

FRIDAY

August 24, 2001

WEATHER

Tonight:



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TONIGHT 70°-72° TOMORROW 94°-96°

United Way lunch tickets on sale now

United Way of Big Spring and Howard County will hold its annual campaign luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 6, at First United Methodist Church's Garrett Hall.

Guest speaker will be Neal Jeffrey, who quarterbacked the Baylor Bears to a Southwest Conference football championship in 1974 and today ministers to more than 4,000 people as prayer minister of the Prestonwood Baptist Church.

Jeffrey was able to turn overcome a disability — a speech impediment — and went on to play professional ball for two years with the San Diego Chargers. Today, he speaks for churches and organizations all over America. He has spoken at teacher in-services, retreats, revivals, youth camps, service organizations, private businesses, athletic banquets, baccalaureates and awards ceremonies.

The luncheon will be from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m., catered by A's & Son Barbecue. Tickets are \$11 each and available at the United Way office, 808 Scurry St., or the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, 215 W. Third St.

WEEKEND TICKET

TODAY
□ 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.

□ The Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 to 5 p.m. A one-time admission fee of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens are encouraged.

□ Dance, 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 West Third. Members and guests welcome.

□ Big Spring Squares, call 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more information.

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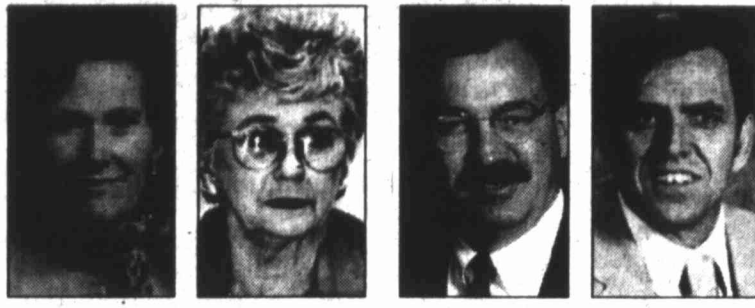
Airpark board questions proposed manager's duties

By **ROGER CLINE**
Staff Writer

What exactly is an "airpark manager" supposed to do?

That was the question on the minds of the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark Development Advisory Board members Thursday as they discussed the position added to the newly-proposed Big Spring city budget.

"In our budget workshop, it came up that this was one of the things we wanted to look at," Assistant City Manager Emma Bogard said



BOGARD CROOKER McEWEN GEORGE

at the meeting.

Bogard is the current director of the airpark, but that job is just one of several duties she handles for the city.

Board members expressed concern that there is no job description for the position.

answer the board's questions. Bogard said that Fuqua had a conflict and was unable to attend.

Bogard was able to answer some of the board's questions. She said the manager would be a staff position hired by the city manager and that the manager would be devoted to the airpark full time.

Bogard cut the discussion short because it was not a posted agenda item.

"It was not a posted item," she said. "Certainly under 'Board Discussion,' the board has a right to discuss other items, but it just went a little far and I felt like I

had to put a stop to it." This morning, Crooker said she felt frustrated by the lack of discussion.

"There was no rhyme or reason why we couldn't discuss that last night, except the mayor said it was none of our business," she said. "Frustrated. I think all the board members were frustrated."

Crooker also raised questions about the source of funds for the manager's salary.

The mayor approaches it that it is a personnel decision, but the money is com-

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Vintage tractors roar to life again at fair

Editor's note: Herald Correspondent Nancy Koger will be reporting on the Howard County Fair all this week.

By **NANCY KOGER**
Herald Correspondent

Most of us have seen plaques or T-shirts saying, "A man and his tractor — it's a beautiful thing."

Go to the green activity building this week at the fair and meet the men and their antique tractors. Marion Newton, the man in charge of the antique tractor show, says there are not any problems with their display; everyone who's there wants to be there.

Doyle Railsback, a collector and restorer of tractors,

opines, "You've got to love this very much to do it and do it right."

Railsback says there are about 10 Howard County antique tractor collectors. They go to fairs around the state and enter lots of parades simply for the enjoyment they get. The prizes are trophies and ribbons, not cash awards.

Restoring a tractor takes various amounts of time and money, depending on what's wrong with the antique. Railsback restored his first tractor, a 1937 John Deere — the old "Popping Johnny" — several years ago.

"You start with the engine — they have to run — then the transmission, the rear end and the brakes — they have to stop," he said. "After the brakes are done, you go on to the tires and all the little items. All those little things will eat you up because they're hard to



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
Doyle Railsback stands before his reserve grand champion tractor at the Howard County Fair. Saturday afternoon at 1, the vintage tractors will compete in a tractor pull. Tractors are placed in 21 different weight classes and each tractor pulls a weighted box sled.

Battle of Cheerleaders promises great entertainment, college says

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Herald Correspondent

The Battle of the Cheerleaders at the Howard County Fair in the Rodeo Bowl at 7 p.m. Saturday promises to be bigger and better entertainment than ever before.

"Each year the cheerleaders are even more advanced in their efforts. We have six schools competing, and we know this will be one of the best Battles we've had," said Linda Berry, student activity director and cheerleading sponsor for Howard College.

Now in its 15th year, Howard College presents the Battle of the

HOWARD COUNTY FAIR SCHEDULE

All events are held at the Howard County Fairbarns	10 a.m., Fair opens
Today	10:30 a.m., Kountry Kids
1-7 p.m., Receive lambs	1 p.m., Antique Tractor Pull
4 p.m. Fair opens	1 p.m., Steer show
4 p.m., Carnival begins	4 p.m., Goats arrive
7 p.m., Weight cards due for lambs	7 p.m., Battle of the Cheerleaders
7 p.m., Craig Chambers	9 p.m., Mike Hilger
7:30 p.m. Showmanship lambs	9:45 p.m., Quilt drawing
9 p.m. Craig Chambers	Sunday
Saturday	9 a.m., Goat cards due
8 a.m., Lamb show	11 a.m., Showmanship goats
	1 p.m., Goat show

Cheerleaders at the Howard County Fair so that area high school cheerleading squads have an opportunity to present their practice efforts publicly, she said.

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HERALD photo/Roger Cline
The grand champion shoebox (left) decorated by fifth-grader Tamará Nichols and the reserve champion shoebox decorated by fifth-grader Mason Parker are on display at the Howard County Fair.

Record number attempt to give blood at VA Medical Center

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

The community answered the call on Thursday with almost 70 people attempting to donate blood during the VA Medical Center blood drive.

"This is the best blood drive we have had ever," said Jo Hanslik, VAMC acting community relations representative.

According to Hanslik, 69 people attempted to give blood at the drive.

Hanslik said VAMC employees had a strong turnout along with members of the community in record-breaking numbers surpassing the hospital's goal of having 53 attempt to donate.

"The employees are very concerned about the nationwide low blood supply," Hanslik said.

"We not critical (for blood) but we are desperate," said Sherry Morton, United Blood Services community relations representative.

Although 80 percent of the population will need blood at one time, only 5 percent of the nation actually donates, Morton said.

The VAMC has been attempting to promote blood donation within the hospital.

"With in the last six months, Mr. (Cary) Brown, (chief executive officer) had a policy approved where employees can receive three hours off for a successful donation," said Hanslik.

Employees have the opportunity to take those three hours after their supervisor's approval within the next 14 weeks of



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
Debbie Calvio of the United Blood Service places a bandage on the arm of John Pantoja, VA Medical Center painter for engineering service after he donated a pint of blood at the drive on Thursday. The VAMC blood drive had a record number of people attempting to donate blood.

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OBITUARIES

Eraul Padilla

A prayer service for Eraul "Smiley" Padilla, 75, of Big Spring will be held at 7 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Chapel.



Funeral service will be 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, 2001, at Myers & Smith Chapel with pastor Don Gibson, of Seventh Day Adventist, officiating.

Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park. Mr. Padilla died Wednesday, Aug. 22, at a Midland hospital following a sudden illness.

He was born on May 17, 1926, in Brady. He had lived in Big Spring since 1947. He had worked for the city of Big Spring as a truck driver for 23 years and retired in 1986.

Survivors include his long time companion Petra Reyes of Big Spring; five daughters, Linda Conner of Big Spring, Maria Reed of Durham, N.C., Christina Childs of San Antonio, Guadalupe Aguilar of Big Spring, Sylvia Arispe of Clovis, N.M.; three stepdaughters, Esperanza Gill of Abilene, Emerlinda Gutierrez of Big Spring and Erlinda Hernandez of Wichita Falls; five stepsons, Juan Casterno of Sweetwater, Eliodoro Reyes

of Westbrook, Ernesto Reyes of Vincent, Ricky Reyes of Colorado City and Mike Reyes of Big Spring; two sisters, Rosa Lopez of San Angelo and Elvira Padilla of Odessa; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a number of step-grandchildren and great-step-grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Paul Davis

Funeral service for Paul Davis, 67, of Big Spring will be 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, 2001, at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. R.T. Havener, pastor of First Assembly of God, officiating. Burial will follow at Colorado City Cemetery.

Mr. Davis died Thursday, Aug. 23, at his home following a battle with cancer.

