

TUESDAY

August 6, 2002

WEATHER

Tonight:



PARTLY CLOUDY
TONIGHT 70°-74° TOMORROW 94°-97°

BRIEFLY

Welcome, coach

Jim Kinnear, new boys' high school basketball coach at Big Spring High School, will be welcomed to the community by the Big Spring Boys Basketball Booster Club at 6:30 p.m. today in the high school gym.

The club will also elect officers for the 2002-2003 season. Refreshments will be provided.

All parents and friends of the BSHS boys' program are invited to attend.

INSIDE

College orientation

Food, fun and a close up look at the campus—that's the scene as students and parents began participating in Hawk Express today.

Hawk Express is Howard College's annual orientation for new students. During the orientation, students can also register for the fall semester, which begins Aug. 26.

Orientations continue through Thursday on campus

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Twins separated

Surgeons separated 1-year-old Guatemalan twins joined at the head, a risky procedure that took about 20 hours to complete, a doctor said early Tuesday.

Dr. Houman Hemmati, who assisted in the surgery, said the separation appeared to be successful.

"Everyone had goosebumps at the end of the procedure," Hemmati told NBC's "Today" show. "People were cheering, people were clapping, people were crying."

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Suspects held in connection with boy's death

16-year-old boy's body found in field; no formal charges filed

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer

Three people are being held in investigative detention by the Big Spring Police today in connection with Monday's murder of a 16-year-old boy.

Police have not released the identities of the three Big Spring residents, a 19-year-old adult and two juveniles, ages 16 and 15.

"We can't really release the names on that because they're here on investigative detention," said Police Sgt. Roger Sweatt. "They haven't been charged yet. Since they're just here for detention, we're not releasing any names. We won't (release identities) on the juveniles anyway."

Police have also refused to

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St. Roger Sweatt, Big Spring Police Department

confirm the identity of the victim.

Sweatt said police are about 95 percent certain of the victim's name, but will

not release the boy's name until he has been positively identified.

"It's that other 5 percent that gives you nightmares. I'd hate to tell you it's this boy and then have him come walking through the door," he said. "An identification will probably have to be made through dental records."

On Monday, Lt. Terry Chamness reported that parents who live in the area notified police that their son had not returned home from

a sleepover with a friend. Police are reasonably certain that their son is the murdered teen, Chamness said.

A positive identification will be made today during an autopsy, Sweatt said.

"It (autopsy) should be starting at about 9 this morning in Lubbock. That's when they've got it scheduled, anyway," he said. "We've got a couple of people headed up there."

More information is expected after noon today.

Sweatt added.

Police found the body shortly before 2 p.m. Monday after receiving a tip about a deceased person in a vacant lot in the 1900 block of Donley.

Upon investigation, officers found the body of a young white male. Justice of the Peace Bennie Green pronounced the victim dead at the scene and ordered the autopsy.

Further investigation led

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HERALD Photos/Andrela Madlin
Police tape contains the crime scene where the body of a Big Spring juvenile was found Monday. ID Tech Wayne Jones, foreground, and Lt. Robert Fitzgibbons, collect data at the 1900 block of Donley where the body was found. Parents of the juvenile notified authorities of the child's disappearance.

70-year-old local man apparently strangled to death, autopsy finds

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Theft of the victim's vehicle may have been the motive for two Howard County teenagers who allegedly strangled a 70-year-old man and dumped his body in a field off Rock House Road on July 30.

Seventeen-year-old Melanie Castenada and a 15-year-old male were taken into custody last Tuesday night and charged with capital murder in the death of Harlen "Jene" Patton of Big Spring.

A motorist spotted Patton's body lying in a brushy area along the road and notified the sheriff's office early that day.

"The preliminary autopsy results showed he died of asphyxiation by strangulation," said Chief Deputy

Gary Pritchett. Pritchett said investigators believe the teen-agers used a rope to strangle Patton.

"We believe the victim was killed in the city limits of Big Spring in the area of Wasson Road and the Airbase (Randolph) Road," Pritchett said.

Patton was apparently giving the teens a ride, Pritchett said.

Investigators believe the motive for the murder was theft of the victim's vehicle.

One of the teen-agers lived near Patton who resided on Wasson Road, Pritchett said, and the 70-year-old would often give the teens rides in his vehicle.

The sheriff's department has custody of the rope believed to be the murder weapon.

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PRITCHETT

Howard College trustees approve one-cent tax hike

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

The average home owner in Howard County will see a \$2.88 increase in taxes if Howard College trustees decide to approve a proposed tax rate for fiscal 2002-2003.

College administrators recommended a one-cent increase from last year's 25.854 cents per \$100 of valuation tax rate to 26.985 cents per \$100 during a Monday budget study session.

The owner of a house valued at \$32,180, the district's average home value for 2001, will pay approximately \$86.84 in taxes for the year, a \$2.88 increase. A owner of a house valued at \$100,000 would pay \$269.85, an increase \$11.31.

The one-cent tax hike will bring in approximately \$3 million, the same amount of levy as last year, said Howard College Vice President Terry Hansen.

The county saw a decrease in certified values during 2001, precipitating the need to increase the college's tax rate, Hansen said.

For more than 10 years, the college has kept the levy relatively flat.

"We've tried to be good stewards

"We've tried to be good stewards of the financial resources provided by county and city resident taxpayers."



Terry Hansen, vice president

of the financial resources provided by county and city resident taxpayers," Hansen said. "It has encouraged us to be very responsible and to look for alternative funds and other ways to grow, because we have grown over the past years."

