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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.

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Big Spring was one of 10 area cities in West Texas cities posting an increase in sales tax rebates received this month, according to the State Comptroller's Office.

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GRAND JURY

A new Howard County grand jury will convene Thursday at the 118th District Court. Jurors should arrive at the court building, 312 S. Scurry St., no later than 9 a.m. The district attorney's office plans to present about 25 cases.

Those with questions about grand jury service can call the district clerk at 264-2223.

LARGE-ITEM PICK UP

Big Spring is initiating a large-item pick up, beginning Thursday in council District 1.

The program will be scheduled in the other districts in the coming months.

City residents who live in District 1 are asked to place all non-hazardous items on the curb, in the city right-of-way, by 7 a.m. on Thursday.

Residents who would like to take advantage of this program or need to know which district they live in, should call one of the following numbers — permits/inspections — 261-2504, public works — 261-2501, or the street department — 261-2376.

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Trustees turn down administrative raises

Big Spring ISD board gives its approval to local step pay increases for teachers

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

After two days of budget studies, Big Spring Independent School District trustees settled on a proposed "black budget" that includes the district's yearly local step increase for teachers but excludes administrative raises.

After meeting in closed session Tuesday, trustees opted not to include the $24,000 administrative request for principal, directors, business administrators and assistant superintendent annual raises.

"This was done in executive session," said trustee Terry Wegman.

"I feel all I can say is that the majority of the board members felt that it was a budgetary consideration. There was concern over fund balance, pending litigation and upcoming expenses involved with that — that was the main concern expressed."

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Trustee Terry Wegman

Board President Frank Long and Trustee Mike Dawson both refused to comment on the decision citing closed session confidentiality.

Trustees Irene Bustamante and Phil Furqueron could not be reached for comment by press time.

Twenty-three people were effected by the decision.

Superintendent Murray Murphy was not included in the requested raise.

Murphy had opted earlier to have all of his salary considerations dealt with by the board separately and no salary increase for the superintendent is included in the budget.

For the past several years, administrators have received raises based on the teachers' 20-plus years of service average raise of $828 per year for a 10-month contract.

If an administrator has a 11-month contract, he or she receives a $911 increase and a 12-month contract receives $994 increase.

Trustees did approve adding $85,000 to operational expresses to continue with a $828 salary raise for teachers with 20 plus years with the district. Teachers with 20 years or less with the district

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Vaccine shortage prompts referrals

No cause for alarm, health care officials say

By ANDREIA MEDLIN
Features Editor

For licensed vocational nurse Chrissy Lopez business has been "real slow."

Lopez is the vaccination nurse for the Texas Department of Health in Big Spring and has been busy giving out deferral cards for those patients who she wasn't able to vaccinate for tetanus (Td) or measles, mumps and rubella (MMR).

The problem, Lopez says, is a shortage of available vaccine.

"It's a referral system. We give them a card and call them back when they need to come in," she explained and added "It's really only the tetanus. There is a delay in shipping (for the MMR)."

According to a memo released by the Texas Department of Health in Austin, students 7 years of age or older needing to complete the series for a vaccine containing diphtheria and tetanus toxoids (DPT) must complete the series with a tetanus vaccination in order to meet school immunization requirements. Those students, Lopez explained, are not deferred.

When the requirements are resumed the students will be recalled who didn't

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HERALD photo/Andreia Medlin

Velia Ross, a clerk at the Texas Department of Health office in Big Spring, gets an annual vaccination from Chrissy Lopez, the department's vaccination nurse. Nurses like Lopez are noticing a shortage of tetanus and MMR vaccines. Some vaccinations have been deferred until supply can meet demand.

Left behind

Grandparents taking care of children found by local police

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer

Three Big Spring children are living with their grandparents after their parents apparently abandoned them Saturday.

SWEATT

"Officers got a call up to the apartments in the 1000 block of North Main. Some people reported that there was some flooding in an upstairs apartment," said police Sgt. Roger Sweatt. "The maintenance man tried to get in and the doors were locked. He finally made contact with some people in the apartment and they were all kids. They were all children 9 and under."

The children, residents of the Northcrest Apartments, were two boys 9 and 6 years old, and a 4-year-old girl.

Sweatt said that when the officers entered the apartment, they discovered standing water two inches deep.

"Basically some of the kids had turned on the water and forgotten about it," Sweatt said. "There were several electrical appliances like fans lying around in the water that were still plugged in. No food in the house that wasn't rotten. There were some instruments lying around, like knives, within easy access of the kids. It was filthy, stuff was scattered everywhere and the kids

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Code Patrol to sniff out messiness

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer

Do you regularly fail to mow your lawn? Have a dirty habit of throwing fast food sacks out the window of your car?

Clean up your act, Big Spring. The code patrol is back in town.

About 20 local residents met at the Big Spring City Council Chambers Tuesday evening in an organizational meeting for the Code Patrol.

"We are a group of citizens that as we are driving around in our own community or around town, as we see junk cars or weedy lots, unsightly things on a property, we report them to Code Enforcement," said Code Patrol organizer Pat Simmons. "We have these forms that we fill out."

"We just want to bring it to the resident's mind that they have a little ugly situation there. They need to take care of it."

Pat Simmons,
Code Patrol organizer

Simmons said the group doesn't enjoy getting Big Spring residents in trouble.

"We just want to bring it to the resident's mind that they have a little ugly situation there," she said. "They need to take care of it."

The group will also be reinstating the Yellow Rose award for property owners that do a good job of keeping up their property.

"We will address the Yellow Rose for those that do maintain and keep their property clean and beautiful," she said.

Simmons said she was pleased with the turnout Tuesday.

"I was really, really pleased with it. I was glad of the turnout," she said. "There were a good number that I had on my list that did not show up because they had other obligations. These were all new people, with the exception of a couple that were there last night. It's wonderful that they have the same vision that I have, cleaning up our

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With local focus, 'Images' obviously a hometown hit

By ANDREIA MEDLIN
Features Editor

After being released for just a week, Tammy Burrow Schrecengost's first book, "Images of America: Big Spring and Howard County," sold about 200 copies.

And that was before the book-signing event held Tuesday at the Heritage Museum when another 50 of the volumes were sold. Part of the proceeds from the book go to the museum.

"One of the biggest requests for the museum is to look at old photos of the Big Spring area," said Schrecengost, a museum employee. "The reason I wanted to do the book was to put all those pictures together in a safe environment for people to enjoy."

Copies of the book are available at the Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, for $21.50

The book signing, which accompanied a wine and cheese tasting, was labeled a success by museum officials.

"It was a huge success. We're real proud for

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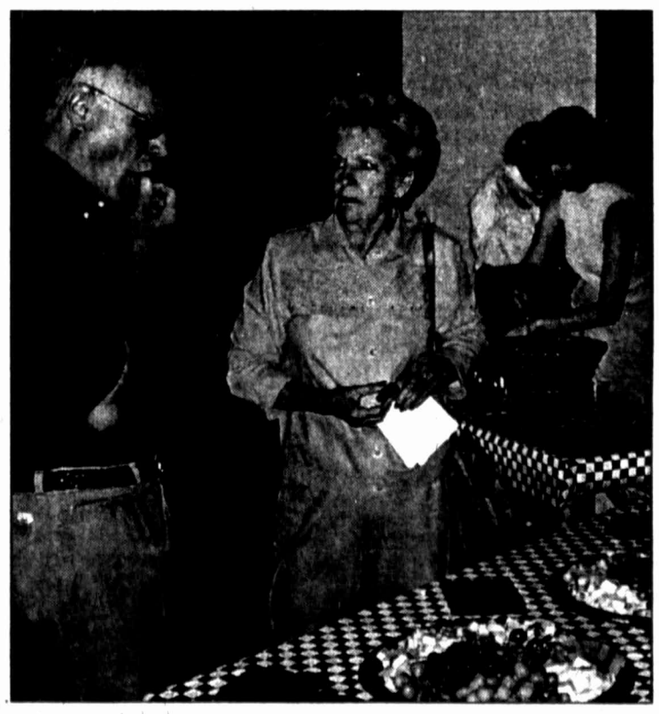

District Judge Robert Moore III and Katie Cathey enjoy refreshments at the book signing held at the Heritage Museum Wednesday. Nancy Raney,the museum's business manager prepares the punch while attendee Ruth Robertson enjoys the fare. Tammy Burrow Schrecengost's first book "Images of America: Big Spring and Howard County," is on sale at the museum located at 510 Scurry. A copy costs $21.50 and can be purchased at the museum. Call 267-8255 for more information.

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AROUND THE TOWN BIG SPRING

Obituaries

Bernice Irene 'Bunny' Whetsel Little

Bernice Irene "Bunny" Whetsel Little, our beloved mother, grandmother, aunt and friend, passed from this world on Monday, July 15, 2002, at her home in Midland at the age of 86. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, July 19, 2002, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Jerry Wofford, brother-in-law of Doylene Raney, and Ruby Barron with the Fannin Terrace Baptist Church senior department officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Mrs. Little was born Nov. 7, 1915, in Taylor County to Argel Martin (Bill) and Ida Lorena McDaniel Whetsel. In 1929 her family moved to the developing Glasscock County oilfield, where her father became a pioneer oilfield employee.

Mrs. Little was a 1934 graduate of Forsan High School. A gifted student, she might have pursued any career she chose had she been born in a different time. Still, she never regretted the career she did choose.

She married Marion Vernon (Sandy) Little on Dec. 24, 1938. Mrs. Little was an exceptional homemaker, gracious hostess, a nurturing caregiver and completely devoted to her family. Mr. Little earned his living working for Tidewater Oil Company in the Glasscock County Field, but horses were his passion. They were involved in their community and were charter members of Lee's Baptist Church of Glasscock County where, for a time, Mr. Little led singing and Mrs. Little played the piano and taught Sunday school.

The Littles shared a loving marriage for 29 years until his death in 1967. Mrs. Little remained on their farm in Glasscock County until 1988, when her daughter's family welcomed her into their home in Midland. At the time of her death, she was a member of Fannin Terrace Baptist Church in Midland. Her faith in Christ never wavered.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; her brothers Doyle and Douglas and his wife Janetta; and a nephew, Sonny Whetsel.

Survivors include a daughter, Doylene Raney and her husband Richard of Midland; two grandchildren, Kristopher Raney and wife Cindy of Austin and Katherine Raney Cusick and husband Jeff of Austin; two great-grandchildren, Riley and Rachel Cusick of Austin; a first cousin, Richard McDaniel and wife Margie of Longview; four sisters-in-law, Emily Whetsel of Forsan, Mary Bettus of Mertzon, Estellene Sowders of Dublin and Tillie Cook of San Angelo; two nieces, Duchess Klein and husband Elbert of Snyder and Jackie Whetsel of Big Spring; two nephews, Lee Whetsel of Allen and Marty Whetsel and wife Donna of Forsan; and many great nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Lee Whetsel, Marty Whetsel, Daniel Whetsel, Eric Gilbreath, Elbert Klein and T.J. Whetsel.

The family will receive friends from 1 p.m. until service time at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

The family suggests memorials to: Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland, Texas 79702; the Fannin Terrace Building Fund, 2800 Mogford Street, Midland, Texas 79705; or the SPCA, 15 Kerry Road, Midland, Texas 79706.

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

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Paid obituary

Delores Ineta Eckert

Funeral service for Delores Ineta Eckert, 67, of Snyder will be 10 a.m. Thursday at Bell-Cypert-Seale Chapel with Dr. Tommy Culwell, pastor of Colonial Hill Baptist Church in Snyder, officiating. Mrs. Eckert died Tuesday, July 16, 2002, at Mountain View Lodge Care Center in Big Spring.

She was born May 13, 1935, in Snyder and married Lester Eckert on Dec. 15, 1955, in Snyder. He preceded her in death on Sept. 5, 1997. She worked for Travis Flowers for 15 years. She was a member of Colonial Hill Baptist Church in Snyder.

Survivors include two daughters, Lavonda Eckert of Big Spring and Lujean Eckert of Snyder; one son and daughter-in-law, Danny and Janell Eckert of San Angelo; three sisters, Barbara Ainsworth of Hobart and Effie Lou Meadows and husband, J.R. of Snyder and Charlene Sappington of Lubbock; three brothers, Donald Stewart and wife, Linda of Colorado City, Jackie Steart and wife, Mary Ann of Hale Center, Billy Stewart and wife, Cheryl of Arlington; three grandchildren, Stephanie and Sterling Eckert of San Angelo and Ashlen Eckert of Big Spring.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Jewell Stewart and one brother, James Allen Stewart.

Visitation will be from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. today at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home in Snyder.

Memorials can be made to Mountain View Lodge/Care Center, c/o Danny Eckert, 3306 Sierra Court, San Angelo 76904.

Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home in Snyder.

Paid obituary

Daisy Isabell Phelps

Funeral service for Daisy Isabell Phelps, 78, of Big Spring is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Mrs. Phelps died Tuesday, July 16, 2002, at her residence.

Mildred Reynolds

Funeral service for Mildred Reynolds, 87, of Plano formerly of Stanton, is pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home. Mrs. Reynolds died today, July 17, 2002, at a Plano nursing home.

Records

Tuesday's high 91
Tuesday's low 72
Record high 110 in 1989
Record low 60 in 1936
Average high 96
Average low 71

Precip. Tuesday 0.00
Month to date 1.91
Year to date 7.28
Sunrise Thursday 6:52 a.m.
Sunset Thursday 8:52 p.m.

Texas lottery

Two Step: 7-19-22-23
Cash Five: 16-24-26-27-38
Pick 3 (night): 7-5-9
Pick 3 (day): 1-9-7

Police blotter

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

• **RICHARD ALCANTAR,** 42, of 1700 Laurie was arrested on a charge of driving with a suspended license.

• **JULIAN RAMIREZ,** 47, of 800 N. Scurry St. was arrested on a charge of displaying a fictitious motor vehicle inspection certificate and fictitious vehicle registration.

• **ESEQUIEL FLORES JR.,** 26, of 1207 Settles was arrested on a Department of Public Safety warrant.

• **THEFT** was reported:

- In the 500 block of East 18th St. An evaporative cooler worth $400 was reported stolen from a home in the area.

- In the 1700 block of South Main St. An evaporative cooler worth $400 was reported stolen from a home in the area.

- In the 2500 block of South Gregg. Someone reportedly stole $200.98 in cash from a convenience store in the area.

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PATROL

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city, beautifying it, taking care of it, being responsible."

Simmons said she welcomes calls from people interested in helping with the Code Patrol. She can be reached at 263-4607.

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

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had been there for hours."

Sweatt said police officers entered the apartment at about 8 p.m. Saturday, and the children had been left there alone since 11 o'clock that morning.

"(The parents) didn't go to work," Sweatt said. "Basically they just decided to leave them to go do other stuff."

