

**TUESDAY**

August 7, 2001

**WEATHER**

**Tonight:**



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**TONIGHT TOMORROW**  
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**Coahoma JH sets registration**

Coahoma Junior High School will hold registration on Thursday from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Students will pick up schedules, handbooks and have a chance to orientate themselves with the school. Teachers will be on hand to meet the students and parents are strongly encouraged.

Elementary parents are welcomed to meet their students teachers on Thursday from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the elementary building.

Coahoma schools start classes Aug. 16.

**WHAT'S UP...**

**TODAY**

□ VFW Post 2013 meets at VFW Hall at 7 p.m., 500 Driver Rd.

□ Sheriff's Posse meets at 7 p.m. at the clubhouse on Andrews Hwy.

□ American Red Cross meets at Canterbury South, 1600 Lancaster, 7 p.m.

□ Big Spring chapter 67, Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m., at the Masonic Lodge at 219 Main.

**WEDNESDAY**

□ Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in Howard College Cactus room.

□ Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics, 10 a.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center cafeteria. People 50 and older are invited to participate.

□ Big Spring Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at Howard College Cactus Room. Call Terry Hansen.

□ Big Spring Duplicate Bridge Club, meets every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 1 p.m. at the Big Spring Country Club.

□ Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center.

□ Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge, 704 West Third.

**THURSDAY**

□ Gideons International, Big Spring Camp No. U42060 meets at Herman's Restaurant, 7 a.m.

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**Senior Circle to sponsor men's health talk Thursday**

HERALD Staff Report

The Senior Circle at Scenic Mountain Medical Center will hold a men-only talk at lunchtime Thursday.

"Dr. Micheal Stephens is talking to my Senior Circle group and I'd like to open it up to the community," Senior Circle Advisor Pam Stephens said. "It's a talk for men only on certain health topics that affect peo-

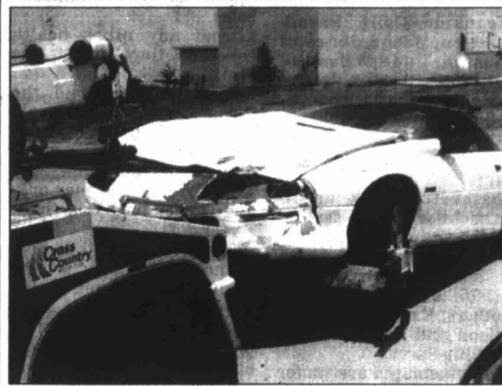
ple 50 and older."

Dr. Stephens has been a family practitioner at Covenant-Malone and Hogan Clinic for three years.

"I get him to do these kind of things because he's my husband," Pam Stephens said. "It's real easy."

Possible topics could include testicular cancer,

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A tow truck prepares to tow a car involved in an accident at Big Spring High School Monday afternoon. The accident, which happened in the parking lot of the school around 4 p.m., involved two students. Both were taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center and treated for minor injuries.

HERALD photo/Roger Cline

**Howard College registration under way**

LINDY BARR

Staff Writer

Howard College fall registration is under way at a new location this year.

Instead of being held in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, it is being conducted in the administration building.

"Having the registration in the administration building has made it run very smoothly," said Marsha Sturdivant, communications director for Howard College.

Registration started Monday for all returning Howard College students. All new students can register beginning Monday, Aug. 13, through Wednesday, Aug. 22.

According to Sturdivant, on Aug. 20-21, registration will run to 7 p.m. for those students that need to plan a schedule in the evening. On the final registration date, Aug. 22, assigned times conclude with registration at noon.

"When you have registration in the administration building and everyone has a certain time to come, you can keep the flow moving and everything goes much better. It has all gone really well," said Sturdivant.

This year to be able to register, a student must obtain an assigned time as part of the new procedure.



A returning Howard College student, Chris Trevino, registers at Howard College as John Kearney and Cheryl Schultz assist him with his schedule. Returning students are to register all week from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. New students register from Monday, Aug. 13, through Aug. 22.

HERALD photo/Lindy Barr

All students need to make sure that their high school or college transcripts are on hand in the admissions office.

All incoming freshmen need to have taken the Texas Academic Skills

Program (TASP) and also have that on hand in the office.

After registration is complete, a student needs to meet with an advisor and plan a course schedule.

If a time to register needs

to be obtained, the administration office hours are Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. The office can be contacted at 264-5072.

Classes for the fall semester begin Aug. 27.

**West Texas Musical Revue on tap for Big Spring**

Herald Staff Report

The sounds of country, gospel and a little bit of rock n' roll will be filling the Municipal Auditorium in Big Spring on Saturday, Aug. 18, with the West Texas Musical Revue.

Local entertainers from around the area, including Big Spring, Andrews and Odessa, will be featuring their talent from singing to playing instruments.

According to event organizer Lawrence Thibeault, the revue promises a wide range of music, including some Broadway tunes, pop music and more.

This is the second time the event will be held in Big Spring. Last year's review attracted hundreds of people.

Thibeault said this year's show will be bigger and better.

J. Gordon Lunn, former

television meteorologist who worked for Odessa/Midland news organizations will return again as master of ceremonies.

Doors will open at 6 p.m. and the concert begins at 7 p.m. Admission to the concert is \$8 with the proceeds going to the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

The show will feature performance by singers Lawrence Thibeault,

Jennifer Mahan Keen, Carol Boyd, David Smith, Jackie Henry, Linda Lindell, Joel Michaelis and Jamie Sotelo.

Backup music will be provided by guitarist Bill Provance and Alan Harrison and bassist Jimmy Graves. Lindell will play the piano. A local gospel group, the Big Spring Gospel, will perform at the event.

The concert is set to end on a spiritual note with a gospel finale.

**Woodforest, Wal-Mart to sponsor blood drive**

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

To help with the continuing demand for blood, Wal-Mart, in conjunction with Woodforest National Bank, will hold a blood drive on Saturday.

"Big Spring donors contribute a great deal to the area's blood supply, but unfortunately the demand for blood is still rising," said Sherry Morton, United Blood Services community relations representative. "Please help by donating this Saturday."

The UBS bloodmobile will be at the Wal-Mart parking lot from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

According to Morton, summertime is normally a higher demand period for blood yet the season yields a low turn out for donations.

"People are on vacation,"

Morton said. "They travel more in the summer. There is a higher risk of automobile accidents. People also tend to schedule surgeries during the holiday months."