Although the district does not plan to levy more in total tax revenue than last year, Howard College's proposed unrestricted budget increased by \$750,000. This year's proposed budget is set at \$16.9 million.

The SouthWest Collegiate Institute of the Deaf proposed budget is \$3.1 million, and increase of

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Corps in need of more school supplies

Salvation Army extends registration deadline through Wednesday

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Managing Editor

With the start of school right around the corner Salvation Army officers and volunteers are trying to make sure that all youngsters that will be starting the classroom routine this fall have what they need to succeed.



MOSELEY

And that takes more than a great many of us might think. Good teachers, new school

clothes and a meal card don't mean much if you don't have the pencils, paper, crayons, scissors and erasers everybody else has, explains Capt. Russ Keeney.

"We think it's vitally important that children are able to start the school year with the supplies their teachers say they're going to need," Keeney explained. "And sadly, there are a lot of families in Big Spring that simply don't have the money it takes to buy those supplies."

Keeney says that's why the Salvation Army is seeking donations of school supplies that can be distributed

TO HELP

Donations of school supplies should be brought to the Salvation Army main office at 811 W. Fifth St.

to needy Big Spring families.

For more than 10 years now, the Salvation Army has been making a difference in the lives of Big Spring children, whose families are unable to provide them with the supplies they need at the start of the school year.

A year ago, the Salvation Army provided supplies for

232 students.

But the need is much greater this year and applications for assistance are still coming in.

"So far we've had more than 300 children registered," Keeney said, noting that donations of school supplies are still needed. "One of the agencies that did this (provided supplies) isn't doing it this year and it looks like we're needed to step in and fill that gap."

Keeney noted that social services worker Nancy Vasques has a lengthy list of needs that includes just about everything from crayons to markers; map

colors; ink pens, red, blue and black; No. 2 pencils; watercolors; school boxes; highlighters; pocket folders; glue, the liquid and the sticks; plastic protractors; notebook paper, construction paper and even those husky pencils for the younger children.

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

The Salvation Army had

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AUGUST 6, 2002

BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Obituaries

Vicky Rentfrow



Memorial service for Vicky Rentfrow, 51, of Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2002, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home Chapel.

Mrs. Rentfrow died Friday, Aug. 2, at a local hospital following a long illness.

She was born March 19, 1951, in Big Spring and married Jesse Rentfrow on April 5, 1972, in Big Spring. She had lived most of her life in Big Spring and was a member of the Spring Tabernacle Church. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Jesse Rentfrow of Big Spring; two brothers, Robert Fauver of Andrews and Thomas Fauver of Germany; and one sister, Connie Fauver-Davis of Lubbock.

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

Jack Henderson



Jack Henderson was called home by his Lord on Aug. 5, 2002, after a battle with lung cancer. He was met in Heaven by his father, William Alfred and his brothers, Leroy and Teddy, and his sister, Delores Jo.

Service will be 10 a.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Chaplain Walter McCall, Odyssey Hospice, officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. Mr. Henderson was born in Hamblin, Okla. on Sept. 7, 1924. "Old Man Jack," as he was known, worked in the oilfield throughout his life. George Brothers Construction was his last place of employment. Jack was a quiet, but kind man who loved his family. He will be missed by those who loved him.

Survivors include his loving mother, Orena Henderson of Big Spring; his sisters, Billie Gilbert and her husband, Bob of Big Spring; Betty McElrath of San Angelo; Imogene Smith of Big Spring; several nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews; and Robert D. Gilbert, for whom he had a special place in his heart and revered as a son.

His favorite hobby and passtime was fishing.

Fisherman's Prayer
I pray that I may
live to fish until my dying day.
And when it comes to my last cast,
I then most humbly pray; When
in the Lord's great landing net
and peacefully asleep,
that in His mercy I be judged;
Big enough to keep

The family suggests memorials to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, 3001 N. Big Spring, Suite 103, Midland 79701.

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

James Calvin Shiflet



Graveside service for James Calvin Shiflet, 75, of Houston, will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2002, at Evergreen Cemetery. Mr. Shiflet died Saturday, August 3, in a Webster hospital.

He was born on April 15, 1927, in Stamford and married Ruby Beatrice Steward on June 4, 1974, in Mexico. She preceded him in death on June 15, 1995. James served his country during World War II in the United States Navy and retired from Hughes Tool Company in 1986 after 35 years of service. He was a member of Church of Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Survivors include three sons, Billy J. Shiflet of Manvel, Calvin Lee Shiflet of Henderson, Nev. and Dennis Stevens of Clouderoft, N.M.; four daughters, Mary Strickland of Stanton, Doris Bergerson of Greenwood, Gay Seiber of Orange and Staci Michelle Mikita of Costa Mesa, Calif.; two sisters, Dorothy Rocha of Tyler and Mary Gerhart of Shreveport, La.; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home.

Robert A. Miranda



Robert A. Miranda, 58, of Big Spring, passed away on Sunday, Aug. 4, 2002, at the Big Spring VA Medical Center after a heroic fight with pancreatic cancer.

Rosary service will be held Friday, Aug. 9, at 7 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 10, at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with Father Felix, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park following Mass.

He was born to Mateo and Isabel Miranda on April 29, 1944, in Central, N.M. He was a resident of Central until he joined the National Guard in 1962 and enlisted in the Air Force in 1963. He moved to Big Spring in July of 1963 where he was stationed at Webb Air Force Base. He met Lupe Sapata on Oct. 5, 1963, and married her on January 15, 1964. They made their home in Big Spring. He was a parishioner of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. He worked for Arco Oil and Gas until 1997 and began to work for the VA Medical Center as a food service worker until his illness. He was president of the Parents Club for two terms with the Immaculate Heart Catholic School. He was a member and secretary of the OCAW Local 4586 Union. He volunteered for 16 years for St. Vincent De Paul.