He was born Dec. 12, 1933, in Colorado City. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He moved to Big Spring in 1981 from Colorado City. Mr. Davis married Vada Sullins Heckler on Oct. 17, 1986, in Kaufman. He had owned and operated numerous gas stations in and around the Dallas area and he was also an auto mechanic for 46 years.

Survivors include five daughters, Desiree Ann Crocker of Midlothian, Angela Melissa Whitley of Big Spring, Teresa Harrison of Kerens, Brenda Harris of Galveston, Ann Dwyer of Midwest City, Okla.; six sons, Stephen Paul Davis of Las Vegas, Nev., Andy Davis of Duncanville, Billy Clayton of Garland, Danny Clayton of Big Spring, Jason Heckler of Clarksville, Tenn., and Rickey Heckler of Andrews; one sister, Helen Francis Bell of Colorado City; 29 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Family will receive friends from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Dolores Yanez

Rosary for Dolores Yanez, 100, of Big Spring will be at 7:30 p.m. today, Aug. 24, 2001, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral mass will be 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, at St. Thomas Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Mrs. Yanez died Friday, Aug. 24, in a local hospital. She was born on May 7, 1901, in San Carlos, Coahuilla, Mexico and married Ynez Yanez Sr. on March 6, 1918, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death in 1955. She was a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church and a homemaker.

Survivors include her son, Horace Yanez of Big Spring; three daughters, Rachel Granato of Kingsville, Rebecca Rodriguez of Lubbock and Aurora Gullardo of Abilene; and a total of 180 grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

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

Melba Whittington

Graveside funeral service for Melba Whittington of Oklahoma City, formerly of Big Spring, will be 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 27, 2001, at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Dudley Mullins, pastor of East Fourth Street Baptist Church, officiating.

Mrs. Whittington died Saturday, Aug. 18, in Oklahoma City.

She was born in Nocona and married C.F. "Whit" Whittington on March 29, 1940, in Colorado City. He preceded her in death on Aug. 10, 1994. She was a member of East Fourth Street Baptist Church for over 50 years.

Survivors include her daughter, Cheryl Willie of Oklahoma City; her son, Ray Adams of Dallas; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

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

R.P. Odom

Funeral service for R.P. Odom, 70, of Stanton is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Mr. Odom died Friday, Aug. 24, 2001, in a Stanton hospital.

Grady Walker

Funeral service for Grady Walker, 74, of Big Spring is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Mr. Walker died Thursday, Aug. 23, 2001, at his residence.

Allen Loveless

Funeral service for Allen Loveless, 29, of Big Spring is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Mr. Loveless died Thursday, Aug. 23, 2001, in a local hospital.

Ellinor K. Horn

Funeral service for Ellinor K. Horn, 66, of Big Spring is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Mrs. Horn died Thursday, Aug. 23, 2001, at her residence.

Knox Chadd

Funeral service for Knox Chadd, 87, formerly of Big Spring is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Mr. Chadd died Thursday, Aug. 23, 2001, in Edmonds, Wash.

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ing from airport funds," she said. "The airport budget was cut by \$60,000 in maintenance, apparently for this position. They need the money."

Bogard said the discussion would continue at the Big Spring City Council meeting Tuesday when the council hears the first reading of the proposed budget. "I believe it will and that's really the place to do it," she said.

Mayor Russ McEwen, a proponent of the position, said this morning that "it is a position to manage the airport on a full-time basis."

"We have a person who is in charge of the airport and has done a very credible job, and that's Emma Bogard," he said. "There's great potential out there. It's not anything against the people we have out there now."

McEwen said that the manager would hold a directorial position under Bogard on a similar level to Todd Darden, director of public works.

"With the Ports-To-Plains program reliever route coming through Big Spring just about a half mile from the industrial park, there's great potential out there,"

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he said. "What you're going to bring to the table is a position that can be a promoter to bring in new industry and someone who can be a great liaison with existing industry. The multiplicity of the things that position could do, well, I think it almost speaks for itself."

The mayor said a job description for the manager's position is being drafted now.

"I'm sure that that process is ongoing right now," he said. "I'm sure that that description will be available to the council as early as the next council meeting."

Moore Development for Big Spring Inc. has been heavily involved in promoting the airport. Moore Board President Lee George said he doesn't know the purpose of the manager position.

"I think if they had a defined job description I could determine whether or not I'm in favor of it," he said this morning. "I've dealt with (Airport Operator) Nelda Reagan before, in fact, we built the building she's in now out there. I find Nelda to be competent and very easy to work with. I don't think it's a problem with Nelda, it's just that the job is bigger than she is."

George said he feels the position should focus on the real estate management.

"As much property as they have out there it's a lot for one person to handle," he said. "I don't know if \$60,000 is the right salary for that type of position."

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find and can be expensive." Even the paint must be ordered from the manufacturers to be the correct kind and color. Railsback estimates a cost of between \$3,500 and \$5,000 to restore each antique. He owns about 30 old tractors.

The display of tractors also includes a group of horse-drawn plows, a real novelty to today's generation, and a few working gas-powered wringer washing machines, a far cry from today's home laundry models.

Why restore and display such items?

"We do it mostly for the younger generation, to show the kids how we used to do things," Railsback said. "But we do it for the older folks, too, so they can remember these things."

He sees this display as our heritage.

"This country is what it is today because of this," says the collector, indicating the shiny restorations. Saturday afternoon, the vintage tractors will crank up and compete in a tractor pull. Tractors are placed in 21 different weight classes. Each tractor pulls a weighted box sled. Weights are added progressively to "see what it takes to stop 'em," according to Railsback.

Even those who have never watched such a contest before find the power of these old machines fascinating.

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"We have two all-star exhibitions squads from

TEXAS LOTTERY

PICK 3: 3,3,3 CASH 5: 6,9,12,14,29

Midland who will begin the event," Berry said.

Junior high school cheerleading squads scheduled to compete will represent Forsan, Garden City, Sands, Big Spring and Coahoma independent school districts. High school squads from Forsan, Garden City, Sands, Stanton, Coahoma and Big Spring will also compete.

"We award first, second and third place plaques in two competitions, cheer and dance, in both high school and junior high school competitions," Berry said.

The plaques are sponsored by Howard College and Hawk cheerleaders will be on hand to assist the squads as the competition unfolds, Berry said.

"And this year our Hawk cheerleaders are returning from the Universal Cheerleading Association camp as award winners. We received second place for our cheers and our side line routines while attending the UCA camp in July, and our cheerleaders are ready to present their best efforts to the public in the Rodeo Bowl Saturday night," Berry said.

The Hawk cheerleaders competed against seven other junior colleges to win their second place awards. The squad also earned three superior and two excellent ribbons, she said.

"These award-winning routines will be demonstrated at the conclusion of the Battle of the Cheerleaders," she said.

The Hawk cheerleading squad comprised of Stephanie Fitzgerald, Tasha Roland, Nicole Payne, Kaci Acrl, Autumn George, Logan Long, Erica DeLeon, Steven Kimble, Deidra Hirt, Andy Nunoz and Ami Cantwell will perform, she said.

"Deidra Hirt was also selected to try out for the UCA staff, which is a very great honor," Berry said.

"We hope everyone will attend the Battle of the Cheerleaders. All HC students may enter the event free with their student ID," Berry said.

DONORS

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donating blood, Hanslik said.

"Big Spring has been great," Morton said. "The people there really step up to the plate and help us out."

Scenic Mountain Medical Center will hold a blood drive from 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday.

Those who donate at the SMMC drive will receive a coupon for a free meal at the hospital's cafeteria, the Yellow Rose Cafe.

To supply the region's 12 hospitals, UBS must collect more than 300 units of blood each week, Morton said.

Blood products have a shelf life between five and 42 days.

Donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health. Donors should bring proof of identification and know the names of any medication they have taken in the past 30 days.

To make an appointment, contact SMMC at 268-4960.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from 8 a.m. Thursday until 8 a.m. today:

• MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 1200 block of East 11th Place.

• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 2500 block of Gunter Circle.

• SHOTS FIRED was reported in the 400 block of South Owens.

• LOUD PARTY/NOISE was reported in the 500 block of Circle Drive and the 600 block of South Douglas.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 4100 block of Dixon; \$50 in damage was done at each of two homes in the block.

• ASSAULT BY THREAT was reported in the 500 block of Birdwell.

• ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY was reported at Big Spring High School.

• THEFT of \$1,000 in cash and THEFT OF SERVICE worth \$3,001 was reported in the 500 block of South Gregg.

• THEFT of merchandise worth \$142 was reported at the 7-11 convenience store in the 2300 block of Wesson.

• THEFT of \$1 in merchandise was reported at H-E-B in the 2000 block of South Gregg.

• THEFT of blocking dummy covers worth \$400 was reported at Big Spring High School.

FIRE/EMS

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

4:10 a.m. — 2300 block of Wesson Rd., medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

7:22 a.m. — 3600 block of Dixon, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

9:27 a.m. — 1600 block of Hilltop Rd., medical call, service refused.