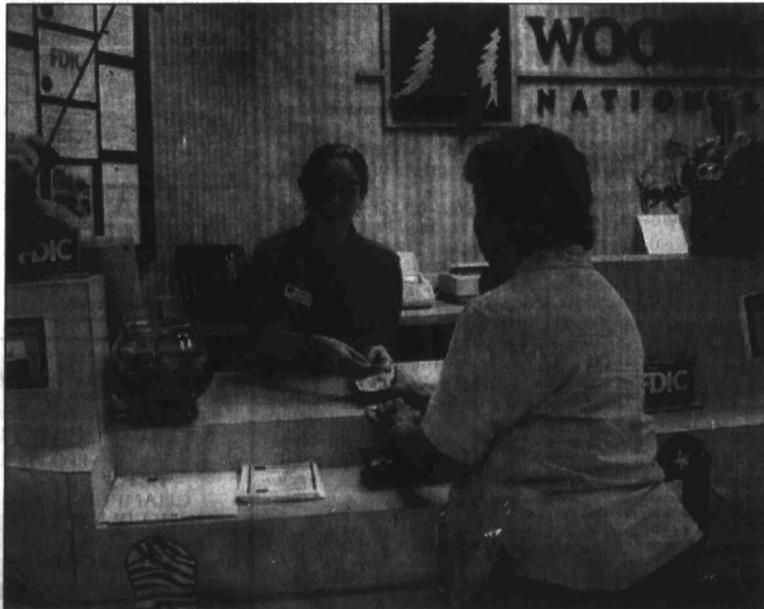
To keep up with the demand, the blood center needs about 50 people to donate each day. Currently, only about 40 people show up to donate. Each donation goes to two or three recipients.

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.

Donors must be 17-years-old, weigh more than 110 pounds and be in good health and know the names of any medication taken in the past 30 days.

Those wishing to donate

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Leslie Phinny, Woodforest National Bank personal banker, makes change for Juanita Briley. Wal-Mart, in conjunction Woodforest, is holding a blood drive on Saturday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The United Blood Services bloodmobile will be at the Wal-Mart parking lot to take donations.

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

**Merchants report good sales during tax holiday**

By LINDY BARR

Staff Writer

Big Spring shoppers took full advantage of the Sales Tax Holiday that wrapped up Sunday, according to local merchants.

Several stores had to put more employees on the schedule for the three day event.

"We had about a total of 15 extra cashiers for three days," said Laura Avrette, assistant manager of Wal-Mart. "We also had to have someone in the dressing rooms. We had to keep the crowd flowing and the dressing rooms were probably where it was most crowded."

According to Avrette, many customers came in to take advantage of the bargains, but with all the extra employees on hand the lines were not too long.

"This was just kind of like Christmas," said Avrette. Wal-Mart had certain goals that it wanted to meet this year.

"We had a sales percentage goal that we wanted to meet this year, we successfully passed it," said Avrette.

The area manager of Bealls, Margrete Cortez, said that store had very successful sales.

"We had a goal. We just wanted to pass the amount of sales that we had last year, and we did it easily. We did really well this year we were all very pleased with the results," said Cortez.

According to Cortez, there was not one thing in particular that the customers all wanted to buy.

"We sold just about everything. Mainly just a wide variety of clothes, shoes,

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OBITUARIES

Bertie V. Richardson

Bertie V. Richardson, 91, of Lubbock, died Saturday, July 21, 2001, after a long illness. Burial was in Coahoma Cemetery with a family memorial to be held at a later date.

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prostate cancer, colon cancer, heart disease and diabetes. "And any other health concerns they have," she said.

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backpacks and more," said Cortez. During the "holiday" state and local taxes were waived on clothing and other apparel, saving shoppers 8.25 percent.

BRIEFS

COAHOMA JUNIOR HIGH WILL hold registration on Thursday from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

THE HOWARD COUNTY A&M Club will be hosting its second annual "Aggie" auction Friday at La Posada, events start at 6 p.m.

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A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

FORSAN JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH School will host a sixth grade orientation on Monday from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m.

THE COUNTRY GOSPEL GROUP "2 Days Later" will be in concert at Forsan Baptist Church this Sunday morning at 10:50 a.m.

BIG SPRING AND SURROUNDING counties are in critical need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers of the children in the community who have been abused and neglected.

SUPPORT GROUPS

TODAY

Caregivers Night Out, meets every fourth Tuesday every other month from 6-7:30 p.m. at Community Care Hospice.

Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.

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TEXAS LOTTERY

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SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity:

• AMBER MICHELLE GUTIERREZ, 25, of 3608 Calvin was arrested on a charge of forgery of a financial instrument.

• STELA JARA, 51, of 701 Creighton was arrested on a charge of criminal mischief \$1,500-\$20,000

• WILLIAM CARSON MCCOUGH, 19, of Fort Davis was arrested on a charge of minor in possession of alcohol.

• GARY MONTEZ, 34, of 502 N. Runnels was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• MARTHA MONTOYA MARTINEZ, 38, of 3304 W. Highway 80 Apt. No. 22 was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated, public intoxication driving with a suspended license and for a motion to revoke parole.

• HEATH DAVIS, 31, of 3913 Rice Road was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested Saturday by the Texas Department of Public Safety for driving while intoxicated.

• JUSTIN COLE EVANS, 17, of Fort Davis was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested Saturday by the Texas Department of Public Safety for driving while intoxicated/open container.

• MAJOR ACCIDENTS were reported on Interstate 20 near mile markers 172, 167 and 174.

• STOLEN VEHICLE was reported in the 100 block of Teachers Road in Forsan.

MARKETS

Table with 2 columns: Market Name, Price. Includes AT&T, Archer-Daniels, Atmos Energy, BP PLC ADR, Chevron Corp, Citigroup, Compaq, Cornell, DeL, Du Pont, Exxon Mobil, Halliburton, IFCO Systems, IBM, Intel Corp, NUV, Patterson Ener, Pepsico Inc, Phillips Petro, SBC Comm, Sears Roebuck, Texaco Inc, Texas Instrument, TXU, Total Fina, Unocal Corp, Wal-Mart, Wal-Mart/Mexico, AMCAP, Europacific, Prime Rate, Gold, Silver.

FIRE/EMS

The following is a summary of the Big Spring Fire Department and EMS:

4:25 a.m. - 200 block of Wille, trauma call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

8:47 a.m. - 1600 block of Mesquite, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

11:32 a.m. - 800 block of West Fifth, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

2:00 p.m. - 2300 block of Wasson, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

3:19 p.m. - 700 block of East 11th, traffic accident, two patient's transported to SMMC.

6:56 p.m. - 2600 block of Wasson, medical call, one patient transported to VA Medical Center.

7:55 p.m. - 800 block of West Marcy, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

4:53 p.m. - 1800 block of East Marcy, structure fire, smoke scare.

Charles Eugene Wilson Sr.

Charles Eugene Wilson Sr., 86, passed away peacefully on Aug. 6, 2001, in Fort Worth. He was born in Howard County and attended schools at R Bar and Big Spring. He was in the construction business in Big Spring with his brothers in Wilson Brothers Construction Co., then moved to Fort Worth in 1948.