The children are currently staying with their grandparents, who also live in Big Spring.

"We found some relatives, some grandparents, and gave the children to them," he said. "It's up to Child Protective Services whether they want to do anything like take the children away."

Sweatt said the children did not appear to be physically abused.

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BOOK

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Tammy and it's good for the museum," said Nancy Raney, museum business manager.

Many purchasers bought more than one copy for friends and family as attendee Vivian Glickman explained, "I'm real excited about the book. It makes great gifts and I'm sending one to Houston and one to Chicago."

Other residents were equally enthusiastic, citing sentimental reasons for buying and sharing the publication.

"I like to compare the old photos of buildings with what's there now," said Beth Rowan.

Betty McChristian bought 10 copies, some of which were earmarked for each of her children.

"I love it, it's great. There is a picture of the 14th and Main Church of Christ and I found out it was built in 1929, the same year I was born. It (the book) has a lot of sentimental value for me," she said as she flipped the pages to the black and white photo of the church.

The event attracted people from all walks of life, including the District Judge Robert Moore III. And although he had yet to peruse the book, he was eager to make time to read it.

"I really think it's great and I know I'm going to enjoy it. There's a lot of things I didn't know that are in the book," he said.

A pictorial history, the book contains 10 chapters spanning the time when the area was first settled in the 1890s through the Webb Air Force Base era.

While some of the photos were already on hand at the museum, many were donated for the book.

"I was doing an inventory of photos and I had so many great images I thought they would make a great book," Schrecengost said. "I was really excited about this one photo of Big Spring's professional baseball team, the Cosden Cops," she said. "I contacted Tito Arencibia and although he wasn't in the picture we were able to identify some of the players. It's a picture of them when they came from Cuba."

Charlene Reagan, is a relative of Sue Guthrie, whose family owned Guthrie Oil, and a descendant of the Wassons, who were prominent local ranchers, also donated many of the photos.

When the images were selected and research was complete, a proposal was made to Arcadia Publishing, the author explained.

"I put the copy on one disk and the photos on another and then submitted a proposal to the publishing company," Schrecengost said.

The research process, although time-consuming and involved, was the fun part for her.

"It was interesting learning about the people in the community and what they did and what they sacrificed to make it a better community for us to live in today," she explained. "You could tell that life was not easy back then."

The books are available for purchase at the Heritage Museum located at 510 Scurry. They are priced at $21.50 including tax. For more information, call the museum at 267-8255.

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

Bulletin board

TODAY

❑ 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.

❑ The Howard County grand jury convenes at 9 a.m. in the 118th District Courtroom. For more information, contact the district clerk at 264-2223.

❑ 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

❑ Free used eyeglasses for adults are available through the Evening Lion's Club for those who can't afford glasses or eye exams. The glasses will be distributed from 9 a.m. to noon at Bob's Custom Woodwork located at 409 East Third.

❑ 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 airpark. The public is invited.

❑ Christian Singles Fellowship meets from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church youth hall. All singles in the community are welcome to come for an evening of fellowship, food and table games.

TUESDAY

❑ 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.

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Northside seeks to help citizens get back to work

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer

Money's tight, but the Northside Community Center, located at 110 N.E. Eighth St., is struggling to accomplish one goal, said center director Max Webb.

"Anything that will take people off welfare and put them back to work, we will do," he said.

The director wants to make people aware of the services provided by Northside. Part of the process of making people self-supporting includes giving them basic needs until they can provide for themselves.

"We've got to support the basic human needs: Rent, utilities, some food; but in the meantime we try to direct them to other resources that will give them the skills they need to support themselves," he said.

Webb said 80 percent of the center's clients are female.

"They probably have on the average of a 10th- or 11th-grade education," he said. "No job skills. They have 3.2 children and are divorced, or their husband is in jail. So we serve that segment of our community.

"People on welfare want to get a job and make more money, but they are often stuck, because most of them have kids and no one to watch the kids"

Max Webb,
center director

We have another segment of the community, the elderly and those who are disabled and on fixed income."

While the center generally provides help with food, diapers, rent and utilities, as well as educational assistance for young mothers; help buying prescription drugs is what elderly and disabled clients generally need, Webb said.

"People on fixed incomes cannot handle $500 each month for prescription drugs," he said. "By the time they pay the rent and the utilities and buy food, there's no money left for prescription drugs."

Child care is a big problem for young mothers trying to earn a living, a problem the center tries to help them solve.

"People on welfare want to get a job and make more money, but they are often stuck, because most of them have kids and no one to watch the kids," he said. "The other thing we encourage people to do to get out of this thing is to go back to school, but that process can be intimidating if you've been out of school for several years."

Educational services offered by the center include GED and English as a second language courses and need-based scholarships for job training courses, Webb said.

"When the money is available we will fund the certified nurses' aide course at Howard College," he said. "We have a GED program here."

Webb said the center will also pay for CDL licensing, if the money is available, or help with shoes and clothing.

The center serves 75 to 150 clients each month and desperately needs more money to do the job right, Webb said.

The center gets funding from the federal government, United Way, area churches and local donors, but all told the monthly budget for helping clients is only about $2,500, Webb said.

For more information, call Northside Community Center at 263-2673.

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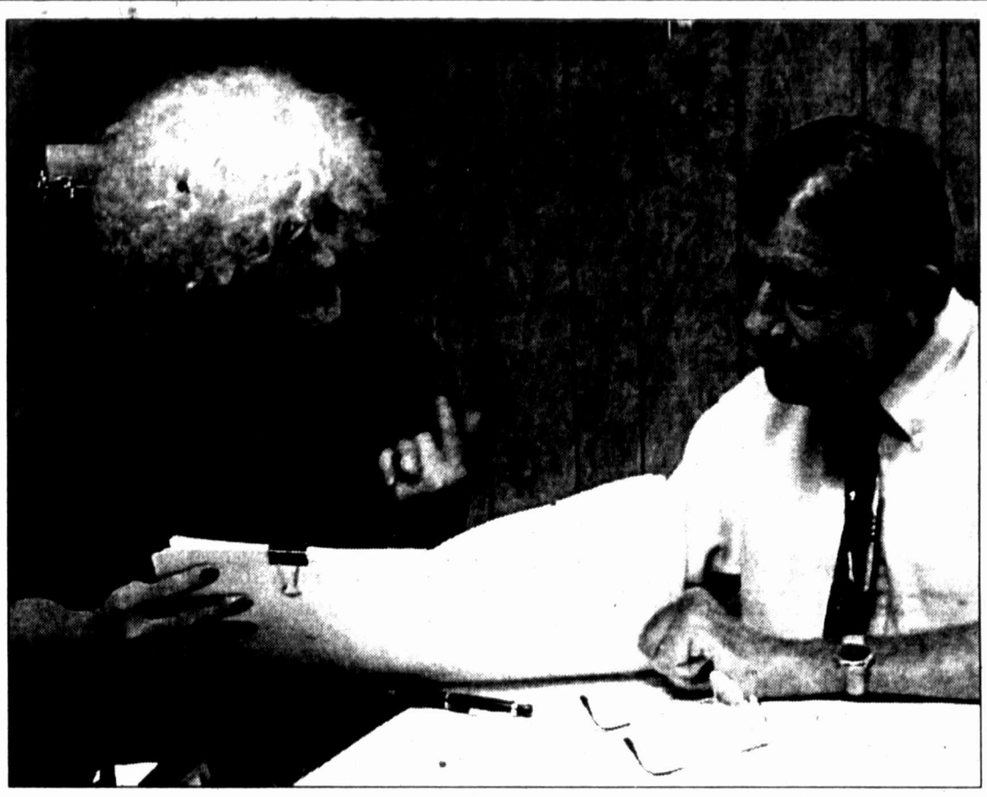

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Independent consultant Sussie Bailey-Gray of San Angelo, left, and Northside Community Center Director Max Webb discuss the programs offered by the Center, 110 N.E. Eighth St. in Big Spring. The center offers financial assistance and educational programs for the needy.

CLARIFICATION

A headline on Tuesday's Big Spring Herald story about Odyssey Health Care employees building wheelchair ramps at patients' homes may have led some readers to believe that the work was instead being done by employees of Home Hospice in Big Spring. The phrase "home hospice" in the headline was meant to be a generic description of the type of service provided by Odyssey, not a reference to Odyssey's competitor.

Friends of Library seeking donations its for book sale

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Sales tax rebates take upward turn for Big Spring

Numbers are down in eight area communities

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

Big Spring was one of 10 area cities in West Texas cities posting an increase in sales tax rebates received this month, according to the State Comptroller's Office.

Eight of 18 area cities received rebates this month that were less than they received in July of 2001.

Big Spring received $293,216.11, some 10.53 percent more than the $265,274.98 the Howard County seat received in July of 2001. For the year, Big Spring has received $2,089,274.30, 2.89 percent less than it received in the same seven-month period in 2001.

Coahoma had a 60 percent decrease in rebates for the month. The community received $1,651.06, compared to $4,128.65 for July 2001. Sales tax rebates for the year are down 12.68 percent, comparing $22,500.94 this year to $25,770.37 last year.

Forsan saw sales tax receipts go down 34.75 percent. The city received $2,988.22 this month compared to $4,580.07 in July of 2001. For the year sales tax rebates are at $21,550.81, down 1.68 percent.

Abilene received $2,046,280.66 this month, up 8.76 percent from the $1,881,363.95 received in July of 2001. For the year, the Taylor County seat has received $14,849,951.44, up 2.59 percent.

Sales tax rebates were up 85.08 percent for Andrews, which received $112,506.35 this month compared to $60,787.78 in July of 2001. For the year, Andrews has received $695,780.71, up 60.74 percent.

AREA TAX REBATES

City	July 2002	July 2001	Pct.
Big Spring	$293,216.11	$265,274.98	+10.53
Coahoma	$1,651.06	$4,128.65	-60.0
Forsan	$2,988.22	$4,580.07	-34.75
Lamesa	$58,112.79	$60,985.05	-4.7
Snyder	$124,157.29	$104,995.55	+18.25
Sweetwater	$131,676.88	$135,110.23	-2.54

Colorado City suffered a 10.59 percent loss in rebates, comparing the $31,215.82 received this month to $34,915.33 received in July 2001. Rebates are down 6.01 percent for the year as the Mitchell County seat has received $232,017.09.

Fort Stockton was hit with a 9.7 percent decrease in rebates, comparing the $75,838.55 received this month to the $83,989.76 taken in during July 2001. For the year, Fort Stockton has received $565,374.57, down 2.87 percent.

Kermit received $24,301.59 this month, a decrease of 12.58 percent from the $27,801.16 collected a year ago. For the year, Kermit has received $191,928.68, some 3 percent below the amount it had received a year ago at this time.

Lamesa incurred a decrease of 4.7 percent in sales tax rebates for the month. The Dawson County community received $58,112.79 for the month, compared to $60,985.05 in July of 2001. The check put Lamesa behind on year-to-date totals as the $484,524.49 in rebates is 4.25 percent below last year.

Sales tax rebates were up 1.97 percent for Lubbock, which received $2,186,879.46 this month, compared to $2,144,551.02 last July. For the year, Lubbock has received $16,581,402.17, up 2.12 percent.

Midland's sales tax rebates were up 14.26 percent, comparing the $1,460,530.42 received this month to the $1,278,240.36 received in July 2001. For the year, the Tall City has received $10,361,258.09, up 4.94 percent.

Rebates soared in Monahans this month. Monahans received $94,738.16, up 53.13 percent compared to the $61,865.86 taken in for July of 2001. For the year, the Ward County seat has taken in $496,909, up 4.43 percent from a year ago.

July's rebates for Odessa amounted to $1,034,687.18, down 4.82 percent when compared to $1,087,128.80 taken in a year ago. To date this year, Odessa has received $7,649,233.81, down 5.04 percent.

Rebates were down slightly for Pecos this month. That community received $54,062.22, compared to $56,664.17 for July of 2001. That's was a decrease of 4.59 percent. For the year, Pecos has received $438,415.01, up 3.14 percent.

San Angelo rebates increased 4.08 percent, comparing the $1,140,172.29 taken in this month to the $1,095,432.55 received in July of 2001. To date this year, San Angelo has received $8,296,701.64, up 4.47 percent.

Snyder pulled in $124,157.29 this month, up 18.25 percent when compared to the $104,995.55 it received in July of 2001. For the year, Snyder has received $807,793.49, down 0.68 percent.

Stanton received $6,913.1 this month, down 19.49 percent compared to the $8,587.39 it received in July a year ago. For the year, Stanton has received $68,789.94, up 0.96 percent.

Rebates were down 2.54 percent in Sweetwater, comparing this month's receipts of $131,676.88 to $135,110.23 taken in a year ago. For the year, Sweetwater has received $1,049,111.62, and is behind last year's totals by just 0.13 percent.

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OUR VIEWS

Bomb threat was the act of a sick mind

Cowardly, childish, stupid. We can think of a lot of terms to describe the despicable act that someone perpetrated Monday when they called to report bombs had been placed on the Big Spring High School campus.

The call came about 6 p.m. — the same time school district trustees were convening for a board meeting and budget session.

Whether the caller was upset over the board's recent rejection of the superintendent's choice for principal at Moss Elementary or not, we don't know. Certainly there have been more than a few citizens who cried racism and gender bias since trustees voted 4-3 not to accept the recommendation of a Hispanic female for the position. That's unfortunate.

While we at the *Herald* stated previously in this space that we did not agree with the board's decision, it is clear that neither racism nor gender were among its motives. In fact, the board has a good record of approving the hiring and advancement of minorities.

Maybe that wasn't the reason at all. Maybe the caller thought it was just an innocent prank. Perhaps someone just had a bad day or is anti-education, or more probably, has an IQ lower than the grade level he or she attained in school.

None of that matters.

What does matter is that this type of behavior is unacceptable. It disrupted — if only briefly — an important meeting by officials we elected to represent us. It took police officers and other security personnel away from their duties. It no doubt made family members uneasy, if not fearful.

And it caused undue stress at a time when our community, like every community across this land, is still reeling with the memory of Sept. 11. Call it an act of terrorism, because that's what it was, a vile attack — hoax or not — on innocent citizens.

We hope the caller can be identified and punished to the full extent of the law. He or she deserves nothing less.

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An investment to keep me cranking

Rheta Grimsley Johnson

In that discount store where Martha Stewart rules, I searched the aisles for a fundamental summer appliance.

"Do you have ice-cream freezers?" I asked a tall young man who was busy unloading a basket of avocado-green garden hoses. Trust Martha to make something as utilitarian as a hose pipe pretty.

"What is that?" the clerk asked, his handsome face a blank.

I felt a surge of pity for this robust lad. Had he never experienced the unparalleled joy of homemade ice cream, the ritual of packing the salt and ice and the brine overflow? And what would he think when I refined my search and told him I only wanted a crank freezer, the kind you don't plug into the wall?

