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WEATHER

Tonight:



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INSIDE

RUNAWAY EMU

Animal control captured an emu on Yale Avenue last week. No one has claimed the big bird yet.

COMING SUNDAY

TIGER WOODS TEACHES GOLF

Tiger Woods, the 2002 Master's champion, explains his approach to the game and offers tips for golfers of all ages.

WHAT'S UP

TODAY

□ Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY

□ Gideons International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at Herman's Restaurant at 7 a.m.

□ Big Spring Senior Center art classes, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for those 55 and over.

□ Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. at Gale's Sweet Shoppe, 1706 East FM 700.

□ Friends of the Library meets at noon at the Howard County Library, 500 Main.

□ Big Spring Main Street meets at noon at the Railroad Museum, Second and Main.

□ Christmas in April meets at noon at Bob's Custom Woodwork, 409 East Third.

□ Kiwanis Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

□ American Legion Auxiliary meets at 6 p.m. 3203 West Hwy. 80.

□ Masonic Lodge 1340, 7:30 p.m. 2101 Lancaster.

□ Masonic Lodge 598 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 219 Main.

FRIDAY

□ Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or

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HERALD photo/John A. Moseley
Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs discusses economic development issues with Jim Little prior to the start of her rural economic roundtable discussion with Big Spring and Howard County community leaders at the Dora Roberts Community Center this morning.

Nature tourism good draw for rural Texas, commissioner says

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Managing Editor
Small, non-traditional and well-marketed businesses catering to tourism are some of the best bets for rural economic development in West Texas.

That was the message offered by Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs this morning when she met with approximately 30 community leaders to discuss the Texas Department of

"Rural communities need to look at what people from urban areas are drawn to."

Susan Combs, Texas Agriculture Commissioner

Agriculture's efforts to promote economic development in rural areas across the state. Combs, a fourth-gen-

eration rancher who owns a cow-calf operation in Brewster County near Marathon, noted that the TDA's focus on rural economic development came as a result of the Texas Legislature's efforts to address a \$6.5 billion decline in cash revenues from agriculture between 1996 and 1999. "As a result, the Department of Agriculture's functions have changed to

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9-1-1 moves to a new home

More space may allow for dispatching in future

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Since 1987, Howard County citizens have been able to dial three simple digits to summon emergency police or sheriff, fire or medical service.

Fifteen years later, the Howard County 9-1-1 Communication District is still moving forward — this time into a new building. The district held an open house Tuesday at its new quarters, 610 S. Main St.

The building, the old First Federal Savings and Loan building, is many times larger than the district's old office at the Sparenburg Building, said administrative assistant Vicki Osburn.

"Just the conference room is twice as big as the old office," she said. "Down at the Sparenburg Building, he had one room. One office, trying to get everything in that one little space. You've seen the equipment, it takes one

NEW ADDRESS

Howard County 9-1-1 Communication District is located at 610 S. Main St. in the old First Federal Savings and Loan building.

room all by itself. If you're going to try to train dispatchers or expand in any way, you have to have more room."

Osburn said she's pleased with the district's new home.

"It's a beautiful building," she said. "It's got a lot of potential for expansion too. We're going to be able to do a lot with it."

Howard County 9-1-1 District Director Tommy Sullivan said he's also happy with the move.

"It's great," he said. "We needed the space. It was

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HERALD photo/Roger Cline
The conference room at the new Howard County 9-1-1 Communication District office gives the local emergency communication personnel room to spread out. From left, Southwestern Bell representative Carroll Husted, Howard County Volunteer Firefighter Terry Rumpff, Southwestern Bell representative Sam McClung and 9-1-1 Director Tommy Sullivan admire a map printed on the district's new 40-inch printer.

Local officials pleased with district's new location

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Big Spring Fire Marshal Carl Condray said he's happy to see 9-1-1 move into a bigger building.

"I'm proud to see them in their new office," he said. "I think they've got room to grow now and maybe work toward better things to come in the years ahead."

The 9-1-1 system has

done a lot to improve emergency response in Howard County, he said.

"I know we've seen a lot of dispatch scenarios and consistently the calls are routed quicker, with greater clarity and with less confusion since 9-1-1 has come in," he said. "We find it at the fire department particularly handy with the level of system we have that

"I think they've got room to grow now and maybe work toward better things to come in the years ahead."

Carl Condray, Big Spring Fire Marshal



they can identify the address of the call, have the call enhanced, as well as

all the calls are recorded. We've often gone back to reference some of those calls, the

nature of the calls, in our investigation or simply for our dispatch."

Police Chief Lonnie Smith said he's also happy with the new 9-1-1 quarters.

"I'm proud that they found themselves a facility to house themselves in where they don't have to pay people rent," Smith said.

Chief Smith said the police have always

had a good relationship with 9-1-1.

"I think we've had a good partnership since the conception of it," he said. "With each leader and the board that they have, they've always bent over backwards to help us if we need equipment. They make sure that our emergency 9-1-1 equipment is as up to date

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HERALD Photo/Andrea Medlin
Jacob Wylie and William Carson paint their planets in the likeness of Jupiter Tuesday in "Space" class at Kid's College. Howard College offers the summer program as a fun learning experience for children in first to sixth grade. The classes continue through July 18.

Kids College

Summer fun for the younger crowd

By BILL McCLELLAN

News Editor

Got a bored child? It's not too late to sign them up for Kids College, an

eight-day fun and education activity at Howard College for children in the first through sixth grades.

"Our numbers are up from last year, but

we've still got some space for children who would like to participate," said Rebecca Villaneuva, Howard College coordinator for continuing education.

Kids College began Monday and runs through

Thursday, July 18.

Registration is \$74 per child for either the morning or evening session. Children can attend both sessions if they like, and many do.

"Snacks are provided during each session. Children who stay all day need to bring a sack lunch," said Villaneuva.

Sessions are from 8 a.m. to noon and from 1 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Among the classes children can choose from are Indians, crafts, music and Angel a Day.

"For Angel a Day, the children try and make one angel each day. Sometimes it takes two days. It's been real popular. They are seasonal angels," said Villaneuva.

Other classes include

INFORMATION

What: Kid's College

Where: Howard College

When: 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday through July 18.

Fee: \$74 per session (morning or afternoon).

For: Children in the first through sixth grades.

To enroll: Call 264-5131.

Japan, drama, scrapbooking, rain forest, ooey goeey

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OBITUARIES

Linda Kay Lee Pike

Funeral service for Linda Kay Lee Pike, 41, of Big Spring, will be at 4 p.m. Thursday, July 11, 2002, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Arnold Tonn, pastor of Spring Tabernacle Church, officiating.



Mrs. Pike died on Sunday, July 7, in a local hospital. She was born on August 22, 1960, in Odessa and married Tony Alan Pike on October 8, 1998, in Big Spring. She attended Spring Tabernacle Church.

Survivors include her husband, Tony Pike of Big Spring; one son and daughter-in-law, Larry (Chubby) Jonathan Lee and Crystal; one granddaughter, Taylor Kay Lee; one daughter, Lindsey K. Lee, all of Big Spring; her mother and step-father, Yolanda Lee and Preston Myrick of Big Spring; one sister, Cynthia Lee Nickerson of Houston; three half-sisters, Sandra, Nancy and Brenda all of West Virginia; her grandmother, Candelaria Jimenez; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

After the services, everyone is invited to join the family at 7490 S. Service Road.

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

Funerals

Thomas Madry

Graveside funeral service for Thomas Madry, 64, of Big Spring will be 10 a.m. Thursday, July 11, 2002, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park with Dr. Claude Craven, retired Baptist minister, officiating.

Mr. Madry died Tuesday, July 9, at a local nursing home.

He was born on March 12, 1938, in Lamesa. He grew up in Midland and worked in commercial construction all his life. He moved to Big Spring in 1999. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include one daughter, Vonda Kay Willmon of Midland; one son, Charles Lee Madry; one sister, Barbara Murphy of Big Spring; one brother, Jerry McElreath of Tucson, Ariz.; and two grandchildren.