Henry Neal Edwards Sr.

Funeral service for Henry Neal Edwards Sr., 50, of Big Spring, will be 2 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 8, 2001, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Burial with military honors will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Cleo Beatrice Hodges

Funeral service for Cleo Beatrice Hodges, 85, of Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Mrs. Hodges died Monday, Aug. 6, 2001, in a local nursing home.

Ola Barbee

Funeral service for Ola Barbee, 89, of Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Mrs. Barbee died today, Aug. 7, 2001, in a local hospital.

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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.

To sign up for the blood drive contact Pattie Hill at 287-3363.

Woodforest National Bank, located in the Wal-Mart store, is new to Big Spring, recently opening on June 23.

According to Daniel Clark, branch manager, the Big Spring branch is the first branch located in a Wal-Mart store in this area of West Texas and is a full service bank offering checking, savings and loan services.

Setting its location for convenience, the bank is open seven days a week and

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### Deputies locate body of missing Texas girl

CORSICANA (AP) — The body of a North Central Texas girl missing since she disappeared from her mother's house has been found in a creek, ending an intensive search by sheriff's officers and the FBI.

A suspect was held today in the slaying of April Danielle Bryant, whose body was found late Monday night in a tributary of Richland Creek.

"We have recovered the body of April Danielle Bryant," Navarro County Sheriff Les Cotten told reporters Monday night. "At this time, we do have a suspect in this case."

Cotten said the suspect was in custody. But he said the suspect's name was withheld pending the filing of formal charges. Arraignment was scheduled today.

Sheriff's deputies and FBI investigators were led by the suspect to the remote area less than 10 miles from Bryant's home where her body was located.

"We have confirmed foul play," Sheriff's Capt. Jimmy Spencer said early today.

Cotten said county prosecutors would consider whether to file capital charges in the case.

Law officers had been searching for the 10-year-old Mildred resident since Sunday morning, when she was discovered missing.

Corsicana Emergency Corps personnel and volunteers from the county had searched the area on horseback, all-terrain vehicles and foot for the girl.

Her body was found in an area known as the Love Creek Road, off County Road SW0030.

The girl's mother, Gale Zoch, reported the disappearance after she returned home from a nearby club about 4 a.m. Sunday. April Bryant was last seen about 7 p.m. Saturday.

"I came in from work and she was gone," Bryant's mother told the newspaper.

The sheriff requested FBI assistance as the search continued through the beginning of the week.

Relatives say April would never have left home on her own.

The newspaper said Michael Zoch, the 10-year-old's stepfather, was arrested Monday afternoon in connection with violation of a protective order. The order had banned Zoch from the property where April, her mother and April's two siblings lived.

The blond-haired, green-eyed girl, who recently received a new pair of glasses with purple frames, had just returned from spending time with her father in Waco. She had left her glasses behind in the disappearance.

### Texan expected to get FERC position

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush soon is expected to have an old Texas ally at the helm of the agency that has been at the center of months of political wrangling about California's power problems and high Western electricity prices.

The chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Curtis Hebert Jr., announced Monday that he is resigning at the end of the month, making way for the Bush appointee.

Before the commission holds its next meeting in September, one of its newest commissioners, Patrick Wood III, a former Texas regulator and Bush confidant, is all but certain to be named by the president as the new commission chairman.

Wood, since coming to the five-member commission in late May, has shown a

readiness to work more closely with California officials and with Democrats in Congress on the volatile issue of price caps and refunds of alleged overcharges by power marketers across the West.

Hebert, a feisty Mississippi lawyer and close friend of Senate Republican Leader Trent Lott, has been the main target of Democrats, especially California's governor, who blame him for refusing to intervene to contain the soaring electricity prices that have cost California tens of billions of dollars and driven two of its major utilities into or near bankruptcy.

Like Hebert, Wood believes that in the long run the government should let the free market determine prices and that the trend toward competition in the electricity industry is here

to stay. But Wood, a former FERC staffer and until recently the chairman of the Texas Public Utility Commission, also has indicated a greater willingness to acknowledge that the Western power markets are open to manipulation and may require more aggressive federal intervention.

Wood joined the FERC as a commissioner at the end of May after getting Texas' transition to a competitive market for electric power under way.

Until recently Hebert, a staunch free market advocate, has steadfastly opposed price caps, arguing that government intervention will only hinder energy development and aggravate California's power problems.

Announcing his resignation Monday, Hebert defended his hands-off approach,

declaring, "I came to this job a strong advocate of free markets and, if anything, my time on the commission has only strengthened this belief."

"We need to get the rules right," he continued, "but it is free enterprise that will put more and more consumers in the winner's circle."

California Gov. Gray Davis in particular has made no secret of his sharp disagreements with Hebert, whom he views as a free-market ideologue and obstacle to California solving its power problems.

"The governor is looking forward to another Bush nominee who, unlike Mr. Hebert, is sensitive to California's needs during its energy crisis," Davis' chief spokesman, Steve Maviglio, said Monday. He said Davis and Wood "see eye to eye on a variety of issues."

### Former prisons chief heads to trial for VitaPro deal

HOUSTON (AP) — A former Texas prisons chief charged in what federal prosecutors call a \$33.7 million kickback scheme to distribute a soy-based meat substitute in state prisons is slated to face trial after nearly two years of delays.

James A. "Andy" Collins, former executive director of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, was indicted in 1999 for bribery, fraud, conspiracy and money laundering in the controversy over the meat substitute VitaPro.

The meat substitute, meant to save money on feeding inmates, was unpopular in the prison system. VitaPro stockpiles eventually were used to feed hogs at prison system farms.

Jury selection in Collins' trial was to start today.

Collins' indictment alleges that he accepted at least \$20,000 from Yank Barry, president of Montreal-based VitaPro Foods Inc., which makes the all-vegetable substance.

In exchange, Barry got approval of the \$33.7 million contract, a five-year extension of the agreement and access to operations and divisions of the criminal justice department, the indictment said.

The contract was not put out for competitive bids and did not get prison board approval. Department rules later required bids on

expenditures of such magnitude.

Barry faces the same charges as Collins. Both have denied any wrongdoing, and both remained free on bond while awaiting trial. They face up to 70 years in prison and fines of up to \$2 million if convicted on all counts.

Collins' lawyers declined to make him available for interviews before trial. Federal prosecutors also declined to discuss the case.

The trial, expected to last two to three weeks, was delayed when defense lawyers questioned credibility of informants who also are convicted felons.

The state contracted with VitaPro in 1994 to use the meat substitute to save money on feeding inmates. By 1995, that contract grew from a five-figure purchase to the multimillion dollar

five-year deal. Plans also were made to repackage and sell excess VitaPro, but most of those efforts failed.

Federal and state investigators looked into whether competitive bidding laws were violated when Collins retired a few months later to work for VitaPro as a \$1,000-a-day consultant.