My old crank freezer gave out last year. It might have lasted longer if the gears had been made of something other than plastic. I had been careful to wash away the salty water from the parts that would rust, and I'd always kept it inside during the winter. But the plastic gears broke.

So this summer, determined that the niece and nephews always earn their ice cream, I began looking early for a freezer with a crank. I've been all over, educating reluctant youth along the way, trying to find an affordable freezer. At first there were plenty of the electric ones; after Independence Day, even those were gone.

I've found one brand — in hardware stores and in catalogs — that has the hand crank. It is a handsome, wooden one, made by a company with a pedigree. But I wanted an ice-cream freezer, not a second mortgage.

So I kept up the search of discount stores and hardware emporiums, which had brought me here, to total ignorance.

"Do you mean like an ice-cream maker?" the clerk asked. The boy was still standing there, willing to help if only I'd explain my old dotty self.

I started in on a long description of scrapers and dashers and milk-scalding. I was just about to tell him how the first cousins of my childhood always took turns at the crank, and how my grandmother packed the freezer with old towels, when I noticed he wasn't listening. I stopped in mid-soliloquy.

"No, we don't have anything like that," he said.

Defeated, I tramped back through a hot parking lot to the car, cursing change and technology, or at least its pace. There was a time when people put thought into ice cream.

My dear friend Gladys Castle's ice-cream recipe took a full, single-spaced typed page to relay. When I bragged on her cream — served in beautiful, mismatched china bowls — she mailed the recipe to me and attached this footnote at the bottom:

Now my comments and variation: Measure sugar pretty accurately. Too little and the cream isn't sweet enough; too much and it won't freeze hard enough. You know, of course, to use level tablespoons of flour. I scald the milk in a heavy pressure cooker bottom that belonged to my mother; watch that it doesn't boil or scorch. I had extra-large fresh jumbo eggs that came from a hatchery. For smaller eggs, I have used an extra ...

Now there's a woman who went the extra mile for good ice cream.

Miss Castle was a perfectionist about most things, and she certainly knew the importance of homemade ice cream. Every summer I look for the longest time at her detailed note and feel inadequate. So often I yield to temptation and use some shortcut, low-fat recipe that, in its way, is sacrilege, same as an electric freezer, much less an ice-cream maker.

I suppose I'll eventually relent and order one of those fine, expensive freezers that should last till I'm too old to crank. I'll consider it an investment in education, like a child's college fund.

And the only cream worthy of such a machine would be Gladys Castle's unabridged, old-fashioned vanilla. I vow to scald.

Tarpley plays the name game

Tumbleweed Smith

Dr. Fred Tarpley of Commerce has fun. He's a university English professor and is always doing interesting things. One year he arranged a traveling exhibit of Texas authors. Later he did a film on the Big Bend. Now he's a newly trained docent at a museum in Dallas. He is a multi-talented individual. His passion is names. Years ago he did a book on Texas Place Names. He looked up names of Texas cities, towns and villages and alphabetized them in the book. In it, he explains how some of the places like Bug Tussle, Tesnus and Reklaw were named.

He has been an advisor to map companies which are always trying to keep up with name and population changes.

For the past 20 years or so, Dr. Tarpley has been working with family names. At festivals, he sets up a booth to tell people in what country their family name originated and what the name means. He gives certificates on thick paper with the name, its origin and meaning printed in calligraphy.

"I have a magician's trick," says Dr. Tarpley. "I've learned that six times out of 10 the person who walks up there is going to have one of the two thousand most common names in the country."

He runs into trouble when he attends ethnic events, like the Czech festival in Caldwell.

"I've never seen so many Polish and Czech people and German people in all my life. But I was able to find about 75 percent of their names."

He travels with a library of more than 100 books that give information on family names. Researchers who have worked with him for many years are adept at looking up names.

"We can find 80 percent of the ethnic names of people who come through in three basic books. Overall, we're averaging about 90 percent accuracy."

He sometimes gets real stumpers. This year someone came with a long name.

"It has 35 letters and is a German name that means one who prepares wool for manufacture on a stone in the house of Bergdorf, a mountain village."

He tried to pronounce it, but gave up because it sounded so terrible. Occasionally someone will come up to him with a trick name like Czytyxsz.

"That runs us crazy until the person tells us it was a fake name."

He says Jesus has broken into the top 10 of most popular boys names in the U.S.

"These days, girls are being named for soap opera stars, like Ashley."

The five most common family names in the country are Smith, Johnson, Jones, Brown and Williams.

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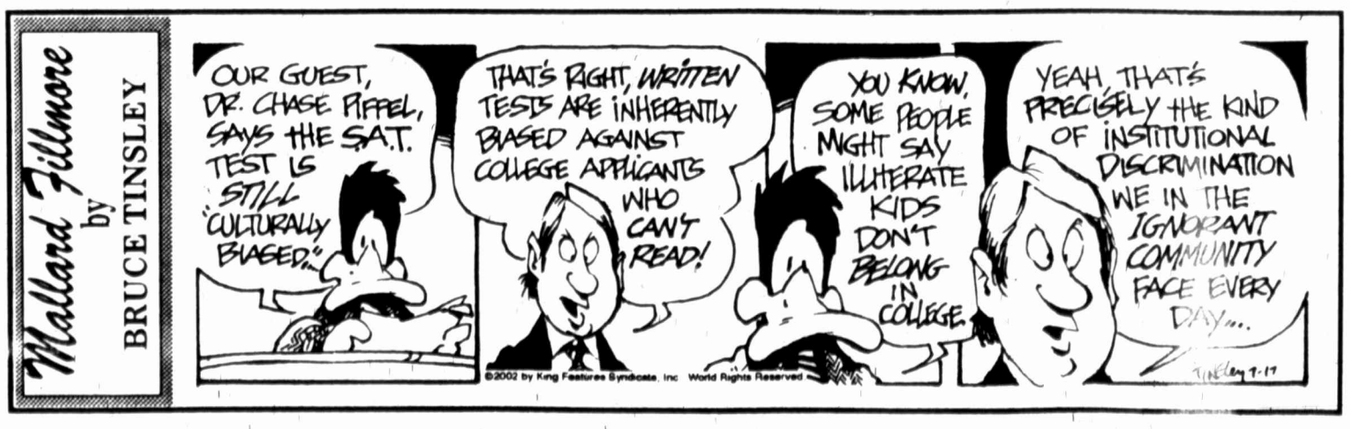

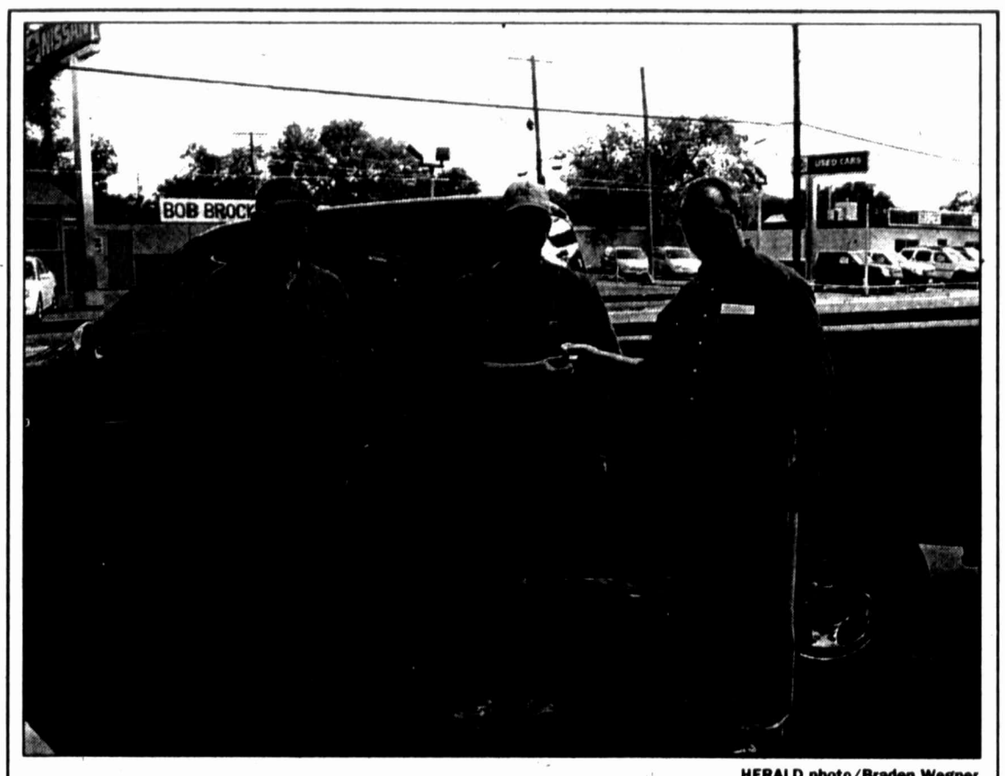

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Randy Gee, right, gives Stephen Spears the keys to his new truck as Terry Kessler looks on. Spears won the truck, which was co-sponsored by Hester's Mechanical and Bob Brock Ford, with a hole-in-one during Saturday's Wynn family benefit golf tournament at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

BSISD

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will receive the annual local step raises.

Hoping to improve salaries for auxiliary employees, trustees added another $30,000 for auxiliary and paraprofessional raises.

Dawson first broached the subject Monday, expressing his concern about low pay, high turnover rate and the difficulty in finding qualified personnel to fill those positions that include custodial and cafeteria workers.

The district's past pay rate schedule for auxiliary personnel gave employees with less experience a larger percentage raise than those with more experience.

"They are the least paid employees in the district," Long said. "We discussed tonight about our high turnover rates. We want to help out by raising their standard of living."

The new pay rate schedule approved by trustees include a 3 percent raise for employees with 0 to 9 years with the district, a 4 percent increase for employees with 10 to 15 years and a 5 percent raise for employees with 15 years or more.

Added back into the budget by the board, was administration recommendations of $50,000 for maintenance and $15,000 to renovation Anderson Kindergarten Center to house offices, textbook storage, record retention and the Alternative Education Program.

The proposed budget includes a 5 percent cut across the board in instruction and curriculum, about $100,000 in savings. Trustees instructed another 1 percent across the board cut for another $20,000 in savings.

With a total of $291,000 of expenses added back in by trustees, the proposed budget of $24,266,433 is estimated to have a $245,421 surplus.

"I think the public will find this budget acceptable considering the position of the economy," Long said. "We have a black budget. We still have other expenses out there that are uncertain."

The original proposal by administrators included a $536,000 budget surplus with $1.6 million cut from the 2001-2002 budget with $1.2 million of that cut coming from the closure of Anderson Kindergarten Center and eliminating personnel positions through attrition.

The district will be faced with a $261,000 deficit this year, twice the amount planned for in the 2001-2002 budget study. The deficit will come out of the district's fund balance.

Furqueron expressed concern several times during this year's budget process about dipping into the fund balance.

The district expects to continue to lose student enrollment, which translates into decreased funding from the state.

Trustees will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget on Thursday, Aug. 8, in the board room at the high school, 707 11th Place.

Before the budget study, trustees approved dropping the district employee insurance contribution down to $150 a month from $180. Administrators made the recommendation because insurance premiums for employees will decrease across the board in the new state insurance plan.

In other business, trustees approved:

• The hiring of Jessica Bayless, special education teacher, Marcy Elementary; Stacy Beall, math teacher and coach, Big Spring Junior High School (BSJHS); Pamela Birdwell, physical education teacher and coach, BSJHS; Laine Lawson, eighth-grade English, BSJHS; and Greta Valdes, language arts teacher, Goliad Intermediate School.

• The resignations of Roxanne Castro, math teacher/coach at BSJHS; Donna Cunningham, fifth-grade teacher, Marcy Elementary; Donnita Cunningham, district speech therapist; Melinda

Also Osbella Rocha, assistant principal, Big Spring High School; Ricardo Rocha, seventh-grade teacher, BSJHS; Sandy Ruiz, first-grade teacher, Marcy; Frank Truex, band director, BSJHS; Sara Beth Warren, sixth-grade teacher, Goliad Elementary; and Elia Velasco, sixth-grade Spanish/ESL teacher, Goliad Intermediate.

• A letter of retirement from Lee Dale Lowery, high school marketing education teacher.

• A $4,403 bid by Al's & Son Bar-B-Q to cater the district's welcome back luncheon for employees on Aug. 14 at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The bid was for 630 plates at $6.99 a plate. Al's & Son Bar-B-Q was the only bid received.

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VACCINE

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receive their tetanus booster.

The diseases these vaccinations provide protection against have all but been eradicated, but the rare occurrences of the illness require the development and continued use of the vaccinations.

Although there may be an eventual increase in illness, Lopez said the diseases are treatable and the shortage of vaccine is no cause for alarm.

"We may see an increase in illness the longer there is a shortage ... within five years," she said, noting that the occurrence of these diseases is not as common as they once was. What's more, they are treatable, but without the help of vaccination they can become more severe and widespread.

Measles, which usually occurs in childhood, is an acute, viral disease that is highly contagious and involves the respiratory tract. It is characterized by small red papules that can appear anywhere on the body. It can lead to other infections such as pneumonia, but it is not usually a reason for hospitalization and is rarely fatal.

Mumps, like the measles, is another so-called "childhood disease" that is rarely seen. It is a virus that usually occurs between the ages of 5 and 15, but can occur at any age. If it occurs in adulthood the symptoms can be more severe. It can cause added complications for males, but rarely causes sterility.

It is usually identified by the swelling of the parotid glands located near the ear.

Rubella, also known as German or three-day measles, is also a virus and is usually mild. But for a woman who is pregnant, the disease can cause tragic birth defects such as heart defects, cataracts, deafness and mental retardation.

Tetanus is a neurotoxin and is one of the most lethal poisons known. It is commonly found in the superficial layers of soil and is a natural inhabitant of the intestines of cows and horses. It infects only wounds that have dead tissue and can enter the body through puncture wounds, abrasions, lacerations or burns.

Tetanus vaccinations are given only as boosters or every 10 years, whichever comes first.

The Texas Department of Health recommends prioritization for use of the tetanus toxoid for specific groups. Persons who have received less than three doses of any vaccine containing tetanus and diphtheria toxoids and are in the process of completing a primary series have the highest priority. This includes children who have not received a dose of DTaP/DTP/TD on or after their fourth birthday.

Other priority groups are those who have severe wounds, pregnant women who have not had the booster within the past 10 years, and persons traveling to a country where the risk for diphtheria is high.

The vaccine shortage — which has existed since 2001 — will continue into 2003, health officials say. The vaccines are in limited supply as a result of the withdrawal from the market by Wyeth Lederle.