He was preceded in death by his father, Mateo and his brother, Toby Miranda.

He is survived by his mom, Isabel Miranda; wife, Lupe, sons, Michael of Dallas and Kurt of Washington State; daughters and sons-in-law, Yvette and Troy Grimes of Roanoke and Monika and Paul Kennemur of Big Spring; six grandchildren, Miranda, Brian, and Eric Grimes and Quinton, Toby and Kendrick Kennemur. As well as his brothers, Jerry, Abie, Joe and Richard Miranda; sisters, Ramona Miranda, Elsie Beltran, Molly Ramirez, all of New Mexico and Lydia Reed of Fredericksburg.

Pallbearers will be Celestino Cisneros, Vince Clements, Danny Kennemur, Billy Grimes, Jerry Bates, Douglas Hattenbach, Jesse Brito and Kenny Alfano.

Honorary pallbearers are Food Service workers of the VA Medical Center, Alex Sechelski, Henry Mexia and Robert Smith.

Donations may be made to St. Vincent De Paul of St.

Mary's Catholic Church, 1009 Hearn, Big Spring 79720.
Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. www.npwelch.com
Paid obituary

Take Note

A benefit fund has been set up for Chris (Rocky) Tubb at Wells Fargo Bank to help defray the medical bills and assist his wife and child until his long term disability is in effect. He had no short term disability insurance. He was injured in an accident and is in critical condition in ICU in Austin. He is the son of Cindy and David Tubb of Big Spring and graduated from Big Spring High School in 1991.

To make a donation call the bank at 268-6212 or 267-5513.

Police blotter

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

- JAMES MONTY POPE**, 43, of 538 Westover Road was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- CLIFTON DOVER GRIFFIN**, 57, of 538 Westover Road was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- JOHNNY RAY DUPRE**, 33, of 302 Settles was arrested on two local warrants.
- LOUD PARTY/NOISE** was reported in the 1500 block of East 11th Place, the 2500 block of Gunter Circle and the 500 block of Westover Road.
- MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 2600 block of Larry Drive, the 2900 block of West Highway 80, the 2100 block of East FM 700 and the 1600 block of West 16th Street.
- DISTURBANCE OR FIGHT** was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Drive.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 4100 block of Bilger Street, the 300 block of Settles and the 2700 block of Ann.
- NEIGHBOR DISPUTE** was reported in the 900 block of Northwest Second Street.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported:
 - In person at the Police Station. Someone reportedly forced the rear window of the vehicle and stole recordings worth \$638.
 - In the 4000 block of Vicky. Someone reportedly entered the vehicle through a side door and stole \$156 in cash and credit and debit cards.
 - In the 4100 block of Parkway. Someone reportedly forced a side door of the vehicle and stole recordings worth \$810.
- GRAFFITI** was reported in the 1500 block of South Johnson. Damage estimated at \$35 was reported done to the home.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported:
 - In the 400 block of East FM 700. A commercial or office building reportedly sustained \$150 damage in the incident.
 - In the 1700 block of Wasson Road. About \$350 damage was reported at the location.
- UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE** was reported in the 100 block of East 18th Street. A red 2001 Pontiac 600 was reported stolen and recovered.

EMS

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

MONDAY

9:59 a.m. — 200 block of Merrick Rd., medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

11:45 a.m. — 2500 block of Hunter, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

12:54 p.m. — 3200 block of Parkway, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

1:46 p.m. — 2900 block of W. Hwy 80, trauma call, one patient transported to SMMC.

3:01 p.m. — 1700 block of Young, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

4:11 p.m. — 2300 block of Davis Rd., medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

8:09 p.m. — 700 block of W. 15th, trauma call, no patient found.

8:56 p.m. — 2000 block of S. Gregg, trauma call, one patient transported to SMMC.

Texas lottery

Monday's Texas Lottery game results:

- Cash Five numbers drawn Monday: 6-7-10-35-37
- Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night: 2-5-9
- Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday afternoon: 6-4-2

Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact Herald Features Editor Andreia Medlin at 263-7331, ext. 238 or email johnmoseley@bigspringherald.com.

- TODAY**
- Coahoma Senior Citizens luncheon at 11 a.m. at the Coahoma Community Center.
 - Alzheimer's Association Greater West Texas Chapter meets at 2 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main in the conference room.
 - VFW Post 2013 meets at VFW Hall at 7 p.m. 500 Driver Rd.
 - Sheriff's Posse meets at 7 p.m. at the clubhouse on Andrews Hwy.
 - Gospel singing at the Kentwood Activity Center at 7 p.m. Guest singers are from Colorado City and Midland.
 - American Red Cross meets at Canterbury South, 1600 Lancaster at 7 p.m.
 - Big Spring Chapter 67, Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge, 219 Main.
- WEDNESDAY**
- Senior Circle Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics meets at the Scenic Mountain Medical Center Yellow Rose Cafe at 10 a.m.
 - Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
 - Duplicate Bridge Club meets every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 1 p.m. at the Big Spring Country Club.
 - Line dancing class is at 1 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center located in the Industrial Park. Call 398-5522 or 267-1628 for more information.
 - Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge located at 703 W. Third.
- THURSDAY**
- Gideons International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at Herman's Restaurant at 7 a.m.
 - Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. at Gale's Sweet Shoppe located at 1706 East FM 700.
 - Kiwanis Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
 - Christmas in April meets at noon at Bob's Custom Woodwork located at 409 E. Third.
 - Big Spring Main Street meets at noon at Railroad Museum located at Second and Third.
 - American Legion Auxiliary 506 meets at 6 p.m. Call 263-2084 for more information.
 - Masonic Lodge 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.
 - Masonic Lodge 598 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 219 Main.
- FRIDAY**
- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 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 9 a.m. to noon at Bob's Custom Woodwork located at 409 E. Third, c/o Big Spring Lion's Club.
 - Texas A&M Scholarship Auction will be 5 p.m. Saturday at the Dora Roberts Community Center.
 - The Heritage Museum at 510 Scurry is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 - The Potton House located at 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 to 5 p.m. A one-time admission fee of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens is encouraged.
 - There will be a dance at 8:30 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge located at 703 W. Third. Members and guests are welcome.