The state sued VitaPro, calling the contract illegal. Barry countersued, demanding payment after the state stopped accepting VitaPro shipments. The Texas Supreme Court ruled in December 1999 that the contracts were invalid and the state didn't have to pay.

The Supreme Court opinion said that state officials told the court that frequent servings "demoralized the staff and inmates and led to adverse health effects, including rampant flatulence."

### HOROSCOPE

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Aug. 7:

Establishing effective boundaries helps you relate in a way that you like. By nature, you are extremely generous and giving. You tend to give more than others are comfortable with. Create key goals for yourself — one of which might be to your immediate circle or community. If you are single, you'll meet someone who is most important. "Intense" describes this person. If you are attached, the two of you consider a new addition or new commitment to your relationship. AQUARIUS brings the best out of you, if you detach.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

\*\*\*\* Push comes to shove as so many people want to be with you! You might find yourself reorganizing your plans so you can do whatever your heart desires, and make others happy at the same time. Your joyous attitude becomes contagious. Tonight: Where the fun is.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

\*\*\*\* Others seek you out, forcing you to juggle home and responsibility so you can do what you need. Support comes from a partner or dear loved one. This person will do everything possible to make your life easier. Give family high priority. Tonight: Do only what you have to, then head home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

\*\*\*\* Reach out for others at a distance. Getting together becomes a pleasure, especially if it involves travel. You like the change of scenery. You get a kick out of other styles and ways. Open up to potential changes in your immediate circle. Tonight: The more different, the better.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

\*\*\*\* You have the energy to meet another's zestful spirit. Whatever you do, you are likely to get into the activity. Though your sign is sometimes laid-back, you find that you want to get physical. Spend some

time enjoying a favorite water sport. Tonight: Go along with plans.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

\*\*\*\* Others toss themselves in front of you as the full moon accentuates relationships. Oh, my! Consider boundaries. When is enough enough, or do you like or love all this constant attention? Remember that others also have expectations. Are you ready to deal with that? Tonight: Enjoy your popularity!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

\*\*\*\* Your nerves become frayed, as you might take on more than you can handle. Take time for yourself, and create an especially relaxing Saturday. Clear up any work, and don't take on anything new. Put your feet up and watch a favorite movie. Take a nap or two. Tonight: Happy at home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

\*\*\*\* If presented with a choice between a friendship and a loved one, you could feel as if you are in a jam. The nature of a Libra is to juggle rather than make a choice, which sometimes causes anger. Sit down and have a long-overdue talk. Tonight: Dote on a loved one.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

\*\*\*\* Others expect a lot. You will opt to deliver. Consider the toll this action takes on you. Be more forthright and direct in your dealings with others. Talk about limits. Someone clearly understands. Stop spending when you see a flashing yellow light. Tonight: Invite friends over.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

\*\*\*\* You love sharing your ideas. Make sure your audience feels the same way! Carefully observe others' responses. You might opt for a change of style in your communication. Draw others in. Check in with a

neighbor who has had a hard time. Tonight: Out and about.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

\*\*\*\* Curb spending by avoiding risks. Let someone know just how hard you work. Perhaps you need a little more support and understanding. A discussion proves to be invaluable, bringing you closer to a loved one. Allow others to get to know you. Tonight: Cocoon with a favorite person.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

\*\*\*\* Unzip your spontaneity and give in to impulsiveness. You'll like the results. Others who might be more uptight than you loosen up and allow more playfulness to come out. What started out as just you grows into many. Go with another's suggestion. Tonight: Whatever makes the Water Bearer smile.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

\*\*\*\* Step back, and take some time off — especially if you feel tired and pushed. You might want to screen your calls before a boss or a parent makes a demand or request. You do need time to yourself. Don't hesitate to take it. You'll feel better as a result. Tonight: Vanish.

#### BORN TODAY

Jazz legend Louis Armstrong (1901), athlete Mary Decker (1958), actor Billy Bob Thornton (1955)

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE**

The Coahoma Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 7:00 p.m. on August 20, 2001 in the Coahoma ISD Administration Building, 600 N. Main, Coahoma, Tx. 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					
	Education & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	State Revenue Per Student	
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.390	\$ 0	\$ 1.39	\$ 2,627	\$ 3,874
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.467	\$ 0	\$ 1.467	\$ 3,597	\$ 3,773
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.49	\$ 0	\$ 1.49	\$ 3,654	\$ 3,773

\* 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 these 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	\$37,288	\$ 37,746
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$14,831	\$ 15,197
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.39	\$ 1.49
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$206.15	\$ 226.46
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 20.29

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 1.5266. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.5266.

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)	\$ 1,800,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 0

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# EDITORIAL

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FIRST AMENDMENT

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## OUR VIEWS

# Improvement of downtown is encouraging

Downtown Big Spring continues to change right before our eyes. But unlike some cities' downtown business districts, ours is changing for the better with one improvement project after another.

The most recent of those projects is the asbestos abatement work under way at the Petroleum Building.

Big Spring Main Street Inc. has taken on the task of making sure that the building, which provided office space downtown for more than 60 years, won't have to go the way of the Permian Building.

While Main Street president Drew Mouton notes that the asbestos abatement is just a preliminary step, it is clearly a process that's necessary if the building will someday be home to a new industry or business concern.

The building, located at the intersection of Second Street and Scurry, opened its doors in 1928, and and before closing in 1991, hosted oil companies, businessmen and doctors — among them the Hall and Bennett Clinic, the Oil Scouts Meeting Room, the Big Spring National Farm Loan Association, the Robert Stripling Insurance Agency, the Westex Oil Company, the Fina offices and the office of Dr. R.B.G. Cowper.

In other words, Main Street's current project clearly lives up to that organization's purpose — saving some of our community's most historic structures while providing a means to revitalize downtown commerce.

We want to applaud Big Spring Main Street Inc. on both its past accomplishments and the flurry of activity it has created recently.

Furthermore, we look forward to the day when the Petroleum Building no longer evokes memories of the past, but becomes a part of a bustling business center downtown.

## OTHER VIEWS

The unions' grip on the Democratic Party made itself clear last week when all 50 Senate Democrats — and 20 protectionist Republicans — voted to break a filibuster blocking a vote on a bill to impose harsh regulations on Mexican trucks operating in the U.S.

Under current law, Mexican trucks are only allowed to operate within a 20-mile zone north of the border. But under the 8-year-old North American Free Trade Agreement, they are supposed to get open access to all of the country by Jan. 1.

The unions hate NAFTA even though it has done no demonstrable harm to their interests and the Teamsters certainly don't want any competition on the road.

has promised to veto — would require Mexican trucks to meet stricter safety regulations than those imposed on Canadian or American trucks already doing business in the U.S.

