manager.

The team needs to raise \$1,400 to attend the tournament, \$100 per player.

The "Men In Black," a service group of employees from Sid Richardson Carbon Co. of Big Spring, are already looking ahead to the flipside of the year.

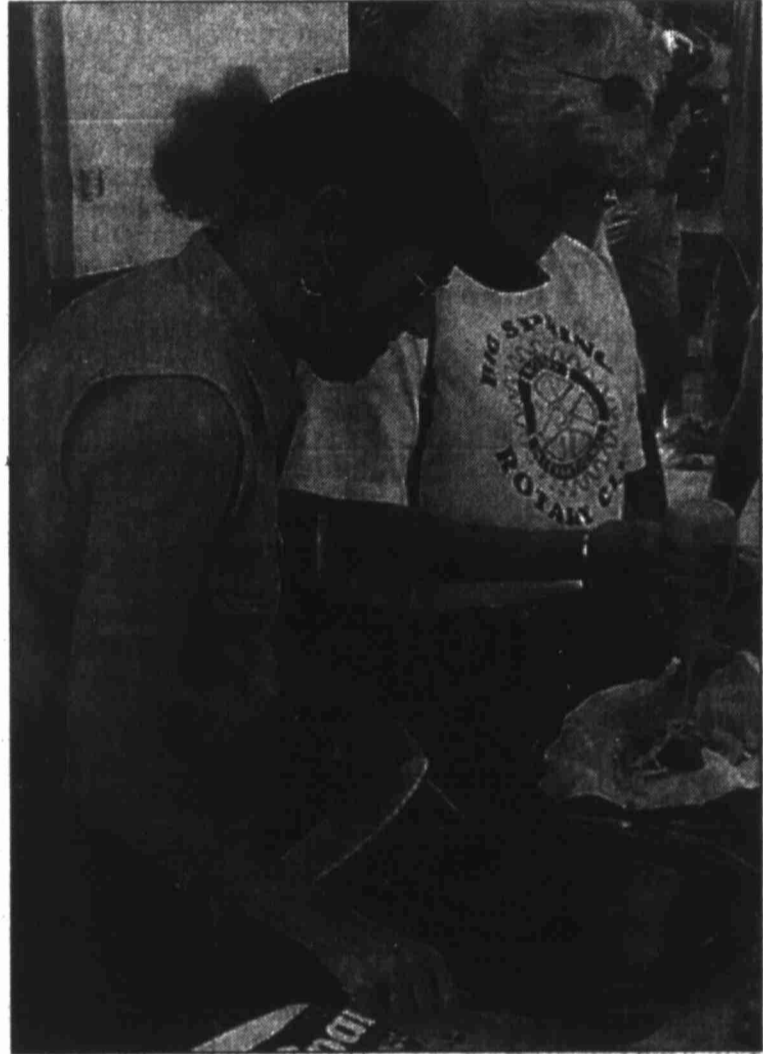
"We're raising money to 'adopt' a family for Christmas," group member Mike Jennings said.

The group had fired up the grill and was dishing out beef and chicken fajitas to hungry concert-goers.

"We raise money like this throughout the year," Jennings said, noting that the group participated in



HERALD photo/Roger Cline
Lauren Bell, 4, of Midland sits with her father Joe at the annual Pops in the Park concert Tuesday at Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater.



HERALD photo/Roger Cline
Emma Bogard, left, and Frances Wheat of the Big Spring Rotary Club work the "fixins" line at the club's hamburger booth during the annual Pops in the Park Independence Day celebration. Money raised by the booth will go to the club's two scholarship funds.

the Relay For Life American Cancer Association fundraiser.

Like the Men In Black of movie fame, the Sid Richardson crew has access to highly-classified information: The Recipe.

Asked about the secret, Jennings said "Not that we're going to give out...it's a secret recipe. We've got to keep some secrets."

The Big Spring Rotary Club was also frying up tasty eats: Hamburgers.

"We've been here ever since Pops in the Park has been going on," "Fixins" server Emma Bogard said.

Jan Foresyth, club president, said the money from the hamburger sales would go to scholarships the club offers.

"We have at this time two scholarship funds," she said. "The Alice Haynes Scholarship Fund and the

Big Spring Rotary Club Fund."