Wyeth Lederle's withdrawal has left only one manufacturer, Aventis Pasteur, which has increased its production capabilities but has not been able to make up for the shortfall.

Ed Corson, pharmacy manager of Leonard's Pharmacy, said that the supply of tetanus toxoid has been short for several months, but that doesn't mean people can't get it if they need it.

"Shipments have been allocated to hospitals and doctors. Its use is being reserved for boosters and severe injuries. The 10-year school boosters are being deferred for one year," he said.

However, that doesn't include infants and toddlers to age 4.

"They should have enough to start their first three doses up to the age of 4," Corson said. The later doses for children ages 4 to 6 and 11 and 12-year-olds are being deferred for one year, he said.

Why Wyeth Lederle discontinued manufacture of the medications is a matter of speculation.

"I assume for economic reasons," Corson said. "They really don't usually want to broadcast that sort of thing."

For more information about school vaccinations, call the Texas Department of Health at 263-9775.

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Check out the real Martha Stewart at the Library

Martha Stewart is not only known for her decorating style, she is also under investigation for insider trading.

In "Martha Inc.: The Incredible Story of Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia" (B STE M) by Christopher Byron.

This is a highly unauthorized biography of Martha and one should be prepared for dirt to be dished. Byron has impressive credentials as a newsperson so sources will have been checked and double-checked.

Another family that will never sink into obscurity is the Kennedys. "American Son: A Portrait of John F. Kennedy, Jr." (B KEN J) has just been published.

Richard Blow worked with Kennedy for four years as a member of the 'George" magazine staff. Blasted by many for writing a memoir about his boss, JFK Jr., this is a tribute to John by someone who knew him and had worked with him.

Are you into building your own home? The Library has received William H. Stephens' "Build Your Own Low-Cost Timber and Beam House" (690.837 STE W), a practical, step-by-step, do-it-yourself guide to constructing a sturdy shelter for practical use.

From selecting the right materials, to basic carpentry and assemblage instructions, Stephens' book is an economical, practical, and straightforward, self-help guide to creating one's own shelter.

The text is enhanced with black and white photography and line drawn illustrations.

Many people are not aware that plants are threatened on a global basis. Indeed, it has been estimated that 30 to 60 thousand varieties are in danger of extinction.

Through detailed illustrations and elegant text, author and illustrator Dugald Stermer documents a selection of endangered plants from the United States and Canada, Central and South America, Europe, Africa and Asia.

"Vanishing Flora" (333.9531 STE D) is a beautifully illustrated volume.

The year 2002 marks the 50th anniversary of Elizabeth II's accession to the British throne and the Library has received two books that celebrate that fact.

The first is Robert Lacey's "Monarch: the Life and Reign of Elizabeth II" (B ELI I). The first discusses four aspects of Elizabeth's life; her years as a Princess; her marriage; as Queen; and as matriarch of Great Britain.

It is very well written by a long-time observer of the monarchy. The second is "Queen and Country" **(9413.085 SHA W)** by William Shawcross.

Both of these books are excellent sources in having a bird's eye view of a way of life that is so very different from life in America.

In his memoir about China's **democracy movement and the massacre at Tiananmen Square in June 1989, student leader Shen** Tong offers us a rare look at a bold and daring new generation of Chinese citizens who tried to protest the restraints imposed by their country's government.

An organizer of the "dialogue delegation," whose goal was to negotiate with the government, Shen provides an insider's record of the day-to-day decisions that led up to June 4.

Coupled with much of the analysis that has been written over the ensuing years, Shen's firsthand account vividly describes the Chinese government's opposition to democracy and offers meaningful insight into a country that continues to occupy an increasingly prominent position in the world.

The title of Shen Tong's book is "Almost a Revolution" (951.058 TON S) and can be found on the shelf.

For everyone who needs a hero or loves a good story, here is an inspiring collection of personal revelations from more than 100 remarkable men and women who share a moment when words changed their lives.

In "The Right Words at the Right Time" (170.44 THO M), Marlo Thomas is joined by Muhammad Ali, Tom Brokaw, Cal Ripken Jr., Steven Spielberg, Venus Williams, Rudy Giuliani, Toni Morrison, Jack Nicholson, Mel Brooks, Laura Bush, Billy Crystal, Tom Wolfe and Katie Couric.

Each one tells a story of a crucial turning point in their lives brought about by the right words at the right time.

The Library has received several new copies of books by James Lee Burke. Burke splits his time between homes in Missoula MT and New Iberia LA.

The books that feature Dave Robicheaux, a Cajun detective all take place in Louisiana.

New copies that we have received are "Dixie City Jam," "Cadillac Jukebox," "The Neon Rain," "Black Cherry Rain" and "Purple Cane Road." Burke also features Billy Bob Holland, a retired Texas Ranger and currently a lawyer.

Holland lives in Deaf Smith County and his adventures are recounted in "Cimarron Rose," "Heartwood" and the newest book "Bitterroot."

The Library has all of these.

The Library is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday to Friday and 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday. The Library is located at 500 Main St.

The Library's phone number is 264-2260. The Website is www.howard-county.lib.tx.us; our email address is howardcounty@hotmail.com.

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

JUST SOME OF THE NEW BOOKS TO CHECH OUT ARE —

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"MARTHA INC. : THE INCREDIBLE STORY OF MARTHA STEWART LIVING OMNIMEDIA," BY CHRISTOPHER BYRON, "AMERICAN SON: A PORTRAIT OF JOHN F. KENNEDY JR.," BY RICHARD BLOW, AND "VANISHING FLORA," BY DUGALD STERMER

Book signing

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Big Spring resident Don Newsom, former owner of Newsom's grocery located on Gregg Street in the 1970s and current owner of La Posada Restaurant, purchases an autographed copy of Images of "America: Big Spring and Howard County" by local author and Heritage Museum employee Tammy Burrow Schrecengost. The books are available for $21.50 at the museum located at 510 Scurry. For more information call the museum at 267-8255.

Find out what a Farrier is in this Sunday's Life!

If you have a story or know of one you would like to see in Life! contact Features Editor Andreia Medlin at 263-7331 ext. 236 or send an e-mail to johnmoseley@bigspringherald.com

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In Brief

Peewee sign-ups slated for Aug. 1

Crossroads Little Football League will be having signups beginning Thursday, August 1, at the Big Spring Mall

Players and cheerleaders, grades K-6 are eligible. Grades 3-6 play tackle football with all equipment provided.

Grades K-2 will play flag football. All area school kids in Ackerly, Big Spring, Coahoma, Garden City and Forsan are welcome.

There are 3 divisions beginning with Flag Football. This is a basic program in which the players are taught very basic skills. They practice 3 days a week for no more than 1 1/2 hours and their games consist of 2-20 minute halves. Division 1 is for third and fourth graders.

Division I is organized tackle football stressing the teaching basic football skills.

Division I participants will practice three times per week and play four 10 minute quarters. There is a weight limit of 90lbs for players who are eligible to carry the ball.

Finally, Division 2 is for fifth and sixth graders. The division is designed to prepare the kids for junior high football. The ball carrying weight for this division is 120lbs.

All games will played on Saturdays.

The first practice will be Aug. 19 and the first game will be Sept. 7, with the Super Bowl games finishing the season on Sat., Nov. 9.

All children interested will be placed on a team nearest their home or school. No child will be turned away if eligible according to age or grade.

Signups will be held as follows:
Thursdays . . . .6-8 p.m.
Fridays . . . . . .6-8 p.m.
Saturdays . . . .10-6 p.m.

For more information please write: Steve Decker, 3328 N. Midkiff, Suite 1, Midland, TX., 79705, or call (915) 520-7373 or (915) 699-5409.

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.

The all-star basketball games will be played prior to the 2002 All Americas Bowl, a football game featuring the world's top six-man stars.

Tate replaces Cotton as Buffs' head coach

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

The Cotton era has ended in Stanton ... at least, on the football field.

Earlier this week, longtime Buffaloes' head football coach Mark Cotton ended a 7-year run on the SHS sidelines by announcing he would be stepping down in order to accept the principal duties at the Clas 2A high school.

Cotton's announcement sent ripples through the Stanton athletic waters. In all, three coaches, including defensive coordinator and basketball coach Kenny VanCuren, shifted into new roles this season.

Cotton had helped Stanton become a juggernaut on the Class 2A football scene since taking over in 1995 for Bill Grissom. In his seven years as the Buffaloes' head coach, Cotton amassed a 71-20 record and led Stanton to the playoffs six straight years. He led the team to a state championship in 1997.

Under Cotton, Stanton had just one losing season, finishing 2-8 last year.

Despite the move into administration, Cotton — a 24-year coaching veteran who had previous stints at Hamlin and Breckenridge — will continue to serve as athletic director for the school.

The Buffaloes won't have much adjusting to do for their new head coach. Larry Tate, who spent seven years as Stanton's defensive coordinator, will move into the head coaching position, as well as become assistant athletic director.

COTTON

Tate was the Buffs' defensive coordinator during the state championship run. His defense paved the way for Stanton's 33-7 rout of Rogers in the state finals, which was played at Texas Stadium.

Prior to coming to Stanton, Tate had served as an assistant at Midland Lee High School.

In another move, the Buffs filled their vacant head basketball coaching position by promoting assistant Kenny VanCuren.

The Buffaloes' head coaching position became available at the end of the last school year when former SHS coach Doug Gordon accepted the head coaching duties at Wall.

VanCuren, who has spent just one year at Stanton, brings a wealth of experience to the position. He spent 18 years at Seagraves High School, including the final eight as the school's head boys' basketball coach.

During his tenure with Seagraves, VanCuren's teams posted a 117-100 record and qualified for the state playoffs on three occasions.

VanCuren named new boys' hoops coach

Baseball in Trouble

Labor woes have Astros owner about ready to quit

HOUSTON (AP) — The owner of the Houston Astros says he's through with baseball unless a labor contract is approved that assures a system more equitable to mid- and small-market franchises such as his.

Drayton McLane Jr. said he has lost about $105 million since buying the franchise for $115 million in 1993. He is projecting losses of at least $5 million this season.

"I have clearly said that there has to be a solution when we sign the new agreement — whether it's signed in two months or two years," he was quoted in Wednesday's editions of the Houston Chronicle. "There has to be a new system. Otherwise, there's no point in me staying in."

He was asked specifically if he intends to sell the franchise if he isn't happy with the new labor agreement that emerges.

"Absolutely. There's no point. What makes it no fun are the financial losses. Here we are trying to beat the Arizona Diamondbacks, the Los Angeles Dodgers, the New York Mets and the Atlanta Braves, and all those teams have payrolls of $90 million or better," McLane said.

"We've got a $64.7 million payroll. And based on that $64.7 million payroll, we're going to lose about $14.5 million this season (after depreciation and amortization are figured, the actual cash loss will be around $5 million)."

McLane said he doesn't want to leave baseball. He said that, unlike previous negotiations, he thinks the owners are unified enough to gain concessions from the Major League Players Association as negotiations enter a critical phase.

"I'm an optimist by nature," he said. "When you have 30 owners, you have people with a lot of different interests, but the commissioner has the power to make a deal."

McLane's message is one he's hearing from a lot of owners, baseball commissioner Bud Selig said.

"I hear it all day long. I know the kind of money Drayton has lost. I know certain people will dispute the numbers, but they're real," the Chronicle quoted Selig as saying. "When people without an agenda examine the numbers, they come to the same conclusion."

At issue is the disparity that developed during the 1990s as construction of new ballparks and signing of lucrative cable television contracts created a gulf between teams at the top like the Yankees and Mets and teams at the bottom like the Twins and Royals.

"When we first got here," McLane said, "the top teams were the Yankees and Mets at around $110-$130 million in revenues. I thought, 'Man, if I can get $130 million in revenues, we're going to run with the big boys.' We moved into the new stadium, and all of a sudden, we had revenues of $135 million. Unfortunately, our expenses, especially our salaries, also went up."

The current labor agreement expired after last season, but following the Sept. 11 attacks, owners and players agreed to play one more year under the old system.

Teams share about 20 percent of their local revenues. Owners would like to increase that amount to 50 percent. Players, fearing a drag on salaries now averaging $2.4 million per year, have offered to increase shared revenues to 22.5 percent.

Owners also are insisting on a 50 percent luxury tax on payrolls above $98 million. Players are against a luxury tax. Other issues, like a worldwide draft and steroid testing, are on the table, but revenue sharing and the luxury tax are the primary issues.

Expos' former minority partners sue Selig, Loria,

NEW YORK (AP) — Baseball's contraction plan sparked another lawsuit Tuesday, with former minority partners of the Expos accusing commissioner Bud Selig with mail fraud and wire fraud.

In a 45-page federal complaint filed in Miami under the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act, the 14 minority owners accused Selig and former Expos owner Jeffrey Loria of conspiring for more than two years to eliminate Montreal.

They asked that the Expos, one of the teams threatened in baseball's contraction plan, be placed in trust and said that if baseball officials try to move or fold the team, they would seek an injunction.

"From the beginning of Mr. Loria's involvement with the Expos, he and his co-conspirators engaged in a scheme that had as its object the destruction of baseball in Montreal, so that Mr. Loria and his co-conspirators could justify relocating the franchise to the United States," the owners said in the complaint.

They accused Loria and his staff of conduct "that effectively destroyed the economic viability of baseball in Montreal (that) included removing the Expos from local television, subverting well-developed plans for a new baseball stadium in downtown Montreal, purposefully alienating Expos' sponsors and investors, abandoning agreed-upon financial plans for the franchise, and undermining a planned recapitalization of the franchise that would have added new Canadian partners."

Bob DuPuy, baseball's chief operating officer, called the suit "frivolous" and "a shameless attempt to obtain through publicity what they know they are not entitled to legally." DuPuy said the commissioner's office "will seek sanctions against those responsible for bringing these baseless claims."

"They told us that they did not oppose the contraction of the Montreal Expos, as long as they got paid out, but that they did not want public blame for the team's relocation or contraction," DuPuy said.

The suit contends Loria and Marlins president David Samson conspired with baseball officials to dilute the minority partners' share of the team from 76 percent to 6-to-7 percent and never intended to keep the franchise in Montreal. Baseball says the partners' share was decreased because they refused to put up additional money Loria asked for.

"It is ironic that these partners are now claiming to be so committed to baseball in Montreal when they were unwilling to fund a penny of operating losses since 1991 and instead directed 'fire sales' of players during the 1990s," said Loria, who called the claims "completely without merit."

Shafer, Hicks combine for 3 no-hitters

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Callie Shafer and Emily Hicks gave new meaning to the term "untouchable" this past weekend.

The two Big Spring United Girls Softball Association standouts combined to hurl three no-hitters and power the Big Spring All-Stars to a 4-0 record at the 2002 State All-Star Tournament in Abilene. In all, Big Spring allowed just four hits in 14 innings of play.

