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SPORTS

COACH HIRED

Make no mistake about it, it's about to be Miller time in Big Spring.

Big Spring Independent School District officials announced earlier this week they had lured Gary Miller west to take control of the Lady Steers' basketball program. Miller had been the head coach of the Cleburne Lady Yellow Jackets.

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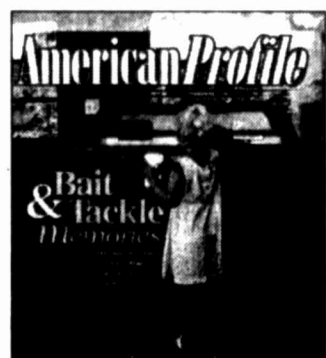
COMING FRIDAY

A new Howard County grand jury was being selected today in 118th District Court and was to consider about 25 cases.

Indictments will appear in Friday's edition of the Herald.

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Clean and green for Big Spring

Beautiful community important to the quality of life for residents, Mayor says

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Is your property clean and green?

Mayor Russ McEwen has offered the phrase "clean and green" as a vision for the way Big Spring should look.

"I want to keep it as simple as I possibly can," McEwen said in explaining his idea. "Therefore, it gets down to, as property owners and business owners look at their

property, I'd like for them ask a question: 'Is it clean and green?' If it's clean and green, they're doing a great job of representing Big Spring and creating a good image for our community."

McEwen said he borrowed the phrase from Stephen Covey's book "The Seven Habits of Highly Successful People."

"In one part it talks about how he dealt

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with his children at one point," the mayor said. "Clean and green was something that he used with his kids as far as how he wanted

their property to look. He'd use that criteria: Is it clean and green? It was very easy for them to do and I think it's easy for us to do as a

community."

A beautiful community is important to the quality of life for area residents.

"I don't think there's anybody that doesn't take a great sense of pride as they drive by Howard College, at how green and how nice that campus looks," he said. "If you drive by city hall, if you drive by the schools in the Big Spring Independent

School District, if you drive by the Howard County Courthouse and that new court building over there. In each case there's landscaping that has been done and people are keeping up their property so much better."

Some area businesses are doing their part as well, he added.

"Drive down Gregg Street and drive down

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HERALD photo/Braden Wegner
Megan Crane, Ashli Stockton, and Kaegan Lockhart, students of Howard College's Kids College, get soaked by a fire hose on Wednesday as Big Spring Fire Department was giving a safety demonstration.

Local heros

Shrine Club will honor city, county law enforcement personnel, firefighters again

By BRADEN WEGNER

Staff Writer

Everyone loves a party. That's exactly what members of the Big Spring Shrine Club have in mind for 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday when they will honor Howard County's law enforcement personnel and firefighters from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

City and county employees and employees at the Big Spring Federal Correctional Institution and Cornell Corrections will also be recognized and are invited to attend as well. So, too, are all city of Big Spring and Howard County employees.

Homemade ice cream, cookies and cake will be served to the public servants and their families at the Shrine Club, 102 Goliad. Popcorn and balloons will be available for the children.

This will be the third year for the Shrine Club to honor

"It's a neat deal that they take the time out of their personal lives to honor us."



Lonnie Smith, chief of police local lawmen and firefighters.

"Everyone appreciates them honoring us," said Lt. Robert Fitzgibbons of the Big Spring Police Department. "It's a good feeling."

"They have been excellent in the past years and it's a great benefit," said Lt. Terry Chamness. "It's good because people get to understand what we are all about

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Group helping provide school supplies in Martin County

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Managing Editor

There's a certain sense of accomplishment when one contributes to a worthy cause.

But members of the Martin County Community Fund plan of giving contributors something a little more substantial and filling than simple altruism on

Friday and Sunday.

Volunteers will be serving gorditas for lunch between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. both days at the pavilion on the north side of the Martin County Community Center. Tickets are \$5 per person if purchased in advance, while admission at the door will be \$6.

"This gives us a chance to raise some money to buy

HOW TO HELP

Have lunch in the Martin County Community Center from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday or Saturday or contact Bob Deavenport at 756-3254 or 756-3425.

school supplies for needy children in kindergarten through the fifth grade at

schools in Martin and Glasscock counties," explained Bob Deavenport, one of the volunteers who've planned the fundraiser.

Deavenport said the Community Fund was able to provide school supplies for 200 youngsters attending schools in Garden City, Grady, Stanton and Sands school districts.

"Hopefully we'll be able to help even more children this year," Deavenport said. "We got a tremendous boost this year, because all the meat and other food items have been donated by local businesses, so 100 percent of what we raise will be used to provide school supplies for kids that need them."

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Family practitioner glad she's found home in Big Spring

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

It looks like Dr. Susan Roberts is ready to stick around town for awhile.

"This is the first place I have ever been that I felt comfortable right off the bat," Roberts said. "I just had a good feeling about this place."

Roberts joined the staff of Scenic Mountain Medical Center's Family Medical Center on July 1, joining the staff with Drs. Ruth Bernal, Erich Byerly, Dale Bradely and John Farquhar.

"I'm just happy to be here," Roberts said. "I got to spend a week wandering the community before I started to work and I was just pleased."

Roberts makes the move from Alamogordo, N.M.,

Dr. Susan Roberts will be meeting the public during the grand opening of Scenic Mountain Medical Center's newly constructed emergency department from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday.

where she spent five years in private practice at Alamogordo Family Practice Clinic.

Born into an Air Force family, she has lived in several Southwest states as well as Florida.

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
Dr. Susan Roberts, DO, the latest addition to the Family Medical Center staff, checks the heart rhythm of Shannon Eason. Roberts joined the staff this month after five years of private practice at Alamogordo Family Practice Clinic.

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A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Obituaries

Iva Lee

Funeral service for Iva (Brownie) Lee, 81, of Sun City, Calif., formerly of Big Spring, is pending with Draper Mortuary in Ontario, Calif. Mrs. Lee died on Monday, July 15, 2002, in a local hospital.

She was born on May 28, 1921, in Fife and married Thomas J. Lee in 1940 in Santa Anna. He preceded her in death on Dec. 13, 1993. Mrs. Lee had lived in California since 1943.

Survivors include her son, Jeff Lee of Sun City, Calif.; her daughter, Linda Causey of Washington state; two sisters, Ethel Winslett and Mary Sneed, both of Big Spring; one brother, A.A. Cooper of Big Spring; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Local arrangements are under the direction of Nalley Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Daisy Phelps



Memorial service for Daisy Phelps, 78, of Big Spring will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 24, 2002, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with the Rev. Richard Reagan, pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, officiating. Mrs. Phelps died on Tuesday, July 16, at her residence.

She was born on Aug. 7, 1923, in Fall River, Mass., and married James W. "Bill" Phelps on Oct. 25, 1941, in Fall River. She was a resident of Big Spring for one year. She was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church.

Survivors include her husband, James W. "Bill" Phelps of Big Spring; three daughters, Nancy Jackson of Lordsburg, N.M., Linda Ann Hall of Big Spring and Sandra Phelps of Claremore, Okla.; eight grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the donor's favorite charity.

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

Ralph Hise



Ralph Hise, 90, of Big Spring passed away on Friday, July 12, 2002, at a local nursing home. Funeral service will be 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church with the Rev. James Liggett, rector of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, July 18.

Mr. Hise was born on Jan. 17, 1912, in Eastland County. He and his wife Katy had been married for 65 years.

He moved from the family farm just outside of Ranger to Ector County to work for Texaco in 1943. He had lived in Howard County since 1959 and retired from Texaco in 1977. He was a member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Mr. Hise loved to do woodworking and he was known around town for his crooked cane, bowls and crosses. He also enjoyed fishing.

He is survived by his wife, Katy Hise of Big Spring; one daughter and son-in-law, Kay and Wayne Burns of Big Spring; one son and daughter-in-law, Gary (Barney) and Sally Hise of Forsan; five grandchildren, Alyssa Burns of Houston, Andi Eggers and husband, Jimmy of Dallas, Nickolas Hise of San Marcos and Heather Hise and Jaclyn Hise, both of Forsan; two great-grandchildren, Hunter Eggers and Emily Eggers, both of Dallas.

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

Pallbearers will be Nicholas Hise, Roy Smith, Alvin Huskey, Jimmy Wallace, Jimmy Johnson and Ray Abelar. Honorary pallbearers will be August "Gus" Grauman and Floyd "Cotton" Pringle.

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

Paid obituary

L.C. Hardy

Funeral service for L.C. Hardy, 90, of Garden City is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Mr. Hardy died Wednesday, July 17, 2002, at his residence.

Take note

□ The Texas LST/Amphibious Association invites all shipmates, past and present, to the amphibious reunion to be held in San Angelo Oct. 10-13.

For more information contact Bob Garner LST 461, HC 52 Box 362, Hemphill 75948. Send e-mails to TexasLST@aol.com

□ Friends of the Library of Howard County is requesting donations of books in good condition for a book sale in September. Donations can be taken to the Howard County Library Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Friends of the Library is a non-profit organization which provides supplemental support for the Howard County Library, outside of the budget furnished by Howard County.

□ Big Spring and surrounding counties are in critical need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers of the children in the community who have been abused and neglected. For more information on becoming foster/adoptive families call Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669 or 1-800-233-3405.

□ Forsan Ex-Students Association is attempting to get 9-1-1 addresses on former Forsan students.

Call Boyce Hale at 2267-6957 to receive a newsletter.

Texas lottery

Lotto Texas: 11, 21, 26, 32, 40, 46.

Pick 3: 5, 2, 1

Police blotter

BIG SPRING POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

- **ABANDONMENT OF A CHILD:** 1
- **ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE:** 1
- **ASSAULT:** 2
- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING:** 1
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION:** 4
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF:** 4
- **EVADING ARREST:** 1
- **INJURY TO A DISABLED PERSON:** 1
- **RUNAWAY:** 1
- **THEFT:** 23
 - Convenience Stores: 16
 - Beer thefts: 2
 - Gasoline drive-offs: 13
- **UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE:** 1
- **INCIDENTS:** 13
- **ARRESTS:** 22
- **ACCIDENTS:** 8
 - Minor: 8

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

- **SHELBY JOANN PARKER**, 73, of 105 E. 23rd St. was arrested on two local warrants, a Lubbock County warrant and a Hockley County warrant.
- **GLORIA JEAN BURNS**, 45, of 14066 Creekview Trail in Tyler was arrested on charges of disorderly conduct — language and criminal mischief less than \$50.
- **MICHAEL ALLEN RICHTER**, 27, of 1002 N. Main was arrested on a charge of assault class C/family violence.
- **MICHAEL DAVE BROOKS**, 62, of 620 43rd in San Angelo was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **PRISCILLA ANN OBALLE**, 22, of 109 Pettus Road was arrested on two local warrants.
- **ROBERT RUBEN SANCHEZ**, 38, of the Gail Highway area was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **SHOTS FIRED** was reported in the 100 block of East 23rd St.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 400 block of East FM 700 and the 1600 block of Jennings Street.
- **LOUD PARTY/NOISE** was reported in the 1400 block of Stanford Avenue and the 2600 block of Langley Drive.
- **FIREWORKS** was reported in the 1200 block of East 16th Street.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 500 block of Northwest Fifth Street and the 900 block of South Douglas Street.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF and DISORDERLY CONDUCT — LANGUAGE** were reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard. Recordings worth \$25 were reportedly destroyed in the incident.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1900 block of Wesson Road. A red 1990 Nissan reportedly sustained \$120 damage in the incident.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 1500 block of West Second Street and the 1000 block of North Main.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 600 block of Bucknell Avenue. A purse worth \$50, a wallet worth \$25, and other items worth \$11 were reported stolen.
- **THEFT** was reported:
 - In person at the police station. A space heater worth \$300, curtains worth \$80 and a bookcase worth \$25 were reported stolen from a residence.
 - In the 1200 block of East 11th Place. Beer worth \$75 was reported stolen from a convenience store in the area.

HOWARD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Howard County sheriff's deputies reported no activity during the 24-hour period from 8 a.m. Wednesday to 8 a.m. today.