Joyce Ditto was at the park selling raffle tickets for a handmade quilt displaying a separate block for each state. The blocks show the state's name, the year it became a state, the state bird, the state flower and important products produced by that state.

"We had volunteers to do the work," Ditto said. "About 50 ladies made it."

Ditto, who came up with the idea to raise money for the Howard County Fair, said the quilt would be on display at Big Spring Banking Center for a few more days before moving to Coahoma Bank for two weeks.

The last day to buy a ticket is Aug. 25, she said.

"We'll announce the winner the last day of the fair," she added.

UBS

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"We encourage people to make an appointment to expedite the time it takes for them to give blood," Moody said.

To make an appointment contact Moody at 263-7331 ext. 234 or call UBS at 1-915-653-1307 or 1-800-756-0024.

"Take a quick break from your vacation or work schedule and be a life-saver," Pevey said. "It takes so little to be a hero."

In order to supply the 12 area hospitals, United Blood Services must collect more than 300 units of blood each week. Blood products have a shelf life of five to 42 days.

To keep up with the demand, the blood center needs about 50 people to donate each day.



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EDITORIAL

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OUR VIEWS

Forefathers fought for our freedom

A great many of us in Big Spring began celebrating the Fourth of July on Tuesday in much the same way most Americans have for many years celebrated our nation's independence — picnics in the park or sampling the fare of concession vendors, live music, patriotic songs and fireworks.

That's the American way, after all. But it behooves us all to take a moment to think about the events that had to take place to make this our Independence Day. Some 224 years ago, our founding fathers gathered in Philadelphia to sign a document that became known as our nation's Declaration of Independence.

Men, women and children — persecuted in England and wanting more control over their respective lives — came to the land we now know as the United States of America to start anew.

Their freedom was not easily obtained. It was paid for with the blood, sweat, tears and lives of many. That same freedom we enjoy today has had to be paid for on numerous occasions.

While there are those who would quickly complain of our nation's shortcomings, and we most assuredly have our share, we need to remember that even though our democratic system of government of times reveals flaws, it is still the strongest and longest surviving of any in the world.

When revolt rocks other nations, our system continues to stand the test of time.

So, today when you fire up the grill for hamburgers and hot dogs, head to your favorite lake or simply turn on the TV to watch its fare for the holiday, take a moment to remember those who gave us our country and those who have helped preserve and protect it.

In fact, it wouldn't hurt to offer a little prayer of thanks while we're at it.

Then go ahead and unfurl your flag. Display it proudly because it truly is a grand old flag and this grand old nation is another year older.

God bless America.

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Happy birthday, my fellow Americans

Happy birthday, U.S.A.! Our national natal day rolls around again, giving us the opportunity to dwell once more on the charms and glories of our great — although slightly peculiar — country.

We were all along on the roller-coaster ride during the 36-day political slugfest in Florida, providing the rest of the world with a splendid example of democracy in action. *Bi! Bam! Pow!*

Special thanks to the cable television show that put on two of our least helpful citizens, the Rev. Jerry Falwell with the Rev. Al Sharpton, to shed light on that situation. Now we have a new president and almost half of us voted for him. So far he hasn't barfed on a single foreign leader, for which we are profoundly grateful.

Our Secretary of the Treasury Paul O'Neill observed helpfully, "If you set aside Three Mile Island and Chernobyl, the safety record of the nuclear industry is really very good."

The Artist Formerly Known as Prince is now known as Prince again.

We have a new television

reality program about people getting into a pit with rats, which has given profound satisfaction to our public scolds. This further evidence that we are on the high road to moral rot and intellectual turpitude gives great satisfaction to those who are fond of denouncing Americans as a bunch of hopeless louts.

Meantime, the country is still full of people who stop by the side of the road to help other people change their flats, send canned goods to Houston after a flood, bake casseroles when the neighbor dies, kiss their spouses and volunteer at the Humane Society, and who sometimes sing "Oh, What a Beautiful Morning" to themselves on the way to work.