12:39 p.m. — Highway 87 at I-20, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

2:07 p.m. — 1200 block of College, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

RITE THEATRICAL THEATRICAL Theatre is now playing 1st run movies. Ghosts of Mars (R) Daily: 7:10 & 9:30 Sat. & Sun. 2:10 & 4:40 Jay & Silent Bob Strike Back (R) Daily: 7:30 & 9:30 Sat. & Sun. 2:00 & 4:30 American Pie 2 (R) Daily: 7:30 & 9:40 Sat. & Sun. 2:30 & 4:50

CINEMA 4 Rush Hour 2 (PG-13) Daily: 5:00 & 7:30 Fri. & Sat. 10:50 Sat. & Sun. 2:30 Summer Catch (PG-13) Daily: 4:30 & 7:00 Fri. & Sat. 9:30 Sat. & Sun. (G) The Princess Diaries (G) Daily: 6:40 & 7:20 Fri. & Sat. 6:50 Sat. & Sun. 2:10 Rat Race (PG-13) Daily: 4:30 Fri. & Sat. 9:30 American Outlaws (PG-13) Daily: 7:10 Sat. & Sun. 2:20 ADULTS: \$6.00 \$3.50 ALL MATINEES, CHILDREN & SENIOR CITIZENS *PASS RESTRICTED

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL 24th & Johnson 267-8288 E. J. "Bud" Smith, 85, died Wednesday. Services are 2:30 PM today at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be in Trinity Memorial Park. Eraul "Smiley" Padilla, 75, died Wednesday. Prayer services are 7:00 PM tonight at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services are 2:30 PM Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be in Trinity Memorial Park.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home Trinity Memorial Park and Cemetery 906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331 www.npwech.com Melba Whittington, died Sunday. Graveside services will be 11:00 AM, Monday, August 27, 2001, at Trinity Memorial Park.

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CERES, Calif. (AP) publicity blitz that e of public silence, Rep denied involvement Levy's disappearance stepped questions al they had an affair. T ly lawyer said Friday were angry and belie ing something."

Condit's comments icy reception from stituents, though s behind him.

In his first broadc since the intern Condit, 53, fielded a questions Thursday Connie Chung, wh asked him if he had a with the missing intern. He said only a "very close" rela said "people are ent involvement with

Woman

LAKE JACKSON A Lewisville woma been arrested and i in the deaths of four who were trapped blaze police say she burn up her husband body.

Sadie Childers originally told poli was awakened by h band's screams dur October fire in Jackson.

But Brazoria District Attorney Yenne said Thursd Proffitt's husband

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GEMINI (May 20) ***** While oth off to their weeke might feel as if you holding the bag. time to clear your arrive at a new personal organiza control. Browse th store you love. De treasure slip thro hands. Tonight: C do your own thing.

CANCER (June 22) ***** You speak, a listen. Use the pow moment. Others ag your logic. Catch news, but keep an loved one or child, a relationship wi right under you Tonight: Don't th thing is written in

Condit admits no involvement in Levy's disappearance, sidesteps 'affair'

CERES, Calif. (AP) — Capping a publicity blitz that ended months of public silence, Rep. Gary Condit denied involvement in Chandra Levy's disappearance and sidestepped questions about whether they had an affair. The Levy family lawyer said Friday her parents were angry and believe "he's hiding something."

Condit's comments also got an icy reception from many constituents, though some rallied behind him.

In his first broadcast interview since the intern disappeared, Condit, 53, fielded a series of blunt questions Thursday from ABC's Connie Chung, who repeatedly asked him if he had a sexual affair with the missing 24-year-old intern. He said only that they had a "very close" relationship and said "people are entitled to some privacy."

He offered no apologies for his involvement with Levy or his

level of cooperation with police. "I've answered every question truthfully. That's what you're supposed to do when you're cooperating with the police," Condit said.

Condit said he met Levy in October and they spoke several times a week by telephone. He said he wasn't in love with Levy, but liked her very much.

The seven-term Democratic congressman disputed several points that have been made by Levy's relatives since she was last seen April 30.

Most significantly, he denied lying to Levy's mother about the nature of his relationship with her daughter, a constituent of his from Modesto who came to Washington for an internship with the U.S. Bureau of Prisons.

Condit's account was immediately challenged by both Washington, D.C., police and the intern's family.

"Mrs. Levy was outraged," said

Billy Martin, lawyer for the parents, Dr. Robert and Susan Levy. "She's very clear that she told Gary Condit, she asked Gary Condit, 'Were you, Congressman, having an affair with my daughter?' and the congressman said no. That is not a mistake. That is an outright lie."

"He's hiding something," Martin said on NBC's "Today" show. "Why he's hiding something I don't know. But we continue to believe he has a lot of information he can offer on Chandra's disappearance and we'll continue to investigate."

Terrance W. Gainer, Washington's deputy police chief, disputed Condit's assertion of complete cooperation with investigators. "It took us three interviews and a lot of effort to get as far as we got," he said.

The interview was part of a campaign, including a letter to constituents and other interviews,

that Condit's advisers hoped would bolster his popularity.

The move fell flat, said Bruce Cain, a University of California, Berkeley, political scientist, who thinks Condit was "horrible" in the interview. "I just got irritated watching the thing. I thought he came across as incredible, insensitive, evasive, uncooperative."

In Condit's district, Merced bar owner Mike Maloney watched Condit on TV with his patrons. He called Condit "overprepared and a bit too slick."

Wendy Crabb, 29, an executive assistant from Modesto who has voted for Condit, said she was "embarrassed and appalled by his lack of admittance and his shying away from the questions."

Another former supporter, John Mensonides, said, "I was hoping to see some humility and some candor and instead we saw evasiveness and arrogance."

In the interview, Chung began

with a series of blunt questions about Levy's disappearance. Condit denied he had anything to do with it, knew anyone who wanted to harm her, or had caused anyone to harm her.

"Did you kill Chandra Levy?" Chung asked.

"I did not," he said.

Condit, who sat almost knee-to-knee across from Chung, kept his composure throughout the sometimes-contentious half-hour interview. His wife and two grown children watched from a monitor in a nearby room.

Asked repeatedly, Condit would not say whether he had sexual relations with Levy.

"I've been married 34 years. I have not been a perfect man. I have made mistakes in my life," he said. "But out of respect for my family, out of a specific request by the Levy family, it is best that I not get into the details of the relationship."

Woman accused of killing four in fire that was deliberately set

LAKE JACKSON (AP) — A Lewisville woman has been arrested and indicted in the deaths of four people who were trapped in the blaze police say she lit to burn up her husband's dead body.

Sadie Childers Proffitt originally told police she was awakened by her husband's screams during the October fire in Lake Jackson.

But Brazoria County District Attorney Jeri Yenne said Thursday that Proffitt's husband was

already dead when the fire broke out, and that Proffitt lit the inferno to collect accidental death insurance money.

Proffitt, 55, was arrested Thursday at her home in Lewisville, where she recently moved. A Brazoria County grand jury indicted Proffitt Wednesday on four counts of murder.

Bail has been set at \$300,000.

She is not charged in her husband's death.

The pre-dawn fire quickly spread to an upstairs resi-

dence, killing Omar Attar, 18; his wife, Felicitia, 18; his twin brother, Daniel; and his 1-year-old son Omar Jr.

The man whose twin sons, daughter-in-law and grandson died in the fire said the charges were not a surprise and only deepen his grief.

"If you think it's going to be closure for us, it's not," Ray Attar told The Facts newspaper in Brazoria County.

"With time its getting worse, not better."

"Now the memories start coming back," he said. "It's

very sad to know that those kids died because of someone's actions. It's harder. An accident by itself is bad enough ... This doesn't make sense at all."

Felicitia Attar's sister, April Moreno, said she is glad Proffitt was arrested.

"We expected to feel differently, but it just hurts," said Moreno.

"It just hurts how she was able to run around free for all these months already."

Proffitt told the newspaper in January that she did not set the fire. And she said

her husband was alive when the fire started, that he called out to her for help but that she couldn't put the fire out.

The Attar couple had been married about four months and had moved into their one-bedroom home a month before the fire.

Proffitt originally told officers her husband, a 50-year-old truck driver disabled from a stroke, may have accidentally started the fire by falling asleep while smoking.

Police immediately expressed doubt about Proffitt's claim that emergency lines were busy when she tried to call.

Police said Proffitt was frustrated that the investigation hadn't been closed several months after the fire because she wanted to collect her husband's \$15,000 life insurance policy.

She also filed a lawsuit in small claims court for \$427.74, which she said the Woodhollow apartment complex owed her in prorated rent and an unreturned pet deposit.

HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Aug. 25:

You naturally express your ideas. An audience surrounds you; others like your thoughts and style. Express your Virgo thoroughness by maintaining contact with others. You make friends with ease.