EMS

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

- WEDNESDAY**
- 9:22 a.m. — 1300 block of Nolan, medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
 - 10:05 a.m. — 400 block of E. Fourth, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.
 - 10:29 a.m. — 1600 block of Sunset, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

Records

Wednesday's high 91
Wednesday's low 73
Record high 111 in 1989
Record low 60 in 1947
Average high 96
Average low 70

Precip. Wednesday 0.00
Month to date 1.91
Year to date 7.28
Sunrise Friday 6:53 a.m.
Sunset Friday 8:51 p.m.

Bulletin board

TODAY

□ 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 Pottin 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.

□ Business After Hours will be held from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, 1601 W. 11th Place, co-hosted by the Center and the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. A ribbon-cutting will be held at 5 p.m.

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

□ Concerned Citizens meets at 7 p.m. in the Fiberflex conference room on Bethel Street in the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark. The public is invited.

TUESDAY

□ Intermediate Line Dance classes are at 9 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center located in the Industrial Park. Call 267-1628 for more information.

□ Big Spring Municipal Swimming Pool will be closed all day for maintenance.

□ Big Spring Rotary meets at noon in the Cactus Room at Howard College.

□ Evening Lion's Club meets at noon every Tuesday at the Senior Center in the Whipkey Room.

WEDNESDAY

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

□ Andreia Medlin, *Herald* features editor, will speak on "A Positive Outlook on Life!" in Big Spring at the Big Spring Morning Optimist Club at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room. Breakfast will be served.

□ Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and the Ambassadors will hold a ribbon-cutting at the Blue Room Cafe, 109 E. Second, at 9:30 a.m.

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By BRADEN WEGNE
Staff Writer

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Lando program

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Howard County landowners who part in the Conservation Program now have the option to have their CRP acres.

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"We received approval for that," Liles said.

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ROBERTS

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"I've been bouncing here and there," she said. "I'm looking to stop that." Roberts added that not only the community clinic that impeded her.

"This is a very equipped clinic," she said. "It has a bone mineral density test, dexa scan and X-ray on site. It's a wonderful advantage for patients. I've been impressed with the work and the wonderful work with. Everybody has a sense of humor. It's

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Young man on a mission

Youth earns money to pay for trip to metroplex

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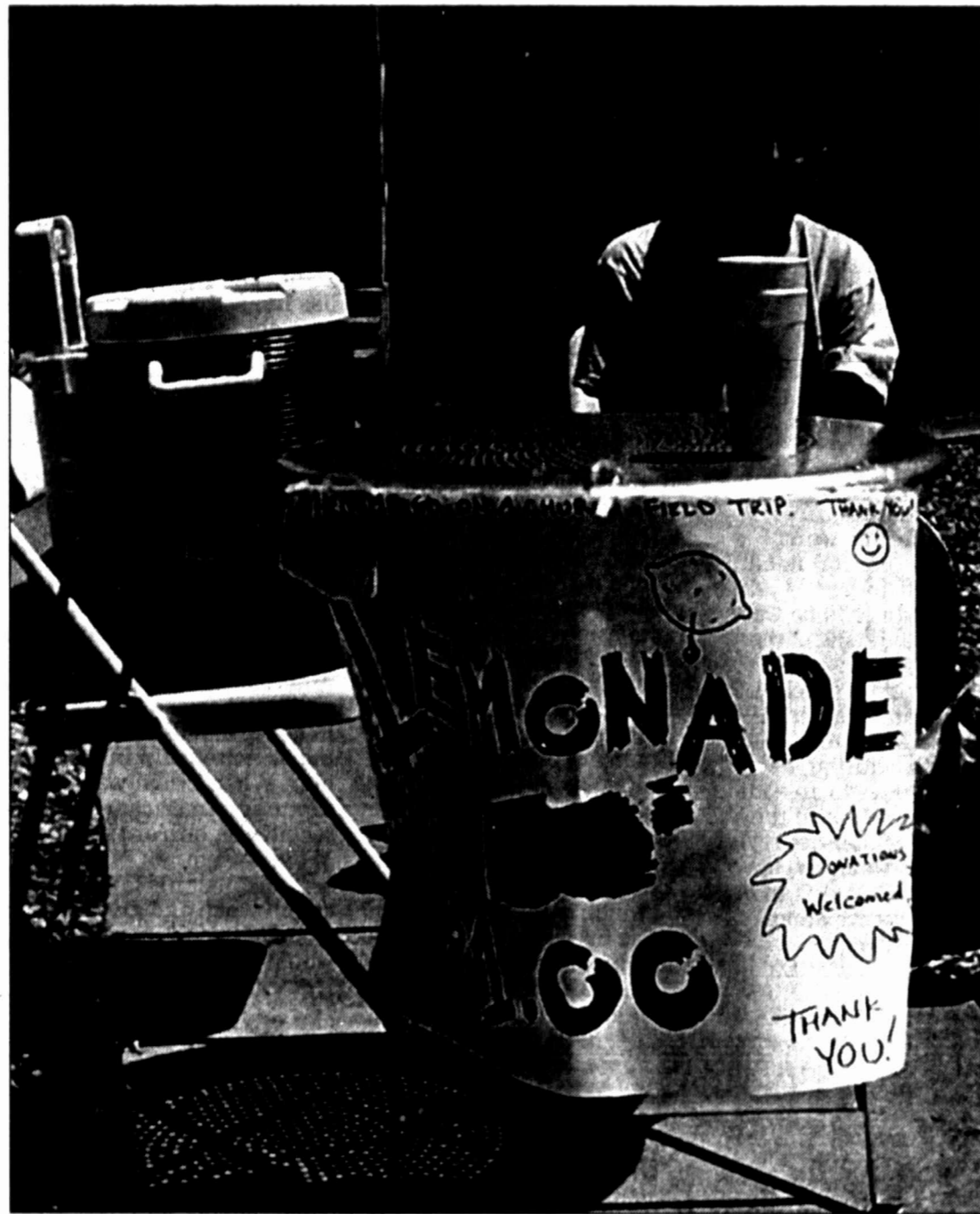
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Rondell Trevino, 14, has been selling lemonade at 1106 E. 11th Street to raise money for a church trip to Hurricane Harbor in Arlington. He and the rest of the members of the youth group Family Faith Victory Center International left for a two-day trip to the Dallas-Fort Worth area early this morning.

HERALD photo/Braden Wegner

important role on a daily basis helping in such areas as providing music, supervising children and working in the nursery.

"We are teaching them to always serve other people," Segundo noted, explaining that this week's trip is a

reward for the services and hard work they have provided the church's congregation.

After arriving in Fort Worth today, the teenagers will spend the rest of the day at Hurricane Harbor. On Friday they will go

shopping, then cap the trip by attending the Jerry Savelle service that night.

Contact Staff Writer Braden Wegner at 263-7331 ext. 233 or by e-mail at johnmoseley@bigspringherald.com

Howard College sets new student orientation; families are invited, too

By MARSHA STURDIVANT

Special to the Herald

The Hawk Express and Hawk After Hours, new student orientation for the fall 2002 semester at Howard College, will feature food, fun and information for students and families alike.

"These orientations will be student led and high energy. Each day we will have a cook-out, and once a student is finished with orientation, they will have been advised and can register for the semester," said Dean of Students Javier Flores.

Scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug. 6-7, Hawk Express begins at 10 a.m. and concludes at 2 p.m. An orientation on Thursday, Aug. 8, is scheduled from 3-6 p.m.

Hawk After Hours is Wednesday, Aug. 7, from 5:30-8 p.m.

All four orientations include a question and answer session, as well as campus tours. Students who complete orientation may register for the fall semester Aug. 6-8.

"We want our new students to know all the services available at Howard College, as well as have an idea of what campus life is like," Flores said.

Students who completed the admissions application process prior to July 1 should have received a student packet of information in the mail, Flores said.

"If they did not receive a packet, or if a student wishes to attend orientation, they need to call the dean of students office," he said.

Along with student-led presentations at each orientation, parent sessions will be offered in English and Spanish.

"This is the first time we've had sessions set up specifically in Spanish. We want the parents of our Hispanic students to have an opportunity to ask questions and receive information about their children's college education," he said.

Hawk After Hours, is new student orientation for non-traditional students. This session will also include a cookout and special entertainment for the children of students.

"The highlight of this orientation will be registering for classes, and visiting with a panel of non-traditional Howard College students," Flores said. "And we'll have a bouncy castle set up for the children's entertainment while their parents learn about Howard College student services."

Each orientation session prepares a student to register for classes. Only students who have completed orientation may register during those days.

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Javier Flores, dean of students

A special orientation for residence hall students, Hawk Days, is set for Aug. 22-23. This event will feature a dance, swimming and short programs aimed at familiarizing students living on campus.

To attend any orientation session, contact the dean of students office at 264-5028. For any other registration questions contact the Howard College Student Assistance Center at 264-5083.

Howard College registration for the fall 2002 semester will be available Aug. 19-21. Classes begin Aug. 26 and late registration ends Aug. 30. A \$10 late fee is assessed every student who registers Aug. 26-30.

COMING SUNDAY



MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

Ralph Hise, 90, died Friday. Family will receive friends at the funeral home from 6:30 to 8:00 PM on Thursday. Funeral services are 10:30 AM Friday, at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Burial will be in Trinity Memorial Park.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home

Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory
906 Gregg St.
(915) 267-6331

Landowners participating in CRP program have option to hay acres

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Howard County's landowners who participate in the Conservation Reserve Program now have the option to hay their CRP acres.



LILES

Howard County FSA Director Rick Liles said his agency petitioned the federal government to allow emergency haying because of the ongoing drought.

"We received approval to do that," Liles said. "It

allows people to get some hay from those CRP acres because of the lack of pasture and lack of hay. The catch is they have to forfeit 25 percent of what their annual rental payment would have been in return for being able to hay this acreage."

Landowners must apply to the FSA for approval before they begin haying operations on their CRP land, Liles said, and several restrictions apply.

"They need to contact this office, and ultimately they would need to come and fill out some forms," he said.

Participants must leave at least 50 percent of each field or contiguous fields unhayed. Hay from CRP

land may not be sold. CRP acreage may not be both hayed and grazed. All hay from CRP acres must be baled by the end of August and removed from CRP land by Oct. 1.

"It's through the end of August," Liles said. "If they don't have it baled by the end of August, that's their last opportunity this year."

CRP participants who don't own livestock may rent or lease the haying privilege to eligible livestock producers, but may not charge more for the privilege than necessary to recoup their 25 percent cut in annual CRP rent.

Liles said a new provision allows CRP participants yet another option.

"There is a provision now that, if all the criteria are met, the CRP participants could hay the land and donate that hay and not be charged the reduction in their CRP annual rental payment, if they donate it to someone who is in dire need of it," he said. "If a livestock producer can demonstrate a compelling need for the hay, it can be donated to him and the 25 percent assessment in payment reduction would not be assessed."

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"I've been bouncing around here and there," she said. "I'm looking to stop that." Roberts added that it is not only the community but the clinic that impressed her.

"This is a very well-equipped clinic," she said. "It has a bone mineral density test dexa scan and lab and X-ray on site. It's a wonderful advantage for the patients. I've been impressed with the clinic and the wonderful people I work with. Everybody has a sense of humor. It's fun to

come to work."

Her co-workers are pleased to have her on board as well.

"Scenic Mountain Medical Center is very pleased to have Dr. Roberts join our team," said Tim Schmidt, the hospital's CEO. "Adding Dr. Roberts provides another example of how Scenic Mountain Medical Center is living up to its promise to recruit new physicians to our community, thus continuing to improve the quality of healthcare provided in Big Spring."

A graduate of Western University of Health Sciences in Pomona, Calif., Roberts is board certified in family medicine. Her medical training includes an internship at Mesa General Hospital in Mesa, Ariz., and a residency in family medicine at Doctor's Hospital in Groves.

She is an active participant in many national and

professional medical associations, including the American Board of Osteopathic Family Practitioners, American Osteopathic Association and she serves as a preceptor of the Associate Medical Staff at the University of New Mexico.

Her office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Family Medical Center, 2301 S. Gregg St.

Roberts, along with Dr. Cynthia Rutledge, who will be joining the clinic's staff in September, will be meeting the public during the grand opening of SMMC's newly constructed emergency department from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday.

Beverages and hors d'oeuvres will be served and entertainment will be provided by Tall City Trio.