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

Cleo Berniece Aldridge

Funeral service for Cleo Berniece Aldridge, 91, of Burleson, formerly of Big Spring will be 11 a.m. Friday, July 12, 2002, at McCoy Chapel of Memories with the Rev. Orvel Brantley officiating. Burial will be at Sweetwater Cemetery.

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Mrs. Aldridge died Monday, July 8, at a nursing home in Burleson.

She was born July 18, 1910, in Pioneer and married Hubert G. Aldridge in Cisco. He preceded her in death in 1982. She was a member of Fourth Street Baptist Church in Big Spring. She worked as a church nursery keeper for many years. She lived in Sweetwater from 1942 to 1955 and in Big Spring from 1955 to 1995 and in Burleson since 1995.

Survivors include one son, Darrell Aldridge of Albuquerque, N.M.; one daughter, Donna June Aldridge Kidd of Burleson; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of McCoy Funeral Home in Sweetwater.

Taxiways at airpark will get lighting

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

A planned runway lighting project at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark will now include lighting for the airport's taxiways as well as the two main runways.

At its council meeting Tuesday evening, the Big Spring City Council voted unanimously to accept additional grant money from the Texas Department of Transportation to pay for the project.

The original runway lighting was projected at \$750,000. The pricetag for the entire lighting project is \$1,175,410. The city will pay a sponsor's share of 10 percent of the total cost, said City Manager Gary Fuqua.

"Runway 624, which is the east-west crossway, and 1735 were part of the original \$750,000 grant," said Airpark Manager Jim Curtiss. "We had gone back to (TxDOT) for the taxiways because once you land, getting to the terminal by the taxiways at night was getting to be hazardous. They finally agreed to go the extra money, which took it from \$750,000 to \$1.17 million."

Curtiss said the runways were originally lit during the airport's Webb Air Force Base days, but prairie dogs have wreaked havoc with the wiring.

"The prairie dogs had eaten the wiring in half and created such a maintenance issue that we couldn't get them working again," he said. "With the new system that they're coming in with, we're putting prairie dog-resistant PVC around the wires and we're going to relight the taxiways and the runways."

Curtiss said the new system will allow pilots to manually brighten the runway lights.

"When a pilot's coming in at night, fog or no fog, spying that runway is difficult," he said. "On his microphone, on the intercom, he can click that seven times and it intensifies the lighting so he can see the landing. It increases the safety factor not only for himself but for the people in the areas."

Curtiss said the taxiway lights are also critical. "They would come off the runways and we would see them rotating back and



CURTISS

forth with their landing lights to try to find their way through the taxiways," he said. "That becomes a big hazard as well."

Traffic at the airpark has been increasing over the past year, Curtiss said.

"We went from 89 operations a month a year ago to 240 operations a month right now," he said. "A lot of that has to do with the fact that we have a brand-new terminal and the word's getting around that it's a nice facility. We have a pilot's lounge. The Medivac has increased dramatically because now the pilot has a comfortable place to sit and wait for the four or five hours sometimes that they have to wait."

In other business, the council:

- Approved a resolution calling for amendment of Article 11, Section 11 of the Texas Constitution. The article provides that municipal officers such as city council members whose term of office exceeds two years and who announce their candidacy for any other office automatically resign their municipal office already held. The desired amendment would exempt cities with less than 50,000 people from the requirement.

- Approved the final reading of an amendment authorizing a three-year agreement with West, Davis and Co. LLP for audit services.

- Approved the final reading of a resolution changing the authorized representatives for the city's TexPool investment accounts. The change will name Assistant City Finance Director Debbie Green as a representative, as well as Finance Director Peggy Walker and Mayor Russ McEwen. Walker, then assistant finance director, was already on the books when Finance Director Tom Ferguson retired. Green was recently named assistant finance director by the city and needs to be added to the account.

- Awarded a \$141,848.20 contract to ALON (Fina Oil) of Big Spring to provide 178,000 gallons of AC-5 asphalt for the city's seal coating needs. The contract includes a clause which would allow the city to buy up to an extra 25 percent at the same unit price of \$0.7969. The city mailed out four bid packets and received no response from Marathon Oil, Valero Diamond Shamrock or Bridges Asphalt Products.

- Heard a report from City Manager Gary Fuqua about a local litter cleanup using misdemeanor offenders sentenced to community service. The cleanup will focus on the FM 700 and possibly Westover Road and is scheduled for July 13.

The council meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month in their chambers, 307 E. Fourth St.

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RURAL

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some extent," Combs told her audience. "We are dedicated to agriculture and will continue to be. At the same time, we have to recognize that Texas is becoming an increasingly urban state. "A vast majority of the state's population is located on the I-35 corridor or east of it and that's a trend that's going to continue," she added, noting that those demographics will continue

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

to make improving economic development in West Texas a priority. "That means you're seeing our agency doing things we wouldn't have been doing five or 10 years ago. Our focus can't just be on agriculture and for many years it was."

Combs added that the TDA's approach has been to stress small businesses that naturally lend themselves to specific communities. With that in mind, Combs noted that Big Spring and the surrounding area has a number of options when it comes to economic development.

"Big Spring can do just about whatever Big Spring wants to do and we want to help," she added. "But to some extent you have to think outside the box."

One of those "outside the box" areas the commissioner stressed was nature tourism, which has become a \$40 billion industry in Texas.

"Texas is the No. 1 birding state in the country," Combs noted. "We've got communities in the state that receive \$2.5 million in economic impact over a three- or four-month period from people observing, feeding and photographing birds."

Combs also noted that wineries are a huge draw for some communities, and stressed that Big Spring's elevation of approximately 2,500 feet is excellent for growing grapes.

Wineries not only generate income from producing wines, Combs explained, but are a tremendous draw for tourism.

"Rural communities need to look at what people from urban areas are drawn to," she said. "Wines and wineries are of great interest to them. Horticulture is a big draw, as well. It's a \$1.4 billion industry that's now bigger than cotton production in Texas. People who live in cities are drawn to color."

As a result, flower gardens, butterfly gardens and the like have tremendous appeal and growing potential.

In addition, West Texas' clear skies that don't suffer from light pollution from major cities offer a tremendous attraction for groups interested in astronomy.

Just as important as capitalizing on what the community has to offer tourists and enhancing those opportunities, Combs said, is how effectively a community markets itself.

She stressed that Big Spring and other communities its size should make the most of Web sites — their own, as well as others that promote tourism — without spending a great deal of advertising money.

MARKETS

Noon quotes provided by Edward Jones & Co.

AT&T	10.2 + 19
Archer-Daniels	12.14 + 01
Atmos Energy	22.11 - 53
BP PLC ADR	50.11 + 16
ChevronTexaco	86.47 - 48
Citigroup	38 + 43
Cornell	12.98 - 01
Dell	25.02 + 28
Du Pont	44.72 - 13
Exxon Mobil	39.44 - 36
Halliburton	14.02 - 1
IFCO Systems	.2 + 01
IBM	70.51 + 84
Intel Corp	17.83 - 13
NUV	9.56 - 01
Patterson Ener	28.9 + 37
Pepsico Inc	45.92 + 65

TEXAS LOTTERY

Phillips Petro	57.35 - 81
SBC Comms	30.45 - 13
Sears Roebuck	51.84 + 44
TXU Corp	45.52 - 24
Texas Instrument	22.85 - 45
Total Fina	80.04 - 12
Unocal Corp	35.98 - 17
Wal-Mart	55.3 + 65
Wal-Mart/Mexico	27.8 - 28.1
AMCAP	13.61 - 25
Europacific	25.96 - 02
Prime Rate	4.75 %
Gold	313.7 - 315.85
Silver	4.99 - 5.06p

PICK 3 Afternoon: x,x,x
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sustained \$80 damage in the incident.

The Big Spring Police reported the following activity over the weekend:

- ASSAULT: 2
- ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE: 3
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION: 1
- BURGLARY OF A MOTOR VEHICLE: 1
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF: 4
- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS: 1
- DEADLY CONDUCT: 1
- DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED: 1
- INTERFERENCE WITH EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION: 1
- POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE: 1
- THEFT: 19
- Convenience Stores: 13
- Beer thefts: 1
- Gasoline drive-offs: 12
- TRAFFIC TICKETS: 4
- UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A VEHICLE: 1
- INCIDENTS: 11
- ACCIDENTS: 4
- Minor: 4
- ARRESTS: 14

POLICE

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

- HERMAN DALE AUSTIN, 23, of 1908 S. Scurry St. was arrested on two capias warrants.