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)

**** Make plans and check in for feedback with those associated with your project. Clear out excess mail, bills and calls. Set in motion next week's plans by making calls and letting others know what's up. Schedule a dentist's appointment soon. Tonight: Let someone take credit for luring you out the door.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

**** What might seem childish to some proves to be laden with wisdom. Listen carefully to what someone says in an offhand manner. A day of opportunities drops on your plate if you are willing to act. Others seek you out. Know when to say no or yes. Tonight: Be the ever-playful Bull.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

**** While others stream off to their weekends, you might feel as if you are left holding the bag. Use the time to clear your desk and arrive at a new sense of personal organization and control. Browse through a store you love. Don't let a treasure slip through your hands. Tonight: Choose to do your own thing.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

**** You speak, and others listen. Use the power of the moment. Others agree with your logic. Catch up on news, but keep an eye on a loved one or child. If single, a relationship will bloom right under your nose. Tonight: Don't think anything is written in stone!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

**** You're on overtime thinking about how to maximize an investment. Pleasing your family ranks as a priority. Figure out what it would take through talks. Understand that you control the purse strings with spending. You can say no. Tonight: Regroup and then decide.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

**** You spew information as if you were a walking encyclopedia. Someone might ask a question, but he will not be prepared for the thoroughness of your response. If associates act strangely, you might have overwhelmed them. Try simplicity. Tonight: You don't have to go far.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

**** Once more, the material side of life preoccupies you. What comes on as an inner sense ends up directing your decisions. Maximize your many talents. Sometimes you underestimate your abilities. Tonight: Clear out your bills.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

**** Whether thinking about the weekend or your work, you consider the majority and the many possibilities that lie in front of you. Greet friends with a smile. Absorb others' ideas and give them the full weight they deserve. Tonight: Follow your friends, wherever they go.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

**** Others feed you information and instructions. Assimilate facts and assume responsibility as you gain a better handle on work. If your inner voice keeps saying something, stop and listen, especially when you are dealing with one in charge. Tonight: Everything is subject to change.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

**** Develop your ability to sort through key issues. Gossip might not all be true, but a kernel of truth

lies within. Check out a hunch, as it is likely to lead you on the correct course of action. Don't worry too much about a meeting. You'll get the results you want. Tonight: Don't worry about the cost.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

**** You shine in the spotlight. A work project or appearance needs to be your highest priority. Someone pulls you aside to lend support, comments and observations. It's about your quirky side. Put it aside for now. Tonight: Follow another's request.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

**** Dig for facts, if they don't surface readily. Consider the feedback others give you. You might think this is a smoke screen, trying to divert you. Blend insightfulness and facts. Make an important call or two early on. Tonight: Escape for the weekend.

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—FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

Each week, the *Herald* salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play.

This week we salute:

• **CROSSROADS AREA SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS WHO EARNED EXEMPLARY RATINGS**, including Kentwood Elementary, Coahoma High School, Garden City High School, Sands Consolidated Independent School District and its high school, junior high and elementary school and Grady Independent School District and its high school and elementary school.

• **HOWARD COUNTY FAIR QUEEN AMANDA SHEEDY**, and other queen contestants Kristyn Hambleton, Frances Clark, Tiffany Reid, Timmi Blackshear and Meagan Kothmann.

• **THE VA MEDICAL CENTER**, which held its best-ever blood drive this week.

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:
I would like to point out some of the accomplishments our city has made in the past eight years. First, this has been a team effort by the city, Moore Board, Chamber of Commerce, and most of all, the people of Big Spring. The Beals Creek Project as been completed, the seal coat program reinstated, new filters have been completed at the water treatment plant, the council chambers have been revamped along with a new parking lot at city hall, the Polly Mays Annex was obtained and both the Dora Roberts Community Center and city auditorium renovated.

We now have 140 inmates cleaning up our city and doing work we were not able to do before due to a lack of manpower. We now have several companies we did not have eight years ago: Western Container, three more correction centers, StarTek, Solitare Manufactured Homes and many more. Several local companies have expanded. We have torn down eyesore buildings such as the Permian Building, Howard House, Apache Bend Apartments, run down houses and cleaned numerous lots and drainages.

We have the best emergency medical service available, bar none. We have been able to give city employees pay raises. The golf course is in the best shape its ever been and making money. Moss Lake is in excellent shape. Dr. Morgan Park has been built. Kids Zone is now avail-

able to kids of all ages. The swimming pool has been revamped with new slides.

Hangar 25, the Vietnam Memorial, the new airport terminal, a new skate board park and a new observation platform at the "Big Spring" have all been completed. Main Street Inc. is also making great strides.

In addition, a water line replacement program is now in place.

I know I've left out accomplishments and people that need praise, but my point is we haven't been sitting around doing nothing. We have made great strides. We have increased our tax base, we receive approximately \$850,000 per diem per year from the correction centers, and approximately \$135,000 interest from selling the correctional centers. Eight years ago our balance in the general fund was \$50,000, and last years we had \$1.3 million with approximately \$2 million in a fund from selling the correctional centers which can be used as fund balance.

We have not had to raise taxes but once. I feel with a combined effort, we can keep the progress going without tax increases. This may sound like a bid for reelection but it's not. We can only attract new business if we keep our tax rate as low, as our Long Range Plan suggests.

Our progress has been steady. It may seem slow to some, but better slow and steady, than too fast and stumbling.

CHUCK CAWTHON
CITY COUNCIL,
DISTRICT 3

Texas justice system rife with problems

OK, let's try this again, Texans. We now have one of the highest execution rates in the entire world. Here are the numbers according to Amnesty International and some math: In 2000, four countries around the world accounted for 88 percent of all the executions — the United States, Iran, China and Saudi Arabia. Nobody else is even in the game, though there is no reliable information from Iraq.

In 2000, Texas alone, one state out of 50, was responsible for 47 percent of the executions in America. Here are the best estimates for numbers per capita (using the highest guess, not from Amnesty, of 1,700 executions in China — the number that sent the human-rights people into a frenzy over the Beijing Olympics): Iran executes one for every 874,000 people, China executes one for every 742,000 people, Texas executes one for every 521,000, and the Saudis one for every 170,000. So we're

not rock bottom, we're doing better than the Saudis — a role normally played for us by Mississippi.

Let's not try for the Olympics anytime soon.

I saw a great pro-death-penalty cartoon the other day in Thaddeus and Weez (a Texas cartoon strip). Two little angels with halos are flying side by side, and one asks the other, "So, who killed you? A plain old killer... or a juvenile, retarded or insane killer?" Then they fly off together.

The message is obvious: It doesn't make any difference to the victim why it happened, dead is dead. But the law makes all kinds of distinctions in all kinds of crime. Michael Sharlot, former dean of the UT Law School, who is "agnostic on the death penalty," points out that the difference between misdemeanor theft and felony theft is one penny.

You don't hear prosecutors going around saying, "Well, this guy didn't steal \$100, but he did steal \$99, so let's go for a felony conviction."

Napoleon Beazley wasn't 18 when he committed a terrible crime, he was 17. The law says you can drink legally when you are 21 years old, but not when you are 20 years, 11 months and 29 days old. In a lot of states, the law says you can be executed for murder if

your IQ is 70, but not if it's 69. A pregnant woman can get an abortion in the first trimester for almost any reason, but by the third trimester she must show a serious threat to her life or health.

If you look at law, it's one long process of drawing distinctions. Until 1898 in Texas, you could not be convicted of statutory rape if the "woman" was older than nine. Such decisions are not handed down from on high to Moses, they're handed up from the bowels of the Texas Legislature — which should only be seen by consenting adults.

In addition, Beazley is black and he killed a prominent white man. If you've lived in this state long enough to consider yourself a Texan, you know a white man who kills a black man is unlikely to get the death penalty. Highly unlikely. It has happened exactly three times.

It's not only the race of the murderer and the race of the victim that skew the system — we give radically different sentences in Texas from one jurisdiction to another.

As a rule, you'll be punished much more harshly in a small city or rural area — especially if the local prosecutor is looking to make his bones before the next election — than you would be in a big city, where there's so much

crime they plead a lot of cases out to avoid the expense of a trial.

None of this makes Napoleon Beazley innocent, but it does make the system unfair. Of all the things that throw our "justice system" out of whack, the biggest is poverty. Straight out, the thing that's most likely to get you the death penalty in this state is being poor. That's when they give you the lawyer who sleeps through the trial, is under the influence during the trial; the lawyer who is overworked, overwhelmed, underpaid and inexperienced; the incompetent lawyer; the lawyer who doesn't investigate your case or find your witnesses; the lawyer who doesn't present your DNA evidence; the lawyer who doesn't file your appeal in time; and so on through the long, horrifying list of everything that goes wrong. Murderers who don't get the death penalty aren't less guilty, they have better lawyers.

If you think the death penalty in this state is crock, try the rest of it. The death penalty is the tip of the iceberg.

We've got kids with first-offense felonies as minors and no one hurt doing 50 years, and Murder Two perps doing 10. Our whole system is bollixed up throughout by race, poverty and unequal sentencing.



MOLLY IVINS



"THE VAST WASTELAND JUST KEEPS GETTING VASTER!..."

Medical Savings Accounts for everyone

A House-Senate conferees in Washington hammer out a patients' bill of rights, one aspect that deserves their favorable attention is Medical Savings Accounts. Congress launched a limited program for MSAs in 1996 and granted them reprieve when they were about to set with the sun four years later. Now lawmakers must make this innovation permanent and extend its possibilities to all Americans.