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and what exactly we are trying to accomplish."

Chief of Police Lonnie Smith added "It's a neat deal that they take the time out of their personal lives to honor us. Each year we have a few more come, so hopefully it will be a good turnout."

The purpose is to honor the police officers and fire-

fighters who get very little recognition and let them know the safety and security they provide is greatly appreciated.

"We want to give them positive input and let them know that people appreciate them," said Shrine Club Secretary John Keller. "We think they are doing an outstanding job."

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On the other hand, upkeep and eye really be a drag neighborhood pride, added.

"When you see some neighborhood you see junk can see furniture and in people's front real downer for a city, especially for neighborhood," he said the value of the and the property City property the same standard "I use the same with city admin

Enemy's best strategy may be patience

The surprise plea bargain in the John Walker Lindh case this week is one of several worrisome signs in the War on Terrorism. Rather than continue with a lengthy and costly trial, the government decided to plead out the case. Are Americans losing their resolve, perhaps even losing interest, less than a year after the worst attack on U.S. soil in our nation's history?



LINDA CHAVEZ

Lindh admitted he was guilty of only one of the original charges against him, providing services to the Taliban, a terrorist organization, which is a felony. In addition, he pleaded guilty to an additional charge not in the actual indictment, carrying explosives when he committed that felony. Lindh will likely serve almost 20 years in prison.

The plea allowed Lindh to

avoid responsibility for endangering American lives and for any role in the death of CIA officer Johnny Michael Spann, who was killed in the prison uprising in which Lindh participated. As Mr. Spann's mother poignantly told the Associated Press when she learned that Lindh would probably receive a 20-year sentence, "I would have liked for Mike to have had 20 years to live."

Most experts believe that Lindh would have been found guilty and sentenced to anywhere from 30 years to life in prison had the trial proceeded. The judge in the case, T.S. Ellis III, showed every sign that he would rule against a defense motion to suppress admissions of guilt Lindh made to CNN and other news organizations. In his interviews after he was captured in Afghanistan, Lindh admitted being trained by al Qaeda and that he knew that some of his cohorts were being sent out for missions against the United States.

Lindh's desire to wage jihad overrode any sense of loyalty to his fellow American citizens. He was

eager to kill on behalf of a group of terrorists whose fanaticism he shared.

Yet there's been almost no public outrage at the plea agreement. Lindh's defense lawyers have touted the outcome as a victory — if not for their client, who will be nearing middle age by the time he gets out — against the U.S. government. And Lindh's father has likened his son's punishment to Nelson Mandela's, as if the time he was about to serve would someday "liberate" America.

For a while after the September 11 attack, it seemed as if there had been some fundamental shift in public attitudes. Patriotism was palpable. The desire to pursue the enemy, no matter what the costs, was nearly universal. Americans seemed more sober and serious about life in general, and the meaning of citizenship in particular. When Lindh was first captured, Americans recoiled in horror that one of our own might take up arms against his fellow countrymen and give aid and comfort to those who would slaughter innocent U.S. citizens.

No more. We've settled back into a comfortable malaise. Cable news shows have largely given up on war coverage and have gone back to sensational stories like the search for Elizabeth Smart, this year's version of the Chandra Levy mystery obsession. Although we're vaguely anxious that another attack might be in the works, no one seems to know quite what to do about it. And our interest in our patriotic duties seems not to have held up any better than the tattered polyester flags still seen flying out car windows.

None of this bodes well for our fight against al Qaeda and other Islamist groups that have declared war on us. Our attention spans are short, theirs are long. We are rich and complacent, they have nothing to lose and are zealous. Our leaders are elected and must answer to public opinion. They are self-appointed and answer to no one. If President Bush's support wanes, as recent polls suggest it is starting to, the war effort will become even more difficult. The enemy's best strategy might simply be patience.

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OUR VIEWS

Shrine Club had the right idea years ago

It has become an annual event — members of the Big Spring Shrine Club gathering to honor city and county law enforcement personnel and firefighters.

For a third year, local Shriners will show their love to our "hometown heroes" and their families from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday when they will serve homemade ice cream, cookies and cake at the Shrine Club at 102 Goliad St.

Our way of saying thank you," said John Moseley Jr., who serves as secretary of the Shrine Club. "We want these public servants and their families to know how much we appreciate the service and security they provide for all of us each and every day."

Moseley noted that the invitation has been extended to all city and county employees and their families, as well as employees at Big Spring FCI and the Cornell Corrections facilities.

We here at the Herald want to take this opportunity to not only praise our communities public servants for the countless ways in which they make our lives safer and more comfortable, but also to recognize members of the Shrine Club for their many good deeds.

Shriners have always responded to the needs of our community, and it should be noted that our local club began recognizing firefighters and law enforcement officers a couple of years before the tragedy of Sept. 11, 2001, put emergency personnel in the limelight.

These are people who have long deserved more recognition than they receive, and the Shriners should be lauded for seeing that earlier than



YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

I had a radio interview with our school superintendent after the school board meeting on Tuesday, July 16, in which Mr. Murphy stated, "When we have a drop in enrollment, we need to cut our budget."

In my opinion, which is also shared by many others, Mr. Murphy and his staff need a pay cut to the tune of at least \$20,000 per person for the highest paid staff. Also, we have three principals at the high school, each making about \$70,000 per year. They need a pay cut and we need to reduce the number of three to two.

Also, I believe Assistant Superintendent Aguirre has been refusing to give job interviews to some qualified minority applicants for teaching positions being created.

I believe that the district should take a stance against hired teacher applicants to avoid possible backlash of lawsuits, especially if the applicants are a minority.

One other observation, the athletic director and head football

coach's positions at the high school should be made into two separate positions. The AD should expense athletic program funding on an equal basis to all athletic activities — not giving most of the funding to the football program at the high school. A great disservice is being done to the kids and to the athletic department as a whole with the current method of athletic spending.

I applaud the school board for making the decisions that they have made and will continue to make. We cannot continue to operate this school district as if it were the 1970s. Cuts and changes must be made in order to keep this district viable.

CLAY SLAPE
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I know that capitalism is a significant part of how America operates. I also know that America is about community spirit and helping your neighbors. Since Sept. 11, I have seen people pull together so strongly that I am proud of the country

that we live in. Then on the other hand, I also see incidents where greed comes in and people are hurting others just to put a buck in their pockets.

One such incident recently happened to me in Big Spring. I was traveling from my home to a hospital in Austin. I am 40 years old and have heart disease.

Well, along the way my Jeep began to break down. I literally inched my way from Stanton to Big Spring.

I made it to the dealership in Big Spring and told the manager of the service department what my Jeep was doing. He informed me that I needed a new transmission.

I couldn't believe what he was saying. I asked him how could he know that for sure if he had not even looked at my vehicle. He told me that his mechanics had 35 years of experience, and they had seen plenty of cases like mine.

It would take \$2,500 to bring in a rebuilt transmission and have it installed. I was also told that it would at least be a week before the transmission would even be

there because the only place in the country that they had my type of transmission was in Michigan.

I found it odd that a Jeep Grand Cherokee transmission would be so hard to come by. I started worrying how I was going to make it to Austin for my tests, and I worried about how I was going to pay to have this transmission put in my vehicle. So I called banks and began getting loan information together.

After a night of prayers, a turning point came the next day. I began to talk with several local mechanics and learned that I was about to get hustled. They said the problem didn't sound to them to be a transmission problem at all.

They also said that they were surprised that the dealership said I needed a transmission without even dropping the pan to look. They told me to bring the Jeep back home and someone in town would take care of it more affordably.

I paid little more than \$100 to have my vehicle towed to a dealership in Midland. And for the

next several days, they performed tests on my vehicle and could find nothing wrong. Then on the third day, the Jeep started having problems, and they discovered the fuel pump that was losing pressure.

So, my Jeep's transmission was fine.

For days now, all I can think about is how upset and disappointed I am with the dealership in Big Spring. When I walked in there with my problem, I was not their next customer. I was their next victim. Why did they do such a horrible thing? Was it greed? Was it an opportunity for them to take advantage of a stranger passing through town. Was it laziness that they didn't want to run all the tests on the vehicle?

I don't know for sure. I just know that if Americans begin to scavenge each other for a dollar such as in this case, that divided we will fall. We will lose sight of a united people who stand together and help each other in times of need and misfortune.

JOE TOLAND
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Support groups

MONDAY

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

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

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

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

- Bereavement Support Group meets from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. the first Monday of each month at Community Care Hospice.

- Surviving Pregnancy Loss meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library Committee Room. Call 631-4430 for more information.

- AL-ANON open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open meeting fourth floor at VA Medical Center 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

TUESDAY

- The Greater West Texas Chapter of the Alzheimers Association meets the first Tuesday of each month in the community room of the Howard County Library at 2 p.m. Our support groups are for all caregivers of anyone no matter what the disease or disability. All meetings are confidential and are for your support. For more information you can call our office at 264-2397 or go by 501 Runnels (RSVP office).

- Open Discussion Meeting, 615 Settles 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Noon podium closed podium meeting, 615 Settles 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 7 p.m. 12 and 12 study.

- AL-ANON, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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THURSDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Noon women's Meeting 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Non-Smoking closed discuss meeting, 615 Settles 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

- Al-Anon support group, 7 p.m. 615 Settles.

FRIDAY

- AA Open discussion Meeting, 615 Settles 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Noon Open Big Book Study Meeting, 615 Settles 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

- Al-Anon support group, noon, 615 Settles.

SATURDAY

- Open Discussion Meeting, 615 Settles 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Open Podium/Speakers Meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Open Birthday Night No Smoking Meeting Celebrating AA Sobriety Yearly Birthdays, 615 Settles the last Saturday of every month covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

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CLEAN

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FM 700 — some of those business owners have really gone out of their way to make their property look good," McEwen said. "In those instances it does give you a sense of pride."

On the other hand, shabby upkeep and eyesores can really be a drag on neighborhood pride, McEwen added.

"When you drive into some neighborhoods and you see junk cars and you see furniture and appliances in people's front yards, it's a real downer for a community, especially for that neighborhood," he said. "It hurts the value of that property and the property around it."

City property is held to the same standard.

"I use the same process with city administration,"

he said. "That's the way I want City Hall to look. The golf course and the parks and so forth. If we've got a piece of property, we're looking for clean and green."

A clean city is important for growth, McEwen added. "Absolutely. Anybody who does not know that for a fact is living in a fantasy land. I've talked to people who have looked at our community and come to our community with the potential of building a business or buying a business here. I have had people say to me, 'It just doesn't seem like you people have any pride in your community' as we drive around town."

The mayor said that trash tends to drive people away before they get to know the good points of Big Spring.

"I'm not saying that people are going to come here just because we look great, but that being said, we may never get the chance to attract someone if people give up before they get to that second step," he added.

The city is planning to help people clean up their property by continuing to provide the landfill and the

compost facility and by reinstating the large-item pickup days each month.