- ASSAULT CLASS C was reported twice in the 1300 block of Lindbergh Street, twice in the 500 block of South Bell and in the 1900 block of North Highway 87.

- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 1800 block of South Gregg Street and the 1100 block of South Gregg Street.

- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 500 block of South Bell Street, the 3900 block of Hamilton Street, the 100 block of North Johnson Street and the 600 block of East Sixth Street.

- DISTURBANCE OR FIGHT was reported in the 1600 block of Lindbergh Street and the 1100 block of South Gregg Street.

- LOUD PARTY/NOISE was reported in the 1000 block of Stadium Avenue.

- FIREWORKS was reported in the 1600 block of Canary Street.

- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported: - In the 2400 block of South Gregg Street. About \$20 cash was stolen in the incident.

- In the 200 block of East Sixth Street. Someone reportedly entered the home through the rear door and stole \$6,000 worth of furniture and a gas grill worth \$350.

- THEFT was reported: - In the 500 block of South Birdwell Lane. A purse or wallet worth \$25, \$75 cash and computer equipment worth \$35 was reported stolen.

- In the 600 block of West Sixth Street. A purse or wallet worth \$14 and jewelry worth \$200 were reported stolen.

- THEFT OF SERVICE was reported in the 2600 block of South Gregg Street. A pizza worth \$11, sodas worth \$2 and cheese bread worth \$3 were reported stolen.

- FORGERY OF A FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT was reported in the 300 block of South Gregg Street.

- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported: - In the 2500 block of Gunter Circle. Damage at the location was estimated at \$160.

- In the 500 block of South Bell. Between \$50 and \$500 damage was reported at the location.

- In the 1900 block of North Highway 87. A silver 1996 Ford Escort reportedly

CORRECTION

An article about the Stanton Independent School District board of trustees meeting that appeared in the Big Spring Herald's Tuesday edition referred to board president as Jimmy Louder. The board president's name is Johnny Louder.

FIRE/EMS

The following is a summary of EMS and Fire Department activity: TUESDAY

7:23 a.m. — 4400 block of Elder, medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

9:35 a.m. — 2000 block of Rickabaugh, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

11:09 a.m. — 800 block of East Fourth, trauma call, one patient transported to SMMC.

12:12 p.m. — 500 block of Northwest Seventh, medical call, service refused.

2:18 p.m. — 800 block of Anna, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

6:13 p.m. — 900 block of Runnels, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

7:40 p.m. — 1600 block of Lancaster, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

7:59 p.m. — 800 block of West Third, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

8:09 p.m. — Wasson Road, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

Scenic Mountain Medical Center
1601 W. 11th Place
263-1211

Runa

By BRADEN WEI

Staff Writer

For someone familiar with ch stray dogs, occasional sk Spring Animal Control employee Ed Sternadel had quite an interesting catch last Thursday.

An emu was high-footing down Birdwell Lane at about 6 p.m.

"He was run down the middle road," said Sternadel. "We turned him Avenue and caught between two hours."

Sternadel said the big bird was Emu, which a the flightless bird called ratites, I raised in many p country, ranging Minnesota to Te are natives of Au: are second-largest family next to the

9-1-1

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just too small on Now we have the ring that we can gr

At the district offices, Sullivan maintains digitized records of each 9-1-1 call, as well as files that help emergency workers locate call sources.

"My responsibility doing all the datab: of Howard County making sure the problems with the ment, knowing who body lives and keep big, major datab upgrades," he said have all the addresses in the Everything's 100 addressed. We h construction going houses being torn c new ones going in have to address, b as catching up to h percent, we are dor time."

Part of the job keeping accurate the county and map expensive, Sullivan "Used to we had

Fort Worth infant dies after being left in hot

FORT WORTH (AP) — A 9-month-old boy left his mother's sport vehicle for five hours she worked has died exposure, police say.

The victim, identified as Lorenzo Rueda, was Tuesday still strapped in his infant car seat back of the Chevy Blazer where he left at 8:30 a.m., spokesman Lt. Duas said.

The youth was pronounced dead at 1: His 27-year-old mother apartment complex manager, told gators she forgot to him off at the baby and inadvertently inside the SUV.

Paul said the motel assistant manager Timber Ridge Apart was about to go on a break at 1:30 p.m. to j another child at a school program who opened her vehicle ar ized the baby was his car seat in the ba

Since the woman a at work, the temp had soared to the low 90s.

Paul said the woman spoke with dete Tuesday afternoon. Dave Stamp, supervi the Crimes a Children Unit, said mother was not arrested.

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EDITORIAL

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OUR VIEWS

Kids College is wonderful summer fun

It's a summer tradition for many Big Spring youngsters and one of the many activities that make our community great. We're talking about Kids College at Howard College, the annual program for children which began this week.

Now in its 10th year, Kids College offers youngsters in the first through sixth grades an opportunity to choose from a number of both fun and educational classes.

Activities include crafts, French, cheerleading, space, computers, science, cooking, drama, volleyball, angel a day, music, Indians and scrap-booking.

There are two four-hour sessions per day, and children can enroll in one or both. Those who stay all day will need to bring a sack lunch. Snacks are provided.

The program is one of Howard College's most popular and it's no wonder, since it offers children a great activity and parents the satisfaction that they are in a safe and fun environment.

By the way, it's not too late to register your child, even though the program is under way. Call 264-5131 to find out more.

We at the Herald take this opportunity to not only commend college officials for offering the Kids College program, but also to the youngsters who take time out of their summer break to take part in an educational opportunity and their parents for making sure they're afforded that advantage.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to thank Carmen Moreno for her letter about the treatment she received in our restaurant when she won a \$50 gift certificate from KBST.

Unfortunately, there are times we don't know how our customers are treated unless they tell us, the employees (this includes managers) certainly aren't going to let us know.

Please continue to be our eyes and ears with respect to our customer service, because the customer is our business.

I would also like to add that the Country Fair Restaurant is now under new management.

SUSAN GOMEZ
COMPLEX MANAGER

RIP GRIFFIN TSC

TO THE EDITOR:

The Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary, Unit 47, had a wonderful fun-filled day at the downtown July 4 festivities. We sincerely thank all of you from the bottom of our hearts, who stopped by and chatted and helped our cause through your support of our organization, so that we can more fully keep on "Serving Those Who Served."

The big winner of the afghan was Bob Noyes. Now he's all set for the football season.

Thanks again to all of Big Spring

HEIDRUN MEISER
COMMANDER

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The canyon between before and after

Last summer, for the first time, I saw the Grand Canyon. The date was Sept. 10, and after driving all day through endless Western nothingness, we made it to the rim just before sunset.

I did the same thing hundreds of other tourists were doing at that exact moment. I stood and stared at that terrific hole and didn't say a single word.

It wasn't like when a small crowd gathers to gawk at those petrified people preserved in peat that they have under glass in the British Museum in London. That's a spectacle, too, and a natural one.

At that kind of weird sight, you feel compelled to talk, to ask rhetorical questions of complete strangers, to make bad jokes.

"What do you suppose the person said who found this peat man? 'Look, Ethel,

come see.'"

No, it wasn't like that. And it was nothing like the first time I saw the Eiffel Tower, when I was in Europe for the first time, and alone. Then, I wanted to grab a blasé Frenchman and scold, "Don't you ever get used to this; it's too wonderful to ignore."

The Grand Canyon is more of a solo flight. You'd want to hit anyone who struck up a conversation.

The afternoon I saw it, the sun worked hard. It painted the earth the lovely tangerine color of faraway campfires, a million of them. Sunset at the Grand Canyon diminishes everything man-made, every building or bridge or boat an architect might design.

After dark, I went to the park restroom, and a deer was standing beside the door and never moved when I went inside. Even the restrooms at the Canyon are grand.

Terrorists attacked New York and Washington the next day, and suddenly nobody was talking about what they did on summer vacation. I put my Grand Canyon pictures and memo-

ry away. It was unseemly to dwell on the innocence of a pre-terrorist summer.

