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COMING WEDNESDAY

Northside

Money's tight, but the Northside Community Center is striving to accomplish one goal — take people off welfare and put them back to work, says center director Max Webb.

BRIEFLY

Code patrol

The Big Spring Code Patrol will hold an organizational meeting at 5:30 tonight at the Big Spring City Council Chambers, 307 E. Fourth St.

The meeting is open to anyone interested in making a difference in cleaning up Big Spring.

According to organizer Pat Simmons, the Code Patrol works with the city's code enforcement personnel, keeping an eye out for weedy lots, junk cars, substandard structures and other unsightly areas.

They then fill out forms documenting the violation and submit them to the city.

"It's not a special thing, it's just in their day-to-day activities," Simmons said.

For more information, call Simmons at 263-4607.

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Trustees ignore bomb threat

PD locates nothing suspicious

Murphy questioned over hiring practice

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer

Despite a bomb threat, Big Spring Independent School District trustees continued to meet in open session Monday for budget study and to fill the principal's position at Moss Elementary School.

"I felt it was hoax," said board president Frank Long. "Certainly Big Spring is not exempt from these types of things. The person who called probably knew

there was some tension and wanted to kick up something. Everything seems to be smoothed out and we plan to go on and keep on trucking."

Big Spring police received a phone call from an unknown person at 6 p.m., the scheduled time for Monday's board meeting, advising there were some bombs on the high school campus, said Sgt. Roger Sweatt, the department's information officer.

Part of the campus, including the athletic center and track, were evacuated while police officers and school representatives swept the area for any unusual devices.

"They (police and representatives) didn't find anything at all," Sweatt said.

"The person who called probably knew there was some tension and wanted to kick up something."

Frank Long, trustee



"They did not find any kind of device out of the ordinary."

The threat briefly interrupted a line of questioning of Superintendent Murray Murphy by trustee Mike Dawson over the interview

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Board unanimously approves Martin for Moss principal post

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer

In an unanimous vote Monday night, Big Spring Independent School District trustees approved the hiring of a new principal at Moss Elementary.

"I look forward to working with the students, teach-

ers, parents and staff," said William George Martin. "It has been a super campus in the past and I hope to help it continue to be one."

Martin brings four years of administrative experience to the position including two years as assistant principal at Goliad Elementary and two years as principal of Coahoma Junior High School. Martin will receive \$61,116 per year in salary.

Before serving as assistant principal at Goliad,

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MARTIN

Quality of life

Home hospice employees build wheelchair ramps for terminally ill residents

By **ROGER CLINE**

Staff Writer

What is a wheelchair ramp?

Some might look at it and simply see boards and nails crafted together into an inclined plane.

But when it's not there, three steps is a long way down to a person in a wheelchair.

Three employees of a local home hospice company spent Friday and Monday crafting wheelchair ramps for two clients, both victims of terminal conditions.

"You basically have to frame it out," said Jim Rhodes, social worker for Odyssey Health Care Home Hospice. "You build the decking so that you can come out off the porch, and then just build the plane and the handrails and the footrails so that he'll be safe."

Rhodes, joined by Odyssey employees Mike Ross, a registered nurse, and chaplain Walter McCall, spent about five hours Friday and four hours Monday working on

"At this stage of their life, it means being able to get outside, being able to enjoy the outdoors, being able to make their doctors appointments and whatever they have to do instead of being cooped up in the house."

Jim Rhodes, social worker with Odyssey Health Care

ramps in the 1500 block of Johnson Street and the 800 block of Willia.

"We have an idea in our head, and we get started and just go with it," Rhodes said. "We had an idea what we needed, and I was able to give a list of supplies to Mike and he was able to rustle up the supplies from the lumber yards."

Materials for the ramps were donated by Harris



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Nurse Mike Ross, left, and social worker Jim Rhodes, both Odyssey Health Care home hospice employees, build a wheelchair ramp for a hospice patient in the 800 block of Willia Monday. The ramps give patients more freedom to spend time outdoors, Rhodes said. Odyssey Chaplain Walter McCall, not shown, also helped with the project.

Lumber and The Do-It Center.

"It was about \$450 in lumber and nails," Ross said.

Rhodes added that the patients' needs prompted construction of the ramps.

"(Odyssey) tries to meet patient needs, and we had two patients that said they needed wheelchair ramps," he said. "We just pitched in and helped."

The ramps can make a big

difference in quality of life for terminally-ill patients, Rhodes added.

"At this stage of their lives, it means being able to get outside, being able to enjoy the outdoors, being able to make their doctors appointments and whatever they have to do instead of being cooped up in the house," he said.

At this point, Rhodes said there are no plans to build

more ramps.

"If we have more patients that need them, we'll probably try to build some more," he said, adding that the patients on Johnson and Willia have agreed that Odyssey can move the ramps when they are no longer in use.

"If they're done using these and somebody else

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Zlrah Bedner, left, and Christene Horn visit during the Howard County Fair Association's quilt reception Saturday at the Heritage Museum. More than 50 people attended the event. The quilt is a fair association's fund-raising project. For more information about the fund-raiser, call the museum at 267-8255

Got trash? City reinstates large item garbage pickup Thursday

By **ROGER CLINE**

Staff Writer

Got something big to get rid of? Do you live in Councilwoman Stephanie Horton's district?

City crews will be busy Thursday hauling off large trash items for residents in City Council District 1, which encompasses a large portion of the north and west side of Big Spring.

"This is something that the mayor and the council wanted to start back up, providing a service for those people who don't have a means to transport these items to our landfill or to our compost facility," said Public Works Director Todd Darden. "Our plan is to con-



DARDEN

TO PARTICIPATE

Residents can call 264-2504, 264-2501 or 264-2376 to schedule a pickup. Residents can also call to confirm which district they live in.

tinue this every month, do a different district every month."

Darden said the large item pick-up program was started several years ago, and has fallen off over the past couple of years.

"We have gotten lax in providing it recently," he said. "It's probably been two years since the last large item pickup."

The program is being reinstated as part of Mayor Russ McEwen's "Clean and Green" initiative, Darden added.

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BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Obituaries

Jenifer Ritter Taylor

Funeral service for Jenifer Ritter Taylor, 46, of Lubbock will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 17, 2002, at First United Methodist Church in Hart with the Rev. Jim Ritter, pastor of Seth Ward Baptist Church in Plainview. Burial will be at Hart Cemetery in Hart.

Mrs. Taylor died Sunday, July 14, in Lubbock. She was born on Nov. 8, 1955, in Plainview and married Steve Taylor on Nov. 5, 1986, in Big Spring.

Survivors include her husband, Steve Taylor of Big Spring; one son, Christopher Kuykendall of Louisville, Ky.; her mother, Betty Ritter of Hart; three brothers, Patrick Ritter of Kingsville, Billy Joe Ritter of Sequin, Brett Ritter of Hart; four sisters, Sheri Borghart of Kingsville, Belinda Hill of Dimmitt, Jacque Caldwell of Burleson and Heather Martinez of Frisco; and two grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, 600 West 11th, Amarillo 79101 or First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 309, Hart 79043.

Arrangements are under the direction of Foskey-Lilley & McGill Funeral Home.

Ralph Louis Hise

Funeral service for Ralph Louis Hise, 90, of Big Spring will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, July 19, 2002, at St. Mary's Episcopal Church with the Rev. James Liggett, rector of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mr. Hise died Friday, July 12, at a local nursing home.

He was born on Jan. 17, 1912, in Eastland County. He and his wife Katy had married for 65 years. He moved from Ranger to Ector County to work for Texaco in 1943. He had lived there for 43 years and retired from Texaco in 1977. He was a member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

Survivors include his wife, Katy Hise of Big Spring; one daughter, Kay Burns of Big Spring; one son, Gary (Barney) Hise of Forsan; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad, Big Spring 79720 or Home Hospice, 600 Gregg St., Big Spring 79720.

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

Connie Anderson

Funeral service for Connie Joyce Anderson, 67 of Lubbock, will be 10 a.m. Thursday July 18, 2002, at Monterey Baptist Church with the Rev. Jim Brown officiating. Burial will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park.