Were we to accept the portrait of ourselves found in the media, we would conclude the nation is rife with weird cults, serial killers, vicious dogs and people who believe in flying saucers. OK, OK, so we have a lot of people who believe in flying saucers. We continue our hilarious national habit of studying ourselves to find out how stupid we are: 12.7 percent in this year's poll believes Joan of Arc was Noah's wife.

The majority of Americans do not spend their time reading pornography or shooting one another. Instead, they belong to ballroom dancing, square dancing, clog dancing and tango groups. They sing barbershop quartet

harmony, grand opera, gospel, country, folk, jazz, swing, norteno and medieval chants.

We compete in chili cook-offs, bird-watching, bridge, the Spam-o-rama, polo, the Pillsbury bake-off, rattlesnake round-ups, spelling bees, hog-calling, the Miss Turpentine Spirits beauty pageant, regattas, jalapeno-eating contests, the Prairie Chicken Drop and the Oscars.

We are not uniformly full to the brim of nice folks — all of us have our human share of pride, greed, lust, anger, gluttony, envy and sloth. This is not Garrison Keillor's America, which is itself no Eden. But I think we're closer to Keillor, with an even more wry twist, than most of the media recognize.

Our democracy is, as ever, in a parlous state. Our politics are corrupted by legalized bribery, and the gap between the rich and everybody else keeps getting worse. FDR once said: "The liberty of a democracy is not safe if the people tolerate the growth of private power to a point where it becomes stronger than their democratic State itself. That, in its essence, is Fascism — ownership of government by an individual, by a group or by any controlling private power."

Our teen-agers tattoo their bodies, wear rings through their noses, listen to heavy metal, attend raves, dye their hair blue and otherwise offer ample reason for despair.

Although some of them are in band or Latin Club. They all get zits and hormones, and if you can't empathize with that, you may have early-onset Alzheimer's.

Way to go, kids. You were born to drive your parents nuts.

Can you imagine how confused our new immigrants are?

Story from Texas: A few weeks ago, our old friend Latane Lambert — long-time freedom-fighter, good citizen and noble human, died at an advanced age. The Daily Disappointment decided to do a feature obit on her and asked her sons, "Who can we interview, who was with her in the old days?"

The sons recommended Ruth Ellinger, who was also an old CIO organizer. They sent some bubble-headed young thing out to interview Ruth, who is not particularly poetic or philosophical — she's one of those people who just concentrates on fixing things. Ruthie, without drama, described to the bubble-head what it was like to be a union organizer in the old days, the civil-rights movement, about the farm-workers struggle and many others.

The young woman finally piped up: "Gosh, it sounds like y'all just spent your whole lives helpin' other people. Why?"

Said Ruth without hesitation, "Common decency." That's why I love America.



Folklife Festival hasn't changed

I go to the Folklife Festival in San Antonio every couple of years to do interviews and see what's new. I have a bunch of friends in the "Back 40" section of the complex and hang out there. That area hasn't changed much during the 30 years the festival has been going. Bill Brett is still there making ropes out of horsehair. Rowdy Pate is there working with rawhide. Delbert Brewster does his scrimshaw on cowhorns and antlers. Jim Stevens is decorating black powder rifles. And Cowboy Williams is there talking about his hog dogs.

These people take a week out of their lives every year and go to San Antonio and spend very long days in the hot sun demonstrating their crafts. For them, the friendships developed over the 30 years have become like family and they go for the annual reunion. They go because

they want to. And because they've done it for 30 years and it's become a habit for them. They wouldn't dare miss a chance to go to the festival.

I enjoy visiting with my friends at the festival. But I don't see many new faces. I see some who are children or grandchildren of some of the original exhibitors. But I don't see many who are there on their own, just starting out in the folklife business. And that's a shame. Young people need to be learning their cultural heritage and pioneer crafts if this type of demonstrating is to continue.

I certainly hand it to the people who have gone down there year after year. I was an ambassador, master of ceremonies and storyteller at the festival for the first 10 years, but became tired of the heat and the crowds, got busy doing other things and stopped being a participant.

The festival is held on the grounds of the Institute of Texan Cultures, which is a part of the University of Texas at San Antonio. The festival was started in 1972 by Henderson Shuffler, an Odessa newspaper man who became director of the

Institute. His idea was to bring representatives of every ethnic group in Texas and demonstrate their foods, games, dances and crafts.