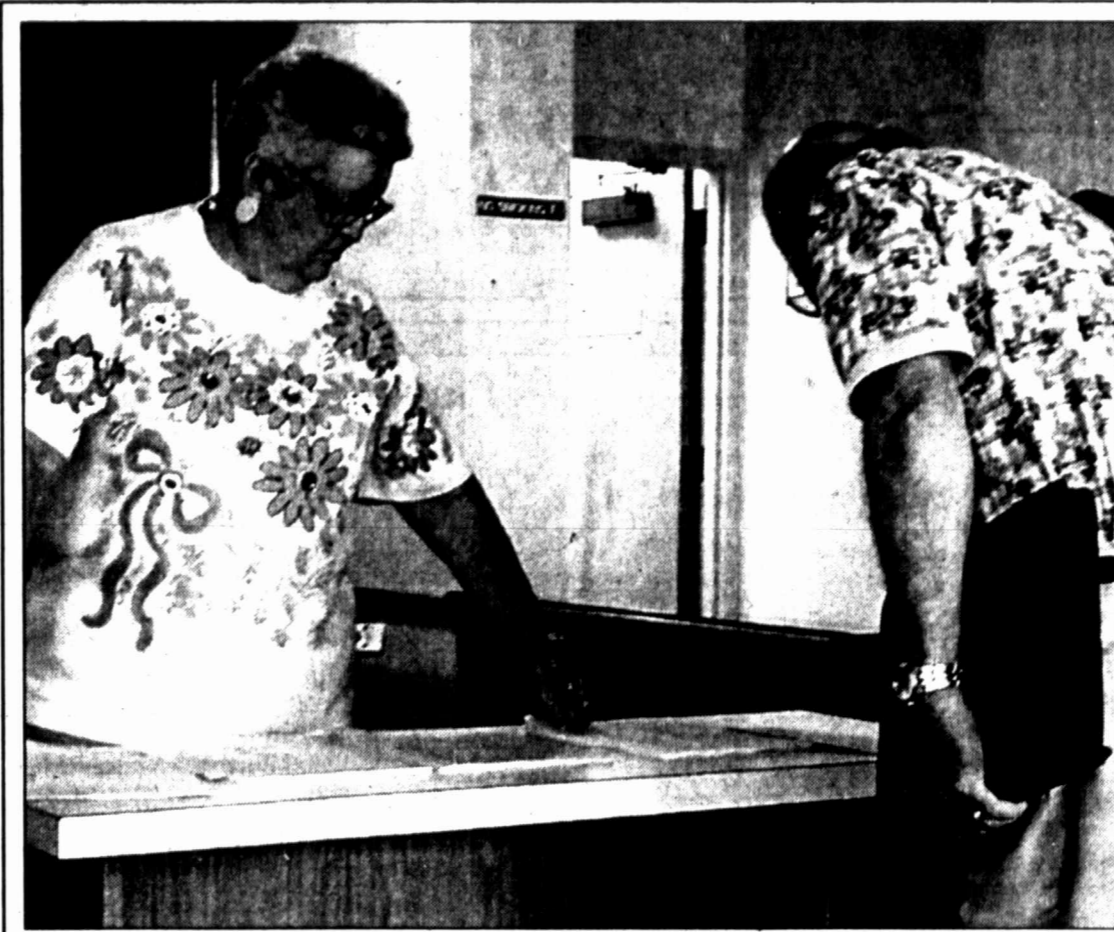
"We are willing to try to do everything we can to make it easy for people to keep their property in as good a shape as possible," McEwen said. "What we would love to see is for people to do it just because they have pride in their property and pride in their community. I hate to make people do things. I'd so much rather they do it because they have the desire to enhance their property and enhance their community."

That being said, the city council is considering

changing ordinances to crack down on trash and other eyesores in Big Spring.

"The city council is going to have a discussion the first meeting in August as to what other steps we might want to take," McEwen said. "For example, do we want to tighten up any of our ordinances, our zoning ordinances or anything within our code?"

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Pat Simmons, organizer of the Howard County and Big Spring Code Patrol, watches as Airpark Development Board Chairman Jim Little signs in and the Code Patrol organizational meeting Tuesday. Group members report littering, weedy lots, junk cars and other eyesores in their neighborhoods and around town to Big Spring Code Enforcement. For more information or to join the Code Patrol, call Simmons at 263-4607.

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News in brief

Authorities search for killer of 5-year-old girl

STANTON, Calif. (AP) — As authorities searched for the man who snatched and murdered 5-year-old Samantha Runnion, the sheriff issued a warning to the suspect: "Don't sleep, don't eat, because we're coming after you."

Orange County Sheriff Mike Carona said Wednesday that Samantha, whose body had been dumped in a ravine 50 miles from her home, was likely the victim of a serial rapist and serial killer.

Officials said there was no prime suspect and warned parents in the area to tell their children to stay away from strangers. The killer intends to strike again, authorities said.

"The way the body was found, the fact it was not buried, not hidden and such, and how it was left is almost like a calling card, like a challenge: 'I'm here and I'm coming back again,'" Carona said.

An autopsy confirmed that Samantha was sexually assaulted and died of asphyxiation, Carona said. She had been alive for several hours after being abducted Monday evening, he said.

Samantha's body was discovered Tuesday afternoon, less than 24 hours after she was abducted outside her apartment building while playing a board game with a friend. She was nabbed by a man who pulled up in a light green Honda or Acura and asked for help finding his puppy.

The Sheriff's Department released a sketch and description of the kidnaper based on the account of a 5-year-old playmate who was with Samantha when she was kidnapped.

FBI agent Richard Garcia said the girl was able to identify speech patterns, and as a result, investigators

believe the man is a Hispanic American. He was described as having slicked-back black hair and a thin black mustache. He wore a powder blue button-down shirt.

The sheriff said the killer may bear physical signs of a struggle. "He will probably have unexplained injuries to his hands, arms and possibly face," said Carona.

Postal Service will not participate in TIPS now

WASHINGTON (AP) — A government program promoted as a tip service for authorities concerned with terrorism won't be getting help from the Postal Service.

The Justice Department program, called Operation TIPS (Terrorism Information and Prevention System), already is under fire from the American Civil Liberties Union, which claimed it would result in Americans spying on one another.

But the Justice Department said the project simply would be a way for workers whose jobs bring them in contact with neighborhoods, highways and businesses — such as letter carriers — to report suspicious activities.

After meeting with Bush administration homeland security officials, the Postal Service said it wasn't interested, at least for now.

"The Postal Service had been approached by homeland security regarding Operation TIPS; however, it was decided that the Postal Service and its letter carriers would not be participating in the program at this time," the agency said in a statement Wednesday.

"It is important to note, however, that the Postal Service has established processes for our postal employees nationwide to report suspicious activ-

ity to the Postal Inspection Service and to local authorities," the agency added.

Attorney General John Ashcroft's spokeswoman, Barbara Comstock, said the agency had no intention for people — such as utility workers — to enter or have access to the homes of individuals. The idea is to organize information from people whose jobs take them through neighborhoods, along the coasts and highways and on public transit, she said.

Said Homeland Security chief Tom Ridge: "The last thing we want is Americans spying on Americans. That's just not what the president is all about, and not what the TIPS program is all about."

FDA OKs drug version to treat a rare disease

WASHINGTON (AP) — A version of the date-rape drug GHB significantly helps a dangerous complication of the sleep disorder narcolepsy, the government ruled in deciding that certain patients now can buy it.

But the Food and Drug Administration's approval of the version named Xyrem late Wednesday came with some of the most severe restrictions ever imposed on a medicine.

Throughout the 1990s, the government had cracked down on illegal GHB use — abused as a party drug, sex and athletic enhancer and, because it can knock people out, a date-rape drug. Several dozen deaths are blamed on the chemical. But GHB was hard to stop because it was easy for people to mix up with some common chemicals.

Now the maker Orphan Medical Inc., will have to balance how to get GHB to patients while not letting it fall into the wrong hands.

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are echoes of voices and
faint tainted calls...

still fading daily, but
their spirits survive.
Beware you vandals! We
will arrive.

Our colors parade in the
midnight air
the darkness covers what
it should declare.
Red, white and blue...it
shall prevail
as soldiers purify hill and
dale;

So now our prayers go
strong and loud
as we march in war for
America proud.
But what now will the
cost of freedom be?
More blood shed? More
tears?
For my children and me...

Lord, grant us wisdom, let
grace abide.
In faith we'll reign
mighty with You at our
side.
Jeanette Marie Valle

Life, Death & Life

Set on an endless divine
course,
Sailing, gliding effortles-
sly through life,
God's power as your dri-
ving force,
Cutting through the seas
without strife,

Now storms arise on the
briny sea,
Dark clouds surround and
strong winds to disturb,
Huddled in your ship,
there you make your plea,
Hoping, praying for a mir-
acle superb,

Ocean spray striking,

Plane Song

Through the skyways
Touched by clouds
Over highways
Over crowds
Roaring
Soaring
Go birds that human hands have built
Planes that fly
From small dirt strips
From runways on decks of ships
From giant airports
Busy
Bright
Hustling
Bustling
Day and night
Bombers racing, engines drone
Contrails tracing
Where they've flown
Booming high above the ground
Past Mach 1, the speed of sound
Firefighting planes that go
Over forests, flying low
Above the trees and fire lines
Dousing stands of burning pines
Planes that fly through winds and rain
Hunters hunting hurricanes
Collecting data as they fly
Through the whirlwind's peaceful eye
Navy planes with special gear
Flying through the atmosphere
Catapulted into flight
Tail hooks down when they alight
On carriers designed to be
Airfields out at sea.

Michael Mims

stinging your face,
Salty brine burns your
eyes, struck blind by the
sea.
Now the ocean waves pick
up the pace,
Plugging against the blind

that cannot see,
Roaring as it knocks you
from your place,
Forever you fall into a
place of no peace,
Icy chills come first to

toes, then legs and feet,
Swallowed up by the
waves that roar no more,
Sinking past where the
ocean and sun meet,
Darkness consumes and
death stands at the door,
Your lungs burn, crying
against this cruel feat,
Helpless, you release your
body from its chore,
You, your soul calmly
rises from its seat,
Spiraling up, fearlessly
now you soar.
Caleb Wasson

He's The Master

No man has power over
The Spirit in the day of
death.
We cannot keep or give
away
Our precious God-given
breath

It's His call-not in our
hands.
Who can say what He'll
allow?
It's not our place to ques-
tion,
He may give no answer
now.

God created all that is
And all there'll ever be.
Doesn't matter what I
think.
He gives His best to me.

In god's Almighty knowl-
edge
He made us perfect and
upright.
He know how to keep us
In His power with His
might.

When the hands of time
stop moving
An Earth's clock has run
down
God will call the spirit

home
Of all those heaven
bound.

We do not have all knowl-
edge
He's the Master-we're the
clay.
It's up to Him to prune or
keep
For I might throw the best
away.
Martha Anderson Peugh

Vincent Van Gogh 1855-1890

This is the story
of Vincent Van Gogh
His lust was his paintings
But they never sold.

You paint like a madman,
Vincent was told.
But they found out, his
paintings,
were worth more than
gold.

He died a pauper
I've often been told.
But his life was the paint-
ings,
of Vincent Van Gogh.

He got so discouraged,
He cut off his ear,
But kept painting pic-
tures
For the rest of his years.

The tragic Dutch painter,
His painting his life,

He was painting a pic-
ture,
When he took his own
life.

He lay by his canvas,
Not one had he sold,
But the picture beside
him,
had captured his soul.
Bernice Reed Jones

Consider the demands of travel plans

Summer
is the
most trav-
eled sea-
son of the
year. The
children
are out of
school and
there are
family
reunions
to attend
and theme
parks to
visit.



ANDREA
MEDLIN

While most of us can
survive spending a few
days with people who
are, in reality, perfect
strangers; a long road
trip to some may be tax-
ing.

To help make the trip a
little more convenient
and comfortable for the
older travelers the Baylor
College of Medicine offers
a few considerations.

One of the most impor-
tant things to keep orga-
nized is the management
of medications.

Bring medications in
the original bottle or
package to prevent get-
ting one pill confused

with another.

Avoid pillboxes and get
refills if needed to make
sure you have enough
pills for the length of the
stay.

Ask your pharmacist
for a few extra in case
there is a delay.
Bring any over-the-
counter medication for
pain relief or bouts of
diarrhea.

Keep your insurance
card and doctor's phone
number on hand in case
of emergencies.

Calling your doctor can
sometimes prevent a trip
to the emergency room.
Remember if you are
traveling out the country
some immunizations may
be required.

Write all medication
and health condition
information on a piece of
paper that can be easily
found in case of emer-
gency.

The elderly are very
susceptible to dehydra-
tion.

Keep a bottle of water
handy at all times.

Be aware that time zone
changes can wreak havoc

on anybody so plan for
appropriate rest.

Deep vein thrombosis
(blood clots) are also a
risk if you are in a car or
on a plane for a very long
time.

Stop periodically (about
once an hour for road
trips) and stretch your
legs or get up and walk
around on the plane or at
the airport if there is a
layover.

Visiting friends and
family or just partaking
of the thrills at theme
parks are what summer
was made for.

Unless you're from my
family then visiting
cemetery's and taking
photos of gravestones is
traditional summer fami-
ly fun.

Planning and organiza-
tion for everyone in the
family can prevent major
inconveniences or a trip
to the emergency room.

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Miller

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Make no mistake
about to be Miller
Spring.