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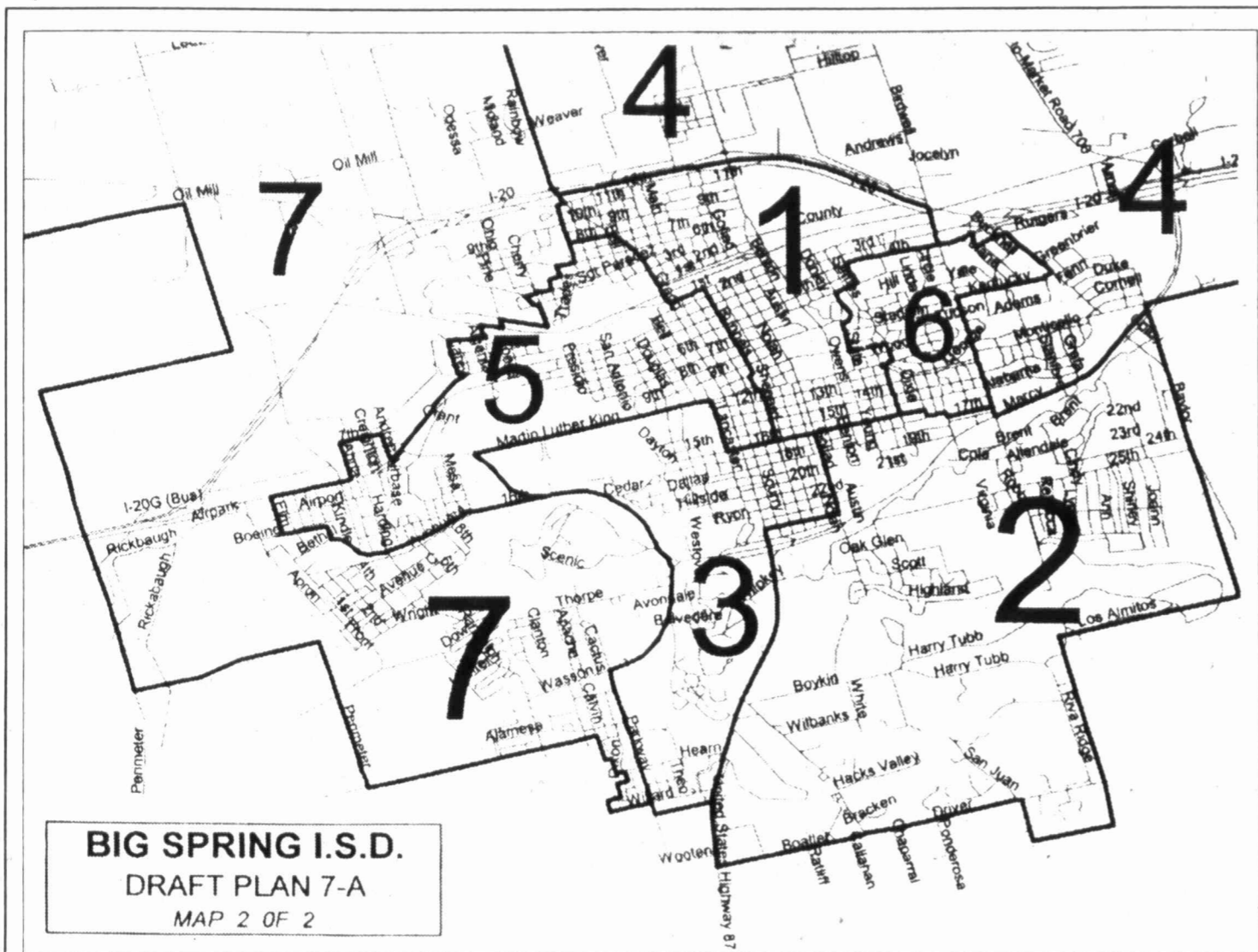
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Big Spring Independent School District trustees will hold the first of two public forums concerning the possibility of converting to a seven single-member representation scheme at 6:30 p.m. today at Bauer Elementary School, 108 Ninth St. The second meeting has not been scheduled. Pictured above is a draft of the proposed plan. Each district could have approximately 3,283 voters and two would be minority-majority districts. Currently, the district has one minority-majority district. Also under the current system, four board members are elected from set districts and three others are chosen at-large.

Assault

Man beaten with bat is in serious condition

By **ROGER CLINE**
Staff Writer

A fight Sunday morning in which baseball bats were used as weapons left one Big Spring youth in a Lubbock hospital with serious injuries.