It's plainly discriminatory. There is something racially insensitive about that attitude, and it's all the harder to understand since so many Democrats can't wait to grant amnesty to 3 million illegal immigrants from Mexico.

Is it the party's position that people from Mexico can cross the border without restriction as long as they don't bring their trucks?

This is nothing but crude, base politics in the service of foolish, backward economics.

The Democrats' bill — which President Bush

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# Comprehension is lacking in our world

I finally found a definition of an educated man. It is a quotation from St. Augustine and is contained in an article on education by Hamza Yusuf Hanson, a Muslim thinker.

St. Augustine says, "I have never seen anything I couldn't read and understand nor that I couldn't write nor that I heard and couldn't understand nor that I understood and couldn't articulate."

Here is a man describing mastery of language, which involves both comprehension and its use. He was a product of a style of education called the trivium, which consisted of the study of grammar, rhetoric and logic. It was, as you can see, a preparation for learning.

One of the errors we make is that we have forgotten the basics of learning. Unless a child can read and listen with comprehension and speak and write clearly what he or she

understands, then that child is simply not equipped to acquire more knowledge. How can poor readers learn history? How can a poor listener comprehend a lecture, whether on math, chemistry or literature?

Failure to comprehend the written and spoken word and failure to articulate thoughts are the two scariest phenomena I run into. When we have adults with college degrees who cannot read and understand their native language or cannot articulate their own thoughts, then we're clearly in trouble as a nation.

So much conversation is wasted with people arguing the same point but not realizing it or criticizing others for something they didn't say or write. And just look at the infantile level of political speeches in this country today. Infantile speech, of course, reflects infantile thinking. I doubt if two out of 100 senators today could even comprehend the major speeches of men like Daniel Webster and John C. Calhoun. They'd certainly have to get someone to translate the Latin for them and to explain the historical references.

You might recall that a big gun exploded on one of our battleships some years ago. There was a hearing by a Senate committee. A senator from Illinois — since retired or defeated, I don't remember which — asked the captain, "Sir, is the gunpowder flammable?"

You could clearly see the Navy captain counting to 10 and biting his lip in cadence to keep from saying what he really wanted to say. Then, carefully and quietly, he said, "Yes, senator, the powder is flammable." He was probably thinking, "How in the blankety-blank do you suppose the gun fires if the powder isn't flammable, you moron."

By the way, here is one more reminder that neither the House nor the Senate — presumably out of fear of the Israeli lobby — has ever given the survivors of the USS Liberty a public hearing. The Liberty, an intelligence ship, was attacked in broad daylight in international waters in 1967 by Israeli forces. Just to annoy them, write your representative and senators and ask them to explain to you why Congress will not hold a hearing on this incident as it has, without exception, on every other

American naval disaster. In the meantime, I've had to quit watching C-SPAN's proceedings. It's too painful, especially when I remember that part of my taxes pays those characters more than \$130,000 a year plus plentiful perks to make fools out of themselves and to ruin a perfectly good country.

Still, they're probably appropriate representatives for a people who, you know, like to be cool, man, like, you know, etc., and so forth. Listening to teenagers carry on a conversation certainly will shake your faith in education, if you have any left.

St. Augustine probably would have never repented or confessed if he had known that Western civilization would culminate in MTV and Eddie Murphy. Seems like a wasted struggle, just to go from barbarians and a dark age to barbarians and a dimwit age. To think that martyrs died in the arena to produce TV evangelists. Or that musicians struggled over the centuries to produce the Backstreet Boys and Eminem. Stop progress. I want to get off.

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CHARLEY REESE



# United States should admit more refugees

Akuot Acol De Dut is on the staff at Parkland Hospital in Dallas. A physician who once worked with Mother Teresa before she fled 18 years of civil war in the Sudan, she hopes eventually to do a residency in and pass her boards to practice medicine in the United States. Her husband, Jalpan Kir, works for a maker of computer products. In the Sudan, he was a legal adviser in the war-ravaged areas of the South who got into trouble with the Muslim government for which he was working.

Life at home grew too dangerous for him to stay. So he escaped to Egypt, with De Dut close behind. Nine months later, they left for New York. The International Rescue Committee assigned them to Dallas, where they joined the 520 refugees who were

served by the local IRC office last year.

They found their footing quickly, thanks to this remarkable agency, which is run by Lisa David. Aided by a crew of 14, she leads the effort to meet refugees at Dallas-Fort Worth Airport, helps them find a job and a place to live, provides food and medical care until they can get on food stamps and Medicaid, and guides them to schools for their children. David also urges them into the naturalization process because unless they become citizens within seven years, they will lose all their benefits.

Welfare does not last long in any case. They must become self-sufficient within six months or so, and most of them do, but most have to improve their English. Then IRC helps them find work more suitable to their previous training. "They are amazingly resilient," says David. She adds that Dallas is highly regarded by the international IRC because of its bright employment prospects, reasonable living costs and excellent support from the community. The

only challenge, she acknowledged, is public transportation.

Akuot Acol De Dut and Jalpan Kir are part of a swelling refugee population that now numbers 14.5 million across the globe, with 20 million or more displaced within their own countries. Fully half the world's refugees come from Palestine and Afghanistan, with those from the Sudan, Iraq, Burundi, Angola, Sierra Leone, Burma, Somalia and the Congo right behind. The first goal, of course, is to repatriate as many as possible to their own lands. Failing that, it is hoped they will find asylum in neighboring countries.

Only when these two approaches have been ruled out are they resettled in a distant situation. To qualify for entry into the United States, they must demonstrate that they truly cannot go home again and that nearby countries are a risk for them as well. In Africa, that's not hard. There is turmoil on much of the continent.

The problem is the process: It can take months

or even up to two years to gain admission to the United States. Hence, the number of refugees coming here is falling (down 40 percent during the Clinton years) even though there are more and more displaced people in the world. In America, the ceiling is currently 80,000. IRC would like to see that figure rise to 95,000, or perhaps 100,000.

The Senate Appropriations Committee has just approved \$735 million for refugee assistance, \$20 million more than the president requested. While IRC, which works under contract with the State Department, was hoping for \$800 million, the Senate's allocation would fund 95,000 admissions. That looks pretty good.

If this bill can pass the full Senate and survive a conference with the House that stuck with the Bush budget, then refugees in the United States will be reasonably well tended to.

Refugees roaming the world by the tens of thousands are a source of great instability, and we need to do more now.



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## IN BR

### Quarterback meets here to

The Big Quarterback meet at 7 p.m. in the Big Spring Training Club room. The Quarterback will hold reguings every Tu the remainder son. All parents of grade football p encouraged to a Activities ar for all levels o and organizers ested in new id More informati able by calli Clements at 267 6 p.m. ate.