Shafer set the tone for Big Spring early in the tournament, holding Abilene South hitless in the opener. She struck out six of the first seven batters she faced.

Abilene South's lone baserunner came via a base on balls in the second inning.

The Big Spring offense didn't waste Shafer's efforts. Anchored by solid at-bats from Kelsey Jones and Jillian Valle, the All-Stars pounded out five runs in each of the first two innings and took a commanding 10-0 lead into the third.

Shafer also enjoyed a solid performance at the plate. She finished 2-for-2 with four runs batted in.

Hicks relieved Shafer in the third and, despite giving up five walks and two runs, closed out the no-hitter by recording three strikeouts.

Shafer continued to dominate in the second round of the four-day tournament. The Big Spring star tossed her second consecutive no-hitter and helped her squad roll to a 7-1 win over Snyder.

The All-Stars took the lead early. Sparked by a single from Jones, the BSUGSA squad pushed a run home in the top of the first.

They never looked back from there. Big Spring added five runs in the second and another in the third to seal the contest.

Shafer had Snyder's hitters guessing throughout. She struck out nine of the 14 batters she faced in the game.

Shafer and Hicks combined to turn the no-hit hat track in the third round. The two combined to hold the Abilene South Blue Jays hitless in a 12-0 victory.

Shafer began weaving the magic early for Big Spring. She struck out six of the seven batters she faced in the first two innings. Hicks fanned all three batters she faced in the third.

Offensively, Big Spring hit on all cylinders against the Blue Jays. Seven starters, including Jones and Kelly O'Brien, teamed to pounded out 11 hits.

Jones powered the BSUGSA all-stars by going 3-for-3 from the plate with three runs batted in. O'Brien drove in two runs with a pair of singles.

Others collecting hits in the 10-run rule victory were Valle, Shelby Jones, Ambra Hill, Jessica Shoup and Lani Robles, who went 2-for-2 with a single and a triple.

Big Spring closed out the tournament on a high note, pounding out a 10-3 victory over Breckenridge in the finals.

Hill and Valerie Ross helped ignite the Big Spring offense. Each went 2-for-2 from the plate and drove in three runs. Jones drove in two.

The All-Stars got off to a quick start against Breckenridge. They staked Shafer to a huge advantage by scoring five times in their first at-bat.

Breckenridge, despite strong defensive play from Hill, Shelby Jones, Ross and Hicks, managed to battle back. They pulled to within 5-3 by scoring twice in the bottom of the first and once more in the second.

Big Spring put the game on ice in the third by taxing the Breckenridge pitching staff for five more runs.

Shafer held the Breckenridge bats in check through the first three innings. Despite giving up three runs, she struck out six batters and turned three shots back to the mound into easy outs.

Hicks had no trouble closing out the game in the fourth. She struck out the only two batters she faced before the game was called because of time limitations.

2002 State All-Star Tournament

The following are the final results for the Big Spring United Girls Softball Association All-Stars during the 2002 state tournament in Abilene.

First Round					
Big Spring	5	5	0		0
Abilene South	0	0	2		2
Second Round					
Big Spring	1	5	1		7
Snyder	0	0	1		1
Third Round					
Big Spring	2	3	5	2	12
Abilene Blue Jays	0	0	0		0
Finals					
Big Spring	5	0	5	0	10
Breckenridge	2	1	0	0	3

Mayne's HR sinks Rangers in 11

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Brent Mayne led off the bottom of the 11th by hitting the first pitch from Texas reliever Juan Alvarez for a home run that gave the Kansas City Royals a 6-5 victory over the Rangers on Tuesday night.

The win was the Royals' fifth in a row, their best streak of the season, raising their record to 38-54.

The Rangers were within one out of a 5-4 victory.

Luis Alicea reached on a fielder's choice in the bottom of the ninth, just beating the throw to first from shortstop Alex Rodriguez. He then scored the tying run on Carlos Beltran's triple to the left-field corner off reliever Danny Kolb.

The Rangers are without closer Hideki Irabu, who remains hospitalized in Kansas City for treatment of blood clots in the lungs.

Kris Wilson (2-0) got the victory.

Chan Ho Park pitched seven strong innings, holding the Royals to three runs on nine hits.

Rafael Palmeiro hit his 23rd homer of the year — the 470th of his career — and Herbert Perry hit his 12th as Texas set a club record with its 19 straight games.

Pirates hand Astros 7-3 setback

HOUSTON (AP) — Brian Giles' streak was able to overcome Roy Oswalt.

Giles drove in four runs with a three-run homer and a sacrifice fly off his nemesis, helping the Pittsburgh Pirates beat the Houston Astros 7-3 Tuesday and keep their post-All-Star game energy going.

Giles went 1-for-3 and reached base safely for the 15th straight game.

The Pirates have won five of six games since the All-Star break and handed the Astros their third straight loss.

Oswalt (10-6) allowed six runs and nine hits in seven innings, struck out eight and walked none.

He had been 13-3 at home, and the Astros had won his previous four starts.

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East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	58	35	.624	—
Boston	54	37	.593	3
Baltimore	45	46	.495	12
Toronto	38	54	.413	19 1/2
Tampa Bay	29	62	.319	28
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	54	41	.568	—
Chicago	45	50	.474	9
Cleveland	42	50	.457	10 1/2
Kansas City	38	54	.413	14 1/2
Detroit	35	57	.380	17 1/2
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	58	36	.617	—
Anaheim	54	38	.587	3
Oakland	55	39	.585	3
Texas	40	53	.430	17 1/2

Tuesday's Games
Baltimore 6, Seattle 1
Anaheim 4, Minnesota 2
Boston 9, Detroit 4
N.Y. Yankees 7, Toronto 6
Chicago White Sox 5, Cleveland 4
Oakland 2, Tampa Bay 1
Kansas City 6, Texas 5, 11 innings
Today's Games
Baltimore (Johnson 3-6) at Toronto (Halladay 10-4), 6:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Reed 6-5) at Cleveland (Baez 7-6), 6:05 p.m.
Detroit (Redman 5-8) at N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 3-3), 6:05 p.m.
Boston (Lowe 12-5) at Tampa Bay (P.Wilson 2-6), 6:15 p.m.
Seattle (Moyer 9-4) at Texas (Valdes 5-6), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Ritchie 5-12) at Kansas City (Suppan 7-7), 7:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Appier 7-7) at Oakland (Hudson 7-7), 9:05 p.m.
Thursday's Games
Boston (F.Castillo 5-10) at Tampa Bay (Sturtze 1-9), 11:15 p.m.
Detroit (Maroth 2-3) at N.Y. Yankees (D.Wells 10-5), 12:05 p.m.
Minnesota (J.Rincon 0-1) at Cleveland (Drese 8-7), 12:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 12-7) at Kansas City (Byrd 12-6), 1:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Driskill 6-2) at Toronto (Carpenter 2-1), 6:05 p.m.
Seattle (Baldwin 6-6) at Texas (Rogers 10-5), 7:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Sele 7-6) at Oakland (Zito 12-3), 9:05 p.m.
East Division

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	59	35	.628	—
Montreal	48	45	.516	10 1/2
New York	47	46	.505	11 1/2
Florida	45	48	.484	13 1/2
Philadelphia	43	49	.467	15
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	51	39	.567	—
Cincinnati	49	44	.527	3 1/2
Houston	44	48	.478	8
Pittsburgh	43	50	.462	9 1/2
Chicago	39	52	.429	12 1/2
Milwaukee	34	60	.362	19
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	55	38	.591	—
Los Angeles	55	39	.585	1/2
San Francisco	53	40	.570	2
Colorado	44	50	.468	11 1/2
San Diego	37	56	.398	18

Tuesday's Games
N.Y. Mets 10, Florida 5
Atlanta 2, Chicago Cubs 0
Arizona 5, San Francisco 3
St. Louis 9, Los Angeles 2
Pittsburgh 7, Houston 3
Philadelphia 6, Montreal 3
Cincinnati 6, Milwaukee 1
San Diego 5, Colorado 1
Wednesday's Games
Florida (Burnett 8-6) at Atlanta (Maddux 8-2), 6:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (D.Amico 4-8) at Montreal (Ohka 8-4), 6:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Dempster 5-9) at Pittsburgh (J.Anderson 6-10), 6:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Wood 8-5) at Philadelphia (Person 4-5), 6:05 p.m.
Houston (Miller 5-3) at Milwaukee (Rusch 5-8), 7:05 p.m.
San Fran. (L.Hernandez 7-10) at St. Louis (Simontacchi 7-11, 7:10) p.m.
Arizona (Schilling 15-3) at Colorado (Hampton 5-10), 8:05 p.m.
San Diego (Lawrence 7-5) at Los Angeles (Od.Perez 10-5), 9:10 p.m.
Thursday's Games
Florida (Tavarez 7-5) at Atlanta (Glavine 11-5), 12:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Clement 7-6) at Philadelphia (Padilla 10-5), 12:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Estes 3-7) at Montreal (Colon 2-0), 12:35 p.m.
San Francisco (Schmidt 5-3) at St. Louis (Morris 10-6), 12:40 p.m.
Houston (Munro 1-0) at Milwaukee (J.Wright 2-8), 1:05 p.m.
Arizona (B.Anderson 5-7) at Colorado (Thomson 7-8), 2:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Haynes 10-6) at Pittsburgh (K.Wells 10-6), 6:05 p.m.
San Diego (Tomko 4-6) at Los Angeles (Ashby 7-7), 9:10 p.m.

AL LEADERS

AMERICAN LEAGUE
BATTING—ISuzuki, Seattle, .358; MiSweeney, Kansas City, .355; Konerko, Chicago, .326; Winn, Tampa Bay, .319; JaGiambi, New York, .319; ASoriano, New York, .317; Olerud, Seattle, .316.
RUNS—ASoriano, New York, 73; ARodriguez, Texas, 73; Jeter, New York, 70; ISuzuki, Seattle, 69; Damon, Boston, 69; BWilliams, New York, 68; Ordonez, Chicago, 65; Durham, Chicago, 65.
RBI—ARodriguez, Texas, 80; JaGiambi, New York, 76; Konerko, Chicago, 74; Ordonez, Chicago, 70; GAnderson, Anaheim, 69; Garciaparra, Boston, 68; Tejada, Oakland, 67.
HITS—ISuzuki, Seattle, 134; ASoriano, New York, 126; Winn, Tampa Bay, 115; Tejada, Oakland, 115; Jeter, New York, 115; Konerko, Chicago, 114; THunter, Minnesota, 112.
DOUBLES—ASoriano, New York, 32; Garciaparra, Boston, 31; GAnderson, Anaheim, 31; Salmon, Anaheim, 30; Olerud, Seattle, 28; Beltran, Kansas City, 27; Winn, Tampa Bay, 27; Ordonez, Chicago, 27.
TRIPLES—Damon, Boston, 7; ISuzuki, Seattle, 6; Winn, Tampa Bay, 6; Lofton, Chicago, 6; RSantiago, Detroit, 5; MYoung, Texas, 5; AKennedy, Anaheim, 5; Singleton, Baltimore, 5; Beltran, Kansas City, 5; Vizquel, Cleveland, 5.
HOME RUNS—ARodriguez, Texas, 31; Thome, Cleveland, 27; ASoriano, New York, 24; JaGiambi, New York, 24; RPalmeiro, Texas, 23; Konerko, Chicago, 22; THunter, Minnesota, 22.
STOLEN BASES—ASoriano, New York, 25; ISuzuki, Seattle, 23; Damon, Boston, 22; Jeter, New York, 21; Lofton, Chicago, 21; Beltran, Kansas City, 20; Durham, Chicago, 20.
PITCHING—(11 Decisions)—Washburn, Anaheim, 11-2, .846, 3.03; PMartinez, Boston, 11-2, .846, 2.66; Zito, Oakland, 12-3, .800, 3.30; Mussina, New York, 12-3, .800, 4.54; RLopez, Baltimore, 9-3, .750, 3.09; Burkett, Boston, 9-3, .750, 3.75; Clemens, New York, 8-3, .727, 4.02.
STRIKEOUTS—PMartinez, Boston, 149; Clemens, New York, 126; Zito, Oakland, 111; FGarcia, Seattle, 109; Halladay, Toronto, 104; Mussina, New York, 99; ROrtiz, Anaheim, 97.
SAVES—Guardado, Minnesota, 29; Sasaki, Seattle, 23; Koch, Oakland, 23; MRivera, New York, 23; Urbina, Boston, 22; Percival, Anaheim, 22; Julio, Baltimore, 19; Wickman, Cleveland, 19.

NL LEADERS

NATIONAL LEAGUE
BATTING—Bonds, San Francisco, .345; LWalker, Colorado, .343; LCastillo, Florida, .342; Helton, Colorado, .340; JKent, San Francisco, .335; Vidro, Montreal, .325; Spivey, Arizona, .324.
RUNS—Bonds, San Francisco, 71; SSosa, Chicago, 68; Pujols, St. Louis, 67; ShGreen, Los Angeles, 65; LWalker, Colorado, 64; Vidro, Montreal, 63; Helton, Colorado, 62.
RBI—Berkman, Houston, 83; ShGreen, Los Angeles, 69; Burrell, Philadelphia, 68; LWalker, Colorado, 68; Pujols, St. Louis, 67; VGuerrero, Montreal, 66; Helton, Colorado, 64; Piazza, New York, 64.
HITS—LCastillo, Florida, 123; JKent, San Francisco, 120; Vidro, Montreal, 116; VGuerrero, Montreal, 114; Lowell, Florida, 109; Helton, Colorado, 109; Furcal, Atlanta, 107.
DOUBLES—Lowell, Florida, 32; BAbreu, Philadelphia, 29; Pujols, St. Louis, 26; OCabrera, Montreal, 26; Helton, Colorado, 26; Vidro, Montreal, 26; JKent, San Francisco, 26.
TRIPLES—Rollins, Philadelphia, 7; Furcal, Atlanta, 7; Spivey, Arizona, 6; McCracken, Arizona, 6; Uribe, Colorado, 5; Wilkerson, Montreal, 5; DeLee, Florida, 5.
HOME RUNS—Berkman, Houston, 29; SSosa, Chicago, 29; Bonds, San Francisco, 28; ShGreen, Los Angeles, 27; BGiles, Pittsburgh, 26; Burrell, Philadelphia, 24; VGuerrero, Montreal, 23.
STOLEN BASES—LCastillo, Florida, 31; Pierre, Colorado, 26; ASanchez, Milwaukee, 24; DRoberts, Los Angeles, 22; VGuerrero, Montreal, 20; AFox, Florida, 20; PrWilson, Florida, 19.
PITCHING—(11 Decisions)—Schilling, Arizona, 15-3, .833, 2.99; RJohnson, Arizona, 13-3, .812, 2.61; Astacio, New York, 9-3, .750, 3.14; Ishii, Los Angeles, 12-5, .706, 3.32; Glavine, Atlanta, 11-5, .687, 2.59; Ohka, Montreal, 8-4, .667, 3.07; Padilla, Philadelphia, 10-5, .667, 3.16; OPerez, Los Angeles, 10-5, .667, 2.89.
STRIKEOUTS—Schilling, Arizona, 191; RJohnson, Arizona, 183; Burnett, Florida, 137; Oswalt, Houston, 126; Clement, Chicago, 124; Morris, St. Louis, 114; Duckworth, Philadelphia, 107.
SAVES—Gagne, Los Angeles, 33; Smoltz, Atlanta, 33; MiWilliams, Pittsburgh, 28; Graves, Cincinnati, 27; BKim, Arizona, 26; Mesa, Philadelphia, 25; Nen, San Francisco, 24.