Sgt. Roger Sweatt of the Big Spring Police Department said Armando Franco, 17, of Big Spring was life-flighted to University Medical Center in Lubbock Monday.

"I talked to the hospital yesterday," Sweatt said. "He was in serious condition."

Sweatt said the fight erupted on Sycamore Street

about 1:30 a.m. Sunday.

"We got a call on Sycamore at the far east end of Sycamore at Wood in reference to a fight involving anywhere from two to 10 people depending on the caller," he said. "It appears there were only two fighting, possibly both armed with baseball bats. The rest were standing around cheering and stuff."

No one was present when officers arrived on the scene, Sweatt said, but Franco checked in to Scenic Mountain Medical Center a short time later.

"About 30 minutes later

this guy showed up at the ER that had been whipped on with the bat and hit over the head," he added. "He had blurred vision and just classic signs of a concussion. They ended up flying him out because it appeared he might have a bleed in the head."

Sweatt said the police have suspects in mind, but no arrests have been made.

"We haven't really been able to talk to (Franco) because of his injuries," Sweatt said. "We're waiting to talk to him and make sure he wants to file charges and who it is and

everything. We've got suspects, but until we talk to him we're kind of at a standstill until we figure out what he wants to do."

Sweatt said the state could file charges on Franco's behalf.

"If something happens and he takes a turn for the worse, then the state would take care of him, but as of right now, he would be the one making the complaint," he said.

Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at newsdesk@crcom.net

VA to hold town hall meeting Wednesday

HERALD Staff Report

Veterans throughout West Texas are invited to a town hall meeting Wednesday at the VA Medical Center in Big Spring.

The center is located at the intersection of Gregg Street and U.S. Highway 87.

Set for 1:30 p.m., the meeting is for all interested veterans' groups, as well as the friends and families of vet-

erans. It will be held in the center's conference room 212.

The forum is being hosted by Cary D. Brown, West Texas VA Health Care System medical center director, and Carl Lowe, regional office director for the Waco regional office for VBA.

Previous town hall meetings, VA officials noted, have proven successful and

informative for veterans who have had questions or concerns regarding Department of Veterans Affairs policies and procedures, benefits and medical services. Following short presentations by both administrators, there will be a question and answer session.

Questions that are beneficial to the group will be discussed in open forum.

Issues of a more personal nature will be discussed by the appropriate administrator in a one-on-one session following the meeting.

Veterans who have questions regarding pending claims are encouraged to contact Iva Jo Hanslik, public affairs officer at 264-4824 or 1-800-472-1365, ext. 4824. Other questions relating to the meeting may be directed to her as well.

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at newsdesk@crcom.net

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officers to take the adult and two juveniles into custody for investigation of homicide.

Sweatt said no clear motive for the crime has been determined at this time.

"We're still trying to sort out all the different stories we're getting from everybody as far as what caused what and everything," he said. "Instead of (saying), 'Well, we've got three choices,' or something like that, I'd rather wait until we've got something firm up. As soon as we get something we're going to release it."

Anyone with information concerning the crime should call the Big Spring

Police Department at 264-2550.

Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at newsdesk@crcom.net

CORPS

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originally planned to accept

applications from families needing supplies for children to just the week of July 24-31. However, that registration period was extended and Keeney said applications will be accepted through Wednesday.

Parents applying for school supplies should bring proof of income, a copy of expenses, Social Security cards for household members, picture iden-

tification for everyone 18 and older in the home and information about the grade and school of the students.

The supplies be distributed on from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday at main office.

John A. Moseley can be reached by calling 263-7331, ext. 230. He can be contacted by e-mail at johnmoseley@bigspringherald.com

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Orientation for new students underway at Howard College

HERALD Staff Report

Food, fun and a close up look at the campus — that's the scene as students and parents began participating in Hawk Express today.

Hawk Express is Howard College's annual orientation for new students.

During the orientation, students can also register for the fall semester, which begins Aug. 26.

The daytime orientations, held today and Wednesday, run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. An evening session for non-traditional students, Hawk After Hours, is set for 5:30-8 p.m. on Wednesday. Hawk After Hours will include special entertainment for children of Howard College students. Like the other sessions, "After Hours" will also include a cookout.

There is also an afternoon orientation scheduled from 3-5 p.m. on Thursday.

All four orientations include a question and answer session as well as campus tours.

"We want our new students to know all the services available at Howard College, as well as have an



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idea of what campus life is like," said Javier Flores, dean of students.

To better accommodate the growing number of Hispanic students, the college will be offering parent orientation sessions in Spanish, too.

Regular registration for the fall semester will be held Aug. 19-21. A special orientation for residence hall students, Hawk Days, is set for Aug. 22-23. The program will feature information and short programs aimed at familiarizing students with living on campus.

To attend an orientation session, contact the dean of students office at 264-5028. For any other registration information, contact the student assistance center at 264-5083.

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EDITORIAL

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEWS

Salvation Army is in need of school supplies

With one more day left to register for assistance, the Salvation Army is still seeking donations of school supplies that can be distributed to needy families in Big Spring, so that all youngsters in our community will have what they need to succeed when school starts.

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

And this year there are more people needing help than ever before. As of this morning, Capt. Russ Keeney said more than 300 children have been registered to receive assistance through the program and he expects more to sign up. A year ago 232 students received supplies.

Families can still register through Wednesday, and supplies will be distributed on Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

And Keeney says there is still a need for donations of money or school supplies.

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

Donations should be brought to the Salvation Army main office at 811 W. Fifth St. And monetary donations can either be delivered or mailed to the office.