### Mixed golf to set for Aug. 1

The 2001 Guys Couples Golf To will be held Aug. 11 through Aug. 12, at the Country Club. The entry fee \$130 per team cart fee. Prizes will be to the top three flight. Awards w given to the lon by both male an golfers. The clos pin shot by both females will prizes. Registration 11:30 a.m. Satur the shotgun star both Saturda Sunday. Golfers can pl tice round on Aug. 10, as part ular Scotch F which is a n mixed foursom ble. The cost is \$ cart fee.

### Coahoma run practice Wed

The Coahom School cross cou will hold their tice of the seas a.m. to noon W at the high scho The practice f all Coahoma girls prep runne Starting Thur runners will h practices at 7 they will run fo inite time, Coa rier coach Terr said. "We're exp things from Williams," Hop Williams won IIA State All-St last year.

### Gymnasts for YMCA c

Gymnastic c pre-school and students star week. The classes ar Monday Wednesdays. Under six-yea schoolers will classes startin p.m. The six-yea older children class set from 4 5:15 p.m. More inform available by c YMCA at 267-82

### ON THE

Radio BASEBALL 7:00 p.m. — Tigers at Texas R KBST-AM 1490.

Television BASEBALL 6:30 p.m. — Astros at Atlanta TBS, Ch. 11.

GOLF 3 p.m. — Fred Challenge, final Aloha, Ore., ESPN

### IN BRIEF

#### Quarterback Club meets here tonight

The Big Spring Quarterback Club will meet at 7 p.m. today in the Big Spring Athletic Training Club meeting room.

The Quarterback Club will hold regular meetings every Tuesday for the remainder of the season.

All parents of 7th to 12th grade football players are encouraged to attend.

Activities are planned for all levels of athletes and organizers are interested in new ideas.

More information is available by calling Jim Clements at 267-1069 after 6 p.m. a.t.e.

#### Mixed golf touney set for Aug. 11-12

The 2001 Guys and Gals Couples Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, Aug. 11 through Sunday, Aug. 12, at the Big Spring Country Club.

The entry fee will be \$130 per team plus the cart fee.

Prizes will be awarded to the top three places per flight. Awards will also be given to the longest drive by both male and female golfers. The closest to the pin shot by both male and females will also win prizes.

Registration starts at 11:30 a.m. Saturday with the shotgun start at 1 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday.

Golfers can play a practice round on Friday, Aug. 10, as part of the regular Scotch Foursome, which is a nine hole mixed foursome scramble. The cost is \$5 plus the cart fee.

#### Coahoma runners to practice Wednesday

The Coahoma High School cross country team will hold their first practice of the season from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday at the high school.

The practice is open to all Coahoma boys and girls prep runners.

Starting Thursday, the runners will hold their practices at 7 a.m. and they will run for an indefinite time, Coahoma harrier coach Terri Hopkins said.

"We're expecting big things from Rachel Williams," Hopkins said.

Williams won the Class IIA State All-Star Award last year.

#### Gymnasts return for YMCA classes

Gymnastic classes for pre-school and Big Spring students started this week.

The classes are held on Monday and Wednesdays.

Under six-year old preschoolers will have their classes starting at 5:15 p.m.

The six-year-old and older children have their class set from 4:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.

More information is available by calling the YMCA at 267-8234.

### ON THE AIR

#### Radio

##### BASEBALL

7:00 p.m. — Detroit Tigers at Texas Rangers, KBST-AM 1490.

#### Television

##### BASEBALL

6:30 p.m. — Houston Astros at Atlanta Braves, TBS, Ch. 11.

#### GOLF

3 p.m. — Fred Meyer Challenge, final round, Aloha, Ore., ESPN, Ch. 30.

## Cowboys' quarterback battle is for backup spot

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — Coach Dave Campo wanted to set the record straight. The only quarterback battle for the Dallas Cowboys is to determine who's the backup.

Rookie Quincy Carter was impressive in his debut and Anthony Wright played well despite mistakes by the third-teamers around him in the preseason opener, but Tony Banks remains the starter.

"There is no question in my mind that Tony's our quarterback, and we're going to have a battle for the next spot," Campo said Monday. "The quarterback situation, in our mind, has not changed from that first preseason game. We'll go status quo right now."

Banks is beginning his sixth sea-

son in the NFL, and though he was Trent Dilfer's backup by time the Baltimore Ravens won last year's Super Bowl, he has 61 career starts.

Wright started twice last year in place of the injured Troy Aikman, the retired future Hall of Famer and three-time Super Bowl winner the Cowboys have to replace.

In the 21-14 loss at Oakland last weekend, Banks was 5-for-9 passing for 36 yards. Carter, the Cowboys' top pick in April, completed nine of 15 passes for 167 yards and two touchdowns, while Banks was 4-for-9 with several drops and 45 yards.

Clint Stoerner didn't play, but Campo wants to get a better look at the second-year quarterback who played just one game for the

Cowboys last season and then played in NFL Europe this spring.

Still, it appears that Carter and Wright will be the primary battle for the backup spot. Both understand the position they are in.

"I had fun just being in the atmosphere those touchdowns. I've dreamed all of my life about playing in the NFL... it was like the Super Bowl to me," Carter said. "I have to keep a level head. It is a tough game to try to conquer in one night. I'll have some ups and downs."

"If I have a bad game, they'll be different questions," he said.

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones has talked excitedly about the debut performance of Carter, who the Cowboys surprisingly took in the

second round — the 53rd player overall — with their first pick.

Campo continued Monday trying to temper the situation. While some people think the Cowboys should go with the young quarterback, the coach doesn't think that would be the right move.

"I don't think at this point that we are rebuilding," Campo said. "We feel this football team can win and feel the experience of Tony Banks gives us the best chance to do that."

While Campo has told Wright that his efforts weren't going unnoticed, the third-year quarterback knows his playing time is as much a business decision — because of Carter's status as a well-paid high draft pick — as anything.

## Hattenberg experiences rarest of baseball extremes

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Scott Hattenberg's second at-bat couldn't have gone any worse. His next trip to the plate couldn't have been better.

Hattenberg experienced the rarest of baseball extremes Monday night, hitting a grand slam one at-bat after lining into a triple play in Boston's 10-7 win over the Texas Rangers.

"That's from the clubhouse to the penthouse right there," Hattenberg said. "I was trying to get the ball in the air, trying to stay out of the double play. It was a great feeling going around the bases."

The Red Sox moved within 2 games of American League East-leading New York with their first four-game sweep of Texas since July 10-13, 1975. Boston also improved its wild card lead to two games over Cleveland.

"A good comeback win," Red Sox manager Jimmy Williams said. "We hit the ball hard. Certainly, Hattenberg's hit was big."

In other American League games, it was Seattle 8, Cleveland 6; Anaheim 3, New York 1; Oakland 6, Detroit 3; Chicago 5, Tampa Bay 2; and Baltimore 9, Kansas City 6.