Mrs. Anderson died Sunday July 14, in Lubbock. She was born November 16, 1934, in Pluto and married Larry Anderson on July 3, 1958, in Luther. She graduated from Big Spring High School in 1952. She then went on to Howard County Junior College and graduated from there in 1954 with an associates degree. She attended Texas Tech University and received a bachelor of science degree in foods and nutrition in 1956. She worked for Borden County as an extension agent from 1958-1959 and Lamb County from 1959-1961. She was a member of the Pinchoppers and Powder Puff bowling leagues. She has been a resident of Lubbock since 1962. She was a member of Monterey Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Larry of Lubbock; two sons, Cary Anderson of Weatherford and John Anderson of Amarillo; one brother, Bill Crow of Houston; one sister, Sandra Crow of Marlboro, Md.; and one granddaughter.

The family suggests memorials to the Monterey Baptist Church. The family will be present to receive friends from 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home Wednesday.

Arrangements are under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home in Lubbock.

Clifford T. Schaafsma

Memorial service for Clifford T. Schaafsma, 83, of Midland will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 17, 2002, at the Trinity Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Mary Beth Anton, officiating.

Mr. Schaafsma died Saturday, July 13, at a local hospital. He was born on March 9, 1919, in Hospers, Iowa and married Marjorie Vonk on April 1, 1952, in Hospers, Iowa.

He was a veteran of World War II in the Army Air Corp. He volunteered much of his time to the St. Andrews Mission, the Children's Clinic of Midland and many other charitable organizations. He was a Presbyterian.

Survivors include his wife, Marjorie Schaafsma of Midland; and one sister Anna Beth McGee.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to St. Andrews Mission, the Children's Clinic and the Alzheimer's Association, Greater West Texas Chapter, 4400 N. Big Spring C-32, Midland 79705.

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

Texas lottery

Pick 3 (night) 1-5-1
Lotto: 8-13-24-26-39

Pick 3 (day) 6-9-2

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TRASH

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Residents can check the right half of their voter registration cards for a box with the word "City" to find their City Council District number.

District 1 residents wishing to have large items hauled off should place the items on the curb in the city right-of-way by 7 a.m. Thursday. Items should not be placed near or on top of water or gas meters or telephone poles.

Those wishing to take advantage of the program should call 264-2504, 264-2501

or 264-2376 to schedule a pickup. Residents can also call to learn which district they live in.

Crews won't pick up hazardous materials, Darden said.

"Any hazardous chemicals, we don't want any of those type items put out there for us to pick up," he said. "Car batteries, chemicals, any of those items we can't accept. Tires, if they're cored, we will take those."

Contact staff writer Roger Cline at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at johnmoseley@bigspringherald.com.

Dee Gerald Thomas

Graveside funeral service for Dee Gerald Thomas, 74, of Big Spring will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 17, 2002, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park with the Rev. Walter McCall, a Baptist minister, officiating.

Mr. Thomas died on Monday, July 15, at a local hospital. He was born on September 21, 1927, in Big Spring and married Bobbie Green on August 10, 1952, in Portales, N.M.

He was a long time resident of Big Spring and attended Big Spring schools. He graduated from Paschall High School in Fort Worth and attended Texas Tech University and Howard College. He worked for Cosden and Fina for over 30 years before retiring. He was a member of First Baptist Church. He was a Mason and a Shriner and also served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and the Korean Conflict.

Survivors include his wife, Bobbie Thomas of Big Spring; one daughter, Susan Thomas of Midland; and one brother, James Thomas of Cleburn.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

The family suggests memorials to: American Diabetes Association, Texas Affiliate Inc., Western Regional Office, 8008 Slide Road, Lubbock 79424.

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

Bernice Irene Whetsel Little

Funeral service for Bernice Irene "Bunny" Whetsel Little, 86, of Midland is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Mrs. Little died July 15, 2002, at her residence.

Police blotter

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

• **JERRY RAY MANN II**, 22, of 400 E. Culp St. was arrested on charges of public intoxication and urinating in public.

• **ERICA MORENO OCHOA**, 22, of 1300 Mesquite Street was arrested on a charge of no inspection sticker and for six local warrants.

• **ASSAULT BY THREAT** was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore Street and the 10000 block of South Scurry Street.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 800 block of Anna Street and the 1300 block of Utah Street.

• **DISTURBANCE OR FIGHT** was reported in the 1300 block of Sycamore Street and the 800 block of South Aylesford Street.

• **THEFT \$1,500 to \$20,000 and THEFT OF TRADE SECRETS** were reported in the 1000 block of East 11th Place.

• **THEFT** was also reported:
- In the 2300 block of Wasson Road. Someone reportedly stole items worth \$90 from a convenience store in the area.

- At H-E-B. A purse or wallet worth \$80 was reported stolen.

- In the 1200 block of Frazier. Items worth \$900 were reported stolen from the home.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 600 block of Douglas. About \$290 damage was done to the home.

• **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in person at the police station and in the 1800 block of South Gregg Street, the 400 block of San Jacinto Street

• **DRAGRACING/RECKLESS DRIVING** was reported in Comanche Trail Park.

EMS

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

MONDAY

3:22 a.m. — 1900 block of Mittle, medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

8:23 a.m. — 800 block of East 16th, trauma call, one patient transported to SMMC.

1:49 p.m. — 100 block of Northeast Ninth, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

5:05 p.m. — 1600 block of Hilltop Rd., trauma call, one patient transported to SMMC.

Records

Monday's high 90
Monday's low 69
Record high 112 in 1989
Record low 60 in 1935
Average high 96
Average low 71
Precip. Monday 0.00

Month to date 1.91
Year to date 7.28
Sunrise Wednesday 6:51 a.m.
Sunset Wednesday 8:52 p.m.

Support groups

TODAY

□ TOPS Club TX No. 21 (take off pounds sensibly), weigh-in 5:30 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m., Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 West Third.

□ TOPS Club TX No. 1756 (take off pounds sensibly), weigh-in 5:30 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m., College Heights Christian Church, 21st and Goliad.

□ Military support group meets at 6 p.m. at the VA Medical Center in room 212 the first Monday of every month. Contact Wanda Gamble at 263-7180 or Treva Hall at 263-8106.

□ Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of physical/emotional/sexual and/or spiritual abuse. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241 for dates/times of upcoming groups.

Bulletin board

TODAY

□ Big Spring Band Boosters meets at 6 p.m. at the high school band hall. All band parents are invited to attend.

□ Big Spring Shrine club meets at 6:30 p.m. for dinner and a meeting to follow at First and Goliad. All Masons are welcome to attend.

□ Big Spring Art Association meets at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library.

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

WEDNESDAY

□ Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. at the Howard College Cactus Room.

□ Senior Circle Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics meets at the Scenic Mountain Medical Center Yellow Rose Cafe at 10 a.m.

□ Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

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

□ Line dancing class is at 1 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center located in the Industrial Park. Call 398-5522 or 267-1628 for more information.

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

THURSDAY

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

□ Big Spring Senior Center, located in the Industrial Park, offers art classes at 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 located at 1706 East FM 700.

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

□ Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association meets at 5:30 p.m. in the RSVP office located at 501 Runnels.

□ American Legion Post 506 meets at 6 p.m. For more information call 263-2084.

□ Rackley-Swords 379, Vietnam Veterans of America meet at 7 p.m. in the Sparenberg building located at 309 South Main.

□ Masonic Lodge 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. located at 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY

□ Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281. Bring a Lunch.

□ AMBUCS meets at noon at the Brandin' Iron.

□ ABC Club meets at noon at the Brandin' Iron.

□ The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

□ Spring City Senior Citizens Country and Western Dance will be 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. All area seniors are invited.

SATURDAY

□ The Heritage Museum at 510 Scurry is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

□ The Potton House located at 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 is encouraged.

□ American Legion Post 506 will have a fish fry from noon until 3 p.m. Cost is \$7 per plate. Carryouts are available. The Post is located at 3203 West Highway 80. Call 263-2084 for more information.

□ There will be a dance at 8:30 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge located at 704 W. Third. Everyone welcome.

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

MONDAY

□ Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at the Rose Cafe at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. People 50 and over are invited to participate. Call 268-4721.

□ DAV chapter 47 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 610 Abrams.

□ The Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. in the Fiberflex conference room on Bethel Street at the air park. The public is invited.

□ Christian Singles Fellowship meets from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church youth hall.

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Methamphetamine

By ANDREA MED

Features Editor

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Staff Writer

"Preventing it save."

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Methamphetamine: A 'miracle' drug that was anything but

By ANDREIA MEDLIN

Features Editor

It's new, it's safe, it will increase mental alertness and best of all, you'll lose weight! How many times have you heard this when a new drug comes on the market only to find out it is causing more harm than good?