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

If you have or know of a child that needs school supplies but can't afford to purchase them, be sure to get them registered tomorrow.

And if you can make a donation to this worthwhile effort, please do so.

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

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, we look forward to the great blessings from you that are yet to be. Thank you for all your help. Amen

Nothing seems to be a good weapon

It seems to me that the terrorists with whom America is "at war" are doing exactly the right thing — nothing.

In the meantime, the U.S. government seems to be digging itself into a deeper and deeper hole. There are raucous debates over anti-terrorism measures; any concern for budget discipline has gone out the window; government power is being expanded on a willy-nilly basis; civil liberties are being put in jeopardy; the American economy, particularly the aviation industry, is being strained; and pressing problems such as the environment, economic infrastructure and a sensible trade policy are all shoved to the back burner.

And what has all this cost the terrorists? Nothing. Not a single bullet, not a stick of dynamite. Nearly a year

ago, some men hijacked four airplanes and crashed them, dying with their victims. Since then, nothing has happened. While we have gone to war in Afghanistan, made a mess of foreign policy, greatly alarmed our traditional allies and, frankly, conducted ourselves in general as a nascent fascist state, the terrorists have done nothing.

Even conservative Christians have become alarmed by Attorney General John Ashcroft, whose nomination they lobbied for heavily. But Ashcroft, with visions of evil Muslims floating in his head and a terrorist under every bed, seems to have gone over the side of the good ship Common Sense.

For a while, it seemed as if President Bush was ready to declare war on the entire rest of the world, and even now he wants to convert the military into a domestic police force, as well as set up civilian vigilante and block spy committees.

Does anyone else think we might have overreacted? I do. I think our overreac-

tion has caused more damage to the American economy and to America's position in the world than the four airplanes. I know it was traumatic for civilians to watch 3,500 people die in living television color — over and over and over, thanks to videotape. But we have in recent years ourselves killed a hell of a lot more than 3,500 people — and, for that matter, lost a heck of a lot more people in Vietnam, for example. The difference is that killing and dying overseas, usually off camera, doesn't have the impact that it does on our own soil with round-the-clock TV coverage.

We've caused the deaths of 500,000 Iraqi children. I'm sure if such an event happened here, with our hysterical TV coverage, the whole country would suffer a national nervous breakdown. Because of our tendency to media hysteria, we are probably a great deal more vulnerable than smaller but spiritually tougher countries.

We are certainly sending a message to every terrorist in the world: If you want to

get the biggest bang for your buck, do it in the United States.

I say it is time for us to suck it up and get on with our lives in a manly fashion. I would hate to think that our constitutional republic is to be dismantled because a few minimum-wage employees didn't do their jobs at two airport-security counters.

Add up the actual cost of the damage done by the terrorists, and then add up the cost of our overreaction, and I think you'll see clearly why Osama bin Laden was in such a happy frame of mind on that videotape.

We are at war, all right, but it is with ourselves and with the phantoms we create in our own minds. A cynic once told me that people run for city council in small towns just so they can ride in a police car. I'm beginning to think that some people run for president just so they can wear a military jacket and act like a general.

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CHARLEY REESE



More Gore in '04? It's not very likely

The 2004 Democratic presidential nomination may be worth something after all. That's the message

after a parade of potential candidates draws from the way President Bush has managed the economy during his short time in office. Al Gore warned voters that Bush's 10-year tax cut was "a risky scheme," and the former veep is yearning for another crack at the presidency. However amusing it might be to see how Gore would handle a return engagement, his looming presence over the field doesn't help Democrats.

Even some of his close aides don't want him to run. He's had his moment and lost, even if it wasn't fair and square.

Yet, he's the frontrunner. How can you tell? His former running mate lashed into him in a very public way at a Democratic gathering in New York. Senator Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., blamed Gore's "People versus the Powerful" theme in 2000 for igniting class-war tensions and costing the Democrats support in suburban areas. Lieberman has said he will not run in 2004 if Gore does. Gore has promised a decision by the end of the year, and until he formally withdraws, he has an edge in name recognition alone that none of the other contenders can match. Plus he can legitimately argue that he won in 2004, having received more popular votes than Bush.

Gore's public notices have been almost uniformly negative. News stories point out that he's gained weight, he's still shrill, and he has yet to take responsibility for his lackluster performance in the debates. Democrats on Capitol Hill pretend they're not available when he's on the phone. The party's donors

are reluctant to back him. Still, there's an institutional inertia that works in his favor. He's been there, done that, and with big labor and the black community backing him, he could be tough to depose.

And if not Gore, who? Who is positioned to carry the banner against corporate greed? Everybody's a New Democrat now; the conservative wing of the party worked hard to shake the Democrats' anti-business image. There isn't a genuine populist in the bunch. Massachusetts Senator John Kerry, despite his moves to the center, still strikes most voters as a card-carrying member of the liberal elite. North Carolina Senator John Edwards, an early favorite, made his money as a trial attorney battling big corporations, a promising story line.

But political insiders are still talking about Edwards' disastrous appearance earlier this year on "Meet the Press" where he dodged and weaved so much that he came across as totally

without conviction. Democratic leaders in the Senate and the House, Tom Daschle and Dick Gephardt, haven't yet mustered the courage to stall Bush's tax cut, which mostly benefits the rich and will drain the Treasury once it's fully enacted. They're afraid that opposing a tax cut could cost Democrats seats in November.

Another deadline curbing the willingness of Democrats to stand up to corporations is campaign finance reform, which takes effect immediately after the November election.