Forty countries are represented among the 10,000 participants who come from 100 cities and towns all over the state. The festival draws 70,000 visitors every year.

Sausage is the most popular food item. The New Braunfels Wurstfest people annually bring 8,000 pounds of sausage to the festival.

Participants pay their own way to San Antonio, but stay free of charge in hotels and motels around the city. They are given a small food allowance. The first festival in 1972 was funded by grants and donations, but since then it has been completely self-sustaining. The sale of tickets, food and beverages brings in millions of dollars during the four-day event each year. Proceeds support the festival's educational programs.

The first festival was held in September but the date was changed to August because of rain. It was later changed to June because of heat.



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Rose Magers-P volleyball camp
The Rose Mager Volleyball Camp held July 16-18 Gym. The camp whic to second graders high school senior Fees for second graders is \$55, ur \$70 for sixth to graders and \$95 school athletes. Sessions for gr will be 9 a.m. ur p.m., while those 2-5 will attend fro to 5 p.m. High school will work from 6 p p.m. Game strategy, as fundamentals o play volleyball stressed. Registration fee mailed to Traci 2711 Rebecca, Bi 79720. For more info call Pierce at 264-3862

Black Gold tou set for July 13-
The Big Spring Gold Tennis Tou has been sched July 13-15 at the Tennis Cente Comanche Trai P Play will be c in boys and girls doubles and mix bles in five age di Fees will be \$15 event, \$20 for tw for three. Entries must be no later than July For more info call Wendy Justis 5485.

YMCA swim te seeks compet
The Big Spring Swim Team is c competing in lon meets. Practice sessi held Monday Thursday mornin To be eligible pete, youngsters able to complete the YMCA pool. For more info call the YMCA at

Senior Class to ragball tourna
There will be a tournament spon the Big Spring School senior Friday and Satur 13-14. The entry fee is team. For more info contact Brittany 267-1011.

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Radio BASEBALL
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IN BRIEF

Steers win Permian 7-on-7 tournament

The Big Spring Steers added another win to their summer schedule as they defeated Odessa Permian 44-32 in the Odessa Permian 7-on-7 tournament championship game. The Steers advanced to the championship game by winning their first three games of the tournament. The Steers crushed Odessa High School 48-6 in the opener, defeated Frénship in a high-scoring shootout 72-63 and then defeated Midland High School 49-14 to advance to the title game.

The tournament sweep increases the Steers' summer record to 21-2.

Rose Magers-Powell volleyball camp set

The Rose Magers-Powell Volleyball Camp will be held July 16-18 at Steer Gym.

The camp which is open to second graders through high school seniors.

Fees for second to fifth graders is \$55, it will be \$70 for sixth to eighth graders and \$95 for high school athletes.

Sessions for grades 6-8 will be 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., while those in grades 2-5 will attend from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

High school campers will work from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Game strategy, as well as fundamentals of how to play volleyball will be stressed.

Registration fees may be mailed to Traci Pierce at 2711 Rebecca, Big Spring 79720.

For more information, call Pierce at 267-4047, ext. 264-3062.

Black Gold tourney set for July 13-15

The Big Spring Black Gold Tennis Tournament has been scheduled for July 13-15 at the Figure 7 Tennis Center in Comanche Trail Park.

Play will be conducted in boys and girls singles, doubles and mixed doubles in five age divisions.

Fees will be \$15 for one event, \$20 for two and \$25 for three.

Entries must be received no later than July 6.

For more information, call Wendy Justiss at 6398-5485.

YMCA swim team seeks competitors

The Big Spring YMCA Swim Team is currently competing in long course meets.

Practice sessions are held Monday through Thursday mornings.

To be eligible to compete, youngsters must be able to complete a lap of the YMCA pool.

For more information, call the YMCA at 267-8234.

Senior Class to hold ragball tournament

There will be a ragball tournament sponsored by the Big Spring High School senior class on Friday and Saturday, July 13-14.

The entry fee is \$100 per team.

For more information contact Brittany Bryant at 267-1011.

ON THE AIR

Radio

BASEBALL
7:10 p.m. — Seattle Mariners at Texas Rangers, KBST-AM 1490.