Now it's been almost a year, that hard first mile of mourning. We are comfortable once again talking about ordinary things — if you are foolish enough to call the Grand Canyon ordinary — and so I looked at the two or three snapshots I managed to take before darkness fell.

The pictures are a little disappointing. The wind is blowing, and all the tourists have hair flying forward, convertible-style. The small slice of wonder that my Nikon preserved is pinker than the actuality, less orange. You can see why some artists and photographers easily while away a lifetime trying to get it right.

The Grand Canyon easily makes my Top Five best places to visit in this country, maybe any country. It's up there with the California redwoods, Idaho's Salmon River, Georgia's Sapelo Island and the Mississippi Gulf Coast before casinos. I wish I could have spent a week there, but we didn't have it.

There was no time for hikes, or mule rides, or river floats on the canyon floor. Just that one glimpse at sunset, all the more holy.

After a short night in a Flagstaff motel, we rode hard that next day, Sept. 11. We pushed through Arizona to Texas, marveling at a sky without airplanes, roads with little traffic. We listened to National Public Radio.

There was no time to dwell on the majestic vision enjoyed the day before; my mind was too full of the horrific block of news on the motel TV that morning.

That night in El Paso, the restaurant TV played again and again the footage that will live in infamy. People talked about nothing else. When we left in darkness, you could see the dense lights on the Mexican side of the border. That concentration of poor humanity right along the wrong side of privilege and riches.

And I thought of all the canyons of this life, separating rich from poor, innocence from horror, before from after.



RHETA GRIMSLEY JOHNSON



The Ritz Theater gets ritzier

Kevin Ritz moved to Big Spring in 1992 to operate a pizza franchise. Within three months he was in the movie theater business.

"Our last name is Ritz and the Ritz theater here came up for sale. We figured that was a sign and checked into it. We made an offer and it was accepted. We've been in business ever since."

He had never been in the theater business before.

"We hired ex-employees to teach us how to run the equipment. It was kind of different."

Within six years, Kevin bought the other two theaters in Big Spring.

"I really like the industry. I've always enjoyed movies. Even before we owned the theaters, I went to almost all the movies that came to town. Now I don't have to pay when I

come in. It's a little nicer." When the new Star Wars movie came out in digital format, the Ritz in Big Spring was one of only three theaters in Texas with digital equipment. It was an expensive move for Kevin.

"One projector cost as much as all three theaters did."

Only 56 theaters in the U.S. have the equipment the Ritz has. Kevin chose the Boeing system of digital projection, one of two systems being offered. The movie studio sends out the movie by satellite. Kevin downloads it onto his computer and shows it whenever he wants to.

"I walk into the booth and I've got a little laptop and I press 'play' and boom! the movie starts. On a 38-foot screen."

The Ritz now has state of the art speakers. The sound and the images are crystal clear. Kevin sees a great future for the digital format, which will also allow him to show live sporting events. He decided to go into debt for the new equipment, even though he was

just a few years away from having all the theaters paid for.

"For it to be successful in a small town in West Texas, I had to be first. I need a three to five-year jump on everybody around me. Right now people are coming from all over the place to see digital projection in Big Spring, Texas. When they've got it in their hometown, they're not going to come here anymore."

He says little things that are usually in the background and fuzzy on film show up in detail in digital. "The little bird sitting in a tree, the little flowers. You can see them real good now."

A few years ago Kevin remodeled the Ritz to have two more screens in the balcony. That didn't work out so he has remodeled the balcony again to have just one screen.

"I'm intending to go digital on that as well. If I get that done in time, we'll be the first theater in the world to be totally digital."

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Latest volume of "Nameless" among new arrivals at the Library

Bill Pronzini has written crime fiction for over 40 years.

He has written under the names Jack Foxx, Alex Saxon, Brett Halliday and William Jeffrey.

He is married to another mystery writer, Marcia Muller, creator of the Sharon McCone mysteries.

In "Crazybone," the 26th volume in the "Nameless" series, Pronzini writes about those who "bleed" people - the blackmailers, extortionists and others who prey on the weak and helpless.

Nameless embarks on a relentless hunt for an unknown assailant in San Francisco's underworld. Check out "Bleeders." One of the television stations has been showing the "Godfather" movies ad infinitum.

I don't know how accurate the movies are in comparison to real-life mobsters but maybe "Mob Nemesis: How the FBI Crippled Organized Crime" (364.1060 GRI J) by Joe Griffin and Don DeNeve can shed some light on the subject.

Griffin, a retired FBI agent who worked for the bureau for 31 years, offers a first-person account of early FBI efforts to destroy Mafia operations in the Northeast.

Griffin joined the FBI in 1957, learned to speak Sicilian Italian, and began the long process of developing informants.

His contacts led to surveillance, wiretapping, and eventual raids on betting operations in upstate New York. Griffin remembers the inter-bureau politics, camaraderie, and determination of the FBI agents.

And in contrast to the glorified image of the



HOLLIS McCRIGHT

Mafia presented in movies, Griffin recalls mobsters who were violent, petty thugs.

The combination of FBI and Mob intrigue makes for compelling reading.

The Library received, as a donation, a mystery with Mark Twain as a detective. Written by Peter J. Heck, "Death on the Mississippi" is a thoroughly enjoyable period mystery.

In his debut book, young William Wentworth Cabot, a freshly minted Yale graduate, puts aside a promising business career to become the traveling companion to Samuel Clemens. Upon his arrival in 1890 New York City, Clemens is interviewed by a police detective.

It seems a man who was murdered in the street had Clemens' name and hotel address written on a scrap of paper.

The mismatched pair departs by train for a Mississippi River lecture tour, only to discover that a mysterious police officer is on board.

Once Clemens and Cabot reach the riverboat, it's clear that they've become involved in a murderous plot.

This enjoyable period mystery with Clemens and Cabot forming an uneasy alliance possess elements of Holmes and Watson as well as Wolfe and Archie.

The boys of summer are playing ball (although can one really say that about the Rangers?).

He was the winner of 511 major league baseball games, nearly a hundred more than any pitcher.

He was among the original twelve players inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame, and his name is attached to the game's most prestigious pitching award.

Who is he? Read "Cy Young: A Baseball Life" by Reed Browning.

Are you an X Files fan? The Library has just

received "The Unexplained: An Illustrated Guide to the World's Natural and Paranormal Mysteries" (001.94 SHU K) by Dr. Karl P.N. Shuker.

Then follow it up with Reader Digest's "Mysteries of the Unexplained" (001.94 REA D).

In this section you will find additional books on the paranormal.

Here is a single father alert. Do you want custody of your children? Do you know what all is involved in taking care of children?

Becoming responsible for the laundry, cooking and childcare can be overwhelming the first time you experience it.

In "The Ultimate Survival Guide for the Single Parent" (306.856 HOE T) by Thomas Hoerner has many valuable tips for single fathers. We have just received "The Petty Family Album" (796.720 PET P). Composed mostly of photographs, it is a tribute to Adam Petty, who died as he lived, on a racetrack in New Hampshire in May of 2000.

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Hollis McCright, library director, writes a regular column on what's new at the Howard County Library.

Rotans carry on the family business

HERALD STAFF REPORT

The name Rotan is a popular one in Texas school districts in more ways than one. Gary Rotan, along with his son, Wayne, are now serving as superintendents in Texas public schools.

This is the first time that a father and son have served as superintendents of schools simultaneously.

It appears that education is in the Rotan blood. After 34 years of service in public education, Gary's brother, Arvel Rotan, retired from Valley Mills Independent School District.

Gary, who has similar retirement plans for 2003, is the superintendent of the Stafford Municipal School District.

In June, Gary's son, Wayne began serving as superintendent of schools in Forsan ISD. "I'm very pleased and proud of my son's accomplishments," Gary Rotan said. "As I plan to retire next year, it feels good to know that he will be carrying on the family business."

Wayne Rotan credits his interest in education to his family. "Since I was a young boy, I've known that this is what I wanted to do," he said. "My family instilled the importance of learning at an early age."