The Rangers turned their third triple play in club history in the fourth inning when Hattenberg lined to shortstop with the runners on first and second moving on the pitch. Alex Rodriguez flipped to second baseman Randy Velarde, who forced the lead runner and tagged the second.

The Red Sox rallied from a 7-5 deficit in the sixth. Carl Everett reached on an infield hit that knocked out starter Rob Bell.

Troy O'Leary singled off reliever Juan Moreno (2-2) and Brian Daubach walked.



Ivan Rodriguez can add runs as well as being a strong defensive player for the Rangers. He drew a walk and scored when Bill Pulsipher crushed a bases clearing double scoring three runs including Rodriguez as they Rangers rallied.

to load the bases. After Chris Stynes' single made it a one-run game, Hattenberg hit a 2-1 pitch into the Red Sox bullpen.

"How many times you see a guy hit into a triple play and a grand slam in the same game?" Rangers manager Jerry Narron said. "It's probably never happened before."

Manny Ramirez hit his 35th homer for Boston to give him 101 RBIs. Nomar Garciaparra went 3-for-4 and added a solo homer for the Red Sox.

Casey Fossum (1-0) worked two scoreless innings for his first major league win. Derek Lowe pitched the ninth for his 23rd save.

Alex Rodriguez hit his 32nd homer for the Rangers.

**Mariners 8, Indians 6**

Paul Abbott (12-2) won his 10th straight decision. Ichiro Suzuki had three hits and Seattle didn't let

any leads slip away at Jacobs Field.

One day after Cleveland became the third team to rally from a 12-run deficit to win a game, the Mariners took the lead in the first and never gave it up.

Bret Boone homered off Charles Nagy (4-5) as Seattle scored at least once in each of the first five innings to win for the ninth time in 11 games.

Jose Paniagua, Sunday's loser, got Juan Gonzalez to fly out with two runners on for his third save.

**Angels 3, Yankees 1**

Emergency starter Lou Pote limited New York to four hits in five innings, helping Anaheim split the four-game series at Yankee Stadium.

Pote (2-0), making just his second major league start, pitched just twice in Anaheim's previous 17 games. He took the start in place of Scott Schoeneweis.

## 400 little football players expected for sign-ups

HERALD Staff Report

Over 400 Crossroads Little Football League players are expected to invade the Big Spring Mall to sign up Thursday, Aug. 9 for the football season at the Big Spring Mall.

Signups will be held Thursday and Friday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday.

Returning players are encouraged to sign up early as uniforms for the veteran players will be passed out.

The Crossroads Little Football League has three divisions. First and second grade players are in the Pee Wee Division while third and fourth graders compete in Division I. Fifth and sixth graders compete in Division II.

Little Football League players will compete at Midland, Coahoma and

Forsan.

Last year, the Division II team, the Packers beat the Cowboys in the Superbowl which was held in Coahoma.

A coaches meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 11 at the east end of the Big Spring Mall, which will be followed by board elections at 7 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 25 is the last day to sign up and a coaches meeting

will be held at 6:30 p.m. that night.

The first day of no contact practice will be Monday, Aug. 27 and contact practice begins Thursday, Aug. 30.

Friday, Sept. 1 will be Field Day at the game field.

The first game will be played Saturday, Sept. 8.

The Superbowl games will be played Saturday, Nov. 10, which is the end of the season.

## Marion Jones' winning streak halted by Ukrainian sprinter

EDMONTON, Alberta (AP) — Marion Jones' magnificent winning streak of 42 consecutive victories in 100-meter finals ended Monday night at the World Championships when a Ukrainian sprinter clipped her by fractions at the finish line.

Zhanna Pintusevich-Block thwarted Jones' bid for a third consecutive world title, beating her with a world-leading 10.82 seconds. Jones finished in 10.85.

It was Jones' first loss since her final race of the 1997 season when she was beaten in Japan by Merlene Ottey of Jamaica.

Since then, Jones has dominated the women's 100, winning the Olympic gold medal and establishing herself as the second-best sprinter in history, behind the late

Florence Griffith Joyner, the world record-holder.

But on this day, Jones didn't appear to have the fierce determination and drive that carried her to those heights.

"I didn't expect to win every race the rest of my career," Jones said. "I ran a 10.85 today, so I don't think the world is falling apart. I've won so many races I think I got spoiled somewhat."

"Of course, I'm a bit disappointed," she said, "but I'm not a sore loser. I give all the credit to Zhanna. She was the better sprinter today."

Ekatrini Thanou of Greece got the bronze medal, running 10.91.

Meantime, Stacy Dragila, the world record-holder in the women's pole vault, outdueled Svetlana

Feofanova of Russia to win her second straight world title. Both cleared 15 feet, 7 inches, but Dragila won on fewer misses.

In the 100, Jones and Pintusevich-Block ran virtually side by side the entire way, before the Ukrainian edged ahead just before the finish with a last-ditch push. When she realized she had won and stopped Jones' streak, Pintusevich-Block dropped to one knee and covered her face — as if she couldn't believe it.

Four years ago, Pintusevich-Block thought she had beaten Jones in the 100 final and was celebrating when Jones was declared the winner in a photo finish.

"I'm so, so happy," she said. "I still remember '97. Finally, my

dream came true."

Pintusevich-Block, the 1997 world 200-meter champion, also beat Jones in the semifinals, finishing in 10.94, .01 ahead of Jones.

Both Dragila and Feofanova missed three times at a world record 15-9ft, in a four-hour competition marred by officials twice setting the standards at incorrect heights.

"We're both No. 1 today," Dragila said, after embracing Feofanova. "This is awesome."

In other finals, Avard Moncur of the Bahamas won the men's 400 at 44.64, becoming the first champion in that event other than Michael Johnson since 1991; world record-holder Jonathan Edwards of Britain took the triple jump in 58.9.

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4 bdr. 2 bth 1602 Virginia. Call 267-3841 or 270-7309.

Funeral guest intrudes on another's mourning

Dear Ann Landers: I know this isn't the most important letter you have received this week, but I hope you will answer it anyway. I need some reassurance. I recently attended the graveside service of a dear friend who lived into her 80s. I was saddened by her death and grieving quietly when a casual acquaintance appeared out of nowhere, grabbed my arm and hung onto me throughout the entire service.

This woman intruded on my sorrow and ruined what should have been a very private moment. I wanted to contemplate what my deceased friend had meant to me, but having this woman hanging on my arm was distracting and extremely annoying. Am I wrong to be upset about this? Is there anything I could have done? -- Still Angry in Oklahoma

Dear Still Angry: The woman probably thought she was comforting you, so at least give her credit for that. You could have escaped her grasp by suddenly recognizing an old friend and gently excusing yourself to walk over to greet her. This is what I would have done.