Television

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3:30 p.m. — New York Yankees at Baltimore Orioles, ESPN, Ch. 30.
6:30 p.m. — Philadelphia Phillies at Atlanta Braves, ESPN, Ch. 30.

Veteran Caminiti leaves Rangers, seeks new home

ARLINGTON, — Ken Caminiti figured the worst thing that could happen would be to return home and play with his three daughters, so the frustrated and injury-prone third baseman didn't wait until August for the inevitable decision by the Texas Rangers.

After playing just 54 games, Caminiti requested and received his unconditional release on Monday.

"I don't want to be on a team that doesn't really want me, and doesn't need me," Caminiti said. "I'd rather be on a team that has me in their future, has me longer than August. They were going to ditch me in August anyway."

With the Rangers in last place in the AL West and content with playing as many young players as possible, the 38-year-old former NL MVP didn't really fit any longer. There was also the \$3 million or more Caminiti would have been owed had he still be on the roster Aug. 15.

"I never thought I'd be in this situation. Even if I was playing bad, I thought the team would be doing good and wait for me to pick up the pieces," he said.

There are about four teams — all in the National League — that Caminiti has an interest in. While he wouldn't name the teams, the most likely are Atlanta, St. Louis,

San Francisco and the Chicago Cubs.

"I want to go and fit on a team that wants me, that I can fit in with, that needs me and wants me to come help the team win," Caminiti said. "It doesn't have to be a team that's necessarily in first place."

Teams that weren't willing to give up anything for Caminiti in a trade can now sign him for the league minimum. He is eligible to be activated whenever he signs.

"After I discussed the situation with Ken, he has decided that it is in his best interest to take his release," Texas general manager Doug Melvin said. "With our deci-

sion to go with younger players, he did not fit in with the future plans."

After spending his first 12 seasons in the National League, where he is a .275 career hitter, Caminiti hit .232 with nine homers and 25 RBIs in his short American League stint. He struck out 41 times in 185 at-bats and committed nine errors.

While disappointed and embarrassed by his AL performance, Caminiti insists he still has confidence in his ability to contribute.

"It's going to come, I believe that in my heart. If I didn't I would go home to my kids" and just stay home," Caminiti said. "Right now, my swing feels right."



The Big Spring Junior League All-Stars will play Floyd Gwinn at 6 p.m. Saturday at Floyd Gwinn Park in the first round of the district tournament. Coahoma forfeited to Big Spring in game one. Front row, from left, are: Michael Shockley, Jeremy Ceida, Phillip Padron, Chris Carrillo, Chance Rainer, Ray DeLeon and Coley Hollandsworth. Josh Helmsteffer is not pictured. Back row: coach Brock Gee, C.J. Lowery, John Terry, Jeremy Renteria, Wesley Smith, Chad Heinis, Lee Gillihan and coach Luis Lopez.

Lawton homers give Twins fifth win over ChiSox

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Minnesota Twins are making it nearly impossible for the Chicago White Sox to mount a serious defense of their American League Central title.

Matt Lawton homered twice, including a tiebreaking shot in the seventh inning, as Minnesota rallied to beat the White Sox 5-3 Tuesday night for its fifth straight win.

The White Sox are 1-10 against the first-place Twins this season and 37-32 against everybody else. That leaves Chicago 12 games back in the same division it ran away with last year.

"If we had just played maybe .500 against them, we'd be in better shape. They have pretty much dominated us," White Sox manager Jerry Manuel said.

The Twins, who have won nine of 10 overall, still have eight games left against Chicago.

"The White Sox are a good team and they match up with us, but right now we are just getting a lot of breaks," Lawton said.

In other American League games, it was Cleveland 9, Boston 1; the New York Yankees 10, Baltimore 6; Detroit 8, Kansas City 4; Tampa Bay 7, Toronto 2; Seattle 8, Texas 4; and Oakland 5, Anaheim 2.

In National League games, Los Angeles beat San Francisco 4-3, Chicago topped New York 3-0, Houston beat Arizona 6-5, Atlanta defeated Philadelphia 14-7, San Diego stopped Colorado 6-5, Florida blanked Montreal 7-0, Milwaukee beat St. Louis 2-0 and Pittsburgh downed Cincinnati 3-2.