TEXAS LEAGUE

Eastern Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Wichita (Royals)	15	11	.577	—
x-Tulsa (Rangers)	13	13	.500	2
Arkansas (Angels)	10	16	.385	5
Shreveport (Giants)	9	16	.360	5 1/2
Western Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
El Paso (Diamondbacks)	16	10	.615	—
San Antonio (Mariners)	14	12	.538	2
x-Round Rock (Astros)	13	12	.520	2 1/2
Midland (Athletics)	13	13	.500	3

x-won first half

Tuesday's Games
Arkansas 6, Round Rock 1
El Paso 8, Tulsa 4
Wichita 5, Midland 2
San Antonio 6, Shreveport 5
Today's Games
Arkansas at Round Rock
El Paso at Tulsa
Midland at Wichita
Shreveport at San Antonio
Thursday's Games
Arkansas at Round Rock
El Paso at Tulsa
Midland at Wichita
Shreveport at San Antonio

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Placed SS Mike Bordick on the the 15-day disabled list.
TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Placed RHP Ryan Rupe on the 15-day disabled list. Recalled RHP Brandon Backe from Orlando of the Southern League.
TEXAS RANGERS—Activated OF Gabe Kapler from the 15-day disabled list and RHP Danny Kolb from the 60-day disabled list. Optioned RHP Joaquin Benoit to Oklahoma of the PCL. Designated LHP Randy Flores for assignment.
National League
FLORIDA MARLINS—Activated RHP Josh Beckett from the 15-day disabled list. Optioned RHP Blaine Neal to Calgary of the PCL.
NEW YORK METS—Sent RHP Saul Rivera to Montreal to complete an April 5 trade. Signed LHP Edgar Alexander Alfonzo and assigned him to Kingsport of the Appalachian League.
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Activated RHP Andy Benes from the 60-day disabled list. Optioned 3B Mike Coolbaugh to Memphis of the PCL. Transferred RHP Garrett Stephenson from the 15- to the 60-day disabled list.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
CLEVELAND CAVALIERS—Signed G Dajuan Wagner to a four-year contract.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
BUFFALO BILLS—Signed WR Maurice Jackson and LB Jykine Bradley.
CAROLINA PANTHERS—Agreed to terms with OL Pete Campion.
CLEVELAND BROWNS—Agreed to terms with LB Kevin Bentley and OT Joaquin Gonzalez.
DENVER BRONCOS—Placed WR Phil McGeoghan on the reserve/non-football injury list.
DETROIT LIONS—Signed CB Andre Goodman.
GREEN BAY PACKERS—Signed PR Darrien Gordon. Waived LB Cornell Menafee.
HOUSTON TEXANS—Signed OL Chester Pitts.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS—Signed LB Nick Rogers and DT Chad Beasley.
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS—Signed CB Fakhir Brown to a two-year contract and DE DaMonte McKenzie to a one-year contract. Released RB Jonathan Adams, P Dan Hadenfeldt, S Chonn Lacey, LB Andrew LeClair and C/G John Romero.
NEW YORK JETS—Signed TE Chris Baker.
SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—Named Ron George director of player development.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Waived QB Giovanni Carmazzi.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Signed OL Wilbert Brown and DE Greg Scott. Waived G Ron Boldin and DT Wil Beck.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
BOSTON BRUINS—Re-signed G John Grahame, D Nick Boynton and D Sean Brown. Signed LW Michal Grosek.
CALGARY FLAMES—Re-signed F Jamie Wright.
CAROLINA HURRICANES—Signed D Ed Hill to a three-year contract and D Ryan Bast to a one-year contract.
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS—Named Marshall Johnston director of player evaluation. Reached an affiliation agreement with Roanoke of the ECHL.
DETROIT RED WINGS—Signed D Dmitri Bykov to a one-year contract. Announced the resignation of John Wharton, athletic trainer. Promoted Piet Van Zant to athletic trainer.
FLORIDA PANTHERS—Acquired RW Hannes Hyvonen from San Jose for future considerations. Signed C Andy Lundbohm.
LOS ANGELES KINGS—Agreed to terms with F Brad Chartrand and D Richard Seeley on one-year contracts. Signed F Pavel Rosa to a two-year contract. Acquired C Derek Armstrong from the New York Rangers for a 2003 conditional draft pick. Agreed to terms with Armstrong on a one-year contract.
MINNESOTA WILD—Signed LW Jean-Guy Trudel.
MONTREAL CANADIENS—Re-signed F Andreas Dackell to a two-year contract.
NASHVILLE PREDATORS—Signed D Pascal Trepanier.
NEW JERSEY DEVILS—Named Dennis Gendron coach of Albany of the AHL.
PITTSBURGH PENGUINS—Signed D Francois Leroux.
ST. LOUIS BLUES—Agreed to terms with F Keith Tkachuk and G Fred Brathwaite on one-year contracts. Signed F Steve Dubinsky, F Eric Nickulas and D Steve Bancroft.
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Re-signed LW Fredrik Modin to a one-year contract.
TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS—Agreed to terms with C Alyn McCauley and D Wade Belak.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	14	6	.700	—
Charlotte	11	8	.579	2 1/2
New York	11	9	.550	3
Orlando	9	9	.500	4
Miami	9	10	.474	4 1/2
Indiana	8	11	.421	5 1/2
Cleveland	7	12	.368	6 1/2
Detroit	3	16	.158	10 1/2
WESTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	15	3	.833	—
Houston	16	4	.800	—
Utah	13	6	.684	2 1/2
Portland	11	9	.550	5
Seattle	9	11	.450	7
Phoenix	8	11	.421	7 1/2
Minnesota	6	13	.316	9 1/2
Sacramento	3	15	.167	12

Today's Games
Sacramento at Miami, 11:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Portland, 3 p.m.
Orlando at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
Cleveland at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Houston at Utah, 8 p.m.
Thursday's Games
Detroit at Washington, 10:30 a.m.
Los Angeles at New York, 7 p.m.

ARENA FOOTBALL

American Conference

Central Division	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA
x-Chicago	9	4	.692	706	620
y-Grand Rapids	7	6	.538	693	699
Indiana	6	7	.462	618	599
Detroit	1	12	.077	484	677
Western Division	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA
x-San Jose	12	1	.923	820	619
y-Arizona	10	3	.769	676	579
y-Dallas	7	6	.538	701	711
y-Los Angeles	7	6	.538	685	653
National Conference					
Eastern Division	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA
x-New Jersey	9	4	.692	669	609
Buffalo	6	7	.462	586	629
Toronto	5	8	.385	579	590
New York	2	11	.154	600	739
Southern Division	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA
Carolina	6	7	.462	583	607
Georgia	6	7	.462	642	621
Orlando	6	7	.462	593	628
Tampa Bay	5	8	.385	599	654

x-clinched division
y-clinched playoff berth

Thursday's Game
New York at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Friday's Game
Grand Rapids at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday's Games
Arizona at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Georgia at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
Indiana at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Orlando at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Buffalo at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.
Sunday's Game
San Jose at Carolina, 1 p.m.
End of Regular Season

RODEO LEADERS

ALL-AROUND
1. Jesse Bail, Camp Crook, S.D., $125,908
2. Cash Myers, Athens, Texas, $122,368
3. Trevor Brazile, Anson, Texas, $98,604
4. Brent Lewis, Pinon, N.M., $63,694
5. Robert Bowers, Brooks, Alberta, $63,026
6. Joe Beaver, Huntsville, Texas, $52,676
7. Todd Suhn, Brighton, Colo., $51,608
8. Curtis Cassidy, Donalda, Alberta, $50,670
9. Daniel Green, Oakdale, Calif., $44,368
10. Chad Klein, Clinton, La., $44,185
BAREBACK RIDING
1. Scott Montague, Wall, S.D., $57,174
2. Forest Bramwell, Pagosa Springs, Colo., $51,358
3. Wes Stevenson, Kaufman, Texas, $48,176
4. Pete Hawkins, Weatherford, Texas, $46,564
5. J.D. Garrett Jr, Belle Fourche, S.D., $45,259
6. Jared Lavergne, Ville Platte, La., $44,322
7. James Boudreaux, Cuero, Texas, $43,217
8. Cody Jessee, John Day, Ore., $39,260
9. Jason Jeter, Fort Worth, Texas, $37,169
10. Jeffrey Collins, Redfield, Kan., $36,345
STEER WRESTLING
1. Joey Bell Jr, Salem, N.J., $77,665
2. Cash Myers, Athens, Texas, $64,355
3. Sid Steiner, Bastrop, Texas, $54,068
4. Rod Lyman, Victor, Mont., $47,946
5. Todd Suhn, Brighton, Colo., $46,135
6. Bill Pace, Stephenville, Texas, $45,815
7. Curtis Cassidy, Donalda, Alberta, $37,584
8. K.C. Jones, Las Animas, Colo., $37,498
9. Birch Negaard, Buffalo, S.D., $33,562
10. Jeff Corbello, Iowa, La., $31,178
11. Teddy Johnson, Checotah, Okla., $29,805
12. Ivon Nelson, Williston, Fla., $29,636
13. Lee Graves, Calgary, Alberta, $28,811
14. Jason Miller, Lance Creek, Wyo., $27,304
15. Kyle Hughes, Model, Colo., $26,489
16. Sean Mulligan, Rock Springs, Wyo., $24,687
17. Randy Suhn, Riverton, Wyo., $24,218
18. Bob Lummus, Folsom, La., $23,815
19. Trav Cadwell, Oakdale, Calif., $23,657
20. Luke Branquinho, Los Alamos, Calif., $23,295
TEAM ROPING (HEADERS)
1. Speed Williams, Jacksonville, Fla., $73,608
2. Kevin Stewart, Glen Rose, Texas, $50,882
3. Matt Tyler, Weatherford, Texas, $47,696
4. Joe Beaver, Huntsville, Texas, $46,391
5. David Key, Ledbetter, Texas, $40,849
6. Jake Barnes, Cave Creek, Ariz., $37,420
7. Daniel Green, Oakdale, Calif., $37,311
8. Jason Handy, Billings, Mont., $35,824
9. Tee Woolman, Llano, Texas, $32,707
10. Clay Tryan, Billings, Mont., $30,216
TEAM ROPING (HEELERS)
1. Rich Skelton, Llano, Texas, $73,963
2. Martin Lucero, Stephenville, Texas, $51,819
3. Wayne Folmer, El Paso, Texas, $47,696
4. Brad Culpepper, Ashburn, Ga., $47,309
5. Dugan Kelly, Paso Robles, Calif., $39,315
6. Kory Koontz, Sudan, Texas, $38,845
7. Clay Cooper, Glen Rose, Texas, $35,857
8. Randon Adams, Logandale, Nev., $34,474
9. Tyler Magnus, Llano, Texas, $32,707
10. C. Twisselman, S. Margarita, Calif., $30,961
SADDLE BRONC RIDING
1. Dan Mortensen, Billings, Mont., $98,729
2. Jesse Bail, Camp Crook, S.D., $83,369
3. Glen O'Neill, Didsbury, Alberta, $73,266
4. Rod Hay, Wildwood, Alberta, $72,169
5. Tom Reeves, Eagle Butte, S.D., $58,857
6. Steve Dollarhide, Wikieup, Ariz., $51,456
7. Billy Etbauer, Ree Heights, S.D., $49,087
8. Jess Martin, Dillon, Mont., $47,960
9. Rod Warren, Big Valley, Alberta, $38,702
TIE-DOWN ROPING
1. Blair Burk, Durant, Okla., $94,795
2. Fred Whitfield, Hockley, Texas, $90,076
3. Trevor Brazile, Anson, Texas, $64,664
4. Brent Lewis, Pinon, N.M., $53,809
5. Houston Hutto, Del Rio, Texas, $51,333
6. Cash Myers, Athens, Texas, $45,075
7. Jerome Schneeberger, Ponca City, Okla., $43,141
8. Rusty Sewalt, Del Rio, Texas, $42,995
9. Jim Locke, Miami, Texas, $41,901
10. J. Emmons, Grandview, Texas, $38,397
BARREL RACING
1. Charmayne James, Athens, Texas, $61,832
2. Tammy Key, Ledbetter, Texas, $57,240
3. Danyelle Campbell, Washington, Utah, $48,569
4. Molly Powell, Sims, Mont., $43,991
5. Delores Toole, Manter, Kan., $41,131
6. Kay Blandford, Sutherland Springs, Texas, $39,609
7. Rachael Sproul, Arlee, Mont., $36,796
8. Jolee Lautaret, Kingman, Ariz., $35,905
9. Tami Fontenot, Ethel, La., $35,158
10. Amy Dale, Graham, Wash., $32,465
STEER ROPING
1. Trevor Brazile, Anson, Texas, $24,465
2. Guy Allen, Santa Anna, Texas, $24,034
3. Jason Evans, Huntsville, Texas, $18,231
4. Rocky Patterson, Pratt, Kan., $18,004
5. Scott Snedecor, Uvalde, Texas, $15,116
6. Buster Record Jr., Buffalo, Okla., $12,752
7. J.P. Wickett, Sallisaw, Okla., $12,731
8. Rod Hartness, Pawhuska, Okla., $12,252
9. Cash Myers, Athens, Texas, $12,032
10. Jay Sellers, Buffalo, Okla., $10,903
BULL RIDING
1. Cody Hancock, Taylor, Ariz., $56,371
2. Jason Legler, Eaton, Colo., $46,823
3. Justin Andrade, Grover Beach, Calif., $45,256
4. Johnny Chavez, Bosque, N.M., $43,944
5. Jesse Bail, Camp Crook, S.D., $42,539
6. Vince Stanton, Weiser, Idaho, $37,104
7. Cory Melton, Hillsboro, Texas, $36,523
8. Robert Bowers, Brooks, Alberta, $35,077
9. Colby Yates, Azle, Texas, $33,990
10. Myron Duarte, Auburn, Wash., $33,849

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Judge will have to decide on Williams' fate

INVERNESS, Fla. (AP) — A judge will decide whether Ted Williams wanted to be frozen or cremated after the baseball great's will and the executor of his estate presented conflicting accounts of his intentions.