JACK ANDERSON

MSAs permit people to buy high-deductible health insurance policies to cover serious illnesses, then deposit about \$1,500 to \$3,400 in tax-free accounts to take care of routine medical bills. This approach produces lower premiums and often reduced fees as well, because doctors don't have to pay for all the paperwork demanded by insurance companies. It also eliminates the hoard of bureaucrats required to

check, evaluate and approve too many relatively simple procedures. Individuals or families are permitted to accumulate funds for future expenses, and patients can choose their own doctors, who then can make their own decisions without consulting anyone else — except another physician, if necessary.

According to a poll by Zogby, 89 percent of those asked said that they believe that all Americans should have the option to purchase a Medical Savings Account. The figure was 91 percent among people 18 to 29. For Republicans, it was 84 percent, for Democrats, 80 percent, and for Independents, 77 percent. Whites and Hispanics support the measure by about 80 percent, and African-Americans by 84 percent.

These figures don't mean they all have Medical Savings Accounts. Under current law, many of them can't. As things stand now, enrollment is limited to 750,000 people, and all must be self-employed or work for a company with fewer than 50 people.

The deductibles are too high, and it is not legal to deposit the full amount. Hence, some bills might

have to be paid with pre-tax dollars. If you join a plan midway through the year, you still must cope with the full deductible, but with fewer monthly payments to set aside for it.

As a result, only 100,000 MSAs were opened by last year.

Thirty-five thousand of those were issued by Fortis Health Insurance Co., which reported that its most likely customers were lawyers, veterinarians, certified public accountants and others working in home offices. MSAs also did well among artists, farmers, mechanics and sales, construction and high-tech people. Eighty percent with Fortis Medical Savings Accounts were self-employed, and 15 percent had been uninsured previously. A substantial number of them (65 percent) did not seek payment from their MSAs for small bills, and instead allowed their savings to grow.

A report by Victoria Craig Bunce of the Council for Affordable Health Insurance cites a survey by the Kaiser Family Foundation and Harvard, which found that 43 percent would choose an MSA if the deductible were \$2,000 instead of the cur-

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CHURCH NEWS

Mt. Bethel Baptist Church
Come join our Day program to Aug. 28 at 3:30 p.m. Church, 630 Sgt. Spring with Siss WMS president.
A revival will be held at Bethel Church, Sept. 1 at 7 p.m.
Guest speaker G.A. Bell (Great Church in Midland) For more info church at 263-4066
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CLUB NEWS

The Sand Springs Club
The Sand Springs Club meets Monday at the Lion Community Center, Hut Rd. in Sand Springs, 6:30 p.m. All invited.
Phillip Reid, opened the special occasion with prayer and the guests to serve first.
The Sand Springs Club meets the third Monday of the month at the Lion Community Center, Hut Rd. in Sand Springs, 6:30 p.m. All invited.

Simply the web

Among the many rules given to the Israelites through the Law of Moses is one concerning how to treat a nesting bird (Deuteronomy 22:6-7). The law prohibits the killing of the mother sitting on her eggs in the care of her young. The young are taken from the mother was. Some scholars suggested that ancient Hebrews considered statute the least commandment Law. We can almost see the ancients scratching their heads over God had given numerous rulings — from how to how to treat lies and neighbors. "What does a mother bird do with our relationship or commitment? We just don't understand the connection. Modern Americans surely relate to trust of rules. It made to be broken have been known. The rules of whether they b

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CHURCH NEWS

Mt. Bethel Baptist

Come join our annual Women's Day program to be held Sunday, Aug. 26 at 3:30 p.m. at Mt. Bethel Church, 630 Sgt. Paredes St., Big Spring with Sister C. Woodruff, WMS president.

A revival will be held at Mt. Bethel Church Aug. 30 through Sept. 1 at 7 p.m.

Guest speaker will be the Rev. G.A. Bell (Greater Ideal Baptist Church in Midland).

For more information call the church at 263-4069.

First Christian

The Christian Church (Disciples

of Christ) is an ecumenical church that practices open communion every Sunday.

Dr. Jimmy Watson, pastor of First Christian, will preach the sermon: "Let Jesus' Conscience Be Your Guide" at the 10:50 a.m. worship service.

This sermon is based on Luke 13:10-17.

In Dr. Watson's Sunday School class we will do an open Bible Study of Isaiah 58:9b-14 beginning at 9:45 a.m. on the top floor of the main building.

Van pick-up is available for children's Sunday School. Please call the church office at 267-7851.

First Assembly of God

This Sunday will be the final services in our annual Missions Convention.

In the morning service at 10:40,

Jan Christiansen with Teen Challenge International will be our guest and speaker.

In the evening service at 6 we will have Mike Smalley who is under appointment by the Assemblies of God Foreign Missions Department as a Missionary Evangelist.

Pastor Havener and the members of First Assembly located at Fourth and Lancaster invite you to join them this Sunday.

Coahoma United Methodist

We are very proud of our children and youth here at Coahoma Methodist, as they are involved in all the phases of our church life, and have acquitted themselves well inside and outside of the church building.

Usually, every fourth Sunday is reserved for our young people as they lead most of the parts of the

service, even at times delivering the sermon, but that is not limited to just that one Sunday, either.

If any young people wish to have such a relationship with a church, they are welcome to come visit us and see for themselves.

First Presbyterian Church

The sermon topic for Sunday is: "Barns and Treasures."

The Rev. Dianne Brown will deliver the sermon taken from Luke 12:13-21. Worship service begins at 11 a.m.

Sunday School for adults only will be held for the last time this week.

The First Sunday in September will be entitled "How Sweet It is!" with the appropriate sweet rolls, etc. to be served before Sunday School. Sunday School will be held for all ages beginning on Sunday, Sept. 2.

The First Sunday offering for September is school supplies for students who are in need of help. They may be left in the narthex of the church.

St. Mary's Episcopal

St. Mary's Patronal Feast Day will be celebrated Sunday.

Please join us for the morning service at 9:30.

An all parish dinnier will be served that evening at 6.

Part of our celebration will be thanking and honoring Bobbie Peters for her years of service to St. Mary's.

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Family Reunion for St. Paul Lutheran will be Sunday, at Comanche Trail Park at 6:30 p.m.

Next week watch for details about our small group Bible studies starting in September.

CLUB NEWS

The Sand Springs Lions

The Sand Springs Lions Club met Monday at the Coahoma Park for a family night picnic.

Phillip Reid, president, opened the special family night occasion with a prayer and then invited guests to serve themselves first.

The Sand Springs Lions Club meets the first and third Monday of each month at the Lions Club Community Center on Scout Hut Rd. in Sand Springs, at 6:30 p.m. All interested par-

ties are invited to attend. Special guest was Tommy Sullivan with other guests being Randy Overton, Kelly Overton, Bobby Sullivan, Neal, Rachel and Devin Barbee, Amy and April Choate, Canyon Daniels, Frances Mason, Lorene Barbee, Chad Winn and Jacque Mauch.

Big Spring Morning Optimist

Saturday marks the State Hospital bingo games, which are to be staged at the Activities Building at 1:30 p.m. This activity replaces the annual Optimist Miniature Golf Tourney, according to contact coordinator Jess

Looney. Participants will receive prizes for each game, with a special prize for "Blackout." Jess is bringing his famous chili; hot dogs will be served after the bingo games. Members are asked to arrive between 1 p.m. and 1:15 p.m. to help with this event.

The Optimist agenda for this year includes operating a concession stand for the October Arts and Crafts Fair the weekend of Oct. 20 at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, the Nov. 10 Special Olympics Bowling Tournament and the Optimist Christmas Tree Lot opening the first week after Thanksgiving.

Simply obeying God's rules improves the well being of the faithful and penitent

Among the many rules given to the Israelites through the Law of Moses is one concerning how to treat a nesting bird



Russ Mullins

(Deuteronomy 22:6,7). The law prohibited the killing of the mother bird sitting on her eggs or taking care of her young.

The young could be taken from the nest, but the mother was to be left.

Some scholars have suggested that ancient Hebrews considered this statute the least of all the commandments in the Law.

We can almost imagine the ancients scratching their heads over that one. God had given Israel numerous rules for living—from how to worship to how to treat their families and neighbors.

"What does how we treat a mother bird have to do with our relationship with or commitments to God? We just don't understand the connection."

Modern Americans can surely relate to this mistrust of rules. "Rules are made to be broken," we have been known to say.

The rules of the game, whether they be the rules

of golf or basketball or the rules of the road, are increasingly being viewed as unfairly arbitrary.

How many people refuse to wear seat belts while driving because they don't like the rule?

A recent court ruling resulted in the PGA being forced to change one of its rules because it was deemed unfair to someone who was physically handicapped in otherwise playing the game.

The last part of the passage provided all the rationale the Israelites needed to obey.

"In order that it may be well with you, and that you prolong your days," (vs.7).

Time and again Moses made it clear to the Israelites that if they would simply obey God's commandments it would be to their personal well being (Deuteronomy 4:40, 5:16,33; 6:3,18; 12:25,28; 19:13).

Even though they might have struggled to understand the reasons behind God's laws, they had His promise that as long as they obeyed they would be blessed.

And with their obedience, understanding would grow.

We still have that same promise from God.

Jesus taught about the worry free life. "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added

to you," (Matthew 6:33-34).

The apostle Paul wrote concerning the godly life, "Discipline yourself to the purpose of godliness; for bodily discipline is only of little profit, but godliness is profitable for all things, since it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come," (1 Timothy 4:7-8).