The large, unregulated donations called soft money will be illegal then, so politicians are collecting as much of it as they can before the November cutoff. Railing against corporations you want to raise money from is not a good strategy. Democrats will be more outspoken after November.

Prediction: Mr. Gore will not be the Democratic presidential nominee in 2004.

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Surge

LOS ANGELES — A woman and her 1-year-old twins joined at the hip in a procedure that hours to complete early Tuesday.

Dr. Houman assisted in the separation appeal.

"Everyone had the end of Hemmati told show. "People were clapping and crying."

"It was more"

Judge

PHILADELPHIA — A woman and her boyfriend want her from having will be allowed pregnancy now it has ruled in her case that has out-tion rights activ-

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KANSAS CITY — Internal documents two drug company pharmacist was cancer drugs a three years be arrest, according motion filed by attorneys.

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The former Kansas pharmacist was last year and pleaded in February to criminal charges including with, adulter misbranding chemotherapy medications. He admitted diluting dating back to last

He faces hundreds suits claiming death and injury.

According to the two companies possible fraud in detailed tracking

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Silt-filled Monitor

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It also is the most tant among the artifacts. As the



Surgery to separate 1-year-old Guatemalan twins completed

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Surgeons separated 1-year-old Guatemalan twins joined at the head, a risky procedure that took about 20 hours to complete, a doctor said early Tuesday.

Dr. Houman Hemmati, who assisted in the surgery, said the separation appeared to be successful. "Everyone had goosebumps at the end of the procedure," Hemmati told NBC's "Today" show. "People were cheering, people were clapping, people were crying."

was overjoyed and we can't wait until we see these kids playing, laughing, crying like normal baby children," he said.

Dan Page, a hospital spokesman, said the girls had been separated but had no details, saying doctors were still in surgery.

Hemmati said one girl lost a lot of blood during the operation but was given transfusions and "everything looks great."

"There was absolutely no major trouble that was unforeseen in this procedure," he said.

The surgery on Maria Teresa and Maria de Jesus Quiej Alvarez began Monday afternoon, about six hours after they were wheeled into the operating room at Mattel Children's Hospital at the University of California at Los Angeles.

The girls, born in rural Guatemala, were attached at the top of the skull and face opposite directions. Cases like theirs occur in fewer than one in 1 million live births.

"Our goal is to get two twins walking out of here — maybe not walking, but crawling," Dr. Henry Kawamoto Jr., a plastic and recon-

structive surgeon at UCLA, said earlier.

The riskiest part of the surgery was expected to be separating the veins that connect the girl's heads.

"Once those areas are exposed, there has to be a disconnection of these two systems. The major issue is how are these two brains going to tolerate that," UCLA neurosurgeon Dr. Itzhak Fried said.

If doctors could not reroute the flow of blood to the brain of each twin, either could be at risk of stroke, Fried added. While the two share bone and blood vessels, their brains are not meshed.

Physicians have performed cranial separations only five times in the past decade. Not all twins have survived.

Healing the Children, a nonprofit group, arranged to bring the sisters from Guatemala to Los Angeles for the \$1.5 million operation.

The girls' parents, Wenceslao Quiej Lopez and Alba Leticia Alvarez, gave them kisses before the operation began, said UCLA spokeswoman Roxanne Mosier.

"The girls were smiling a lot and were very playful," she said.

Judge: woman can have abortion despite her ex-boyfriend's wishes

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A woman whose ex-boyfriend wanted to stop her from having an abortion will be allowed to end her pregnancy now that a judge has ruled in her favor in a case that has outraged abortion rights activists.

Common Pleas Judge Michael Conahan on Monday dissolved the temporary injunction issued against 23-year-old Tanya Meyers by another judge a week ago. He also dismissed a lawsuit filed by the ex-boyfriend, John Stachokus, who said he would take full or partial custody of the child.

A woman's right to have

an abortion "is not subject to being vetoed by a woman's husband or partner," said Conahan, who is based in eastern Pennsylvania's Luzerne County. "Neither an ex-boyfriend nor a fetus has standing to interfere with a woman's choice to terminate her pregnancy."

One of Meyers' lawyers, Susan Fritchey of the Women's Law Project, welcomed the decision.

"Her right to privacy has been restored and she is free to go on with her life," Fritchey said. "It's a great relief for her."

Stachokus, 27, said in his

lawsuit that Meyers was being pressured by her mother to have the abortion. She is about 10 weeks pregnant.

The case gained the support of abortion opponents and fathers' rights groups.

"I see it as a very sad case," said Dianna Thompson, executive director of the American Coalition for Fathers and Children. "The woman has the right to choose, which means the child has no right to live and the father has no right to raise this child."

Elizabeth Cavendish, legal director for the National

Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League, said the group was pleased with the ruling but disappointed the case went as far as it did.

"We hope this won't encourage anti-choice advo-

ates to misuse the litigation process to stand in the way of the execution of a woman's constitutional rights," she said.

Stachokus' attorney did not return a call for comment.

Meyers had filed for a protection from abuse order from Stachokus, an emergency dispatcher she met 10 months ago. She said he had threatened and harassed her since their breakup on July 22.

Lawyers: Papers show companies knew about diluted drugs for years

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Internal documents show two drug companies knew a pharmacist was diluting cancer drugs as long as three years before his arrest, according to a motion filed by patients' attorneys.

The motion, filed Monday, said neither Eli Lilly and Co. nor Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. contacted the government about their discovery about Robert Courtney, leading to untimely deaths for "countless cancer patients."