Brad Radke (9-4) won for the first time in four starts since June 12. LaTroy Hawkins pitched the ninth for his 21st save in 24 chances.

Sean Lowe, filling in for injured David Wells, took a 3-2 lead into the seventh.

But No. 9 hitter Luis Rivas hit an RBI double with two outs to finish Lowe (3-1), who went a career-high 6 2-3 innings. Bob Howry relieved, and Lawton hit a 1-2 pitch down

the right-field line for his eighth homer to make it 5-3. Lawton's solo homer in the third carried just over the fence down the left-field line.

"Matt's a veteran guy who's been around the league. We lean on him and he's starting to swing the bat," Minnesota manager Tom Kelly said.

Jeff Liefer's ninth home run put the White Sox ahead 3-2 in the fourth against Radke, who allowed 11 hits in 6 1-3 innings.

Royce Clayton tried to tag and score on a fly ball in the seventh, but Twins center fielder Torii Hunter threw him out at the plate for an inning-ending double play.

Indians 9, Red Sox 1

Roberto Alomar got a career-high five hits to overshadow Manny Ramirez's return to Jacobs Field.

Alomar had four singles and a double, and Jim Thome had three RBIs as the Indians won for just the third time in eight games.

Jake Westbrook (2-0), making his third career start and first with Cleveland, allowed one run and five hits in six innings. Ramirez, signed as a free agent by Boston in the off-season, went 2-for-4 with two singles.

Yankees 10, Orioles 6

Chuck Knoblauch had three hits and three runs scored as New York rallied at Baltimore to win its sixth straight.

Derek Jeter, Tino Martinez and Scott Brosius homered for the Yankees, who moved a half-game ahead of Boston in the AL East.

Tigers 8, Royals 4

Jose Lima won for the first time in nearly three months as Detroit ended its eight-game losing streak.

Lima (1-0), making his second start for the Tigers, allowed three runs on eight hits in five innings.

It was his first win since April 10, when he beat Milwaukee while with the Astros.

Differing styles bring success for Williams and Davenport

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Lindsay Davenport wore a simple silver clip in her hair. Venus Williams sported a sparkling blue and white pin on one side and a glistening red and green one on the other.

Davenport doesn't get much attention. Williams can't escape it. But there was a similarity Tuesday. Both won their Wimbledon matches.

And when they meet in the semifinals Thursday, their styles won't be much different — two tall, hard-hitting women whose the- atrics are rarer than double faults.

They also happen to be the last two Wimbledon champions.

"She goes about her business, doesn't say much anymore," Davenport said, "just plays, wins or loses. I don't really think there's too much drama with her."

Davenport could just as well be describing herself, except, unlike defending champion Williams, the spotlight doesn't seek her off the court.

"I'm not a shy person, but a shy person in the sense that I don't like reading stories about myself," Davenport said. "I definitely don't think it's hurt my career."

She didn't need much flair to end 1998 as the world's

top-ranked woman player and finish the last two years second to Martina Hingis. A knee injury that shelved her for three months this year didn't keep her from being ranked third heading into Wimbledon.

Yet she's far down on the headline writers' popularity list, even when the London tabloids are having an off year without Anna Kournikova in the tournament.

In the men's quarterfinals Wednesday, it was Andre Agassi against Nicholas Escude, Marat Safin against Goran Ivanisevic, Tim Henman against Roger Federer and Pat Rafter against Thomas Enqvist.

The other women's semifinal features Jennifer Capriati, who's made it halfway to winning the Grand Slam.

In a dramatic if hardly flawless match, Capriati came from within two points of losing, then beat Serena Williams 6-7 (4), 7-5, 6-3.

Serena took a break after falling behind 4-0 in the third set when the stomach virus that began bothering her last week caused more problems.

"I was really nauseated," she said. "I just had to get out of there. I don't know how I came back."

She won three of the next

four games before Capriati won her 19th straight Grand Slam match and moved two wins away from winning the third of the four Grand Slam tournaments in the same year.

Davenport played a less thrilling match against a talented but lesser-known opponent, beating French Open runner-up Kim Clijsters 6-1, 6-2.

"After a day of a lot of drama, my match was pretty mellow," Davenport said.