When Peter preached the gospel he made clear the conditions for salvation. "Repent and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit," (Acts 2:38).

Sometimes we don't understand the connection between obeying the rule and God's promise of blessing.

However, the blessing does not depend on understanding, but on the obedience of faith.

Augustine wrote in the fourth Century, "Understanding is the reward of faith. Therefore, seek not to understand that you may believe, but believe that you may understand."

A blessed life boils down to trust. Trusting God by obeying God even when you do not fully understand, so that it may go well with you.

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Norman, Furyk lead Woods by one at NEC Invitational

AKRON, Ohio (AP) — Many people probably thought Greg Norman had retired from competitive golf and was spending his time in corporate meetings, flying his helicopter, sailing his boats and fishing off the coast of Florida.

In the first round of the NEC Invitational, Norman proved he is far from ready to trade his golf clubs for a briefcase or a rod and reel.

The 46-year-old Norman shot a 5-under-par 65 Thursday to share the lead with Jim Furyk, one stroke ahead of Tiger Woods.

Norman said few besides himself believe he's capable of winning

again. "The only reason I'm out here playing is I still believe I can," Norman said after leading a tournament for the first time in four years. "Even in the down times, like the middle of this year or the last couple of years, I never lost sight of that. I've never lost sight of the belief that I can do it."

Furyk and Woods were the only players in the elite 39-man field at Breestone Country Club who didn't have a bogey.

Woods, the two-time defending champion, did it despite losing 9 pounds in the last eight days because of food poisoning. In the

midst of his sickness, he has been putting his swing through a tuneup.

"I feel like I'm starting to put things together," said Woods, who won the NEC by 11 strokes last year.

"Even when you're a little bit off, you have to put it back piece by piece. It's going to take a little time. You've got to be patient, but it's starting to come back."

Woods said he heard he's in a slump because he hasn't finished in the top 10 in his last five tournaments.

"People who say that really don't understand how fickle this game is," he said. "Even the best players

in the world are going to go through phases where they just really are not playing as well."

Furyk's round featured a short birdie chip-in on the 625-yard 16th hole, known as "The Monster."

After playing in the third group off the tee and taking the early lead, he said he was pleased to have gotten off to a fast start.

"It's definitely not my tournament to lose," he said. "I'm not leading by five going into Sunday or something like that. I look at it as an opportunity. Whether I'm leading or in fifth place, it doesn't matter to me. I'm just happy I played a good, solid round."

Steers survive scrimmage, claim 13-6 win

By JEFF MORRIS
Sports Editor

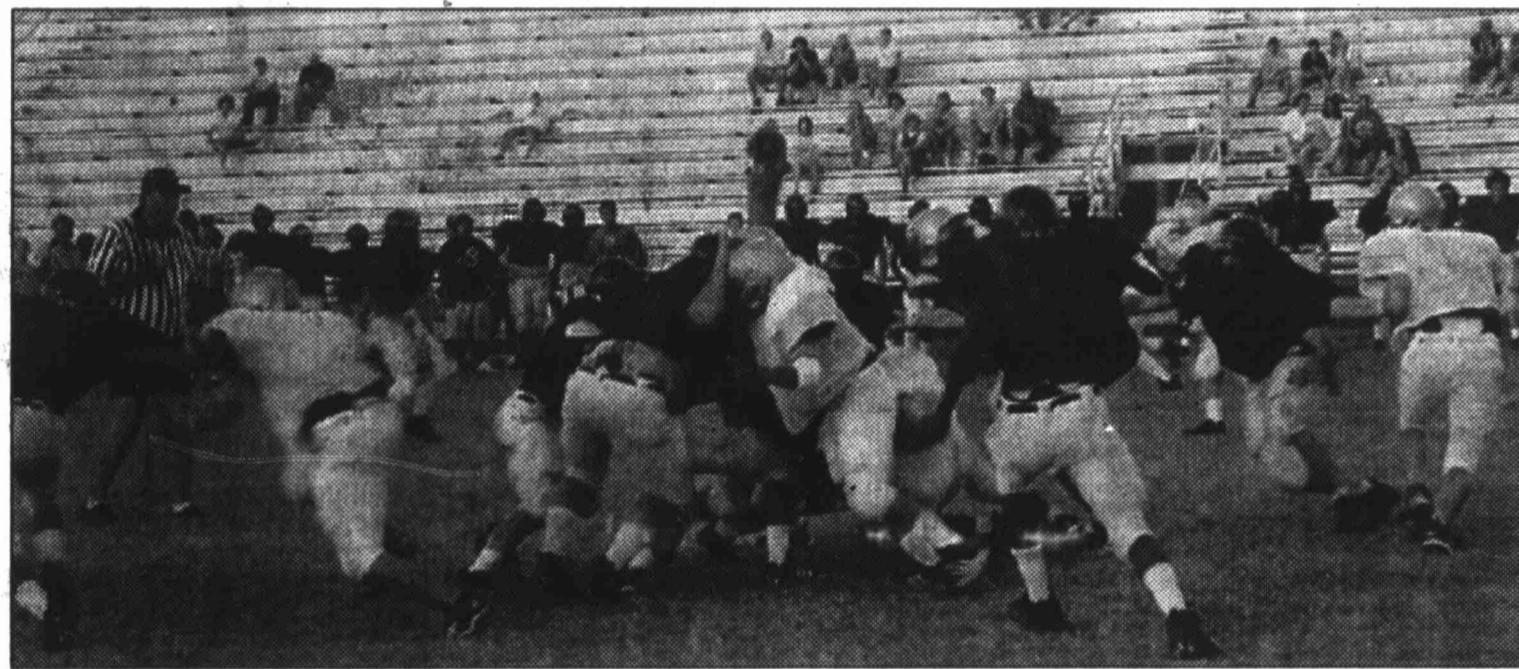
LAMESA — Ronnie Johnson, a 6-foot, 165-pound Big Spring junior, never broke stride Thursday night when he caught a Wesley Smith pass during the final minute of Thursday night's scrimmage at Lamesa High School. His 36-yard reception set up the winning touchdown two plays later when junior Eric Chavez capped the three-play scoring drive with a 4-yard run right up the middle of the Golden Tornadoes Class 3A defensive unit, giving Big Spring a 13-6 lead with 32 seconds left. James Holmes added the extra point for a 13-6 final that gave the Steers something to celebrate after their first game-style scrimmage.

"You looked pretty good once you got going," Big Spring coach Dwight Butler told his team after the win. "We need to learn from this, though, that we can't wait two or three quarters to get going. We'll see some of the same things next week (at Sweetwater), so we just can't wait next Friday night. They run the option too, so we just can't wait for the second quarter to get going. We need to come in focused. We showed some emotion for a change and I appreciate that."

"This is a good start, so lets come back next week and practice like it's a game and come out focus with some emotion because I'm telling you, you can't wait against good people and we



HERALD photo/Jeff Morris
Big Spring coach Dwight Butler gave Larry Thompson a word of encouragement after he made a big defensive play during Thursday's scrimmage at Lamesa High.



HERALD photo/Jeff Morris
The Big Spring Steers got their first taste of live action against another team Thursday night when the Class 4A team traveled to Class 3A Lamesa for a two-quarter scrimmage that started with controlled kicking sessions. In the above photo, the Steers were on defense, stopping a Golden Tornadoes run up the middle before winning the preseason action.

don't have any bad ones on our schedule," Butler told his Steers.

He went on to explain the game-week plan and told his team that this is the last Friday night they have to fool around. Then he cautioned them to stay safe, do the right things over the weekend and come back ready to practice like winners next week.

Thursday's scrimmage started with situation work, giving both teams time to work on the punting and kicking games before a controlled set of offensive and defensive sets gave way to a live two-quarter scrimmage, simulating game situations with everything but kickoffs.

Lamesa scored first during the opening 12-minute quarter, taking a 6-0 lead on a 20-yard Koby Page pass to Derrick Hunter. The pair had hooked up for a long scoring pass two plays earlier, but yellow flags littered the field, preventing the points from being posted.

Big Spring evened the affair at 6-6 when Curtis Woodruff ran 50 yards down the right sideline, giving Big Spring its first bright spot to start the second period of play. James Holmes was wide to the right on his point-after-attempt, leaving the scrimmage knotted.

The Big Spring defensive unit took control of the game, giving the Steers momentum by stopping the Golden Tornadoes' rushing attack before Larry Thompson intercepted Page at the 36-yard line, setting up the winning drive. After the Steers stopped a run up

the middle for no gain, Tim Overton got penetration on an option play, stuffing it for a 7-yard loss before a face mask penalty gave Lamesa a first down at the 36-yard line. But Johnson plucked a Page pass from the air after a 2-yard run, giving Big Spring a chance to run its two-minute offense.

The final drive got going quickly with a 36-yard pass from Smith to Johnson before Chavez rambled 11 yards for a first-and-goal at the 4-yard line. Chavez capped the three-play drive on the next play, giving Big Spring a 7-point lead with 32 seconds left.