Big Spring Inc.
District officials at
this week they
Miller west to ta-
Lady Steers' bas-
Miller had been to
the Cleburne Lady
"We're very exci-
him come to Big
Superintendent
"He comes from a

Breck ends run

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Big Spring
Girls Softball As-
All-Stars nailed do-
place in the Di-
standings at the 2-
All-Star Tourna-
Abilene.

Big Spring, who
posted a perfect 4-0
complete with three
runners - finished the
event with a 6-2 re-

Big Spring, who
held its first four o-
in pool play to just
didn't waste any
opening the cham-
round with a bat-
by the hot bats of
Valle, Shelby Jo
Valerie Ross, that
cranked out four
their first at-bat a-
looked back en ro-
8-0 win over Breck-
Big Spring padded
in each of the re-
innings, inflating
advantage to 8-0
reliever Emily
slammed the door
the contest.

Hicks struck out
batters in the one
she worked in a
starter Callie Shafer

Shafer, who b-
from strong defens-
from second
Ambra Hill and the
man Lani Robles
Breckenridge in-
through the fifth
innings, striking o-
the six batters she
Valle, Ross and
Jones paced the
offensively. Each
two hits and drove
pair of runs.

Big Spring didn't
road as easy in the
round. Abilene
scored five times in
inning and then he
claim a 7-3 victory
Big Spring's 5-ga-
streak.

Shafer, despite b-
sore arm, kept Big
the game through
three innings. Sh-
out one batter
inning she worked

After taking a 5-
the first, Abilene
offensive muscle
the third. They sco-
and erected a 7-0 c-

Big Spring, behi-
and Robles, foug-

Mavs close to
with Raef LaFrentz

DALLAS (AP) -
Dallas Mavericks
to reaching term-
restricted free-age-

Raef LaFrentz.
Mavericks own-
Cuban told the Fo-
Star-Telegram he
offered LaFrentz
year deal worth a
million.

The 6-foot-11 La-
who makes his o-
home in Iowa, is
to sign the contra-
end of the week, t-
paper said.

After coming
Mavericks in a
trade with
LaFrentz averag-
points, 7.4 rebound-
blocks a game in 2-
He played about 25
a game.

Miller named Lady Steers' new coach

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Make no mistake about it, it's about to be Miller time in Big Spring.

Big Spring Independent School District officials announced earlier this week they had lured Gary Miller west to take control of the Lady Steers' basketball program. Miller had been the head coach of the Cleburne Lady Yellow Jackets.

"We're very excited about having him come to Big Spring," said Superintendent Murray Murphy. "He comes from a very competitive

part of the state so I think he'll fit in well with the district we compete in."

Miller, who is still in Cleburne, is expected to relocate to Big Spring later this month.

He replaces Jimmy Avery as the Lady Steers' mentor. Avery, who had guided the program for the past two years, resigned last month to take a similar position at Jim Ned High School in Tuscola. In two seasons at the BSIS helm, Avery posted a 29-15 mark, including an 11-16 mark this past season.

Miller is the perfect person to help

the Lady Steers' program reload, said Murphy.

"He's had a lot of success at Cleburne, making them one of the best teams in the state," Murphy said. "We're looking forward to watching him and his girls doing that."

The addition of Miller to the BSIS staff will mean the school will be sporting a vastly different look this coming year. Already this summer BSISD Athletic Director Dwight Butler has filled the head baseball and boys basketball coaching vacancies. Former Snyder head coach

Roland Herrera will be leading the Steers' baseball program in 2002-2003. Former Klondike High School coach Jim Kinnear will guide the Big Spring boys' program.

Butler was unavailable for comment on the hiring of Miller.

Last season, Miller guided the Lady Yellow Jackets to the Class 4A state playoffs.

Miller's move to Big Spring won't be his first appearance in the Crossroads. Two seasons ago, his team suffered a loss to Plainview during the finals of the regional tournament held at Howard College

Breckenridge ends All-Stars' run at state

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Big Spring United Girls Softball Association All-Stars nailed down third place in the Division I standings at the 2002 State All-Star Tournament in Abilene.

Big Spring, which had posted a perfect 4-0 mark — complete with three no-hitters — finished the four-day event with a 5-2 record.

Big Spring, which had held its first four opponents in pool play to just four hits, didn't waste any time in opening the championship round with a bang. Paced by the hot bats of Jillian Valle, Shelby Jones and Valerie Ross, the team cranked out four runs in their first at-bat and never looked back en route to an 8-0 win over Breckenridge.

Big Spring padded its lead in each of the next two innings, inflating their advantage to 8-0 before reliever Emily Hicks slammed the door shut on the contest.

Hicks struck out three batters in the one inning she worked in relief of starter Callie Shafer.

Shafer, who benefitted from strong defensive plays from second baseman Ambra Hill and third baseman Lani Robles, held Breckenridge in check through the first two innings, striking out two of the six batters she faced.

Valle, Ross and Shelby Jones paced the All-Stars offensively. Each collected two hits and drove home a pair of runs.

Big Spring didn't find the road as easy in the second round. Abilene North scored five times in the first inning and then held on to claim a 7-3 victory and snap Big Spring's 5-game win streak.

Shafer, despite battling a sore arm, kept Big Spring in the game through the first three innings. She struck out one batter in each inning she worked.

After taking a 5-0 lead in the first, Abilene flexed its offensive muscle again in the third. They scored twice and erected a 7-0 cushion.

Big Spring, behind Valle and Robles, fought their

2002 State All-Star Tournament

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

Game 1	
Big Spring	4 2 2 0 8
Breckenridge	0 0 0 0 0
Game 2	
Big Spring	0 0 3 0 3
Abilene North	5 0 2 0 0 7
Game 3	
Big Spring	3 0 0 1 4
Breckenridge	3 0 4 0 7
Finals	
Big Spring	5 0 5 0 10
Breckenridge	2 1 0 0 3

way back into the contest in the fourth. The team pushed three runs across the plate in the frame and pulled to within 7-3.

With the loss, Big Spring fell into an elimination game with Breckenridge — a team that had beaten twice before.

Unfortunately for the All-Stars, the third time was not a charm.

Breckenridge, despite a solid effort on the mound from Hicks and Shafer, scored four times in the third inning and claimed a 7-4 win.

Eliminating Big Spring was anything but easy, however.

Big Spring managed to hold its own in the early stages of the contest. After Breckenridge had scored three times in their half of the first, Big Spring answered right back. Riding the bats of Kelsey Jones and Robles, the BSUGSA squad pushed three runs across the plate, tying the game at 3-3.

Shafer, who had relieved Hicks after one inning of work, took the steam out of the Breckenridge bats in the second. She struck out two batters and enticed a third to ground out.

Big Spring's luck didn't hold out in the fourth. Breckenridge sent 10 batters to the plate in the third and scored four times.

The All-Stars managed to cut their deficit to three, at 7-4, in the fourth inning by grinding out a run.

The All-Stars' third-place finish was one of several strong efforts by Big Spring United Girls Softball Association squads. The BS all-star squads competing in Division II and Division IV also finished third overall.



Big Spring standout Rachel Gee was one of four local golfers to turn in solid efforts Wednesday at the West Texas Championships in San Angelo. Gee finished second in the girls' 15-18 division, while Will Conley and Nick Read placed second and fourth, respectively, in the boys bracket. Joseph Olvera was third in the boys 14-15 division.

Conley escapes shadow with strong finish in San Angelo

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

In the Big Spring golfing circles, Will Conley is kind of like Rodney Daingerfield — he gets no respect, especially playing in the shadow of Nick Read and Rachel Gee.

Conley found the perfect remedy for that situation Wednesday afternoon in San Angelo. He simply played better and let the results speak for themselves.

Conley fired a 2-over par 74 and finished second in the West Texas Championships held at the Riverside Golf Course. He finished just one stroke behind San Angelo's A.J. Pursley in the final standings.

With the second-place finish, Conley has now placed in the Top 10 in his past two meets. He was 6th two weeks ago at a West Texas Junior PGA event.

Read wasn't far behind. The Big Spring standout nailed down his third Top 10 finish by placing fourth in the final standings.

He finished the day with a score of 76 and in a three-way tie for third with Iraan's Jarred Jennings and San Angelo's Robert Young.

Jennings won a play-off for third, edging out Read and Young, respectively.

Conley and Read did manage to make it to the top in team play. The two combined to shoot a 69 and win the Boys' 16-18 division.

Pursley and Young finished second in team play.

Big Spring's Joseph Olvera also played well at the tournament. He shot a 70 and placed third in the Boys' 14-15 division.

Big Spring sophomore Rachel Gee also turned in a solid effort at the meet. She placed second in the Girls' 15-18 standings, finishing just three strokes off the winning pace.

Gee, who is scheduled to join Read and Conley in participating in the West Texas Junior PGA Championships on Aug. 2 in Fort Stockton, carded a score of 83 on Wednesday.

Lisa Terrazas, playing on her home course, won the girls' honors, shooting an 8-over-par 80 to win. Sara Reyes won a play-off with Chandra Alexander to finish third.

Gee and Alexander combined to shoot a 77 in team play, placing second overall behind the tandem of Reyes and Terrazas.

Mavs close to deal with Raef LaFrentz

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Mavericks are close to reaching terms with restricted free-agent center Raef LaFrentz.

Mavericks owner Mark Cuban told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram he has offered LaFrentz a seven-year deal worth about \$60 million.

The 6-foot-11 LaFrentz, who makes his off-season home in Iowa, is expected to sign the contract by the end of the week, the newspaper said.

After coming to the Mavericks in a Feb. 21 trade with Denver, LaFrentz averaged 10.8 points, 7.4 rebounds and 2.2 blocks a game in 27 games. He played about 29 minutes a game.



High school football all-star actions starts Saturday night with the Texas Six-Man Coaches Association clash in Lubbock. Sands' Dusty Floyd will participate.

Area stars gearing up for all-star games in Lubbock

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Several Crossroads area athletes will be putting their talents on display this weekend in Lubbock at the Texas Six-Man Coaches Association All-Star Game.

Among the locals scheduled to be competing are Sands' Dusty Floyd, Grady's Lacy Cox and Klondike's Britney Pinkerton.

Floyd, an all-american selection as an end this past season by *Six-Man Illustrated*, will be playing on the West roster in the all-star football game, which is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. at Tiger Stadium in Wolforth.

Floyd will also be competing in the 2002 All Americas

Bowl next Saturday, July 27, in Gordon, Tex. The All Americas Bowl is an international all-star game featuring athletes from the U.S., Canada, Australia and Norway.

Cox and Pinkerton are both slated to play for the West in the TSMCA girls' basketball game Saturday afternoon. The West will square off against a team of South all-stars. The girls' game is set for 1 p.m. in the Rip Griffin Center on the campus of Lubbock Christian University.

Westbrook's Adam Roemisch will play for the West in the boys' game, which is set to tip-off at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday.

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 be 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.

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SPORTS EXTRA

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	59	35	628	—
Boston	55	37	598	3
Baltimore	45	47	489	13
Toronto	39	54	419	19 1/2
Tampa Bay	29	63	315	29
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	55	41	573	—
Cleveland	45	51	469	10
Kansas City	39	54	419	14 1/2
Detroit	35	58	376	18 1/2
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	59	36	621	—
Anaheim	55	38	591	3
Oakland	55	40	579	4
Texas	40	54	426	18 1/2

Today's Games
Boston (F Castillo 5:10) at Tampa Bay (Sturtz 19: 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 (Orsatti 6:2) at Toronto (Carpenter 7:1), 6:05 p.m.
Seattle (Baldwin 6:6) at Texas (Rogers 10:5), 7:05 p.m.
Anahem (Seie 7:6) at Oakland (Zito 12:3), 9:05 p.m.