In the will that was filed and made public Tuesday, Williams said he wanted his ashes "sprinkled at sea off the coast of Florida where the water is very deep."

Williams also specified he didn't want a funeral or memorial service.

But after he wrote his will on Dec. 20, 1996, the Hall of Famer and fishing enthusiast expressed a desire to have his body frozen, according to the executor, Albert Cassidy.

"After the time of his will, Ted chose to have his body cryonically preserved," Cassidy said Tuesday.

Cassidy presented no documents to support his statement and refused to say how he knew of Williams' wish to be frozen.

Along with the will, Cassidy filed a petition asking a judge that Williams' body remain in a cryonics lab in Arizona.

Cassidy wrote he "is in doubt as to whether any change in the disposition of this decedent's body is required."

John Henry Williams and Bobby-Jo Williams Ferrell, his half sister, have been fighting over their father's remains since the Boston Red Sox great died July 5 at 83.

John Henry Williams had his father's body flown to Alcor Life Extension Foundation in Scottsdale, Ariz., to be frozen, against the wishes of Ferrell, who said Ted Williams wanted to be cremated. A third child, Claudia Williams, has sided with her brother.

Both sides have 20 days to respond to the will, and a hearing date can be set after that.

Richard Fitzpatrick, an attorney for Ferrell, said Cassidy offered nothing to back his claim that Williams wanted to be frozen indefinitely.

Rangers activate Kapler, option Benoit to OK City

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The Texas Rangers activated outfielder Gabe Kapler from the 15-day disabled list Tuesday and inserted him into the starting lineup for their game against Kansas City.

Kapler hit .263 with no homers and 14 RBIs before going on the disabled list June 24 with tendintis in his left wrist. He hit .471 with one home run and five RBIs in a five-game rehabilitation assignment with Triple-A Oklahoma.

The Rangers also activated right-handed reliever Danny Kolb, who had been out all season with a partial tear of his rotator cuff.

Kolb was 1-1 with an 1.88 earned run average in nine minor league rehabilitation appearances for Double-A Tulsa and Class-A Charlotte.

To make room for Kapler and Kolb the Rangers optioned Joaquin Benoit to Triple-A Oklahoma and designated rookie Randy Flores for assignment.

The right-handed Benoit was 2-1 with a 4.50 earned run average in four games, including three starts, for Texas. He walked seven, a season high for a Rangers pitcher, in a loss Monday to the Kansas City Royals.

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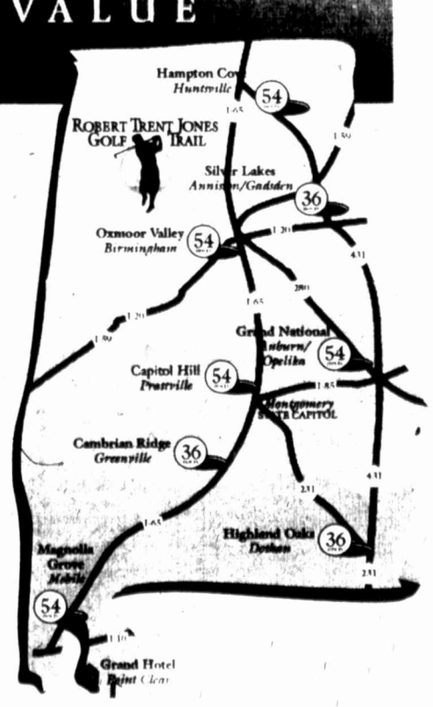

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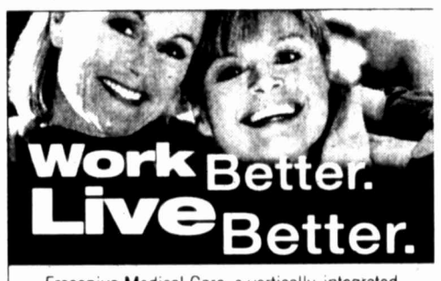

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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ***** Another finally makes an attempt to be far more pleasant, to your relief. Don't push too hard to make someone understand. Let this person make the effort. He or she will, if you step back. Being assertive might not always work. Tonight: Go along with plans.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** Others approach you. You can count on hearing several requests. Confusion surrounds a boss, or perhaps yourself, if you're a boss. Make sure everyone is in sync. Listen well to others. Return calls and listen to the other side of a story. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) *** Follow through on work, clearing your desk. You could keep missing an important call. Once you finally connect, relax and tell another what is on your mind. Don't allow frustration to overcome you. Stay on top of a project. Tonight: Relax, doing something you love.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** Your imagination might delight you and many others, but a partner could blow his or her fuse. Be careful with this person; he or she is only letting you know how much he or she cares. Honor feelings, as you want yours valued. Tonight: Add more spice to your life.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) *** You might be considering staying home more often. For some, a home office seems like a great idea. Caring multiplies with your interest. A loved one might have mixed feelings or be confused about a situation. Stay anchored with others. Tonight: Order in.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) **** Say what you think, but don't be surprised if you have to reiterate a point in two or three different ways. Be patient with an associate who you care a lot about. Schedule a lunch meeting. Make time for that special someone. Tonight: At your favorite haunt.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) *** Handle your expenses with firmness, not giving in to a child or your own foibles. You might not be able to be everyone's fairy godfather or godmother. Don't feel as if you need to keep explaining. Put your efforts into your work. Tonight: Your treat.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** The Moon in your sign passes power to your hands. Whatever your personal agenda might be comes out. Explain yourself carefully, not giving in to frustration. You want your message heard loud and clear. Do nothing halfway. Tonight: It's your call.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ** Step back and take your time making a decision. You can rest assured that you're not getting the complete story right now. Carefully consider options that surround you. You might opt for a very different idea than you originally thought. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** Stay goal-oriented. Listen carefully to someone who might pass you a financial tip. Don't allow another to confuse you. Ask all the needed questions, even if you're in a meeting. Others appreciate your inquiries. Tonight: Decide on your weekend plans.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) *** "Playful" describes your mood, but another might not appreciate your vagueness and/or silliness. Deal with those around you as sensitively as possible, recognizing where their heads are. Success follows those who adapt. Tonight: Now do your thing!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) *** Your intuition could be off, but your intellectual skills more than make up for the lack. Use the available resources to seek out answers and information. Office gossip needs to be checked up on before you decide to nix it. Tonight: Follow the music.

BORN TODAY

Astronaut John Glenn (1921), African leader Nelson Mandela (1918), actor Vin Diesel (1967)

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Genetic counseling can help those with cancer marker

ANN LANDERS

Dear Ann Landers: I would like to respond to the letter about "Ella," the woman who learned she has a genetic marker for breast cancer. People often react to this news with anger, sadness, fear and prolonged grief. It is understandable that Ella is feeling alone and helpless.

Please tell her to see a genetic counselor. Genetic counselors are health care professionals who specialize in the medical and emotional aspects of genetic testing. A counselor will translate complicated and confusing technical information and help Ella in a supportive, caring way. A counselor can also refer Ella to a social worker or psychologist, and can arrange for her to speak to other women at high risk. Two such women have developed an excellent Internet resource called FORCE (Facing Our Risk of Cancer Empowered) at www.facingourrisk.org.

There are nearly 2,000 genetic counselors in North America. To contact one, Ella can ask her doctor, or she can access www.nsgc.org for a referral. I work with many women in Ella's situation, and with time, many do feel empowered by this information. They exert control over their risk and make decisions that enhance their health and well-being. The good news is that women at high risk for breast and ovarian cancer have medical options that their mothers and grandmothers did not have. Meeting with a genetic counselor can be of enormous help. — Katherine Schneider, MPH, CGC, President, National Society of Genetic Counselors, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Boston

Dear Katherine Schneider: Thank you for your excellent advice. I hope my readers will take advantage of the resources you listed and get whatever help they need. Bless you for writing.

Dear Ann Landers: You often ask readers, "Are you better off with him or without him?" I've been wrestling with that question and am not sure what the answer is. I hope you will clear it up for me.

I am divorced and in my 50s. I've been dating "John" for two years. He has been divorced three times. John is generous, helpful and usually supportive. However, he also lies, and I suspect he is cheating on me. He disappears for hours at a time and won't answer his cell phone. When I ask where he's been, he accuses me of stalking him and trying to control his life.

John insists I am the love of his life but won't marry me. He tells me he has health problems and doesn't want to be a financial burden. He says if I marry him, I will be responsible for his medical bills, since he has no money socked away. I don't believe it. John seems healthy as a horse and just bought a fancy new car.

I take care of my elderly mother, and John is the only diversion in my life. He gets me out of the house, and we have fun together. I don't want to dump him and be lonely. Please tell me what to do. — Undecided in Florida

Dear Florida: Tell John goodbye and not to slam the door on the way out. Not only is he using you, he is taking up your time and preventing you from meeting someone more suitable. John's occasional companionship does not make up for his flaws. Believe me, it is better to be alone than to wish you were.

Gem of the Day (credit Mark Twain): Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people do that, but the really great make you feel that you, too, can somehow become great.

Dear Ann Landers: I work as a secretary in a nice office. Last year, I helped a good friend get a job here. I've known "Anita" for 10 years and thought we were close. Please tell me if I am mistaken.

Eight months ago, I started a small business selling handcrafted jewelry. I've made some extra money this way, and I enjoy it. Last week, Anita informed me that she is going to start selling handcrafted jewelry, too.

I am fuming that this so-called "friend" would go into competition with me. I am also hurt that she would stab me in the back by trying to steal my business. I would never do that to a friend. Please advise me. — Not Pleased in North Carolina

Dear N.C.: Anita saw an opportunity and took it. It wasn't very nice of her, but it serves no purpose to continue griping about it. Would you be interested in joining forces with her? If not, is there enough jewelry business for the both of you? If so, ignore Anita. Otherwise, find another way to earn extra money.

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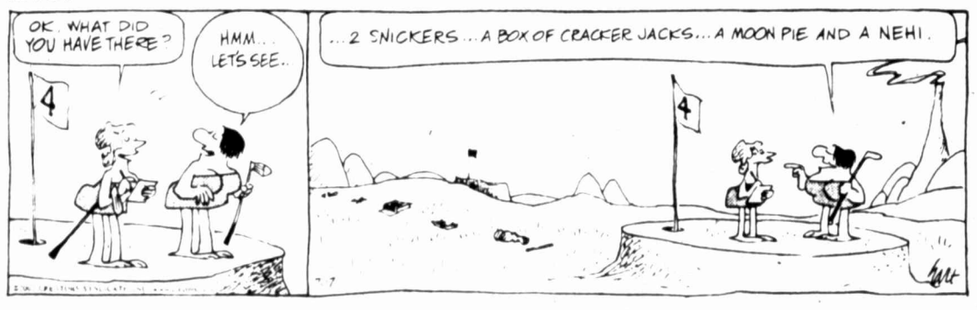

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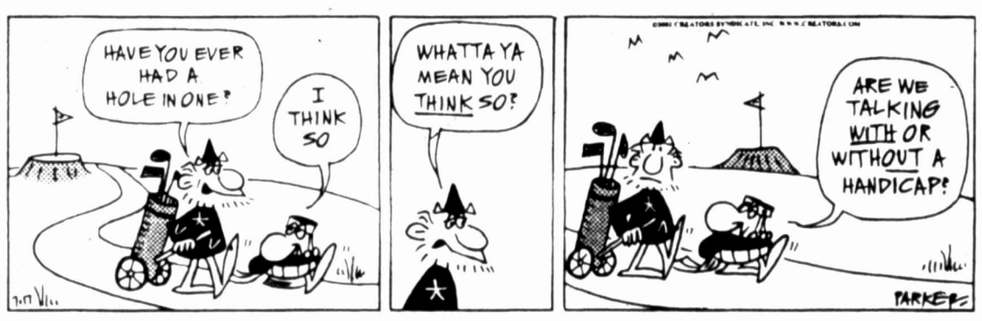

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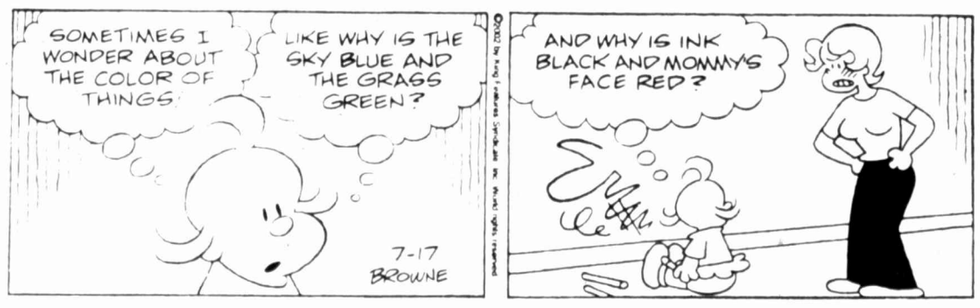

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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today is Wednesday, July 17, the 198th day of 2002. There are 167 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 17, 1981, 114 people were killed when a pair of walkways above the lobby of the Kansas City Hyatt Regency Hotel collapsed during a "tea dance."

On this date:

In 1821, Spain ceded Florida to the United States. In 1898, during the Spanish-American War, Spanish troops in Santiago, Cuba, surrendered to U.S. forces.

In 1917, the British royal family adopted the name "Windsor."

In 1938, aviator Douglas Corrigan took off from New York, saying he was headed for California; he ended up in Ireland, earning the nickname "Wrong Way Corrigan."

In 1944, 322 people were killed when a pair of ammunition ships exploded in Port Chicago, Calif. Most of them were blacks who were loading the ships.

In 1945, President Harry S. Truman, Soviet leader Josef Stalin and British Prime Minister Winston S. Churchill began meeting at Potsdam in the final Allied summit of World War II.

In 1955, Disneyland debuted in Anaheim, Calif.

In 1975, an Apollo spaceship docked with a Soyuz spacecraft in orbit in the first superpower link-up of its kind.

In 1979, Nicaraguan President Anastasio Somoza resigned and fled into exile in Miami.

In 1996, TWA Flight 800, a Paris-bound Boeing 747, exploded and crashed off New York's Long Island shortly after departing John F. Kennedy International Airport. All 230 people aboard were killed.

Ten years ago: A historic accord for deep cuts in tanks and other non-nuclear arms in Europe went into effect, nearly two years after it was signed by NATO and the now-defunct Warsaw Pact.