Together these three educators have more than 75 years of service in education.

Other members of the Rotan family also are involved in education.

Gary's wife, Rita, is a middle school administrator and counselor. Arvel's daughter, Pam, is a counselor and educational diagnostician and Wayne's wife,



Courtesy photo
Education flows readily in the Rotan veins. Pictured from left are Gary and Wayne, the only father and son to ever serve simultaneously as superintendents of schools. At far right is Arvel Rotan, brother of Gary, who is a retired superintendent of schools.

Stephanie, is an elementary school teacher at Elbow.


The Rotans believe that the impact educators have on students, the future leaders of our communities, is immeasurable. They set high expectations for themselves and their students. Their goal is to achieve excellence.

Wayne Rotan sums up the

Rotan philosophy. "Education is what set us apart from other countries; for the United States to continue to be the most powerful nation in the world, we must continue to strive for excellence in our educational system. To be successful in today's society, every student must have a quality education."



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IN BRIEF

Gymnastics classes will begin July 15

A two-week session of gymnastics classes will begin Monday, July 15, at the YMCA. Classes include Kidnastics for preschoolers age 5 and younger, Gymnastics for girls, age 6 and older, and Tumbling for boys and girls age 6 and older.

Classes are scheduled to meet daily, Monday through Thursday, for two weeks. The Kidnastics class will meet at 4 p.m. while the Gymnastics and Tumbling classes will meet at 5 p.m. The YMCA Sidewinder Gymnastics Team will practice on Tuesday and Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m. in July.

Registration for all classes is taking place at the YMCA on a first-come, first-serve basis. For more information please call the YMCA at 267-8234.

Black Gold tourney to start Friday

The Big Spring Black Gold Tennis Tournament will be held July 12-14 at the Figure 7 Tennis Center. Age divisions are 12 & Under, 14 & Under, 16 & Under, 18 & Under and Adult. Participants may play singles, doubles and mixed doubles.

Entry fee for the tournament is \$15 for one event, \$20 for two events and \$25 for three events. Players may enter by calling Wendy Justiss at (915) 398-5485 or Sara Corse at (915) 263-2275. Entries must be received by July 6.

Olympian will offer volleyball camp here

Rose Magers-Powell, a member of the United States volleyball team that earned a silver medal at the 1988 Olympic Games, will be conducting a volleyball camp in the Big Spring Junior High School gymnasium on July 22-25.

The camp will be conducted in three separate phases, helping campers develop at their appropriate levels. The camp will be divided into grades 2-5, 6-8 and 9-12.

To register, or for more information, write: Traci Pierce, 2711 Rebecca, Big Spring, 79720. Registration forms can also be picked up at Athletic Supply.

Local seniors sought for all-star game

The promoters of the 2002 All Americas basketball game are looking to add a few Crossroads area athletes to the roster.

High school seniors that graduated in May from Big Spring, Klondike, Sands or Grady that would like to participate should contact Tommy Wells at (915) 816-6336 or 263-7331.

The boys' and girls' games will be played on July 27 in Gordon, Texas.

Wynn family benefit scramble set July 13

A four-man scramble with proceeds to benefit the Matt Wynn family of Coahoma will be held July 13 at Comanche Trails Golf Course. Entry fees are set at \$200 per team.

For more information, call Denise Coates at 393-5584.

USSSA qualifier slated for Midland

The Permian Basin USSSA will be hosting the Last Chance Softball Tournament on July 13. To enter call (915) 699-5559.

Read, Conley shine at West Texas Championships

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Nick Read and Will Conley left their mark on the Concho City earlier this week. In fact, it wouldn't have been to much of a surprise if most of the golfers competing in the 2002 West Texas Golf Championships got together and offered to pay their way out of town.

Read and Conley each nailed down top 10 finishes in the 16-18 Division at the

meet, which was held on the San Angelo Country Club Course Monday.

Read had plenty to smile about after completing his game. The Big Spring High School standout fired a final score of 3-over-par 75 and finished second overall.

The second-place finish sent Read into today's tournament in Odessa on a high note. He has turned in strong performances in each of his last four outings, including winning the 16-18

West Texas Golf Championships

The following are the final results for the West Texas Championships held Monday at the San Angelo Country Club.

Place	Name	Hometown
1	A.J. Pursely	San Angelo
2	Nick Read	Big Spring
3	James Black	Big Lake
Others		
	Will Conley	Big Spring

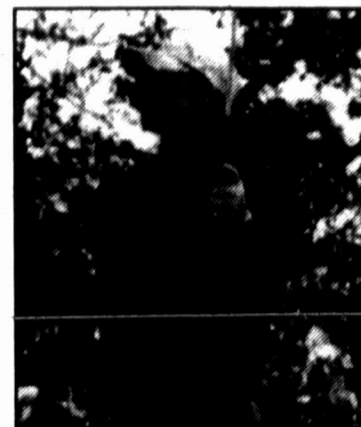
individual boys' honors at the West Texas Junior PGA event held in Big Spring two weeks ago.

San Angelo's A.J. Pursely

emerged victorious on Monday. He edged out Read for the 16-18 Division championship by just one stroke. Pursely finished with a 2-over-par 74.

James Black of Big Lake was a distant third in the race. He took bronze medal honors in the 16-18 standings by shooting a score of 11-over-par 83.

Conley also turned in a solid effort at the meet. He placed sixth in the final rankings.



READ

BASEBALL STRIKES OUT

Selig calls game after 11 innings

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Willie Mays, Hank Aaron and Cal Ripken helped baseball begin the night by celebrating many of its most memorable moments.

By the time the All-Star game ended, the sport had another — but one it wants to forget.

Despite Barry Bonds homering and being robbed by a spectacular catch from Torii Hunter, fans booed and threw bottles when the game was declared a 7-7 tie after 11 innings Tuesday night because both teams ran out of pitchers.

"I want to take this opportunity to apologize to the fans," commissioner Bud Selig said. "This is a very regrettable situation."

Amid worries about a players' strike and steroids, the bizarre ending may just have been the first work stoppage this season. The sellout crowd of 41,871 at Miller Park loudly chanted "Let them play!" and "Refund!" as Freddy Garcia struck out Benito Santiago to finish it. A few fans in right field tossed bottles to protest the decision, which came after Selig conferred with both managers.

Selig, who lives in Milwaukee and formerly ran the Brewers, had hoped the summer showcase would let baseball take a one-day break from its troubles.

No luck. And no MVP was picked, either. Bad timing, too, since the award was renamed this week to honor Ted Williams, the Hall of Famer who died Friday.

This was the second tie in All-Star history, the other coming in 1961 when it was stopped by rain.

"The decision was made because there were no players left, no pitchers left," Selig said. "This is not the ending I had hoped for. I was in a no-win situation."

While players said they understood the decision — many games in spring training are stopped for the very same reason — the crowd did not.

"With everything going on in baseball, I'm sure the fans were very upset," Hunter said.

It became apparent that a tie was possible after the top of the 11th when AL manager Joe Torre, NL manager Bob Brenly and umpire crew chief Gerry Davis went over to talk with Selig in the front row next to the first-base dugout.

At one point during the five-minute discussion, Selig threw up his arms.

"I feel bad for Bud," Torre said. "Bob and I had talked. You can't have it both ways. You can't have all the people see all the players."

The result left intact the AL's five-game winning streak. The NL leads the overall series 40-31 — and now with two ties.



Herald photo/Tommy Wells

Brandon Woods rounds third base during recent Howard County all-star baseball action. The HC senior squad advanced to the fourth round of the District 3 Tournament last weekend. Currently, the Big Spring Junior League All-Stars are in action. The Junior squad has posted a 2-1 mark in three games in Odessa.

Lawyer: Court will be asked to settle Williams dispute

INVERNESS, Fla. (AP) — A judge will be asked to settle the fight over the remains of Ted Williams, whose children are arguing about whether to freeze or cremate the body of the baseball great, a lawyer said.

Attorneys for the estate plan to file Williams' will with the Florida courts this week, said John Heer, a lawyer for Williams' daughter.

The will said Williams wanted to be cremated and have his ashes scattered in the Florida Keys, where he often fished, Heer said from his Cleveland office.