Friday's Games
Tampa Bay (Kennedy 5:8) at Toronto (Loaiza 3:5), 6:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Lohse 8:5) at Detroit (Moehler 1:0), 6:05 p.m.
Boston (P Martinez 11:2) at N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 12:3), 6:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Garland 8:6) at Baltimore (Lopez 9:3), 6:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Finley 4:11) at Kansas City (Asencio 2:2), 7:05 p.m.
Seattle (Garcia 11:5) at Anaheim (Ortiz 8:7), 9:05 p.m.
Texas (Myette 0:0) at Oakland (Lidle 2:8), 9:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	60	35	632	—
Montreal	48	46	511	11 1/2
New York	48	46	511	11 1/2
Florida	45	49	479	14 1/2
Philadelphia	44	49	473	15
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	51	40	560	—
Cincinnati	49	45	521	3 1/2
Houston	45	48	484	7
Pittsburgh	44	50	468	8 1/2
Chicago	39	53	424	12 1/2
Milwaukee	34	61	358	19
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	56	38	596	—
Los Angeles	55	40	579	1 1/2
San Francisco	54	40	574	2
Colorado	44	51	463	12 1/2
San Diego	38	56	404	18

Today's Games
Florida (Tavarez 7:5) at Atlanta (Glavine 11:5), 12:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Clement 7:6) at Philadelphia (Padilla 19:5), 12:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Estes 3:7) at Montreal (Cotton 2:0), 12:35 p.m.
San Francisco (Schmidt 5:3) at St. Louis (Monsie 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 7:6), 2:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Haynes 10:6) at Pittsburgh (Wells 10:6), 6:05 p.m.
San Diego (Tomko 4:6) at Los Angeles (Ashby 7:7), 9:10 p.m.

Friday's Games

Houston (Cruz 1:4) at Chicago Cubs (Pior 3:2), 2:20 p.m.
Montreal (Vazquez 7:5) at Florida (Tejera 5:2), 6:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Moss 4:4) at Philadelphia (Duckworth 5:7), 6:05 p.m.
St. Louis (B Smith 1:5) at Pittsburgh (Beimel 1:4), 6:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Astacio 9:3) at Cincinnati (Fernandez 1:0), 6:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Quevedo 5:6) at Colorado (Chacon 4:6), 8:05 p.m.
Arizona (Barista 4:6) at San Diego (BJones 5:5), 9:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Rueter 7:6) at Los Angeles (Ishii 12:5), 9:10 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE
ANAHM ANGELS—Placed C Bengie Molina on the 15-day disabled list.
BALTIMORE ORICLES—Recalled OF Luis Matos from the 60-day disabled list.
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Activated RHP David Riske from the 15-day disabled list. Optioned RHP Dave Elder to Buffalo of the International League.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Signed RHP Joe Blanton and OF Brian Stavisky.
TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Placed LHP Wilson Alvarez on the 15-day disabled list.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
ATLANTA BRAVES—Activated 2B Marcus Giles from the 15-day disabled list and optioned him to Richmond of the International League.
ACTIVATED SS Mark DeRosa from the 15-day disabled list. Designated INF Jesse Garcia for assignment.
CHICAGO CUBS—Placed C Joe Girardi on the 15-day disabled list. Purchased the contract of C Mike Mahony from Iowa of the PCL.
CINCINNATI REDS—Placed RHP Joey Hamilton on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to July 8.
FLORIDA MARLINS—Sent LHP Nate Teufel outright to Calgary of the PCL.
HOUSTON ASTROS—Activated RHP T.J. Mathews from the 60-day disabled list. Optioned RHP Scott Linebrink to New Orleans of the PCL. Designated RHP Ryan Jamison for assignment.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association
BOSTON CELTICS—Signed to J.R. Bremer.
DENVER NUGGETS—Re signed F Ryan Bowen.
DETROIT PISTONS—Signed G Chauncey Billups to a multiyear contract.
MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES—Signed G Gordon Givcek.
ORLANDO MAGIC—Signed G Jacques Vaughn.

FOOTBALL
NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE
BUFFALO BILLS—Signed OL Mike Pucilio.
HOUSTON TEXANS—Signed S Ramon Walker and G Fred Weary. Waived LB Robert Mackey. DT John Miller. LB Aaron Thompson and LB Casey Tisdale.
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Signed DT Clinton Ballard and CB Steve Smith.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS—Signed G Ed Talarum.
NEW YORK JETS—Signed DT Josh Evans. Released DL Riddick Parker and CB Todd Franz.
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Signed LB Levon Kirkland to a one-year contract.
PITTSBURGH STEELERS—Signed LB Larry Foote and WR Lee Mays.
SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—Signed TE Justin Fwelle to a three-year contract. Waived QB Bart Hendricks.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Waived LB Alex Lincoln and DT Milford Stephenson. Placed DL Junior Bryant on the injured reserve, physically unable to perform list.

HOCKEY
NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE
BOSTON BRUINS—Re signed RW Glen Murray to a two-year contract.
CALGARY FLAMES—Signed F Robert Dome.
COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Sign C Don MacLean to a one-year contract. Named Gord Murphy assistant coach.
DETROIT RED WINGS—Promoted Dave Lewis from assistant coach to coach and Joe Kocur from video technician to assistant coach.
LOS ANGELES KINGS—Named John Van Boxmeer assistant coach.

NASHVILLE PREDATORS—Resigned D Andy Delmore.

NEW YORK RANGERS—Signed LW Krzysztof Olwa.
PHOENIX COYOTES—Re signed D Todd Simpson to a two-year contract.
TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS—Signed RW Tom Fitzgerald.

WNBA

Eastern Conference	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	14	6	700	—
Charlotte	12	8	600	2
New York	11	9	550	3
Orlando	9	10	474	4 1/2
Miami	9	11	450	5
Cleveland	8	12	400	6
Indiana	8	12	400	6
Detroit	3	16	158	10 1/2
Western Conference	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	16	3	842	—
Houston	16	5	762	1
Utah	14	6	700	2 1/2
Portland	12	9	571	5
Seattle	9	11	450	7 1/2
Phoenix	8	12	400	8 1/2
Minnesota	6	14	300	10 1/2
Sacramento	4	15	211	12

Wednesday's Games
Sacramento 78, Miami 62
Portland 73, Phoenix 61
Charlotte 89, Orlando 62
Cleveland 58, Minnesota 48
Los Angeles 73, Indiana 58
Utah 75, Houston 67

Today's Games
Detroit at Washington, 10:30 a.m.
Los Angeles at New York, 7 p.m.

Friday's Games
Sacramento at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
Utah at Orlando, 6:30 p.m.
New York at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Miami at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Houston at Seattle, 9 p.m.
Phoenix at Portland, 9 p.m.

ARENA FOOTBALL

American Conference	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	9	4	692	706	620
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
San Jose	12	1	923	820	619
Arizona	10	3	769	676	579
Dallas	7	6	538	703	711
Los Angeles	7	6	538	685	653
National Conference	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
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

Today's Game
New York at Toronto, 6 p.m.

Friday's Game
Grand Rapids at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday's Game
Buffalo 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

Armstrong remains second overall in Tour de France

PAU, France (AP) — Patrice Halgand picked up the first stage victory by a French rider in this year's Tour de France on Wednesday. A 7-year-old boy was hit and killed by a car on the route.

The boy was crossing the road about 15 1/2 miles from the route's start when he was hit by a car belonging to a Tour sponsor. It was the first death of a spectator since 2000, when a 12-year-old boy was hit and killed by a car.

Halgand's average speed of 30.337 mph was the third-fastest in Tour history.

Three-time defending champion Lance Armstrong was 40th, nearly 4 minutes

off Halgand's pace, and remained in second place in the standings, 26 seconds behind Gonzalez Galdeano.

It was disclosed Wednesday before the 10th stage that Gonzalez Galdeano tested positive for salbutamol last week, but organizers said he is cleared to use the restricted substance. Salbutamol treats asthma and is banned unless athletes have a prescription.

Traces were found in a July 12 test at the end of the stage from Forges-les-Eaux to Alencon, Tour spokesman Philippe Sudres said.

UCL world cycling's governing body, "has long had a medical justification for this rider" to use salbuta-

mol. Tour de France deputy director Daniel Baal said.

Halgand surged in the final climb of the relatively flat 91-mile leg for his first Tour stage victory.

He attacked in the final 3 1/2 miles, and beat countryman Jerome Pineau by 27 seconds. Halgand finished in 3 hours, 15 seconds.

Galdeano has held the yellow jersey worn by the race leader for six stages, and will wear it in Thursday's opening mountain leg from Pau to La Mongie, high in the Pyrenees.

The 98-mile ride features two difficult climbs and should see Armstrong make his first serious bid for the race lead.

Miller pitches Houston past Milwaukee Brewers

MILWAUKEE (AP) — By the time Wade Miller was done, he had outthit the Milwaukee Brewers by himself.

Miller pitched seven innings of one-hit ball and ignited two rallies with leadoff singles in the Houston Astros' 7-3 victory over the Brewers on Wednesday night.

"He's our table-setter," Craig Biggio joked. "He helped himself out on both sides of the coin."

Miller's leadoff singles sparked a four-run third inning and a three-run seventh.

"I know his priority is to pitch. He knows that. But he takes a lot of pride in his ability in the batter's box," Astros manager Jimmy Williams said. "He practices properly, so tonight it helped him and it helped us win the game."

Miller said he doesn't just study pitchers to emulate them on the mound but to decipher how to get a hit off them. He's hitting a respectable .250 this season.

The only hit Miller allowed was Matt Stairs' one-hop double to the wall in left center in the fifth.

"My sinker was working well, that's the big thing," he said.

Mariners add to Rangers' woes

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Texas Rangers keep hitting home runs. They also keep losing.

Ivan Rodriguez homered twice and Juan Gonzalez also went deep, extending the Rangers' club-record streak to 20 straight games with a homer, but they lost 6-3 Wednesday night to the Seattle Mariners.

Texas is 1-7 since the All-Star break, and has matched a season high

with five straight losses.

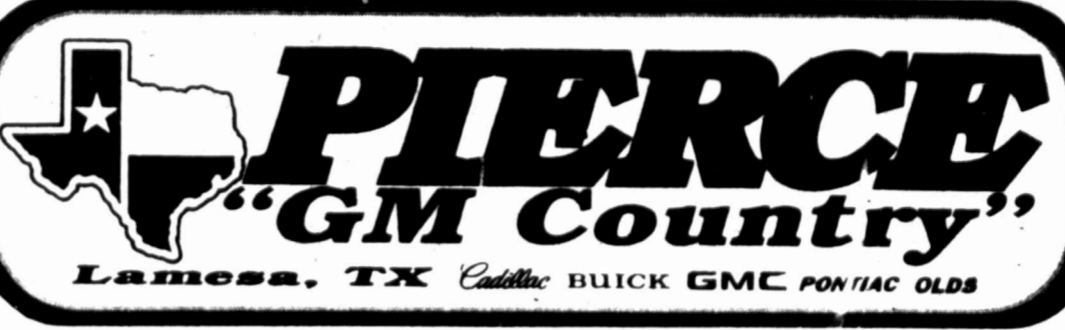
The home runs and another hard-luck effort by Valdes (5-7) weren't enough. The Rangers have scored just nine runs in Valdes' losses.

Bret Boone and Mike Cameron homered for the AL West-leading Mariners, who have won eight straight games in Texas, including all five this year.


gle, and Miller scored on Orlando Merced's single to right when Stairs' throw was wide of home plate. Jeff Bagwell followed with his 16th homer, a three-run shot that made it 4-0 and sent the Brewers on to their sixth loss in seven games.

In the seventh, Julio Lugo and Biggio followed Miller's leadoff single with back-to-back doubles and Merced added an RBI single for a 7-0 Astros lead.

T.J. Mathews, who was activated off the 60-day disabled list before the game, faced four hitters and allowed three singles and a three-run homer to pinch-hitter Ryan Thompson for 7-3.




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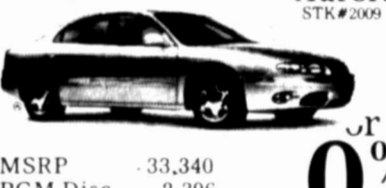
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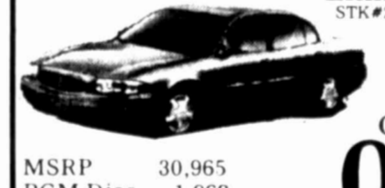
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FISHING

AUSTIN (AP) — weekly fishing report for the Texas Parks Department for July also available at www.txparks.com. CENTRAL

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FISHING REPORT

AUSTIN (AP) — Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for July 18. (Report also available on Web as www.txifishing.com.)