Methamphetamine was once thought of as a miracle drug for the obese and it is true that it suppresses hunger which eventually will lead to weight loss, but the damaging effects it has on one's health far outweigh its benefits.

As a result, it is rarely prescribed today.

Unfortunately, methamphetamine is illegally manufactured in vast quantities and its manufacture, sale and use is a problem for not only law enforcement and the

rest of our legal system, but all of society.

Methamphetamine's most damaging effects are on the heart, according to Shannon Nabors, licensed chemical dependency counselor for West Texas Centers for MHMR. "The drug is a stimulant that causes both physical and psychological dependence. It speeds up the heart rate which then slows down," she said. This irregularity coupled with the adrenaline that is produced is what damages the heart and could eventually lead to a heart attack.

"And as with any psychoactive drug there is brain damage as well," she continued.

Methamphetamine is known by many names — speed, crystal, crank and most recently, ice.

"It depends on which generation

you're from, but it's the same thing," said Nabors. She went on to explain that methamphetamine is in the same class as cocaine and can be ingested by several different routes.

"It is usually taken orally in a tablet or pill or is injected," she explained.

The high is only temporary, lasting two to four hours. Prolonged use can lead to irregular heartbeat, high blood pressure, depression, restlessness, tremors and severe fatigue.

An overdose can cause coma or death, and if the drug is injected, the user is putting himself at risk for HIV or hepatitis C, Nabors explained.

The mental effects can be profound as well because the drug builds up in the body and can lead

to paranoia and psychoses, delusions and hallucinations.

"When a person becomes psychotic they lose contact with reality," Nabors said.

The sale, use and manufacture of the drug is illegal and it causes damage to vital organs, but the real danger is not knowing what you're getting, according to Nabors.

"You're always taking a risk because it's not regulated by the FDA (Food and Drug Administration) and when it's made it usually has something added to it so that the dealer can cut a profit," she said.

Unlike other drugs such as LSD and cocaine, that were eventually taken off the market, other forms of the drug are still used.

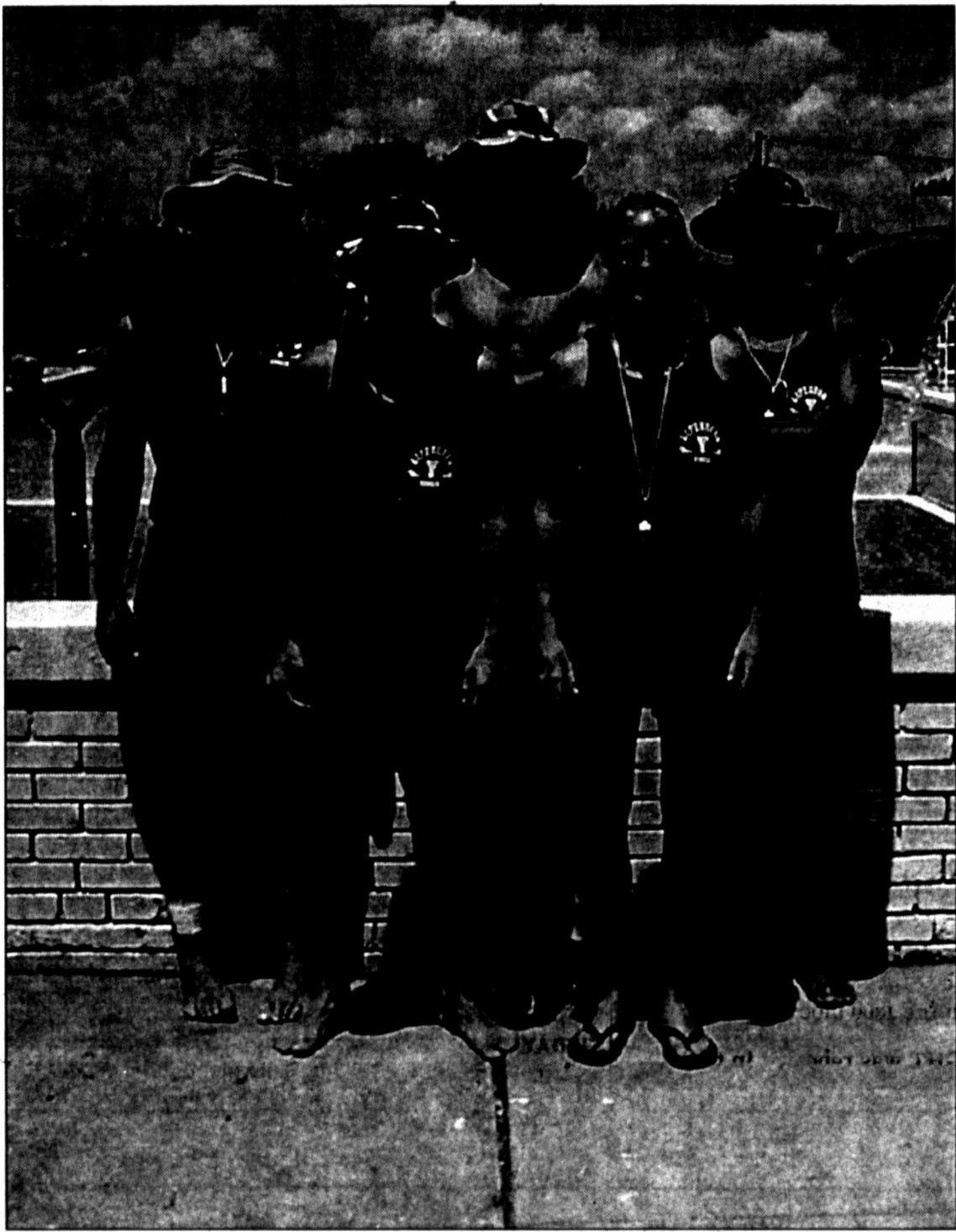
According to Mosby's Medical

Dictionary, methamphetamine hydrochloride is still used for patients with narcolepsy (falling asleep uncontrollably) and dextroamphetamine is used for children with hyperkinesia (attention deficit disorder).

These forms of the drug are regulated by the FDA and are considered safe when used as directed by a physician.

For more information about addiction and rehabilitation, contact the Permian Basin Regional Council of Alcohol and Drug Abuse at 263-9696 or 915-552-7283. For information about the program at the VA Medical Center call 263-7361.

To contact Features Editor Andreia Medlin call 263-7331 ext. 236 or send an e-mail to johnmoseley@bigspringherald.com



HERALD photo/Braden Wegner

City Pool lifeguards pose prior to starting their duties Monday. From left are: Dan Weissman, Kasey Huckabee, Eric Smith, Crystal Atkinson and Eric Henry.

Lifeguards say job is a rewarding task

BRADEN WEGNER

Staff Writer

"Preventing in order to save."

That is the policy of a lifeguard, according to city lifeguard Kasey Huckabee.

Huckabee has been a lifeguard for more than two years and says lifeguarding is all about saving lives and protecting children.

"We prevent in order to save by enforcing the rules that protect everyone," says Huckabee.

The YMCA employs all 27 of the lifeguards in Big Spring and has contracts with the city pool and the Big Spring Country Club. Most of the lifeguards alternate from the city pool, the YMCA and country club.

All the lifeguards are certified by the American Red Cross and are required to take a course at the YMCA. The class teaches the lifeguards cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), first aid, rescue breathing, backboarding and many other skills.

"In the class you learn situations, learn how to rescue swim — you have to swim 500 yards, tread water for two minutes and pass a written test," said city lifeguard Eric Henry.

Eric Smith, the head lifeguard at the city pool, who has been a lifeguard for more than seven years, says his responsibilities are to "make sure the pool is tidy, make sure lifeguards are doing their job, count the money and run guarding drills."

"We tell them not to run and make sure nobody drowns," says city lifeguard Crystal Atkinson. "You always have to be alert."

Big Spring Country Club lifeguard Kim Lepard says her duties include "vacuuming the pool, adding chlorine, cleaning the bathrooms and deck, scrubbing the pool, adding water,

watching the pool and giving CPR and first aid if needed."

"We make sure everything is clean and watch the kids," said Nadia Torres, while standing her watch at the Big Spring Country Club's pool. "We can handle about 25 to 30 kids."

Besides the general cleaning, maintenance and the strict provisioning of the pools, some of the lifeguards also teach swimming lessons.