The stage will be brighter when she meets Venus in a rematch of last year's championship match. Capriati faces Justine Henin in the other semifinal.

"There's going to be more rallies" than in the match with Serena, Capriati said.

Henin, a French Open semifinalist, overwhelmed 1994 champion Conchita Martinez 6-1, 6-0. Venus breezed by Nathalie Tauziat 7-5, 6-1.

Fans cheered loudly for Venus, who has won all 10 sets she's played in the tournament. She appreciates that, but public support is no guarantee of contentment.

"Wasn't that like the chief theme of Death of a Salesman, to be well-liked? What happened to them?" she said. "You've got to like yourself first. If that doesn't help, you're lost."

Grizzlies are moving to Memphis

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — The Grizzlies are giving Memphis its first big-time sports team.

The NBA gave its approval Tuesday for the Grizzlies' relocation from Vancouver.

The formal approval wasn't a surprise because the Grizzlies had already moved their basketball operations, but it was necessary, nevertheless.

"This is an exciting day for the people of Memphis," said Memphis businessman J.R. "Pitt" Hyde, leader of a local group that worked for more than a year to attract the NBA.

"It's time now to turn our focus to building a competitive basketball team that

will be a positive force in the city."

In unanimously approving the move, the NBA Board of Governors also cleared the way for Hyde's group to buy a minority interest in the team.

The league's relocation committee gave its approval last week.

Grizzlies boosters held a relocation party in Memphis on Saturday.

The team conducted its NBA draft last week at The Peabody Hotel, a downtown Memphis landmark.

Billy Knight, the Grizzlies' general manager, said approval from the board of governors was expected.

"We're glad we got the final step done, but it was like a step, like you're walking and that foot is up in the air and it's got to come down," he said.

The relocation is the league's first since the Kings moved from Kansas City to Sacramento in 1985.

Memphis has longed for a major league sports franchise for more than 30 years, but until now managed only to attract teams from second-tier leagues.

They have attracted teams with the former World Football League, the United States Football League, the Canadian Football League, the old American Basketball League and most recently, the Extreme Football League.

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On July 4, 1776, the Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence.
On this date:
In 1802, the U.S. Military Academy officially opened at West Point, N.Y.
In 1826, 50 years to the day after the Declaration of Independence was adopted, former presidents John Adams and Thomas Jefferson both died.
In 1831, the fifth president of the United States, James Monroe, died in New York City.
In 1845, Henry David Thoreau began his two-year experiment in simpler living at Walden Pond, near Concord, Mass.
In 1862, English mathematician Charles L. Dodgson ("Lewis Carroll") began inventing the story of Alice in Wonderland for his young friend Alice Pleasance-Liddell during a boating trip.
In 1872, the 30th president of the United States, Calvin Coolidge, was born in Plymouth, Vt.
In 1939, baseball's "Iron Horse," Lou Gehrig, said farewell to his fans at New York's Yankee Stadium.
In 1966, President Johnson signed the Freedom of Information Act, which went into effect the following year.
In 1976, Israeli commandos raided Entebbe airport in Uganda, rescuing almost all of the passengers and crew of an Air France jetliner seized by pro-Palestinian hijackers.
In 1976, America celebrated its bicentennial with daylong festivities; President Ford made stops in Valley Forge, Pa.

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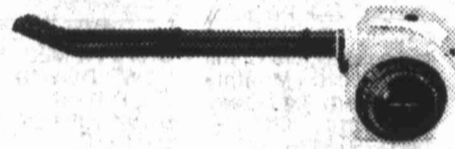
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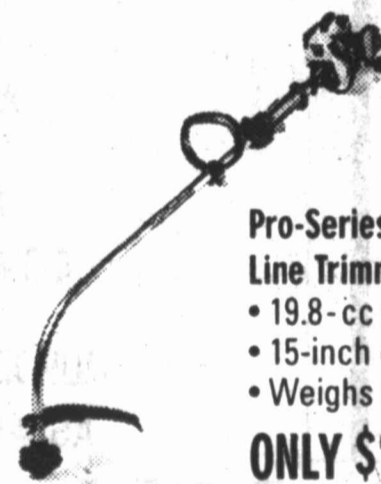


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