CENTRAL
BROWNWOOD: Water muddy; 78 degrees; 2 high; black bass are slow. Striped bass are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish to 4 pounds are slow on Canadian nightcrawlers in 2-6 feet. Yellow catfish are slow.

BUCHANAN: Water murky; 74 degrees; 1019; black bass are slow to fair slow rolling 1 1/2 oz. white/chartreuse Heavy T spinnerbaits, crankbaits and SlidingWeight Craw Fish along channel breaklines. Striped bass are slow to fair and seem to be repositioning with the changes in the water. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel catfish are very good on rod & reel, and trotlines. Flathead and blue catfish are very good on live bait.

PROCTOR: Water murky; 81 degrees; 1160.06; Due to recent rains caution is advised on the lake. Boating hazards, such as floating debris, may be present. Black bass are slow. Striped bass are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are fair on shad and perch.

SOUTH
AMISTAD: Water fairly clear; 83 degrees; black bass to 6 pounds are good on chartreuse/white spinnerbaits, watermelon seed worms, and jigs with trailers over grass in 10-15 feet. Striped bass are fair on striper jigs. White bass are fair on slabs. Crappie are slow on live minnows. Channel and blue catfish are good on cheesebait in 3 feet. Yellow catfish are slow.

WEST
ALAN HENRY: Water clear; 80 degrees; black bass are fair on topwaters and soft jerkbaits around brush. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs.

ARROWHEAD: Water stained; 78 degrees; 6.24 low; black bass are fair. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs - suspended 12-15 around derricks. White bass are good on Rattle-L-Traps while trolling. Catfish are fair to slow.

COLORADO CITY: Water clear; 83 degrees; 9.5 low; black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass are slow. Redfish are slow. Catfish are slow. Fishing is extremely slow due to a toxic golden algae bloom - some fish are being caught in creek channels.

FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 82 degrees; 5 low. Black bass are fair. Crappie are fair. White bass are good on minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair on minnows.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water lightly stained; 77 degrees; 12 low; black bass are fair. Crappie are fair. White bass and hybrid striped are good on chrome Rat-L-Traps. Catfish are slow.

NASWORTHY: Water lightly stained; 81 degrees; black bass are fair on minnows and topwaters. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. Redfish are fair. White bass and striped bass are fair on minnows. Catfish are good on minnows and perch.

OAK CREEK: Water lightly stained; 80 degrees; No boat ramps open. Black bass are fair. Crappie are good near docks on minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair on trotlines baited with minnows and stinkbait.

OH. IVIE: Water lightly stained; 81 degrees; 19 low; black bass are fair on minnows and topwaters. Crappie are good under lights at night. White bass are good on minnows at dusk and dawn. Smallmouth bass are fair. Catfish are very good on trotlines baited with goldfish, chicken liver, shrimp and perch.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water lightly stained; 78 degrees; 1.2 low; black bass are fair. Crappie are fair. White bass are fair. Striped bass are fair on under lights. Catfish are good on upper end of lake and near incoming water.

SPENCE: Water stained; 78 degrees; 56 low; black bass are fair. Crappie are fair. White bass, striped bass and hybrid striped are fair on minnows. Catfish are fair on trotlines baited with shad. Fishing is generally slow due to a golden algae bloom.

STAMFORD: Water lightly stained; 79 degrees; 2.75 low; black bass are fair on minnows. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass and striped bass are fair on crankbaits and minnows. Catfish are good on trotlines baited with shad and stinkbait.

SWEETWATER: Water lightly stained; 82 degrees; 19.5 low; black bass are fair on topwaters and minnows. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass are good on minnows. Catfish are good on trotlines baited with minnows and chicken liver.

WHITE RIVER: Water murky; 82 degrees; 20.5 low; black bass fair. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. Walleye are fair. Catfish are good on minnows.

WICHITA: Water stained (from wind); 83 degrees; normal pool; black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass are slow. Hybrid striped are slow. Catfish are fair near the Wichita Park area around the cattails on large shiners, worms, liver and shrimp.



By BETTY DEBNAM

The Beaver State

Oregon From A to Z



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 3 1/2 million people.



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.

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.

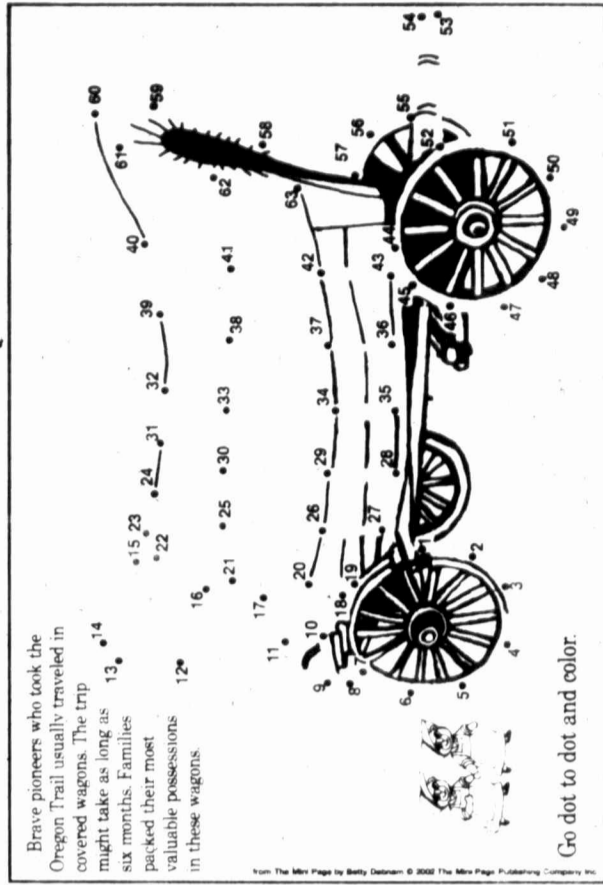
The Cascades, the Coast Range and the Willamette

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.



Brave pioneers who took the Oregon Trail usually traveled in covered wagons. The trip might take as long as six months. Families packed their most valuable possessions in these wagons.

Go dot to dot and color.

Rookie Cookie's Recipe
Chocolate Chess Pie

- You'll need:
• 1 1/2 cups sugar
• 3/2 tablespoons powdered cocoa
• 1/8 teaspoon salt
• 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
• 1 tablespoon cornmeal
• 1/2 cup pecans, chopped
• 3 eggs, beaten
• 1/2 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.



Kids! You're Invited to the White House

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Goldie Goodsport's Report
Supersport: Jennifer Capriati

Height: 5-8 1/2 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.

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!

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.

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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) **** Handle a personal matter first. Return calls and network in the afternoon. An associate you count on flakes out when you least expect it. Your ingenuity comes through. An opportunity involving an investment or your domestic life delights you. Tonight: Take off as soon as you can.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) **** A boss can be

testy. Work with this person. How you say what is on your mind makes all the difference in the end. New beginnings greet you as a result of your extremely positive attitude. Do nothing halfway. Tonight: Make it a night for two.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) **** Carefully review a situation that involves finances. Clear out work before you start returning calls. Inevitably, a social nature takes over. Your high energy draws many. Use this perfect mood and occasion to network. Tonight: Play away.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) **** You cannot put the kibosh on your social personality or another's enthusiasm about you. Creativity peaks in this present mood. Allow yourself to flow with a co-worker. Bright ideas just happen. Together you make a strong team. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) **** Domestic matters still take precedence. You cruise through problems with ease. Someone might have unusually strong feelings. Your instincts hone in on a child or new love interest. Follow through on what you know. Tonight: Ever playful.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) **** Success becomes you. Others seek you out. It seems as if everyone wants

your advice and opinions. Your popularity soars. When you return a call, someone is genuinely thrilled to hear from you. Understand how much this person cares. Tonight: A cozy night at home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) **** Carefully realize your limits with a boss. Though you feel as if you're on cruise control, you could be rather uncomfortable. Understand where another is coming from, especially when dealing with money. Reach out for others this afternoon while you clear your desk. Tonight: Tell it like it is.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) **** Make a big push with important details in the morning. You can get a lot done, and quickly at that. By afternoon, stop and do a quick overhaul of your finances. Get ready for a fun weekend, when you won't want to have a problem in the world. Tonight: Your treat.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) **** This morning, tie up some details that you have left undone for too long. A partner or associate guides you with a financial decision. By afternoon, you enter your monthly power cycle. The world is your oyster, and others know it. Tonight: Ask for what you want.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22

Jan. 19) **** An associate keeps coming through for you in big ways. You delight in this relationship. Stop and notice how many others step up to the plate for you. Acknowledge those key people in your life. A loving attitude goes far. Tonight: Let a loved one indulge you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) **** Recognize what is going on with an associate who might be very excited. Your work takes a high priority through the early afternoon. Know that someone is checking out your performance. A meeting points to unusual success. Tonight: Where the happenings is.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) **** Return calls and e-mail ASAP. Important news heads your way early on. You might need to change your plans or head in a different direction. Don't be too attached to the idea of getting out of the office on time. Tonight: A late dinner.

BORN TODAY

Accused murderer Lizzie Borden (1860), guitarist Brian May (1947), musician Vikki Carr (1941).

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Selling insurance doesn't give cousin rights to information

Dear Ann Landers: My cousin, "Joanne," recently started selling life insurance, and she is making a pest of herself. Every time there is a family gathering, she pressures us to buy a policy. I am in my mid-50s and quite happy with my current insurance coverage. I have told Joanne that I am not interested in a new policy. Now, when she sees me, I get the cold-shoulder treatment.



ANN LANDERS

Because Joanne is selling insurance, she thinks she has the right to ask all kinds of intrusive questions, such as how much money I earn, what health problems I have, and so on. I consider this information private. Frankly, I don't trust her not to gossip about it to other family members. I am not the only relative

with this problem. Can you tell us how to get Joanne off our backs without causing hard feelings? Pittsburgh Polly

Dear Polly: You are under no obligation to give Joanne any personal information or allow her to sell you an insurance policy. Her aggressive technique is creating ill-will, and I hope she figures it out before she alienates the entire family. In the meantime, if she approaches you again, smile politely and say, "I'm happy with my current coverage, but if I should change my mind, you'll be the first to know." Repeat this until she gives up.

Dear Ann Landers: My parents have been divorced since I was a baby. At the time they married, my great-grandmother gave my mom a set of heirloom china. When they divorced, Dad said the china should be returned to him and kept in the family. My mother refused. She packed it away in storage saying one day, the china would belong to

me.

Since I was 5 years old, my father has been pressuring me to return the family china. I never had a clue what he was talking about. Last week, I finally told my mom about the china, and she showed me the set. She was angry that Dad had been harassing me all these years. She said the dishes now belong to me and I am under no obligation to return them to my father.

I am only 17, Ann. Should I keep the china, since I am part of the family, or should I return the set to my father? Related in Maryland

Dear Maryland: There are several questions you need to answer first. Is the heirloom set mentioned in the divorce agreement? Who is legally entitled to have it? If your father has no legal claim to the set, do you really want it, or will it remind you of your father's harassment?

If there is no legal reason to give the china back to your father, you may keep it if you wish. Then, tell your father that the china is now "back in the family" and you promise to take good care of it.

Dear Ann Landers: I just read the letter from "California Grandma," whose daughter-in-law refused to dress her new baby girl in pink clothing.

When my twin daughters were born, I decided not to let them wear pink. I was a tomboy and hated all that frilly, girly stuff. If someone bought my daughters a pink dress, I would exchange it for overalls in yellow or green.

My daughters are now 3 years old, and they LOVE pink. I have no idea how this happened. Obviously, they developed their own preferences, and my efforts to turn them into tomboys were pointless. I have given up and will buy them pink dresses because that's what they want to wear.

Mother of Princesses in Omaha, Neb.

Dear Omaha: I hope all the parents out there are listening. Thank you for being the Voice of Experience.

Dear Ann Landers: Thank you for telling parents to bolt dressers to the wall so they will not fall over on young children. Please tell them to bolt ALL furniture, including wall units, paintings and tables.

My precious 16-month-old grandson opened the bottom drawer of a small nightstand. The stand fell over, and he went headfirst

into the drawer, which closed on his throat, suffocating him. People always assume it won't happen to them or that their child would never climb on drawers. They are wrong. There is always a first time. Grieving Grandparents in the Midwest

Dear Grandparents: Readers from around the country wrote with warnings about cabinets, mirrors, tables, old refrigerators, car trunks and chests with latches. I hope all parents will check their homes for possible hazards and do what is necessary to protect their children. They are too precious to lose.