Dear Ann Landers: I am writing you from a prison cell in Missouri, hoping it might help some teenager somewhere. Here I sit with plenty of time to think about what I did to my life.

I would like to make a plea to all parents who read this: Talk to your kids about drugs NOW. Hug them, and let them know you love them and are there to help them through the tough decisions every kid has to make. They will hear you. What you say will stick in their minds the first time a teen is handed to them. Teenagers may not seem to hear, but they do, and they respect what their parents have to say.

I won't blame anyone for my choices in life, but I can't help thinking, "What if?" I never got that all-important talk with my parents. Just one conversation could make all the difference in the world. Parents, please think about it. -- Too Late for Me in Missouri

Dear Too Late: I appreciate your writing to alert my readers to the importance of talking to their kids about drugs. Too many parents think it won't matter, or that their children aren't listening, but they really are. Thank you for making it clear that parental involvement is crucial. (P.S. I have a feeling you're going to make it.)

Dear Ann Landers: I disagree with your response to "Upset in Nevada," whose 76-year-old boyfriend, "Bernie," left her waiting in the car for an hour while he went for donuts and an espresso at the coffee shop. I agree that Bernie was rude, but perhaps something more may be going on. It is quite possible that Bernie forgot where he was or did not recall that someone was waiting for him. He roamed the streets and ended up in the coffee shop. When his girlfriend showed up, he became angry because he was covering up the fact that he didn't remember where he was supposed to be.

Bernie's wandering could be a sign he is in the first stages of Alzheimer's disease. If he makes up excuses for leaving her in the car, it will prevent him from getting the help he needs. One of these days, Bernie could wander off where no one can find him. His lady friend ought to discuss this behavior with Bernie's doctor and alert him to what's going on. -- Sandi in Irving, Texas

Dear Sandi: Thank you for sitting in my chair today. You saw something that I did not see, and I am grateful for your keen observation. Let us hope Bernie's friend sees this and follows through.

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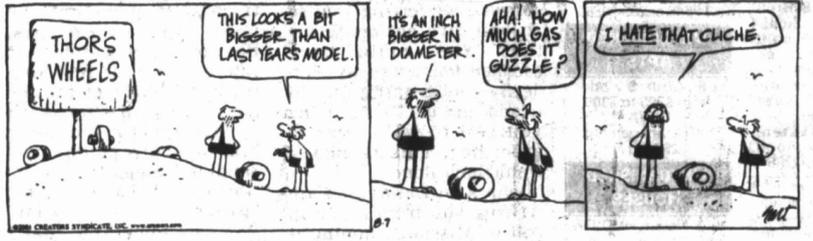
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Today is Tuesday, Aug. 7, the 219th day of 2001. There are 146 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**  
On Aug. 7, 1942, U.S. forces landed at Guadalcanal, marking the start of the first major allied offensive in the Pacific during World War II.

**On this date:**  
In 1782, George Washington created the Order of the Purple Heart, a decoration to recognize merit in enlisted men and non-commissioned officers.  
In 1789, the U.S. War Department was established by Congress.  
In 1912, the Progressive Party nominated Theodore Roosevelt for president.  
In 1927, the Peace Bridge between the United States and Canada was dedicated during ceremonies attended by the Prince of Wales and Vice President Charles Dawes.  
In 1934, the U.S. Court of Appeals upheld a lower court ruling striking down the government's attempt to ban the controversial James Joyce novel "Ulysses."  
In 1959, the United States launched Explorer 6, which sent back a picture of the Earth.  
In 1964, Congress passed the Gulf of Tonkin resolution, giving President Lyndon Johnson broad powers in dealing with reported North Vietnamese attacks on U.S. forces.  
In 1974, French stuntman Philippe Petit walked a tightrope strung between the twin towers of New York's World Trade Center.  
In 1976, scientists in Pasadena, Calif., announced that the Viking 1 spacecraft had found the strongest indications to date of possible life on Mars.  
In 1998, terrorist bombs at U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania killed 224 people, including 12 Americans.

**Ten years ago:** The five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council agreed to authorize Iraq to sell as much as \$1.6 billion in oil over six months to pay for food, humanitarian supplies and war reparations; however, Baghdad rejected the resolution.  
Five years ago: NASA researchers formally presented their case for the existence of life long ago on Mars. More than 6 million American Online customers worldwide were left stranded when the system crashed for almost 19 hours.

Newsday Crossword

SCOUT'S HONORS by S.N. Edited by Stanley Newman

- ACROSS**
- 1 Goes out with
  - 6 Matures
  - 10 Neckline shapes
  - 14 WWII submarine
  - 15 Assist
  - 16 Tulsa's state: Abbr.
  - 17 Boy Scout merit badge
  - 20 Destructive winter current
  - 21 Washes off soap
  - 22 Geek
  - 24 Barn-topping device
  - 25 Synthesizer inventor
  - 28 Vehicle sticker
  - 30 Wide divergences
  - 34 \_\_\_ and outs
  - 35 Poisonous snake
  - 36 Broadcast's sound portion
  - 37 Boy Scout merit badge
  - 40 Steals
  - 41 Frozen rain
  - 42 Silly Putty holder
  - 43 Prepare for a bout
  - 44 In a peeved mood
  - 45 Preoccupied
  - 46 Felt sorry about
  - 48 Shoe bottom
  - 50 Old-time radio's "Perfect Fool"
  - 53 Theater district
  - 57 Boy Scout merit badge
  - 61 Crosby's "Road" partner
  - 62 Nebraska neighbor
- DOWN**
- 1 Make a fool of
  - 2 Eve's second son
  - 3 Unable to decide
  - 4 Making less difficult
  - 5 Basic Instinct star
  - 6 "Now I've got you!"
  - 7 Type of toothpaste
  - 8 Pixie
  - 9 Helix
  - 10 Slaughterhouse-Five author
  - 11 Supplements, with "out"
  - 12 Otherwise
  - 13 Fresh talk
  - 18 From Scandinavia
  - 19 Baking pan
  - 23 Ousted
  - 24 Rascals
  - 25 Atomizer outputs
  - 26 Barroom sign
  - 27 Japanese city
  - 29 Honeycomb units
  - 31 French "Farewell"
  - 32 Engine sounds
  - 33 Drenched
  - 35 Corporate officers: Abbr.
  - 36 Behave
  - 38 Robin Hood's gang
  - 39 Pooh's donkey pal
  - 44 Bowler's frequent target
  - 45 Rug-cleaning device
  - 47 Article in Arles
  - 49 Singer Ronstadt
  - 50 Canyon sound effect
  - 51 Let fall
  - 52 Help with the dishes
  - 54 Rival of Look
  - 55 Tweety or Sylvester
  - 56 Highest draft rating
  - 58 Country singer Acuff
  - 59 Flam's mate
  - 60 Industrial tub