First-year lifeguard Casey Dawson says it's a job that has numerous rewards. "Lifeguarding is fun, and it makes me feel good about myself," she explained.

"It's a hands-on job," added YMCA lifeguard Hiedi Robinson.

For more information about becoming a lifeguard, contact the YMCA at 267-8234.

Scam:

Con artists bilk Big Spring woman out of \$5,000 with winnings scheme

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Big Spring residents should be on the alert for scam artists who recently conned a local woman out of about \$5,000, authorities say.

"There is a lady here in town who has received several calls from some subjects who were stating to her that she had won a large amount of money, somewhere in the neighborhood of \$200,000," Big Spring Police Sgt. Roger Sweatt said.

But according to the callers, the woman needed to pay taxes on the money up front, Sweatt said.

"They had told her that she needed to forward them about \$5,000 to cover taxes and shipping and things of that nature," he said. "They made several calls to her

and made it sound really good, as all con artists do."

Sweatt said the woman wire-transferred the money overseas.

"That's the last she ever heard of her money or anybody else's money," he said.

Sweatt said the police department has contacted the Secret Service, which has an open case file with several similar scams.

"They're kind of looking into it to see if we can maybe do a trace to see where these calls came from and possibly flag whoever picked up the money where the destination was," he said. "It's kind of difficult. It's like with Western Union, if you wire money to San Francisco, there's probably 500 points in San Francisco you can pick it up from."

This type of scam is actu-

ally fairly common, Sweatt said.

"Usually what happens is you get a letter or an e-mail. I've got an e-mail over it myself," he said. "What they call them are 'Nigerian scams' just because it's real common to get one that says, 'My name is so-and-so and I live in Nigeria and we want to give you a big amount of money. You've won the lottery,' or whatever. They call them that, or pigeon drops, or whatever."

The con artists can be very convincing, Sweatt said.

"They make it sound really attractive. These people are pros at this, it's how they make their living," he said.

Sweatt is asking for help from the public to track

from. See SCAM, Page 5



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OUR VIEWS

Salvation Army
needs your help
as school nears

With the start of school right around the corner it's time to help make sure that all youngsters that will be starting the classroom routine this fall have what they need to succeed.

And that takes more than a great many of us might think.

Good teachers, new school clothes and a meal card don't mean much if you don't have the pencils, paper, crayons, scissors and erasers everybody else has.

That's why the Salvation Army is seeking donations of school supplies that can be distributed to needy Big Spring families.

For 10 years, the Salvation Army has been making a difference in the lives of children, who might otherwise be unable to start school with the supplies they need.

As of right now, social services worker Nancy Vasques has a lengthy list of needs that includes just about everything from crayons to markers; map colors; ink pens, red, blue and black; No. 2 pencils; watercolors; school boxes; highlighters; pocket folders; glue, the liquid and the sticks; plastic protractors; notebook paper, construction paper and even those husky pencils for the younger children.

Donations of school supplies should be brought to the Salvation Army main office at 811 W. Fifth St. An monetary donations, which are always accepted, can either be delivered or mailed to the office.

The Salvation Army will take applications from families needing supplies for their children July 24-31.

Parents applying for school supplies should bring proof of income, a copy of expenses, Social Security cards for household members, picture identification for everyone 18 and older in the home and information about the grade and school of the students. Supplies be distributed on Aug. 8.

Last year 232 students received supplies through the program and chances are more will be in need this year.

Let's make sure the children in our community have everything they need when school starts.

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The Herald is always interested in our readers' opinions.

In order that we might better serve your needs, we offer several ways in which you may contact us:

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- By telephone at 263-7331
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Getting divorced from the Internet

Three businessmen got into an elevator in New York City. Two of them began to discuss a topic in Japanese.

"Hey, hey, hey!" interrupted the third man. "Don't forget where you are. This is America, buddy. Speak Spanish."

The above is only a joke, but it is true that after two weeks in Eastern Europe on a business trip, the first words I heard from the American ground crew at Dulles International in Washington, D.C., were in Spanish.

I don't get uptight about languages the way some folks do. I only speak one — Southern. I've found that Southern will take you just about anywhere you wish to go, provided you have fingers with which to point and lips with which to

smile or frown, as might be appropriate. In case you do get lost, you should also learn to look puzzled.

I know there are bigots, like the fellow who says, "Hey, guys, dis country is America, and da official lingo is Brooklyn." And I agree. The official language of the U.S. government, that language with which it communicates with its citizens, should be one of our English dialects. Whether the bureaucrat wishes to say "Youse guys" or "You all" or "Hey, dude" is not important.

Government tax forms are difficult enough to understand in what passes for English in Washington without trying to figure out what they might be saying in Polish or Mandarin Chinese. But the advice we ought to give to all our new citizens from overseas is: "Don't forget, it's an American custom never to communicate with the government except as a last resort. So learn just enough English to talk to the government when you have no choice, and speak otherwise in whatever language you choose."

We should all remember how lucky we are that Thomas Edison didn't have to fill out government forms to get permission to invent the electric light bulb. If he had, we'd still be filling out forms by candlelight or whale-oil lamps.

Personally, I think communication is oversold and overblown in this country anyway. Computerization was supposed to have created the paperless office. What a joke that turned out to be. Copiers and printers have gotten bigger and easier to use, so thousands of people who have no interest in or reason to be interested in some document get copies of it anyway. Besides, nearly all computer software comes with one disk and one manual the size of a big-city telephone book.

Don't forget that the American divorce rate shot up terribly when women got the crazy notion that men were suppose to communicate their "feelings." My ex-wife was always nagging me to tell her what my true feelings were.

"I do that all the time," I used to argue (vainly).

"How many times have I told you that I hate Brussels sprouts?"

So if you're interested in communicating with me, you'll have to try pen and paper. Or owl, pigeon or smoke. I and the Internet have filed for divorce on the grounds that our differences are irreconcilable. One of the advantages of surviving a few decades is the realization that a lot of what is annoying, irritating and more trouble than it's worth is also unnecessary, and you don't have to put up with it.

If you're addicted to jargon, try this: Instead of writing "Charles E. Reese," write "CER." That's pronounced "sir" or "cur," depending on whether you favor the soft or hard "C." Instead of "Post Office Box," just write "POB 2446, Orlando, FL (pronounced "pob" as in "cob," and "fluh") 32802."

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YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

I think it is important to thank Judy Strickland, our current District 15 State Board of Education member and Republican candidate for state representative for spending two days in Big Spring over the July 4 weekend.

Strickland attended Pops in the Park at the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater and spent most of July 4 visiting with people at the Fantastic Fourth celebration downtown.

Anyone who had the opportunity to meet her found that she is not and never will be a career politician. She is an extremely capable and intelligent representative of the values that the families in Howard County hold so dear.

She truly represents the best interests of the citizens of Big Spring, spending as much as possible of her invaluable time here with us.

Thank you is also in order to Greg Bodin, president of the area Motorcycle Rights Organization, for his gracious invitation for her to speak at their meeting.

MARGARITA DURAND-
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TO THE EDITOR:

Two animals that I thought were extinct in our great city have reared their ugly heads once again, "Prejudice and Ignorance." Don't believe me? Just ask Osbelia Rocha or take a look at all the letters received by the newspaper concerning the recent school board actions taken on Rocha's account.

It isn't just the Hispanic community that is outraged by the four board member's actions who felt it was their duty to show their "control" over school board decisions.

These gentlemen need to attend some serious, extensive school board training and learn the real role of school board members. They are to work with the superintendent. Our school system asks for parents of children in our system to work in partnership with our staff to better serve and further our children's educational journey through their school years. How can you ask others, such as staff and parents to work "together" when you as grown men cannot do the same?

There is a saying that states, "You can't sell an idea when you don't buy it yourself." With your

actions regarding Mrs. Rocha's denial as principal at Moss, you exemplified the worst in grown-ups. What an example for our children!

Take a look at most Fortune 500 boards of directors and their duties. You will notice that administrative duties such as personnel matters are left up to the people experienced to handle such matters, and have the qualifications and expertise to do the job.

Let's get to the real reason why these gentlemen exercised their "control" concerning Mrs. Rocha. The reasons for not hiring her as principal were "prejudice and ignorance."

Certain people could not accept the promotion of a highly qualified, motivating Hispanic woman.

Furthermore, they still cannot accept the fact that another highly qualified, Hispanic woman is the assistant superintendent. To top-it-off, a very knowledgeable well-trained Hispanic woman serves as a school board member representing her district.