Dear Ann Landers: This is for "Unsure in Indiana," whose brother told her that her husband was cheating. The husband denied it, and she didn't know who was telling the truth.

Please urge her to get tested for HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases. Her husband may be entirely faithful, but she cannot afford to take the chance. Rochester, N.Y.

Dear Rochester: You are right. In this day and age, no one should take risks with his or her health. If you have any suspicion that your partner may be cheating, see a doctor immediately.

Dear Ann Landers: I recently became engaged, and I have an etiquette question. Which set of parents should make the first overture to meet? Should my fiancée's parents to dinner, or are his parents responsible for making the first move?

I come from an Italian family, and it is our custom for the bride's parents to invite the groom's parents to our home. Is this still OK? Stamford, Conn. Bride

Dear Bride: According to Emily Post, it is traditional for the groom's family to contact the bride's family and introduce themselves. However, if the groom's family does not do this, the bride's family should feel free to make the first move. This is supposed to be a happy time for the bridal couple, and there should not be a contest about who makes the initial contact. My best wishes to you both.

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Items should be dropped off to the office at 710 Scurry; mailed to P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721-1431; or faxed to 264-7205.

For more information call 263-7331

UNFUR. HOUSES FOR RENT

1205 Mulberry. Clean 3 BR, 1 bath. Stove & refrigerator furnished. \$350/mo. \$150 dep. Sorry, no pets. 263-4922.

3 BR, 2 bath Doublewide. Mobile home. 6306 Waller Rd., Sand Springs. Call 267-3841 or 270-7309.

407 E. 8th. 1 Bdrm Apt. stove & ref. \$250.

1220 E. 16th. 3/2 house. Large yard w/storage \$550.

1400 Sycamore. 3/1, CHA. W/D connections. \$450.

NO HUD. 267-2296.

2 Bdrm, 1 bath. 1503 Johnson. Call 267-3841 or 270-7309.

3 bdr., CHA, fenced yard. No Pets. \$500 mon., \$225. dep. 263-5818.

Rent to Own. 4 br, 2 ba, fenced. \$240. 10 yrs. Apt. Bills Paid \$250/mo. Also A/C's for sale. 264-0510.

Two, 2BR, 1 bath homes. Nice neighborhood. 267-7661 or 263-4528.

Clean 2 BR. Stove & refrigerator furnished. Good Location. 507 E. 18th. \$275/mo. \$125/dep. 267-1543.

TOO LATES

Garage Sale Fri. Only 8-12. 2603 Lynn. Furniture, clothing, misc. items.

Garage Sale: 2601 Larry. Sat. 8-12. Guns, clothes, toys and lots of misc.

Carport Sale: 1734 Purdue, Sat. 8-1. Mowers, bunk bed, baby swing and clothes.

Misc. household items, Exercise equip., antique sewing machine. sat. 8-4. 709 W. 15th.

3/2/2. CH/A, RO, laundry room, storage bldg, fenced yard, & more. 264-0924 or 413-8045.

112 S. Moss Lake Rd. Fri & Sat. 7:30-7. Lawn mowers, 4x4 Toy Truck, school stuff, stereo cabinet, etc.

LAMUN-LUSK SANCHEZ
Texas State Veterans Home
1809 N. Hwy 87 Big Spring, Texas 79720
(915)268-8387
(915)268-9023 Fax
is currently seeking a MDS/Care Plan Coordinator.
Experience in reviewing and documentation of medical records, resident care plans, skin care assessments, knowledge of MEDICARE and MEDICAID procedures a plus. Salary based on experience.
Did you miss your Herald? Call 263-7335 & ask for Circulation.

GARAGE SALES

Hidden treasures? Junk? Recycle your unwanted items! Call 263-7331 today. A Friendly Classified Consultant will help you create an ad that gets results!

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THURSDAY

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	KMID (2)	KPE (3)	KERA (5)	FAM (6)	KOSA (7)	WFAA (8)	KWES (9)	WTBS (11)	UNI (13)	DISN (14)	NASH (15)	TMC (16)	SHOW (20)	HBO (22)	KMLM (24)	A&E (25)	DISC (26)	TNT (28)	TLC (41)
6 PM	News Fortune	King of the Hill	Cyberchase	Home Videos	News Ent Tonight	News Fortune	News Serfield (CC)	Friends (CC)	El Juego de la Vida	Movie: Zenon: Girl of the 21st Century (CC)	Real TV (1-C)	(15) Movie: Love Field	Movie: Spy Kids (CC)	Update With John Hagee	Update With John Hagee	Law & Order (CC)	Discovery	Law & Order (CC)	Beware! Shoplifters
7 PM	Movie: The Phantom	Belief	Antiques UK	Movie: Dangerous	Big Brother 3 (CC)	Movie: The Phantom	Friends (CC)	Movie: The Weap	Salome (SS)	Movie: The Karate Kid Part III (CC)	Star Trek Next Generation (CC)	Movie: Dr. T & the Women	Movie: Along Came a Spider (CC)	Light of the Southwest	Biblical Israel Update	Biography (CC)	Crash File	Law & Order (CC)	Case Reopened (CC)
8 PM	Primetime Thursday	Cops	Wide Angle (CC)	Whose Line? Whose Line?	Agency (CC)	Primetime Thursday	ER (CC)	(45) M...e	P. Impacto Notocero Univ	Country Bears BoyWorld	Star Trek Next Generation (CC)	(05) Movie: Warm Texas	Movie: Sex Byt	Hour of Healing	Law & Order (CC)	Crash	Secret World of Air Force	Power (CC)	Ancient Apocalypse
9 PM	News Nightline	Jerry Springer	News Letter	700 Club (CC)	News (35) L...	News (35) Tonight	News (35) Tonight	Nowhr...Run	En las Me...res Familias	So Ward (CC)	Mad TV (1-C)	Rain (CC)	Thelma & Louise	Del Poel Mo...	Update With Church	Biography (CC)	Crash File	Defenseless	Mysteries of Stonehenge
10 PM	British Open Hollywood Sq	Sudd...	Children's Hospital (CC)	Who's Boss? Who's Boss?	Show (1-C) (37) L...	Show (1-C) (37) Late	Ent Tonight British Open	(45) M...e	En las Me...res Familias	So Ward (CC)	Mad TV (1-C)	Rain (CC)	Thelma & Louise	Del Poel Mo...	Update With Church	Biography (CC)	Crash File	Defenseless	Mysteries of Stonehenge
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12 AM	Cowboy Paid Program	Ricki Lake	War Behind the Wire	Guthrie Renker Paid Program	Show (1-C) (37) L...	Show (1-C) (37) Late	(12:06) Oprah Winfrey (CC)	Night (CC) Frasier	The H...an	Tu y Yo	Zoro (CC)	Mickey Mouse	Dyn... Who's Got the Will?	(45) Movie: Up (CC)	Faith Pleases God	Biography (CC)	Secret World of Air Force	Movie: Two	Ancient Apocalypse

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FAMILY CIRCUS

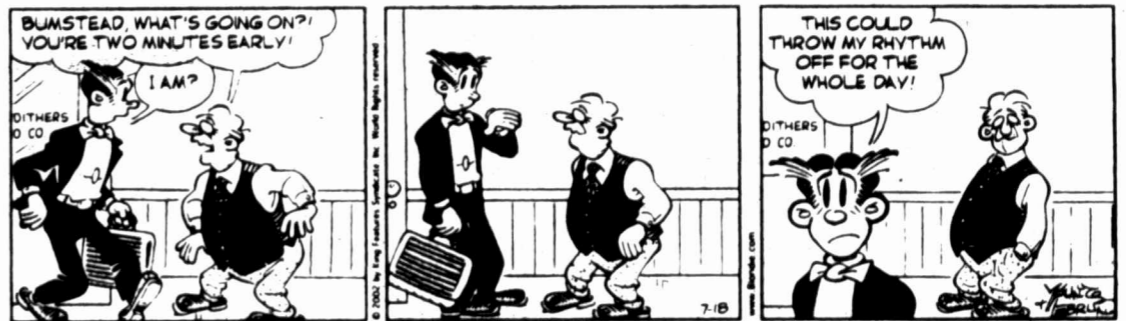


"Grandma doesn't need a weatherman Her knees tell her what's coming."

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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today is Thursday, July 18, the 199th day of 2002. There are 166 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 18, 1947, President Truman signed the Presidential Succession Act, which placed the speaker of the House and the Senate president pro tempore next in the line of succession after the vice president.

On this date:

- In A.D. 64, the Great Fire of Rome began.
- In 1792, American naval hero John Paul Jones died in Paris at age 45.
- In 1927, Ty Cobb hit safely for the 4,000th time in his career.
- In 1932, the United States and Canada signed a treaty to develop the St. Lawrence Seaway.
- In 1936, the Spanish Civil War began.

In 1940, the Democratic national convention in Chicago nominated President Franklin D. Roosevelt for an unprecedented third term in office.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Hume Cronyn is 91. Former South African President Nelson Mandela is 84. Former Sen. John Glenn, an Ohio Democrat, is 81. Skating champion and commentator Dick Button is 73. Author-journalist Hunter S. Thompson is 65. Movie director Paul Verhoeven is 64. Singer Brian Auger is 63. Singer Dion DiMucci is 63. Actor James Brolin is 62. Singer Martha Reeves is 61. Blues guitarist Lonnie Mack is 61. Actor Kurt Mann is 55. Singer Ricky Skaggs is 48. Rock musician Nigel Twist (The Alarm) is 44. Actress Audrey Landers is 43.

In 1969, a car driven by Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., plunged off a bridge on Chappaquiddick Island near Martha's Vineyard; passenger Mary Jo Kopechne died.

In 1984, a gunman opened fire at a McDonald's fast food restaurant in San Ysidro, Calif., killing 21 people before he was shot dead by police.

In 1984, Walter F. Mondale won the Democratic presidential nomination in San Francisco.

Ten years ago: Britain's opposition Labor Party chose John Smith as its leader to replace Neil Kinnock.

One year ago: President Bush, en route to an economic summit in Italy,

Answer to previous puzzle

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ABBA BUMPERCROP
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KEEL EROS DOMED

Newsday Crossword WHERE'S THE FIRE? by Daniel R. Stark

Edited by Stanley Newman

- ACROSS
- 1 Blacken
- 5 Lasting impression
- 9 Cornered
- 14 Sari wearer
- 15 Golden Fleece carrier
- 16 Family member
- 17 16 Across' mom
- 18 Not worth debating
- 19 Waiting for Lefty playwright
- 20 One way in which to go out
- 23 "... on a tuffet"
- 24 Clumsy, socially
- 28 Fastball, to Nolan Ryan
- 32 Barney Google's nag
- 35 State-run game
- 36 Compass pt.
- 37 Energy measure
- 38 Bogs down
- 39 Cereal grass
- 40 Bed boards
- 42 Lode load
- 43 Sacred chest
- 44 Little iodine cartoonist
- 45 Show stopper?
- 49 Peer Gynt creator
- 50 Meet the Parents star
- 51 Fossil fuel
- 53 Fail spectacularly
- 60 Faculty brass
- 8 Islamic pound
- 9 Parka
- 10 Clean house
- 11 Comb manufacturer
- 12 Feign
- 13 "Of course!"
- 21 These, in Cadiz
- 22 Very mean person
- 25 Turf grippers
- 26 Go pell-mell
- 27 Prods
- 28 Pale brown
- 29 Evening gala
- 30 All over
- 31 Riviera summer
- 33 Reaches a maximum
- 34 Hill dweller
- 39 Mouths, in zoology
- 40 Con's decoy
- 41 Frankenstein's haunt
- 43 Baseball family name
- 46 Genoese gentleman
- 47 Pretty cold
- 48 Painter
- 52 Otherwise
- 54 Cooped up
- 55 Roman road
- 56 Hole punchers
- 57 Café purchase
- 58 Writer
- 59 Thin stratum
- 60 Joanne of the screen
- 61 Aurora, to Socrates
- 62 Dhab