"All versions were consistent," he said.

Attorneys for Williams' estate, Pam Price and Bill Boyoles, did not return phone calls Tuesday, but

Heer said they told him the contents of the will.

Williams, the last major league hitter to bat better than .400 in a season, died Friday in Florida at 83.

His daughter, Barbara Joyce Williams Ferrell, has accused her half brother, John Henry Williams, of moving her father's body from a Florida funeral home to Alcor Life Extension Foundation in Scottsdale, Ariz., where bodies are frozen.

Ferrell said John Henry Williams wants to preserve their father's DNA, perhaps to sell it in the future.

The son first proposed the idea of freezing Williams' body more than a year ago, said Ferrell's husband, Frederick "Mark" Ferrell. Mark Ferrell also denied reports that his wife was

estranged from her father. He said she had a falling out with her half brother over what to do with their father's body.

"He proposed the cryonics thing to my wife, and she went nuts and said, 'You're not going to do it to my

dad,'" Mark Ferrell said. "There was no estrangement between Ted and his daughter. The estrangement was caused by the cryonics issue in June 2001, and it was caused by John Henry, not Ted Williams."

Williams and his daughter

McEwen, the winner of Tuesday's stage.

Armstrong of Austin, Texas, bidding for a fourth straight Tour de France title, was 33rd in the stage and dropped a spot to fifth overall, 17 seconds behind the leader.

Zabel, who rides for Telekom, took the yellow jersey from surprising two-day leader Rubens Bertogliati of Switzerland. Zabel said Armstrong's U.S.

Postal Service team is a big threat entering the team time trial Wednesday.

"We're going to leave the champagne tonight for the coaching staff of Telekom, out of respect for tomorrow's team time trial," he said. "No champagne for me tonight."

"U.S. Postal seem to have a great chance of winning the time trial, so holding on to the yellow jersey seems uncertain," Zabel added.

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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) **** Confusion marks your interactions, with both individuals and groups. Confirm plans before skipping off. If tension develops, creativity, humor and intellect will save the moment. Find answers rather than getting upset with the moment. Remember, this too will pass. Tonight: Think weekend.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) *** You might think a superior could be a touch

daffy. Think through decisions carefully, understanding that you might be a bit off as well. Gain clarity through a process of asking and confirming what you have heard. Tonight: Run home and vanish!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) **** Others want to hear what you think. Curb a tendency to allow your mind to roam. You will communicate in a much more effective manner as a result. Don't back away from the inevitable with an in-law or someone at a distance. Tonight: Swap jokes with a jovial associate.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) *** Be very careful when dealing with funds — yours and others. Though you might be absolutely sure of yourself, you could make a mistake. Consider your options carefully here. Make sure everything involving insurance policies are on the up-and-up. Tonight: Pay bills first.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) **** You're all lightness and fun right now. Use care when dealing with an associate who might feel more than friendship for you. Ask yourself not only what you feel here, but also what you would like. Guide this relationship accordingly. Your charisma speaks. Tonight: The world is your oyster.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) *** Slow down, especially

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with your daily routine. You could easily stumble over yourself and make a mistake. Consider options that involve your work and health most carefully. Schedule a checkup if you're overdue, be it with the dentist or doc. Tonight: Easy does it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) **** You are caught between the push and pull of a situation that you might be most uncomfortable with. A child or loved one needs direction from you. Be subtle as you lead this person down the right path. Stop putting another on a pedestal. Tonight: Playtime.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) *** Deal with a boss who insists on running the show. You cannot get away from this person's demands. Listen to another more carefully. You might make assumptions that simply do not work. Realize that you could be misreading what is happening. Tonight: A must show.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) **** Reach out for another at a distance. You might not be exactly sure what the best way to handle a problem is. Get others' feedback. Tap into your creativity, and you'll find solutions with ease. A partner gives you a piece of his or her mind! Tonight: Relax your mind.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-

Jan. 19) **** Confusion lies close to home. Don't allow yourself to make a monetary mistake. Carefully consider options that revolve around your personal finances. Cautiously check out ideas with someone in the know. Wait to commit. Tonight: Do for another.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) **** You might not be seeing another clearly. On the other hand, you also could prefer to put this person on a pedestal. Be sure about what you want and expect from him or her. Is this person fulfilling your needs? Only you can answer that question. Tonight: Be a follower.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) *** Reach out for another at a distance. Your ability to understand others saves the day in a stressful, work-related situation. You might think you have a hunch about what is going on, but you will discover that reality might be a lot different. Tonight: Get some extra zzz's.

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Chaplain gives advice to would-be prison bride

Dear Ann Landers: I am a prison chaplain with 25 years' experience in dealing with prison marriages. I hope you will let me have the last word in response to "Pen Pal in Baltimore," who was writing to a prisoner and planned to marry him. My advice to the lady is: RUN



ANN LANDERS

Some years ago, I did research on prison marriages in this facility. There was little information, and I was amazed at the conclusions of the available studies. Along with my personal observations, this is what I discovered: These marriages are overwhelmingly doomed from the start. At least 95 percent will dissolve within six months of the offender's release.

Prisoners' reasons for marriage to someone outside are to gain prestige among their peers, visits, phone calls, money and erotic correspondence. A favorite pastime of bored offenders is to carry on extensive simultaneous correspondence with numerous female respondents, giving each the same pitch: "Baby, you're the one!"

Most women who pursue matrimony with prisoners are psychologically impaired, emotionally deprived and often physically unattractive to males in free society. Everything about a prison marriage is abnormal, no matter the protestations of undying love and devotion.

Women who foolishly give their hearts to con men are candidates for heartbreak. The "Pen Pal" who wrote to you suspects she is fooling herself, but wants you to condone her actions. She is jeopardizing her family relationships as well as her future happiness. I hope she comes to her senses. — Jodie E. Jackson, Chaplain, Moberly Correctional Center, Missouri

Dear Jodie Jackson: Thank you for an excellent letter from an expert on the subject. I hope my female readers are paying attention.

Dear Ann Landers: I read the letter from "Sad in Minnesota," whose daughter was killed when she rode on the back of her drunken boyfriend's motorcycle. She said this young man would serve no jail time for the accident because his parents hired good lawyers and bailed him out.

"Sad in Minnesota"

should find out from the police where the case stands. If it has not gone before the district attorney's office, they should find out why. If it has gone to the D.A.'s office, they should talk to someone there and find out what is being done to make sure the young man is held responsible.

It has been nine months since our 16-year-old son was killed. He was riding his bike when a teenage girl rear-ended him with her speeding car. The police were going to let her off with a slap on the wrist, but we met with the police chief and insisted they do a real investigation. She is now charged with involuntary manslaughter. In California, that is only a misdemeanor, and the most she will get is a year's probation, a fine, some community service and the loss of her license for six months. It isn't enough to make up for our son, but she is not getting off the hook.

Many people have told me, "She has to live with this for the rest of her life." Maybe so, but I have to live without my son for the rest of mine. He was a wonderful boy with a great future, and no punishment can bring him back. I guarantee, however, this girl will be more careful from now on. — Grieving in Los Angeles

Dear Grieving: Thank you for taking the time to tell my readers how important it is to follow up on these cases and make sure the guilty party is held accountable. My condolences on the loss of your precious son.

Dear Ann Landers: I am dating a man who has an 8-year-old son. My boyfriend, "Tom," believes he is raising the next Michael Jordan and Tiger Woods combined. The kid is constantly throwing balls inside the house — basketballs, footballs, golf balls, whatever. The walls are scuffed and dented, and he has broken several kitchen plates. Once, he accidentally hit me in the head with a football.

My boyfriend sees nothing wrong with tossing balls around the house. We have been talking seriously about marriage. I would never be able to tolerate such behavior. Am I being unreasonable? — Hit or Miss in North Carolina

Dear N.C.: Not at all. It is dangerous to throw balls

inside the house. Not only can things break, but people can be seriously hurt. There is no reason the boy cannot toss a ball around outside or in the basement. If Tom doesn't care that the kid hit you in the head, perhaps you had better reconsider this relationship. These problems will not get better after you marry. Trust me.