"We had a little emotion for a change, so that was a good thing because football is a game of emotion," Butler said as his players munched their post-game meal. "We lost that with Bowe, so we've got to find some new emotional leaders — like Mike Smith. He's our only one on defense, so he has to be the bell cow now. But we need Clarence Wilkins and our six seniors to step up and take charge of our team. This is their team and their time, so it's their time to step up."

Big Spring notes

The Steers started on offense during the initial offensive work Thursday, putting together a 15-play drive to 10-yard line before being stopped on a fourth-and-one situation in the red zone. Woodruff got the call on the fourth-down situation, but was stopped for a 2-yard loss when he tried to make a cut in the back field.

"He's a young guy

(junior) who just doesn't understand that situation yet. Heck, he's 6-3, so he could fall forward for a first down, but he tried to make a cut back there and he just learned about fourth-and-one. I'd rather have him learn it tonight than next week," Butler said after the scrimmage.

On the Steers second offensive series, Chavez started with a 10-yard run and added five more on the next play before Smith suffered his first sack of the season. Chavez gained the ground back on a 6-yard screen to the left before ripping off runs of five, 16 and seven yards before Smith shocked Lamesa with a scoring strike. Smith, a 6-1, 165-pound sophomore quarterback threw his first touchdown toss to senior Sam Gray.

On the ensuing defensive series, Big Spring flexed its defensive muscles, stopping the Tornadoes in the red zone.

Adam Solis and Tim Overton both made tackles before Larry Thompson managed a 1-yard quarterback sack. Brandon Mendoza and Josh Mathews combined to break up a long pass down the right sideline before Clarence Wilkins saved a Lamesa score, stopping Marcus Bunton short of the goal line for a 45-yard sideline scamper to the red zone. On the next play, Gray broke up a pass at the goal line and Kylan Wegner, who had a busy night at fullback, stopped a sweep before Curtis Woodruff sacked Page for a 5-yard loss. Chris Yanez and Jerod Boyd combined for a 1-yard

loss on the next play and Tim Overton helped Yanez put an end to the Golden Tornadoes' drive with another 5-yard loss, giving Big Spring the ball back.

Butler said he was pleased with the overall progress his Steers made Thursday.

"We had a lot of bright spots tonight. I was pleased with our kicking game. Gonzales is going to be a good punter and James Helms did a good job on extra points. We'll keep working on his consistency, but we just need to focus in and be emotional from the start because we've got so many young people playing, who simply do not have varsity experience yet. I looked out there and saw several sophomores lining up at one time. We've only got six seniors, so we're teaching them to play and you can't teach them on the sideline," Butler said.

Injury updates

Bryan Giles, 6-2, 320-pound senior did not play due to a nagging left knee injury that has hampered him since last season. He said he was scheduled to see the doctor Monday for an MRI, but that he hoped to move the appointment up to today.

"If I need surgery, well, I'll wait until after the season because this is my senior season and I'm not sitting out. I plan to play," he said.

Also on the injured list was junior James Hodnett, who has been held out due to a "sore left shoulder." Butler said he could be out for the year, but that it was too early to tell.

Cowboys close camp with more questions

OXNARD, Calif. (AP) — Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones thinks he's in the process of putting together a winning team, but he's not too specific on what year the victories will begin.

Before training camp opened in Wichita Falls about five weeks ago, Jones had predicted a 10-win season. Now, as camp draws to a close Friday in this Pacific Coast town, Jones isn't quite so bold.

"This is a long season," Jones said. "You have got a lot of time to get better and I have a lot of patience."

Instead of addressing the problems that dogged the Cowboys before camp started — uncertainty at quarterback, lack of a third

receiving option and inconsistency at cornerback — they leave California with many of those same problems.

That's an ominous sign for a team that failed to beat a team with a winning record on its way to a 5-11 finish — Dallas' worst mark since 1989.

But the Cowboys remain resilient. Jones refuses to admit that the club is rebuilding, although all indications are that some sort of reconstruction is underway.

Dallas will enter this season without Troy Aikman, Chad Hennings, Leon Lett, Erik Williams and Dale Hellestrae, all players with ties to the Cowboys' string of three Super Bowl championships in the 1990s.

Who are the remaining links to the Cowboys' glorious past? Well, there's veterans Emmitt Smith and Darren Woodson. That's it.

Replacing those other longtime Cowboys are a mix of rookies, career backups and guys trying to revive stalled careers.

The players the Cowboys will be counting on as the season approaches are: rookie quarterback Quincy Carter, who suffered through a miserable starting debut last week; a group of starters at defensive tackle and cornerback who've never started an NFL game before; and a receiving corps that starts Joey Galloway and Raghieb Ismail, who both had their 2000 seasons prematurely ended by knee injuries, and

eight other players that have frustrated the coaching staff with their inconsistency.

But coach Dave Campo remains confident that he'll be able to field a competitive squad.

"We've been getting in a lot of good, quality work over the last few weeks," Campo said. "This team is going into the season feeling good."

Injuries have prevented coaches from getting an accurate read on cornerback and receiver candidates, but Campo thinks he can mine some talent out of that collection of players.

"We've got guys we can win with," he said. "We've got a lot of evaluations left to do, but there's some athleticism and talent."

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Yankees beat Rangers

ARLINGTON (AP) — Skipping batting practice might have gotten Bernie Williams headed back in the right direction.

On a day when the New York Yankees didn't take batting practice and didn't even have to be in the clubhouse until about an hour before the game, Williams had four hits as the Yankees beat the Texas Rangers 5-2 Thursday night.

"Sometimes you need that. I thought it was a good move by 'Skipper,'" Williams said. "We just had to prepare mentally for the game rather than physically."

After losing 8-1 and 13-3 to the Rangers the previous two nights, manager Joe Torre chose not to have the players hit before a night game for the first time this season.

"I came to the park with a clear mind," Williams said. "I chilled a little in the clubhouse, stretched and then got dressed."

Williams led off the second inning with a single, then scored the game's first run on Todd Greene's RBI double, putting the Yankees ahead to stay. Williams also had two doubles before grounding out in the ninth.

The 4-for-5 effort, his first four-hit game of the season, raised his average six points to .311. That is still down from the .321 average he had at the All-Star break six weeks ago.

"When you're in the middle of the lineup, that's a significant drop," Torre said. "It's just a little bit of a flat spot he's gone through."

While the Yankees maintained their four-game lead of Boston in the AL East, the Rangers became the first team to be mathematically eliminated from winning their division.

Texas is 56-72, 36 games behind Seattle with 34 games left.

"I don't think people realize just how good a year Seattle has had," Rangers manager Jerry Narron said.

Sterling Hitchcock (3-2), picked over Ted Lilly to remain in the Yankees' starting rotation when Orlando Hernandez returned this week, allowed just two runs in 6 1-3 innings.

When the Rangers got runners on first and third to start the fifth, Hitchcock got Alex Rodriguez on a foul pop and Rafael Palmeiro — who homered the inning before — on an infield popout. Chad Curtis then flew out to end the inning.

For Hitchcock, it was another step in his long recovery from elbow surgery last year.

"At both ends, mentally and physically, this was the best one. I'm getting close," said Hitchcock, who made his fifth New York start since being acquired in a trade from San Diego. "It's a confidence builder, for sure."

Mariano Rivera pitched the ninth for his 39th save in 44 chances.

Derek Jeter snapped a 1-for-18 slump with a homer in the second inning, and Chuck Knoblauch's solo homer capped a three-run third, leaving the Yankees ahead, 5-0.

Texas starter Rob Bell (4-3) allowed five runs and 10 hits in 6 1-3 innings. In five August starts, Bell is 0-3 with a 10.60 ERA.

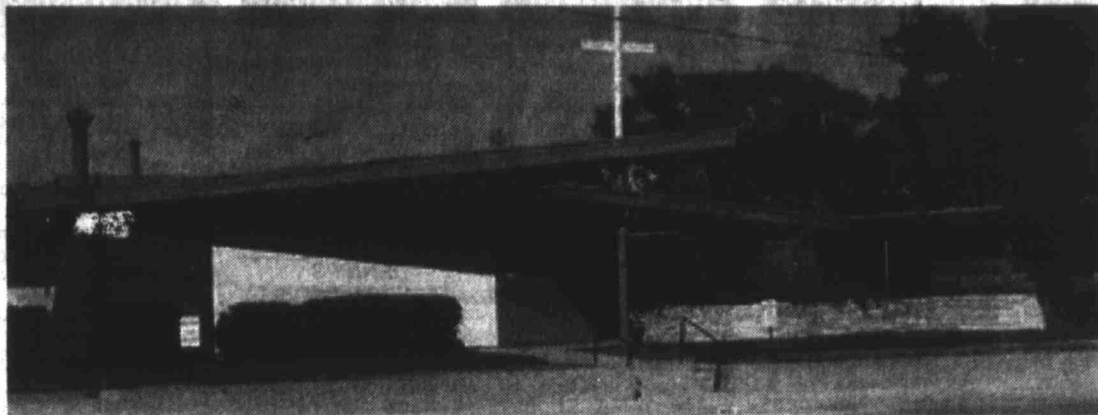
The Rangers got their only runs in the fourth when Palmeiro led off with a 409-foot homer and Bill Haselman added an RBI double.