Today's Birthdays: TV personality Art Linkletter is 90. Comedian Phyllis Diller is 85. The former president of the International Olympic Committee, Juan Antonio Samaranch, is 82. Comedy writer Pat McCormick is 68. Actor Donald Sutherland is 67. Actress-singer Diahann Carroll is 67. Rock singer Spencer Davis is 60. Rock musician Terry "Geezer" Butler (Black Sabbath) is 53. Actress Lucie Arnaz is 51. Actor David Hasselhoff is 50. Singer Phoebe Snow is 50. Actress Nancy Giles is 42. Singer Regina Belle is 39.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

AT THE ARCADE by Fred Piscop
Edited by Stanley Newman

ACROSS
1 Feels sore
6 Some recyclables
10 Kirk or Hook: Abbr.
14 This and that
15 Melville novel
16 Toast topping
17 Amusement park ride
19 I, as in Ithaca
20 Suffix meaning "imitation"
21 Abacus unit
22 In need of bodywork
24 Be of interest to
26 Mariner's peril
27 Start of a bray
28 Like some mistakes
32 Eliot title character
35 Make muffins
36 Inventor's germ
37 Baltic feeder
38 Transported, in a way
39 Dosage unit
40 Jai __
41 Really steamed
42 Read letter by letter
43 Morale builders
45 Jungle swinger
46 Bush alma mater
47 Like many earlobes
51 Ovine outburst
54 Slave girl of opera
55 GI's mail drop
56 "Fernando" group
57 Rich harvest
60 Small stream
61 Poor, as excuses
62 Chip away at
63 Boat bottom
64 Bow-toting god
65 Like many modern stadiums

DOWN
1 Storage area
2 Uniform fabric
3 Hayes or Hunt
4 *Id* __
5 Naval construction crew
6 "Harrigan" composer
7 In the thick of
8 __'easter
9 Joined metal to metal
10 Referee, before kickoff
11 Bunches
12 Fountain of jazz
13 Warty critter
18 "__ #1!"
23 Shoebox letters
25 Philanthropic event
26 Did a fall chore
28 Brewski purchases
29 Emmy winner Falco
30 Auction off
31 Pretzel topping
32 Motel freebie
33 Doing nothing
34 Clear a hurdle
35 *Designing Women* star
38 Like attorneys' hours
42 Grabbed with a toothpick
44 Motorists' org.
45 Right-hand man
47 Vocal cords, slangily
48 Hit the cushion
49 Lyric poem
50 Solved, with "out"
51 Trunk cover
52 Irish Rose lover
53 Up to the task
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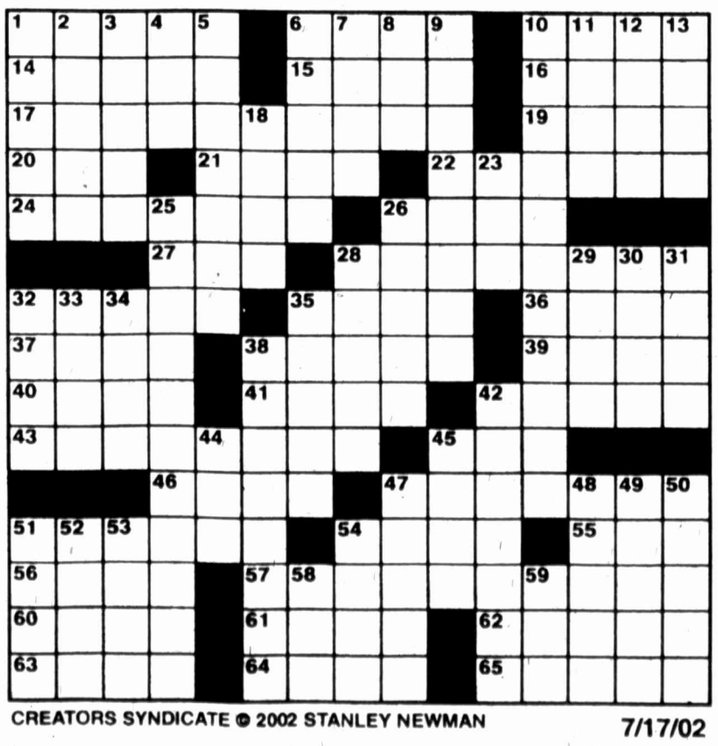
59 __-Magnon



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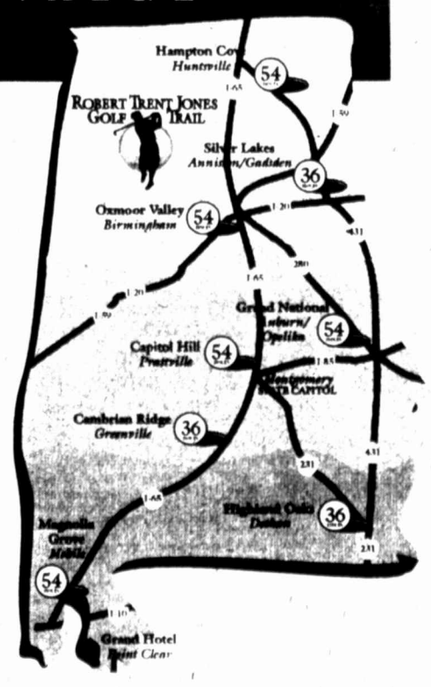

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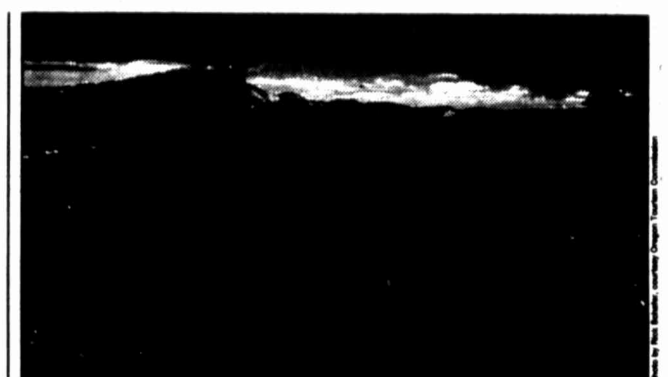
Oregon From A to Z



Crater Lake is the deepest lake in the country, and the seventh deepest in the world, at 1,932 feet deep. It is actually the opening of a volcano that collapsed more than 6,500 years ago.

photo by Rick Schafer, courtesy Oregon Tourism Commission

Site to see: www.oregon.gov

Oregon, a Pacific Coast state, is known for its forests, mountains and coast, with tall cliffs, sandy beaches and harbors.

Today, the manufacturing of forest products, food products, metals, plastics, computer parts and software is important. World corporations such as Nike are headquartered there. Tourism is a big industry.

Native Americans first settled in the area about 13,000 years ago. Spanish, British and Russian explorers all claimed it for their countries.

Fur-trading companies such as the Hudson's Bay Co. were early leaders in settling the area.

Until President Thomas Jefferson sent Meriwether Lewis and William Clark to explore the area in 1804, few white people settled there. The Lewis and Clark explorations gave the U.S. the strongest claim to the land. It became a state in 1859.

Oregon is the 28th most populated state, with about 3½ million people.

Agriculture is very important. Oregon is one of the nation's top growers of hazelnuts, Christmas trees, grass seed, various berries and peppermint. Wheat, prunes, plums, onions, cauliflower, pears, flower bulbs, lilies, poultry, dairy products, apples, animal feed, sugar beets and potatoes are also important.

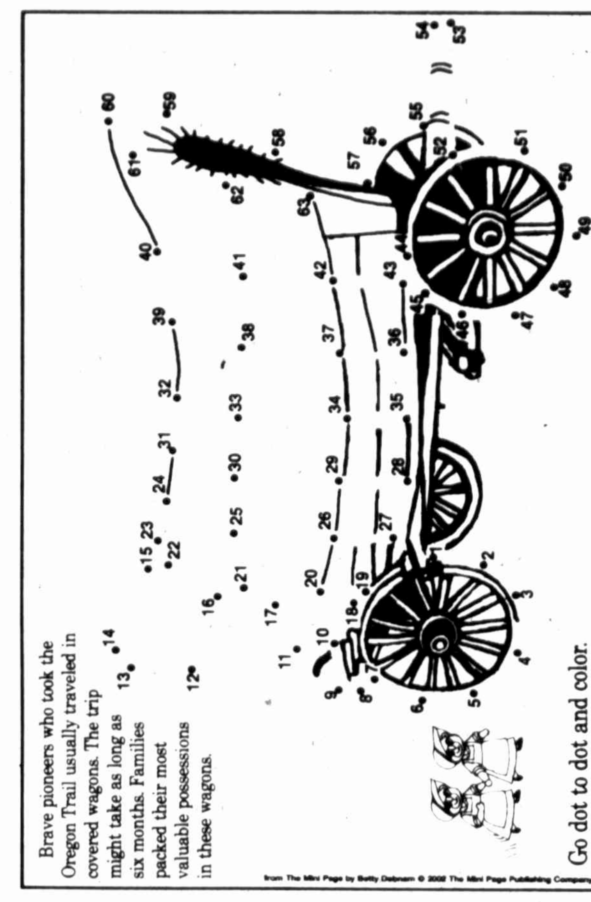
The **Beaver** is the state animal. It was important in attracting early trappers who wanted to sell beaver skins.

The **Cascades, the Coast Range and the Wallowa Mountains** attract many outdoor-loving visitors, skiers and snowboarders.

Depoe Bay is the world's smallest natural harbor in which ships can travel.

The **Douglas Fir** is the state tree.

Eugene is the second-largest city, with about 138,000 people. It is known for its walking and biking trails.



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Rookie Cookie's Recipe
Chocolate Chess Pie

You'll need:
- 1½ cups sugar
- 3½ tablespoons powdered cocoa
- ⅛ teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon cornmeal
- ½ cup pecans, chopped
- 3 eggs, beaten
- ½ cup milk
- 1 tablespoon vanilla
- 1 pie shell

What to do:
1. Combine the first six ingredients in a large bowl. Mix well.
2. In a medium bowl, combine eggs, milk and vanilla. Mix well.
3. Pour milk mixture into mixture in large bowl. Mix well.
4. Pour into pie shell.
5. Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven for 45 to 50 minutes.

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Goldie Goodsport's Report
Supersport: Jennifer Capriati

Height: 5-8½ Birthdate: 3-29-76
Weight: 135 Birthplace: New York, N.Y.

Last year was a big one for tennis player Jennifer Capriati. She won the Australian Open and the French Open tournaments. She was in the finals at the German Open and the Canadian Open. At the end of the year, she was No. 2 in the rankings.

This year she won her second Australian Open.

Jennifer turned pro in 1990. Some of her other wins include the 1992 Olympics and the 1991 Canadian Open.

She lives in Wesley Chapel, Fla. Her hobbies include reading, writing, watching movies and swing dancing. Her younger brother plays tennis at the University of Arizona.

Meet Lee Ann Womack

One of the biggest songs last year was "I Hope You Dance" by Lee Ann Womack.

Lee Ann, 35, grew up in Jacksonville, Texas. Her father was a high school principal and radio disc jockey and her mother a homemaker.

While growing up, Lee Ann loved listening to country music. She decided when she was young that she wanted to be a country singer.

In 1990, she moved to Nashville and worked for a record company. She also worked on her singing career. Her first album came out in 1996.

Lee Ann lives in Nashville with her two children. She likes reading, camping, skiing, playing tennis and sewing.

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Mighty Funny's Mini Jokes

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

Sarah: What is black and white, black and white, black and white and green?
Tom: Three skunks eating a pickle!

Mike: Did you hear the joke about the skunk?
Susan: Yes, it stunk!

Terry: Why did the baby skunk follow the advice of the bigger skunk?
Jim: Because it was odor and wiser!

Basset Brown The News Hound's OREGON TRY 'N FIND

Words and names that remind us of Oregon are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: OREGON, LAKE, SPANISH, FUR, LEWIS, CLARK, AGRICULTURE, BEAVER, CASCADE, DEPOE, FIR, EUGENE, FISHING, FORESTS, CANYON, INDIAN, HAZELNUTS.

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Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and Basset Brown are looking at a map of the Oregon Trail. See if you can find:
- pencil
- letter O
- key
- ruler
- umbrella
- word MINI
- kite
- paint roller
- man in the moon
- pig's face
- sock
- bell
- book

More About Oregon

Fishing is a big industry. Some of the top catches include oysters, clams, salmon, crab, shrimp, halibut and bass.

Forests cover more than half the state. Oregon is one of the top sellers of lumber and wood products in the world.

The **Oregon Grape** is the state flower.

Oregon grows 99 percent of all the **Hazelnuts** in the U.S.

Hells Canyon is the deepest river canyon in North America. It follows the Snake River on the border between Oregon and Idaho.

Indian tribes such as the Paiute, Modoc and Nez Perce suffered great losses in wars with settlers.

The **John Day Fossil Beds National Monument** near Kimberly features a well-preserved record of how plants and animals changed from 55 million to 10 million years ago.

Klamath Basin has the largest number of wintering bald eagles in any of the lower 48 states. Thousands of migrating birds, including geese, mallards and pelicans, can be seen there in the fall and spring.

Limestone, sand and gravel are top minerals in the state.

The Western **Meadowlark** is the state bird.

Multnomah Falls is the second-highest year-round waterfall in the U.S., at 620 feet.

Oregon's **Name** probably came from the French name for the Columbia River, the Ouragan, which means "hurricane."

About 300 miles of Oregon's **Pacific Ocean** coastline are open to the public.

Portland lies near the joining of the Willamette and Columbia Rivers. It is a leading international port and the largest city, with about 530,000 people. It is known as the City of Roses because of the International Rose Test Garden there.

Large **Quantities** of precipitation, most in the form of rain, fall in the state. Some coastal areas get about 130 inches of precipitation a year. But mountains block the rain from reaching other areas in the east, which are desert-like.

The **Columbia River** forms the border between Oregon and Washington. Dams on the river provide most of the electricity for the state, and the river provides much of the irrigation for farming.

Salem is the capital, with about 137,000 people. Its name comes from the Hebrew word for peace, "shalom."

The **Oregon Trail**, which ended in western Oregon and began in Missouri, was the dangerous path thousands of pioneers had to take on their way West in the 1800s, until the railroad was built in the 1860s.

Underground marvels can be seen in 21 marble caves at Oregon Caves National Monument in Cave Junction.

The dormant, or sleeping, **Volcano,** Mount Hood, last erupted in 1907. It is the second most climbed mountain in the world.

The **Windsurfing capital** of the world is the Columbia Gorge.

EXplorers Lewis and Clark reached the Pacific shores of Oregon and Washington in 1805.

The **Yaquina Head Lighthouse** near Newport is one of many lighthouses along Oregon's rocky coast, many of which are still in use.

The Oregon **Zoo** in Portland has 72 species of threatened or endangered animals, including the ring-tailed lemur, black rhinoceros, golden lion tamarin and Siberian tiger.

Look through your newspaper for stories about important people in your state.

Next week The Mini Page is about The Appalachian Trail.

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