Dear Ann Landers: My husband, "Jake," and I divorced amicably one year ago. He traveled too much and refused to settle down. We parted ways, but I still had strong feelings for him. My last two boyfriends didn't work out, and I mentioned to Jake that I was giving up dating for a while. He surprised me by saying he hadn't dated anyone since the divorce.

I thought Jake missed me and would call, but he hasn't. It's been two months since our last conversation, and I found out he was in town but didn't stop by. I am still in love with him, Ann, and am hoping he will come back to me. Should I call him or give up? — Praying in Cincinnati

Dear Cincinnati: If you want to give Jake a second try, pick up the phone and tell him so. If it turns out he's not interested, stop mooning over him, and move on.

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Today's Highlight in History:
Forty years ago, on July 10, 1962, the Telstar communications satellite was launched from Cape Canaveral, Fla.
On this date:
In 1850, Vice President Millard Fillmore assumed the presidency, following the death of President Taylor.
In 1890, Wyoming became the 44th state.
In 1919, President Wilson personally delivered the Treaty of Versailles to the Senate and urged its ratification.
In 1940, during World War II, the 114-day Battle of Britain began as Nazi forces began attacking southern England by air.

In 1943, U.S. and British forces invaded Sicily.
In 1951, armistice talks aimed at ending the Korean conflict began at Kaesong.
In 1973, the Bahamas became independent after three centuries of British colonial rule.
In 1982, Pope John Paul II named Archbishop Joseph L. Bernardin of Cincinnati to succeed the late Cardinal John Cody as head of the Archdiocese of Chicago.
In 1991, Boris N. Yeltsin took the oath of office as the first elected president of the Russian republic.
In 1999, the U.S. women's soccer team won the World Cup, beating China 5-4 on penalty kicks at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif.
Ten years ago: A federal judge in Miami sentenced former Panamanian leader Manuel Noriega, convicted of drug and racketeering charges, to 40 years in prison. A judge later cut Noriega's sentence by 10 years.
One year ago: The White House backed off a plan to let religious groups that receive federal money, such as the Salvation Army, ignore local laws that ban discrimination against gays and lesbians.
Today's Birthdays: "Mr. Wizard" Don Herbert is 85. Former NBC and ABC News correspondent David Brinkley is 82. Eunice Kennedy Shriver is 81. Former boxer Jake LaMotta is 81. Writer-producer Earl Hamner Jr. is 79. Former New York City Mayor David N. Dinkins is 75. Broadway composer Jerry Herman is 69. Director Ivan Passer is 69. Actor Lawrence Pressman is 63. Actor Mills Watson is 62. Actor Robert Pine is 61. Actor Ron Glass is 57.

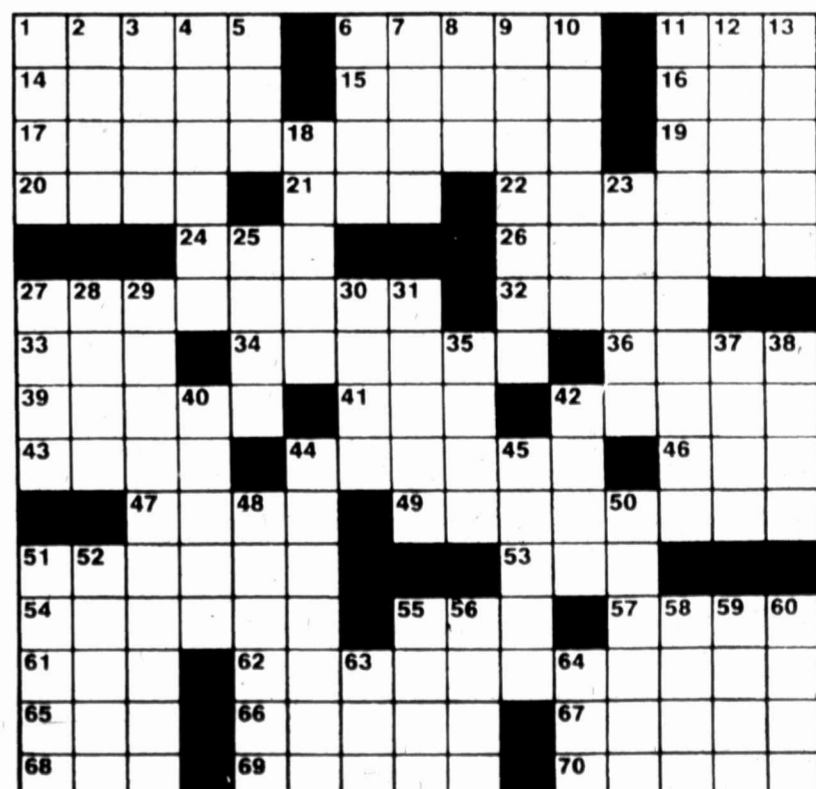
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Newsday Crossword

PIECEWORK by Fred Piscop
Edited by Stanley Newman

- ACROSS**
- 1 Actor O'Toole
 - 6 Put to shame
 - 11 "Groovy!"
 - 14 Full of pep
 - 15 Ill-tempered
 - 16 The whole shebang
 - 17 Bit of computer circuitry
 - 19 Sock front
 - 20 Many a mall rat
 - 21 Tuba note?
 - 22 Monkey used in research
 - 24 Windy City train initials
 - 26 Double-checks the math
 - 27 Dissuaded
 - 32 Ecto- opposite
 - 33 ___ y plata (Montana's motto)
 - 34 Sit in on
 - 36 Give off
 - 39 "Oh boy!"
 - 41 Chinese "path"
 - 42 Bryant or Baker
 - 43 Flat fish
 - 44 Bamboo munchers
 - 46 ___ de plume
 - 47 Kai Kan competitor
 - 49 From A to A flat
 - 51 Lehrer's former coancher
 - 53 Mr. Kabibble
 - 54 Pamper
 - 55 European airline
 - 57 Hebrides island
 - 61 Word on a US coin
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- 1 Days of yore
 - 2 Nobelist Wiesel
 - 3 Mah-jongg piece
 - 4 Show proof of
 - 5 VCR button
 - 6 Visitor to Siam
 - 7 Mass in B minor
 - 8 Flue residue
 - 9 Used a swizzle stick
 - 10 Surname
 - 11 "Blueberry Hill" singer
 - 12 Audibly
 - 13 Make holy
 - 18 Dizzying designs
 - 23 Gobbled up
 - 25 Carhop's load
 - 27 Boxers and pugs
 - 28 Slangy suffix
 - 29 Type of machine shop
 - 30 Kett of comics
 - 31 College bigwigs
 - 35 Junction point
 - 37 Take ___ faith
 - 38 Unthreatening
 - 40 Marked for removal
 - 42 Auction provision
 - 44 Medieval weapon
 - 45 Pennsylvania sect
 - 48 Rip off
 - 50 Alan of Growing Pains
 - 51 Cluttered closet owner of radio
 - 52 Ices down
 - 55 Town near Caen
 - 56 Play segments
 - 58 Tom Joad, e.g.
 - 59 Geek
 - 60 Too stylish, perhaps
 - 63 Putter's target
 - 64 Slalom shape



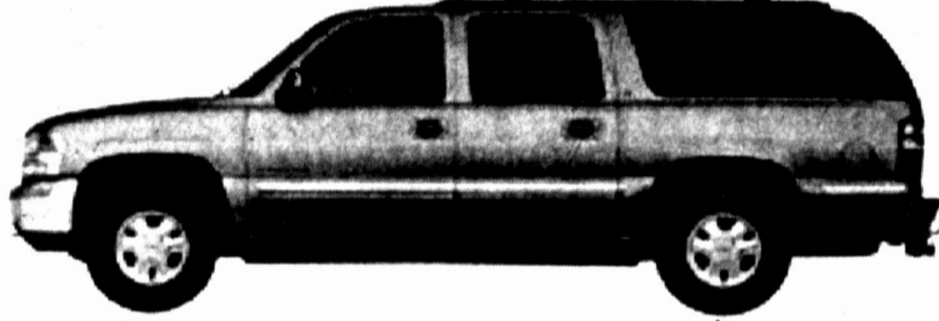
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Flying Beauties

Our Fragile Butterflies

Although there are about 15,000 types, or species, of butterflies in the world, many butterflies are in trouble. Several species are on the endangered species list, including many types of blue butterflies, swallowtails and silverspots.