The biggest growth is population, not only in our country and our state, but locally as well, is the Hispanic population. More representation not only on our school board, but in our city and county govern-

ment is needed.

You want us to spend our money here, you want our young men and women to represent our school district in various athletic events. Yet, you don't want us to be a part of the decision-making process in our city.

We are embarking on a journey to instill seven single member districts to help insure equal representation. There have supposedly been comments made by certain board members that they are ready to fight "those Mexicans in court."

Do you as hard working taxpayers want to have to spend anywhere from \$250,000 to possibly \$1 million to fight a fight that doesn't need to be fought?

Thousands of dollars that can be used to give our hard-working teachers a well-deserved raise, school-books and materials for our children, or for work on our facilities will be wasted on a court fight. How much did it cost our school system the last time the board was taken to court: Do the right thing. It has already been suggested by outside sources.

The final outcome of any decision should be the best interest of the children, not who controls the board.

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A 31-year teachi an, Martin has al at Haskell, Color



Bush promise not to sell stock for six months didn't hold up

WASHINGTON (AP) — George W. Bush signed a letter in 1990 saying he wouldn't sell any stock for at least six months in the struggling Texas oil company where he was a director. But 2 1/2 months later, with Harken Energy Corp. hit by a sudden financial crisis, Bush cashed out his shares for \$848,560.

Bush's accountant, Robert McCleskey, said Monday that Harken's troubled finances were "not, in my opinion," a factor in the stock sale and that Bush sold his shares 12 years ago as part of a pre-existing plan in place for many months to "get liquid."

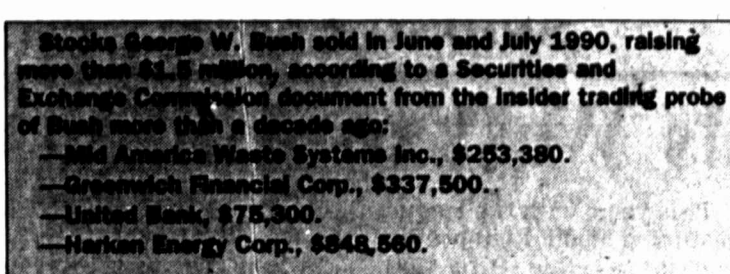
McCleskey said one goal was to pay off a bank loan

that Bush had used to buy his stake in the Texas Rangers baseball team. The Harken stock sale became the focus of an insider trading probe of Bush in 1991 by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The SEC did not interview Bush and took no action against him. But Bush's sale is under renewed public scrutiny as he tries to restore investor confidence in the financial markets.

McCleskey said he wasn't aware of Harken's financial condition and that Bush "never said anything about it to me."

But two securities lawyers questioned Bush's motive in selling Harken stock amid financial turmoil just over



two months after he had pledged not to sell.

The promise came in the form of Bush's signature on a "lockup" letter on April 3, 1990.

It said he would hold onto his Harken stock for six months after the effective date of a proposed public stock offering.

Little more than a week later, the company was

plunged into a financial crisis when one of its bank lenders withdrew its support.

Harken abandoned the proposed stock offering, began a desperate search for cash, and eventually split itself into three parts.

"Bush's signing of the April 2, 1990, lockup agreement undercuts his lawyers' explanation for the early

sale of his Harken stock," said Houston securities lawyer Thomas R. Ajamie, whose firm advises companies that did business with the failed energy trader, Enron Corp.

"If his accountant told him that he needed to sell stock to pay a debt obligation for his interest in the Texas Rangers, it does not make sense that he would subsequently sign an agreement promising not to sell his shares of Harken stock for six months," Ajamie said in an interview.

But McCleskey said the lockup letter was not a problem because there was no rush in selling Harken stock.

A number of Bush's stock

holdings from different companies were "on the table" and the sales would take place "when we get it done," said McCleskey.

McCleskey said Bush had pledged 130,000 shares of Harken stock on the bank loan for his piece of the baseball team, and when the bank note was renewed around March 1990, the shares were freed up, enabling Bush to sell them.

White House spokesman Dan Bartlett said that the lockout letter was "made irrelevant and obsolete" by the time Bush sold his shares.

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down the scam artists.

"We want to warn people that if they get a call like this, to do their best to get a phone number from these people or a name, and then they can call us," he said.

People should always be wary when they get a phone call, letter or e-mail saying they have won money or prizes, Sweatt said.

"I don't know of an instance where somebody's going to say, 'You've won \$100,000, but we need \$5,000 to cover the taxes.' If they say something like that, that should be an alarm," Sweatt said. "If you win the lottery, they don't come to you and say 'Send us \$5,000 and we'll send you \$100,000.' You have to go to their location that's bonafide and certified, and pay your taxes and stuff like that. You don't do this stuff through the mail or over wire transfer."

Similar scams can also involve meetings with people who claim to offer large payoffs for up-front cash payments, Sweatt said.

Anyone with information about this or other scams should call the Big Spring Police at 264-2550.

Sweetwater, Taylor County/Bufalo Gap and Merkel school districts.

His list of diplomas include a master's of education from Sul Ross State University in Alpine, a bachelor's of science from McMurry University, an associate of arts from Cisco Junior College and his high school degree from Brownwood High School in Brownwood.

Martin's certifications include mid-management, professional development appraisal system, Texas teacher appraisal system, instructional leadership training, social studies, computer literacy and physical education and health.

His professional affiliations include being a member of the Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association, Texas State Teachers Association, Texas High School Coaches Association, Texas Association of Basketball Coaches, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Texas Girls Coaches Association. He is also involved with several community organizations.

though he had received concerned phone calls from people related to Moss about Rocha's hiring and had a conversation with the board president over the matter.

Murphy denied receiving any phone calls from Moss. Murphy also said he didn't feel it would be fair to all the candidates to change the process after it had been completed.

He added if the board tabled the issue, he felt Rocha would have probably withdrawn her name from consideration. The candidates were interviewed by administrators. Murphy noted the hiring procedure for administrators had been in place since 1996.

Following the questioning, trustees approved the second choice for the position, William George Martin, who has been serving as assistant principal at Goliad Elementary.

Trustees then headed into budget study.

Sandra Waggoner, the district's business manager, presented a budget of almost \$23 million that included a surplus of \$536,000.

The initial budget draft is \$1.6 million leaner than last

year.

Waggoner told trustees the closure of Anderson Kindergarten Center and reduction of faculty and staff through attrition is about \$1.2 million of the cut, a permanent savings.

Even with a program to cut staff and faculty positions through attrition, employee salaries constitute about 85 percent of next year's projected operating expenses.

Waggoner told trustees the district expects to lose another 100 in student enrollment and projected overall revenues will decrease \$944,265 for the 2002-2003 school year.

Unexpected expenses, including legal fees for the Big Spring Junior High School lawsuit, the facility's repairs and a larger than expected increase in property insurance will leave the district with a deficit of more than \$260,000 this year, Waggoner estimated.

Legal fees for the junior high school are still not budgeted this year, a concern for Furqueron, who said he thought they should be.

With the leaner budget, several things have been

cut, including several repairs requested by the maintenance department.

Trustees will meet again at 6 tonight in the high school's boardroom, 707 11th Place.

In other business, trustees approved:

- The proposed budget for the Howard County Appraisal District. The district's portion of the budget is \$192,016, a \$5,165 decrease from the 2002 budget.
- The 2002-2003 proposed budget for the Howard County Tax Assessor/Collector. The district's portion of that budget is \$24,242, a drop of \$9,642 from the 2001-2002 budget.
- Additional Optional Extended Year Program Entitlement funds in the amount of \$1,712.

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comes along, we can just kind of take it to their house," Rhodes said. "These patients have been good enough to realize that it helps a lot of folks, and I think it helps them emotionally to know that they're giving something back. And these lumber yards are giving us a gift that will keep giving."

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process and administrative actions in the hiring of a new principal for Moss.

Several trustees received criticism for their vote not to hire Osbelia Rocha, former Big Spring High School assistant principal, as the principal for Moss at the last board meeting on June 21.

Following that meeting, Trustee Phil Furqueron insisted the vote had nothing to do with Rocha's credentials but a failure by the administration to compromise with the board.

Some references to racism and gender bias have been raised by some in the community.

Through his questioning, Dawson pointed out that one candidate who is Hispanic was eventually dismissed from consideration by the administration because the administration had decided to hire within the district.