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Information overload may be cause of loss of memory

Dear Ann Landers: I am a 35-year-old married woman and the mother of two boys. I have started to forget things, and I'm worried that perhaps this is a symptom of something serious.

I recently went to the doctor for the first time in years and could not remember how old I was. (I was off by one year.) I had no recollection of the brand name of my birth-control pills. It was humiliating. My children have reminded me of concerts we attended together, sporting events I have watched, plots of television programs I know I've seen - yet I can barely remember these things unless prompted and given plenty of clues - and it's getting worse.

I am in awe of people who can recall dates and times of events in their past. To me, last week is so vague, it could have been five years ago. The doctor said I probably have a lot on my mind, but my memory slippage is enormously upsetting to me. Could it be that something is wrong with my brain? Please, Ann, give me some answers to this worrisome problem. - Ditzzy in Tampa, Fla.

Dear Tampa Ditz: What you describe may be nothing more than "information overload" - not uncommon for someone past 30, especially if that someone is caring for two children. Use calendars and memo pads to help you remember upcoming appointments and things you need to take care of. Have a specific place for your car keys and purse, and use it every time. Pay attention when you put something down so you can recall where it is later. A lot of memory slips are due to lack of concentration.

If you truly feel something is amiss, or if the memory problems become more acute, I suggest you return to your doctor, tell him you want another opinion, and ask him for a referral to a neurologist.

Dear Ann Landers: I just read the letter from "Worried Mom in the Southwest," who snooped through her daughter's diary and discovered the

girl was becoming intimate with her boyfriend. Why is their relationship so poor that Mom has to read her daughter's private journal in order to find out what is going on in her daughter's life?

I will never understand why parents feel entitled to snoop through their children's personal belongings. My mother was very controlling. She was not interested in my thoughts or ideas unless she felt I was doing something wrong. She never trusted me. Instead of talking to me directly, she would go through my drawers and read my diary. I cannot tell you how much that hurt our relationship.

If your daughter has a diary revealing a secret life, it means you have failed to let her know she can come to you with her problems without being judged, punished or shamed. My mother's snooping created serious problems between us. To outmaneuver her, I used to sneak around, and I became an expert at revealing as little as possible.

I wasn't a bad kid, Ann, but the way my mother treated me made me feel worthless. Parents who snoop lose their children's trust. It is a heavy price to pay. - Still Hurting in Arizona

Dear Arizona: You have written a letter that is so rich in content there is no need for me to say more. The bottom line is that if you treat your children in a way that lets them know you expect the best behavior from them, chances are good that they will come through for you. The reverse, unfortunately, is also true.

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BRIDGE REPAIR in HOWARD County, etc will be opened on September 27, 2001 at 3:00 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$194,718.60. Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TXDOT. Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TXDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TXDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read:

CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE CONTRACT (S) District: Abilene Contract 6055-01-001 for REMOVE AND REPLACE CATTLEGUARDS in HOWARD County, etc will be opened on September 27, 2001 at 2:00 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$70,268.58 Contract 6055-02-001 for

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PUBLIC NOTICE ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSALS The Big Spring Independent School District shall receive sealed proposals until 2:00 p.m., September 6, 2001, for the following area: Financing Package for Technology Equipment Specifications and proposal documents may be secured from the school district's Business Office, 708 Eleventh Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720-4610, phone number (915) 264-3640. Proposals will be received in the Business Office of the Big Spring Independent School District until the above listed date and time. Proposals received after the above deadline will be returned unopened. Proposals will be presented for consideration to the Board of Trustees on September 13, 2001, at 5:15 p.m. at their regularly scheduled board meeting. The Big Spring Independent School District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. 3290 August 24 & 30, 2001 PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT L.C.S. Production Company P.O. Box 8663 Abilene, TX 79608-6663 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas. The applicant proposes to inject fluid in the San Andres Formation, Prior Lease, Well Number 2. The proposed injection well is located 9.5 miles NW of Big Spring in the Varel (San Andres) Field, in Howard County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3135 to 3170 feet. LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended. Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas. Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792). 3291 August 24, 2001

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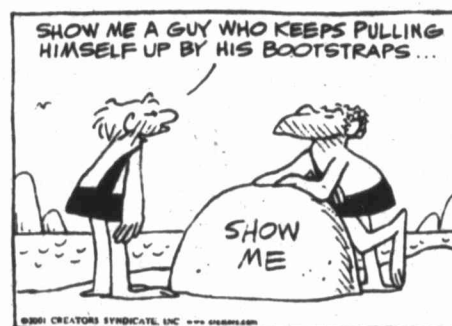
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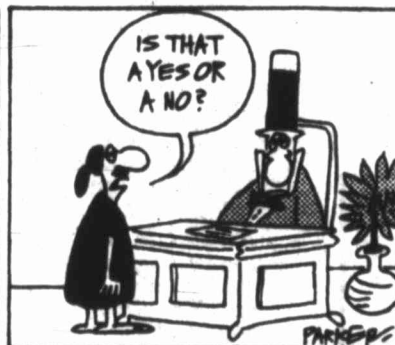
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Today is Friday, Aug. 24, the 236th day of 2001. There are 129 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 24, 1949, the North Atlantic Treaty went into effect.

On this date: In A.D. 79, long-dormant Mount Vesuvius erupted, burying the Roman cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum in volcanic ash. An estimated 20,000 people died.

In 1572, the slaughter of French Protestants at the hands of Catholics began in Paris.

In 1814, British forces invaded Washington D.C., setting fire to the Capitol and the White House.

In 1932, Amelia Earhart became the first woman to fly non-stop across the United States, traveling from Los Angeles to Newark, N.J., in just over

19 hours.

In 1954, the Communist Control Act went into effect, virtually outlawing the Communist Party in the United States.

In 1968, France became the world's fifth thermonuclear power as it exploded a hydrogen bomb in the South Pacific.

In 1981, Mark David Chapman was sentenced in New York to 20 years to life in prison for slaying rock star John Lennon.

In 1989, Baseball Commissioner A. Bartlett Giamatti banned Cincinnati Reds manager Pete Rose from the game for gambling.

In 1989, The Voyager 2 space probe flew by Neptune, sending back striking photographs.

In 1992, Hurricane Andrew smashed into Florida.

Today's Birthdays: Former Education Secretary Shirley Hufstedler is 76. Actor Kenny Baker ("Star Wars") is 67. Composer-musician Mason Williams is 63. Rock-

musician Jim Capaldi (Traffic) is 57. Rock musician Ken Hensley (Uriah Heep) is 56. Actor Joe Regalbuto is 52. Boxer Gerry Cooney is 45. Actor Stephen Fry is 44. Actor Steve Guttenberg is 43. Baseball player Cal Ripken Jr. is 41. Talk show host Craig Kilborn ("The Late Show") is 39. Rock singer John Bush (Anthrax) is 38. Actress Marlee Matlin is 36. Country singer Kristyn Osborn (SheDaisy) is 31. Actor-comedian Dave Chappelle is 28. Actor Carmine Giovinazzo ("Shasta McNasty") is 28.

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Newsday Crossword

SHORT STUFF by A.J. Santora
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Writer Wilde
 - 6 In the cards
 - 11 Energy
 - 14 Subject
 - 15 French pupil
 - 16 "It's ___win situation!"
 - 17 Don Ho song
 - 19 Baton Rouge sch.
 - 20 Make a choice
 - 21 Always
 - 22 A little bit
 - 24 Mama Cass ___
 - 26 Reluctant
 - 27 Young baseballer
 - 31 Actress Dunne
 - 32 Does it wrong
 - 33 Doctors' org.
 - 36 Waldorf servings
 - 38 More colorless
 - 41 Wheel of Fortune buy
 - 42 "... ways to skin ___"
 - 46 Wallop
 - 47 Insignificant
 - 51 Stick-on
 - 53 When some shifts start
 - 54 "A dillar, ___..."
 - 56 Pacers' st.
 - 57 Soft food
 - 60 Tuck partner
 - 61 Dodger legend
 - 64 Sch. subject
 - 65 Sunday mag sections
 - 66 Overact
- DOWN**
- 1 Anne Frank's father
 - 2 Craft
 - 3 Minimal money
 - 4 "Once in Love With ___"
 - 5 Mutinied
 - 6 Over 98.6
 - 7 Priestly garb
 - 8 '60s communications satellite
 - 9 All tied up
 - 10 Former Hollywood studio
 - 11 Chilean seaport
 - 12 Small news photo
 - 13 Yap
 - 18 River to the Ubangi
 - 23 Mystery writer
 - 24 Italian mount
 - 25 Anthem word
 - 27 Bar's sister
 - 28 Where Meshed is
 - 29 Farseeing
 - 30 Govt. purchasing org.
 - 34 Dole (out)
 - 35 War god
 - 37 Pitcher Maglie
 - 39 Arch area
 - 40 Abominate
 - 43 Red wines
 - 44 Quick
 - 45 Most stylish
 - 48 ___ de mer
 - 49 NFLer's honor
 - 50 Fork unit
 - 51 ___ Macabre
 - 52 Decree
 - 55 It's a long time
 - 57 Unskilled worker
 - 58 Hammett hound
 - 59 Pressure applier?
 - 62 Trouble
 - 63 Rhea cousin