By destroying butterfly habitat and using pesticides, we have put many butterflies in danger. Growing city sprawl and the killing of plants that butterflies need are making it harder for them to survive.

In some parts of the world, so many collectors have gathered the brightly colored insects that those butterflies are now facing extinction.

The monarch

One example of a butterfly in trouble is the monarch. It needs the milkweed to live on, but many people think of this plant as a weed and destroy it. Poisonous chemicals used to kill other plants also kill it. Pollution and destruction of the ozone layer have also killed much milkweed.

In California and Mexico, people are cutting down the forests the monarchs need for their winter homes.



The monarch migrates up to 3,000 miles each year, farther than any other butterfly. In the fall, thousands of monarchs migrate to Mexico and southern California, often going to the same trees as their ancestors. In the spring, their great-grandchildren fly back north.

Butterfly gardens

One way to help butterflies is to grow a butterfly garden, with special plants to attract these beautiful insects. The best butterfly gardens supply the needs of a butterfly throughout its whole life.

They provide places to lay eggs, leaves for the caterpillars to eat and flowers for the butterflies to feed on.

Some of the plants butterflies like include: milkweed, snapdragons, asters, dill, fennel, violets, zinnias, broccoli, cabbage, parsley, wild peas, lilacs, sunflowers, goldenrod, and willow, poplar, birch and elm trees.

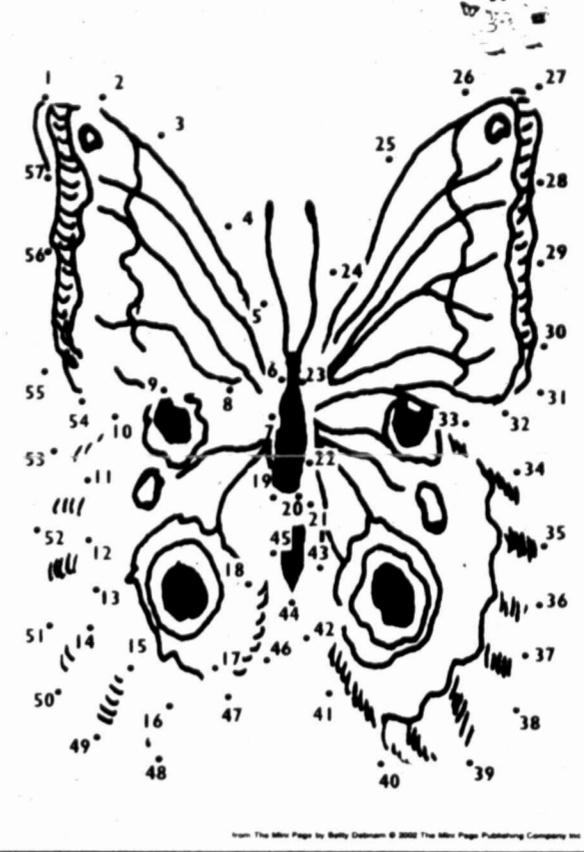
Where to find butterflies

Butterflies are on every continent except Antarctica. The best place to look for them is in gardens. They especially like sunny places with low-growing plants.

In the United States they can usually be seen from May through September.

Parks and wildlife refuges are good butterfly habitats. Many zoos have butterfly areas.

Go dot to dot and color



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Gus Goodsport's Report

Supersport: Landon Donovan

Height: 5-8
Weight: 148
Birthdate: 4-4-82

Landon Donovan is only 20 years old, but he has already played pro soccer for some of the best teams in the world.

Before joining the San Jose Earthquakes last year, he played for one of the top teams in Germany. He joined that team after his junior year in high school.

Besides playing forward for the Earthquakes, he plays for the US national team. Last year with the Earthquakes he finished as the team's second-leading scorer.

Landon is from Redlands, Calif. He has a twin sister, a brother, a half-sister and a half-brother. He likes playing sports and video games and watching pro football. Boyz II Men is his favorite musical group.

Meet David Lascher

David Lascher, 30, plays Josh on the TV show "Sabrina, the Teenage Witch." He grew up in Scarsdale, N.Y., and began by acting in musical theater in junior high school. That led to commercials and then TV shows.

At 16, he moved to Los Angeles to work as an actor. His first part in a TV show was in an episode of "Roseanne." He is best known for playing Vinnie on "Blossom." He has also been in the shows "Hey, Dude!" and "Clueless."

David lives with his wife in Los Angeles and likes playing basketball, watching basketball, especially the New York Knicks, watching football, skiing, scuba diving and writing.

MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes

All the following jokes have something in common. Can you guess the common theme or category?

Dennis: How do ghosts like their eggs?
James: Terrified!

Chip: Why didn't the omelet laugh?
Kate: It didn't get the yoke!

Sarah: What size are very, very large eggs?
Phyllis: Eggstra-large!

Butterflies TRY 'N FIND

Words and names that remind us of butterflies are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward. See if you can find: BUTTERFLY, BEAUTIFUL, SPECIES, MOTHS, PROBOSCIS, STAGE, MONARCHS, EGGS, HATCH, SHED, CHRYSALIS, CHEMICALS, SHELL, EYES, WINGS, BLEND, PARKS.

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Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and Basset Brown are looking up and photographing butterflies. See if you can find:

- dolphin
- dog's head
- number 3
- pineapple
- duck
- word MINI
- fish
- arrow
- gopher
- safety pin
- banana
- caterpillar

The Amazing Butterfly

The wonderful change

Butterflies go through four stages during their life cycle. The insect in one stage may look and act completely different than it does in another stage. This change is called metamorphosis (met-uh-MOR-fuh-sis).

Stages of life

1. The egg
Depending on the species, the adult female butterfly may lay from dozens to hundreds of tiny eggs. She may drop them near plants that will be food for the caterpillar. Or she may lay them on the undersides of leaves that the caterpillars will eat.

Some eggs hatch in a few days, but other types of butterflies lay eggs in the fall. These eggs stay on the plants until the spring.

2. The caterpillar
The caterpillar begins to eat as soon as it hatches. Often it eats its own eggshell, then begins eating parts of the plants surrounding it.

Caterpillars eat so much they may increase their birth weight by 3,000 times before they are full-grown.

As they grow, they shed their skins, sometimes as many as five times.

3. The chrysalis
When the caterpillar has eaten and stored enough food to keep it alive during its next life stage, it begins to change. It usually finds a high, safe place and puts out a sticky liquid.

It hangs from this sticky spot as it forms the next stage, the chrysalis (KRIS-e-lis). It creates the chrysalis, a kind of shell around itself, out of parts of its own body.

Inside the chrysalis the caterpillar's body is being completely remade and rearranged. It is making new eyes, new legs and wings. The digestive tract is about the only thing that stays the same.

Depending on the species, it may be in this form for days or months. Some species stay in the chrysalis form all winter.

4. The butterfly
When it is ready, the chrysalis splits open and a butterfly comes out.

It may hang there for several minutes until its wings dry and harden. It then spreads its wings and flies away. Some butterflies live for only one to two weeks. Others may live more than a year.

Living rainbows

The beautiful colors of butterflies help them in many ways. Experts believe the colors and patterns help them to:

- warn their enemies, such as birds, that they are dangerous or bad-tasting.
- blend in with their environment so they can hide in the wild.
- attract mates.

For example, the monarch caterpillar eats the milkweed, a plant poisonous to birds. These poisons stay in its body when it turns into a butterfly, and birds learn to stay away.

Some butterflies fool predators into thinking they are poisonous or bad-tasting, even if they may be safe to eat. They do this by developing the coloring of butterflies that really are poisonous.

For example, the viceroy butterfly looks like the poisonous monarch, even though it is a perfectly good food.

The pink coloring of this butterfly helps it blend in with the thistle it is resting on.

Site to see: www.mesc.usgs.gov/resources/education/butterfly/

Look through your newspaper for gardening ads. Which plants might attract butterflies?

Next week The Mini Page is about Oregon.

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