Also, Dawson noted that trustees had supported the hiring of Esthela Agurrie as assistant superintendent and the administrative assignment of Rey Villarreal as the Big Spring Junior High principal, both Hispanic employees.

Dawson asked Murphy why he brought the recommendation for a vote even

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BS Quarterback Club will meet tonight

The first meeting of the 2002 Big Spring Quarterback Club will be Tuesday, July 16, at 7 p.m. at the ATC.

Members will use the meeting to plan events for the start of the season, including the Aug. 10 golf tournament, the program, and the Community-wide Pep Rally.

The meeting is open to everyone interested in helping support the Steer football program.

For more info call Jim Clements at 267-1069.

Scorpions to host first tournament

The Scorpions will be hosting their inaugural softball tournament on July 19-21 at Cotton Mize Field.

Entry fee for the event is set at \$115. Class D & E teams are eligible.

Trophies will be given to the top three teams. T-shirts will be presented to the top three individuals.

For more information contact Abel Rios at (915) 661-4898, (915) 263-1391 or (915) 268-5948.

Hunter Education

A Hunter Education Course will be offered by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department on Aug. 10-11.

Every Texas hunter born on or after Sept. 2, 1971, must successfully complete a Hunter Education Training Course. The minimum age of certification is 12 years of age.

The class will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on both days in the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce building, located at the corner of Third and Gregg.

For more information or to pre-register call Boyce Hale at 267-6957 or stop by Dibrell's Gun Shop.

Volleyball camp set for July 22 at BSJHS

Rose Magers-Powell, a member of the U.S. volleyball team that earned a silver medal at the 1988 Olympics, will be conducting a volleyball camp beginning July 22 in the Big Spring Junior High School gym. The camp is scheduled to run through July 25.

Athletes attending the camp will be divided into three separate divisions in an effort to help each develop the skills needed at their appropriate levels. According to officials with the camp, participants will be divided into grades levels of 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.

Locals to compete in San Angelo on Wed.

Several Big Spring area golfers will hit the links this coming week at the West Texas Championships at Riverside Golf Course in San Angelo.

Among the local stars slated to compete in the event are Nick Read, Will Conley and Rachel Gee.

Gaines County Golf Course sets event

The Gaines County Golf Course will be holding a 3-man, 2-low ball tournament on Aug. 3-4. Entry fee for the event is

For more information about the GCC golfing event call (915) 758-3808.

Leslie leads West to win in WNBA all-star game

WASHINGTON (AP) — For a league that has not been around all that long, the WNBA has some rock-solid traditions: a victory in the All-Star game for the West and an MVP trophy for Lisa Leslie.

Leslie finished with 18 points, 14 rebounds and four blocks Monday night to lead the West to an 81-76 victory over the East.

The West has won all four All-Star games in the six seasons of the WNBA, and Leslie has been MVP in three of them. Western Conference teams also have won the last four WNBA championships.

This year, with the league featuring such high-profile rookies as Sue Bird and Tamika Catchings, Leslie wanted to make a stand for her generation.

"It's funny how all of the sudden this year everybody is calling us old school ... just because a new class of young players has come in," Leslie said. "By no means are any of us done."

Houston's Tina Thompson led all scorers with 20 points.

Catchings, a rookie with the Indiana Fever who played with a mask protecting her broken nose, led the East with 12 points.

Catchings paid respect to the West's veterans.

"It just goes to show you — the older players are smarter than the younger players," she said. "You see the older players, they always seem to get open at the right moment."

West coach Michael Cooper was impressed with the play of his veterans — Leslie, Thompson and Sheryl Swoopes.

"The younger players coming in — the Sue Birds, the Lauren Jacksons — can learn from those players," said Cooper, who coaches Leslie with the Los Angeles Sparks. "Because the pass-

ing of the torch ... has to be done so it's not dropped, that the caliber of play doesn't diminish."

This was the closest of the West's victories.

"We're happy it was a competitive game because we've blown them out so many times in the past," Leslie said. "I think it was great for the fans."

The East led 76-75 with 1:02 remaining, but the West took the lead for good on two free throws by Thompson that made it 77-76 with 51 seconds left. Swoopes, Thompson's teammate in Houston, added two more free throws with 19

seconds to go for a three-point lead.

The East had a chance to tie with seven seconds left, but Catchings could not handle a tough inbounds pass from Andrea Stinson. Thompson then hit two free throws for the final margin.

Leslie, the league's MVP last season, set an All-Star game record with her 14 rebounds. She had 20 points and nine rebounds in last year's game.

The East played without Washington's Chamique Holdsclaw, the league's leading scorer and rebounder who is out with a sprained ankle.

Royals sweep twinbill from the Rangers

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Raul Ibanez didn't want to be known as the teammate dragging the chain.

Instead, he's become the team leader.

Raul Ibanez continued his RBI barrage Monday, driving in three runs in each game of a doubleheader as Kansas City beat the Texas Rangers 8-6 and 6-4.

Ibanez credited teammates hitting ahead of him, including Joe Randa who also drove in three runs in the nightcap, with motivating him to do his best.

"Absolutely, it feels great to get key hits," said Ibanez, hitting .386 over the past 17 games with 23 RBIs and seven homers.

An outfielder filling in at first for the injured Mike Sweeney, Ibanez put his team ahead in the nightcap with a two-run single in the seventh that broke a 4-4 tie.

He'd already driven in a run with a first-inning double, and got his three RBIs in the opener with a bases-loaded triple in the first.

All this after driving in seven runs Sunday with a pair of homers, one of them a grand slam, as the Royals beat Anaheim 12-3.

The seven-RBI performance tied a club record held with seven other players, including Hall of Famer George Brett. The 10 RBIs in two games and 13 in three are new Royals marks.

Ibanez was moved to first base on Sunday because Sweeney's back was bothering him. Sweeney, who ranks second in the American League in hitting with a .355 average, sat out both games again Monday. He said he injured the back about two weeks ago in Oakland when he rode in the back seat of a relative's truck after a game.

The two wins Monday extended the Royals' streak to four in a row, matching their longest of the 37-54 season.

The Royals nearly had two young pitchers pick up their first big league victories. Shawn Sedlacek won the opener, his first decision in five starts. He'd left three of those games with the Royals ahead, only to see the bullpen fail to hold the lead.

On Monday, he retired 14 straight batters after a shaky start that saw the first four Texas batters reach base.

The bullpen almost failed him again as the Rangers scored three runs in the ninth, two on Herbert Perry's home run off Dan Reichert. Closer Roberto Hernandez got the final out for his 15th save, and he picked up a 16th in the second game.

Runelvys Hernandez, called up from Wichita, made his big league debut

Monday, relieving reliever Kris Wilson yielded solo homers to Kevin Mench and Rafael

Irabu put in hospital with blood clots in his lungs

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Texas Rangers closer Hideki Irabu was hospitalized Monday with small blood clots in his lungs.

Irabu was taken to St. Luke's Hospital by assistant trainer Ray Ramirez about 4 a.m. EDT Monday after complaining of chest pains and shortness of breath.

He will fly with the team back to Texas after Tuesday night's game. Initially, it was reported that Irabu was expected to be hospitalized for two to three days before returning to Texas.

Irabu was given medication and blood thinners to dissolve the clots and was scheduled for additional tests to try and determine where the blood clots formed.

"I saw him at 6 in the morning and he looked great and his spirits were good," Rangers manager Jerry Narron said. "I know he'll be on some type of blood thinner for a while. I don't know when he'll be able to pitch again."

"It is serious. With the death of Darryl Kile, I don't think anybody is going to do anything but be sure he is healthy. Baseball is secondary."

Irabu led the Rangers with 16 saves and had a 3-8 record with a 5.74 ERA in 38 games. He was placed on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to Saturday.

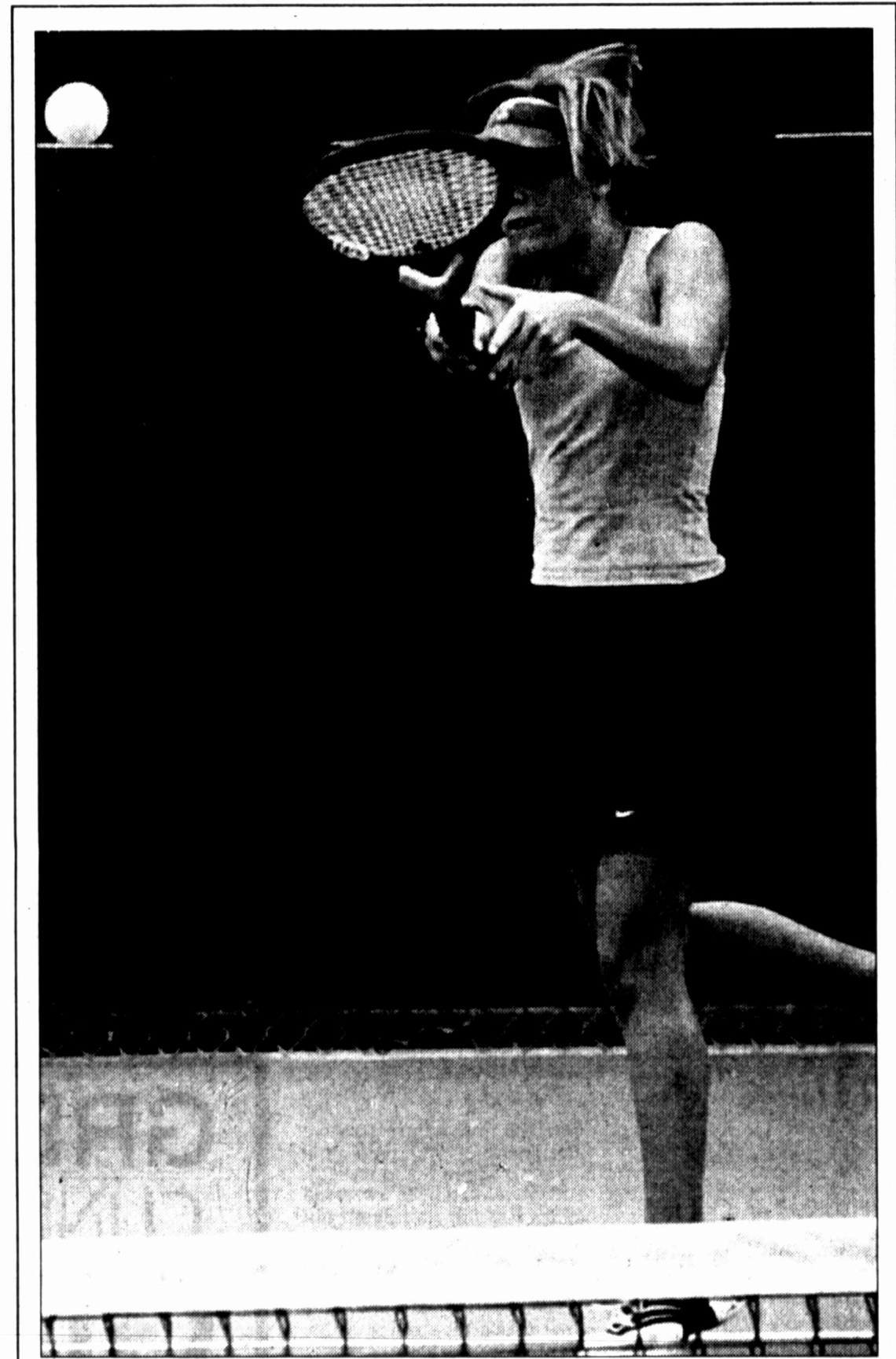
Palmeiro that tied the score until Ibanez put the Royals ahead to stay.

Pena said Hernandez, 24, who started the season in Class A at Wilmington, Del., will get a second start Saturday when the Royals play another doubleheader against Cleveland. He was 7-2 with a 1.94 ERA in his last 12 appearances for Wichita.

"I was not nervous because I pitched the same way as I did in Wichita," Hernandez said. "My two-seam fastball and my slider were working well. I also threw some good change-ups."

Joaquin Benoit (2-1) of the Rangers hurt himself with seven walks before leaving in the sixth inning of the first game. After he'd walked the bases loaded in the first, Ibanez cleared them with his triple and then scored on a sacrifice fly by Michael Tucker.

The loss in the second game to Anthony Reidford (2-1), who relieved starter Bob Bell to begin the seventh but retired only one of the four batters he faced.



Snyder's Stephanie Williams returns a serve during Saturday's action at the annual Black and Gold Tournament. In all, more than 60 athletes participated in the event, which was held at the Figure 7 Tennis Complex.

Vargas, Phillips sneak past Forsan duo for Mixed honors

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Patricia Vargas emerged as a two-time winner at the annual Black and Gold Tournament Saturday night. She teamed with Snyder's Curt Phillips to squeak out a win in the finals of the Mixed Doubles bracket.

Vargas and Phillips edged out Forsan's Kay Parks and Lacy Eggleston in the championship match. Forsan's Ben Breyman and Erin Posey earned the consolation honors.

For Vargas, the Mixed Doubles crown made her one of the winningest athletes at this year's event, which drew more than 60 athletes to the Figure 7 Tennis

Black & Gold Tournament Mixed Doubles Results	
1. Vargas-Phillips, Snyder	
2. Parks-Eggleston, Forsan	
3. Breyman-Posey, Forsan	

Complex. She had won the girls' 18 title on Friday with a win over Snyder's Cozy Jones.

Phillips, too, was a two-time medalist. He was second in the boys' 18 bracket.

The second-place finish by Eggleston was her second strong performance of the meet. She advanced to the semifinals of the girls' 12-14 division on Friday afternoon before suffering a setback to eventual champion Kaylie McPherson of Odessa.

Expos minority partners to sue Selig, former team owner for fraud

NEW YORK (AP) — Former minority partners of the Montreal Expos are filing a lawsuit charging commissioner Bud Selig and former team owner Jeffrey Loria with fraud.

The 14 owners planned to file the lawsuit today in federal court in Miami under the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act, a person close to the lawyers for the minority partners, Weil, Gotshal &

Manges, said Monday.

The lawsuit concerns the proposed contraction of the Expos, the group said Monday in a statement that did not go into details. The 14 corporate entities, who together owned 6-to-7 percent of the Expos, currently own 6-to-7 percent of the Florida Marlins.

The lawsuit asks for compensatory damages, which are tripled, plus \$100 million in punitive damages.

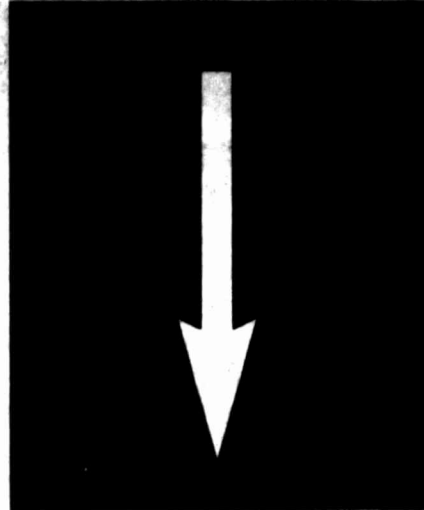
The suit contends Loria and Marlins president David Samson conspired with baseball officials to dilute the minority partners' share and never intended to keep the franchise in Montreal.

Earlier this year, Loria's holding company sold the Expos to the other 29 teams and purchased the Marlins from John Henry, now the owner of the Boston Red Sox.



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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) *** Without you realizing it, someone's expectations might not be the same as yours. You wander into trouble inadvertently. Meetings and interactions at work seem to be heading down the right path. Don't be surprised when you get a strong reaction! Tonight: Say yes to a partner.
TAURUS (April 20-May

20) **** You might as well go along with another's agenda, as the cards aren't falling into place as you would like. Others seek you out and tap into your resources. You need to say little, as your knowledge becomes obvious. Let others seek you out. Tonight: Join friends for dinner.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) **** Work needs your full attention. You cannot afford to be distracted or to head in a different direction. Take another view. Gain a better understanding of what might be feasible financially. Someone could be put off by your calls and style. Tonight: Get some exercise.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) **** Allow your imagination to pitch in when you seem to hit an obstacle. Do be careful about inordinate risk-taking, especially if it involves feelings or funds. In this realm, walk a conservative path. Avoid a knee-jerk reaction. Tonight: Enjoy a special person in your life.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) *** Manage your temper so you can accomplish your goals. You might need to express your anger. Use the most effective way you know for the long-term. Unexpected developments steer you in another direction. Tonight: Vanish home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) **** Say what you think. Return messages and calls, especially as someone might be waiting to hear from you. Add that special touch with a friend. You can make all the difference in a meeting. Listen carefully to another's feedback. Tonight: Join a loved one at a favorite place.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) **** Indulge and treat someone close to you. This person needs that extra time and touch. Understand more of what is going on with a friend who could be more volatile than usual. Treat this person to lunch or dinner, clearing the way for a talk. Tonight: Paint the town red.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) **** Recognize another's liabilities without making him or her feel shaky or nervous. Your personality melts another's resistance. Be direct in how you handle a personal matter. Deal with others with kid gloves if you want positive results. Tonight: In the limelight.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) *** Assume a low profile for the moment, especially if a certain matter is causing you some angst. Hop on the computer or phone, exploring alternatives. Willingly change direction if it works better for you. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-

Jan. 19) **** Mobilize your energy and bring others together. Your sense of direction helps others complete a key project. An associate might be upset with you. Perhaps this person needs more attention. Stay on top of work. Tonight: Indulge another.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) **** Assume responsibility when an associate drops the ball. You need to know when to say "halt" to a very playful friend or associate. Understand your limits and maintain your responsibilities. Schedule time to socialize later on. Tonight: A must appearance.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) **** You're able to see the big picture when others cannot. Lighten your work schedule. You can only do so much, so fast. Understand that you cannot be everything to everyone. Know when to say you have had enough. Tonight: Try something very different.

BORN TODAY
Celebrity Lucie Arnaz (1951), actor Donald Sutherland (1934), singer Phoebe Snow (1952)
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Readers send support to friend who wants to adopt
Dear Ann Landers: Thank you for your response to "No Name, No Good at Lying." Her friend, "Lucy," wants to adopt a child, and the adoption agency will be interviewing Lucy's friends and family. She was concerned that Lucy might not be a good mother. I was a dedicated career woman. When I became pregnant, I expected to return to work within a month after the birth. Many of my friends believed I would make a lousy mother. They thought I would put the baby in day care and visit it once a week. But that small bundle of joy transformed me completely. I quit my job and spent the next five years devoted to my children. I didn't go back to work full time until my youngest child was 12 years old. You are right, Ann. You never know who will make a good mother. Transformed Mom in Georgia
Dear Mom in Georgia: Thank you for the words of support. Several readers took me to task for my answer, saying this poor adopted child was doomed to a life of misery. I disagree. Here's one more on the subject:
Dear Ann Landers: As an adoptive parent, I read with interest the letter from "No Name, No State, No Good at Lying." She should know that the decision to adopt is not made lightly. It is very likely that Lucy and her husband have infertility problems or a history of miscarriages. After all, if Lucy wanted a child simply to quit working and stay home, she would have had a child by birth, if possible. She would not submit herself to a very invasive and expensive adoption process to prove her physical, emotional and financial fitness to parent a child. "No Name" has a duty to report any objective impediments to responsible parenting, such as drug abuse or violent tendencies, but she need not speculate on her friend's motives. She should not presume to fully understand the reasons leading to Lucy's decision to adopt. She may be more ready to care for a child than "No Name" realizes. — Know Better in Pennsylvania
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c/o C.E. (Mike) Thomas III Attorney at Law P.O. Drawer 2117 Big Spring, Texas 79721
Dated the 9th day of July, 2002.

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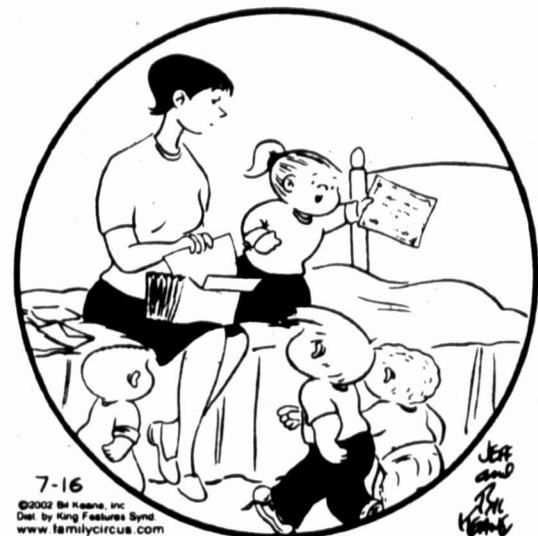
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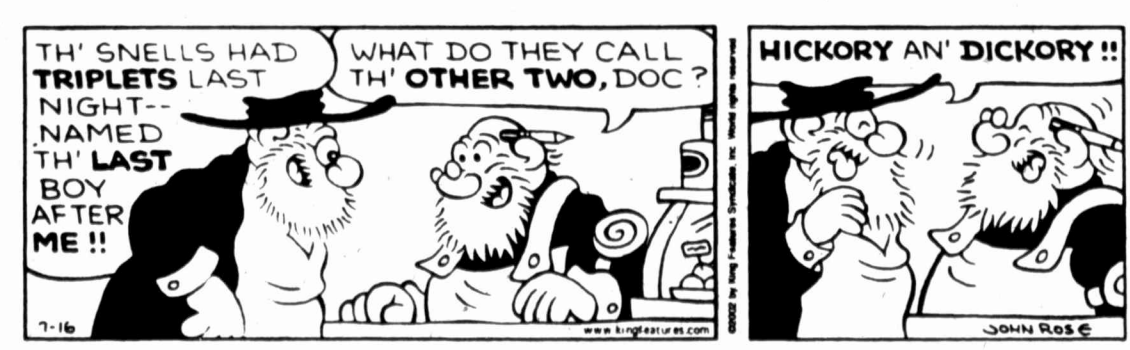
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today is Tuesday, July 16, the 197th day of 2002. There are 168 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History:
On July 16, 1945, the United States exploded its first experimental atomic bomb, in the desert of Alamogordo, N.M.
On this date:
In 1790, the District of Columbia was established as the seat of the U.S. government.
In 1862, David G. Farragut became the first rear admiral in the U.S. Navy.
In 1918, Russia's Czar Nicholas II, his empress and their five children were executed by the Bolsheviks.
In 1951, the novel "The Catcher in the Rye" by J.D. Salinger was published.
In 1964, in accepting the Republican presidential nomination in San Francisco, Barry M. Goldwater said "extremism

in the defense of liberty is no vice" and that "moderation in the pursuit of justice is no virtue."
In 1969, Apollo 11 blasted off from Cape Kennedy on the first manned mission to the surface of the moon.
In 1973, during the Senate Watergate hearings, former White House aide Alexander P. Butterfield publicly revealed the existence of President Nixon's secret taping system.
In 1980, former California Gov. Ronald Reagan won the Republican presidential nomination at the party's convention in Detroit.
In 1981, singer Harry Chapin was killed when his car was struck by a tractor-trailer on New York's Long Island Expressway.
In 1999, John F. Kennedy Jr., his wife, Carolyn, and her sister, Lauren Bessette, died when their single-engine plane plunged into the ocean near Martha's Vineyard, Mass.
Today's Birthdays: TV director Vincent Sherman is 96. Actor Barnard Hughes is 87. Former U.S. Attorney General Dick

Thornburgh is 70. Soul singer William Bell is 63. Actor Corin Redgrave is 63. Former tennis player Margaret Court is 60. Violinist Pinchas Zukerman is 54. Actor-singer Ruben Blades is 54. Rock composer-musician Stewart Copeland is 50. Dancer Michael Flatley is 44. Actress Phoebe Cates is 39. Country singer Craig Morgan is 37.
Thought for Today: "The teenagers aren't all bad. I love 'em if nobody else does. There ain't nothing wrong with young people. Jus' quit lyin' to 'em." — Jackie "Moms" Mabley, American singer and comedian (1894-1975).

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

ABOUT FACE by Mark Moldowsky
Edited by Stanley Newman

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1 Main artery
6 Get going
11 Biblical exemplar of patience
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16 State of reverence
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21 "I ___ thought of that!"
23 Soup cracker
27 Collection of rituals
29 Pizza topping
30 Precede
31 Remove, as a clothespin
32 Mortise partner
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36 ___ in Boots
37 Greek physician
38 Train for a match
39 Stallone nickname
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41 "To ___ own self be true"
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45 Sturdy fastener
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49 Comedian King
50 "Sweetheart of Sigma ___"
51 Attention-getting
- DOWN**
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3 Flying Down to ___
4 Fancy marble
5 Sauntering
6 Work too hard
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32 Fortune-teller's deck
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35 Guiding principle
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