The former Kansas City pharmacist was arrested last year and pleaded guilty in February to 20 federal criminal charges of tampering with, adulterating and misbranding chemotherapy medications. He has since admitted diluting 72 drugs, dating back to at least 1992.

He faces hundreds of lawsuits claiming wrongful death and injury.

According to the motion, the two companies detected possible fraud in 1998 using detailed tracking systems

that determine where their drugs are being sold, in part to uncover counterfeiting schemes like Courtney's.

Judy Kay Moore, a spokeswoman for Eli Lilly, dismissed the new allegations. "These plaintiffs' attorneys have cut and pasted, embellished and mischaracterized the documents and sworn testimony," she said.

Bristol-Myers did not return phone calls from The Associated Press.

The motion followed the Jackson County Circuit Court decision last week to reject a request by Bristol-Myers to keep specific facts in the case under seal.

It said that an Eli Lilly sales representative noticed in 1998 a large difference between how much of the cancer drug Gemzar that Courtney was buying and how much oncologists said they were buying from him.

Eli Lilly found that Courtney's pharmacy was dispensing more than twice as much Gemzar to patients of a single Kansas City prac-

tice as Eli Lilly was selling to all retail pharmacists in Kansas in 1998, the motion said.

The motion said the employee leading the investigation sidelined it and nothing else was done.

Bristol-Myer — which sold Taxol, Paraplatin and Platinol to Courtney — also revealed Courtney's scheme in 1998 through its internal drug tracking system, the motion said.

In January 2001, Bristol-Myers contacted a doctor's office about discrepancies in Courtney's drug orders. According to company documents, a sales representative passed on concerns to company management, which took no action, the motion said.

Federal authorities have suggested Courtney's scheme may have affected as many as 400 doctors, 4,200 patients and 98,000 prescriptions. He has not been sentenced, but his plea agreement calls for him to serve 17 1/2 to 30 years in prison.

'She's beautiful'

Silt-filled turret of Civil War warship USS Monitor raised from Atlantic amid cheers

OFF CAPE HATTERAS, N.C. (AP) — It's rusty, covered with coral and pocked with dents. But to the divers and scientists who pulled it from the ocean floor, it's irresistible.

"She's beautiful," Navy dive chief Cmdr. Bobbie Scholley said Monday after the gun turret from the Civil War warship USS Monitor broke through the waves for the first time since it sank during a storm nearly 140 years ago.

As crews cheered, the 120-ton turret was pulled out of the depths by a huge crane on a 300-foot barge. A Civil War-era American flag fluttered from the salvage apparatus and silt-colored water poured out of the turret before the wreckage was swung aboard the barge.

"For a bunch of pretty tough, hoo-yah deep-sea sailors, there was an awful lot of hugging going on on the barge," Scholley said.

The turret is the biggest piece recovered during a multiyear salvage operation run by the Navy and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, which controls the underwater sanctuary 16 miles off Cape Hatteras.

It also is the most important among the Monitor artifacts. As the world's

first revolving gun turret, it changed naval warfare and architecture, expedition officials said.

With conventional banks of guns, an entire ship had to be turned to maintain the best line of fire. With a revolving turret, the guns could be moved independently from the ship.

The flexibility of the revolving turret was demonstrated in the Monitor's only battle, in March 1862, near Newport News, Va.

The Monitor, a Union ship, fought to a draw with the much larger Confederate ship CSS Virginia, an ironclad formerly named the Merrimack. The battle signaled the end of the era of wooden warships.

Strong undersea currents and shifting winds delayed attempts to lift the turret on Sunday. The Navy had said it needed to raise the turret by Tuesday to avoid a developing storm.

The turret will be taken to a museum in Newport News, Va., to be preserved and displayed along with hundreds of other Monitor artifacts.

Before the turret was lifted, a heavy cable-lifting harness was lowered to the wreckage and connected to eight points on a custom-made steel claw attached to

the turret. The turret was lifted slightly and positioned on a platform designed to support the 20-foot diameter turret as it was lifted.

Divers previously removed much of a human skeleton found inside the turret. It is believed to be that of one of the 16 Monitor sailors who died when the ship sank in a storm on Dec. 31, 1862, and landed upside down. The lower part of the skeleton is pinned beneath one of the cannons.

The remains will be analyzed, then buried with military honors.

This year's expedition cost \$6.5 million. Last year, the Navy and NOAA spent \$4.3 million to raise the ship's steam engine. In the past, pieces of the hull have been recovered.

NOAA, the Navy and the Mariners' Museum have been working together this summer on the project to raise the turret, the last big job in a five-year effort to save the ship's important features.

The entire vessel is too fragile to be raised.

NOAA historian Jeff Johnston said the cost of this year's expedition was worth it.

"Where else are you going to buy one for six-and-a-half million dollars?" he said.

2002 Property Tax Rates in City of Big Spring

This notice concerns 2002 property tax rates for City of Big Spring. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes	\$2,356,474
Last year's debt taxes	\$322,887
Last year's total taxes	\$2,679,361
Last year's tax base	\$408,252,476
Last year's total tax rate	0.6563/\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$2,670,073
This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$409,782,152
This year's effective tax rate	0.65158/\$100
x 1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing	0.67112/\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$3,265,167
This year's adjusted tax base	\$409,782,152
This year's effective operating rate	0.79681/\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.86055/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	0.07448/\$100
This year's rollback rate	0.93503/\$100

A hospital district or city that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, including one that collects the tax for the first time this year, must insert the following lines:

Sales tax adjustment rate	\$0.22292/\$100
Rollback tax rate	\$0.71211/\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If City of Big Spring adopts a 2002 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of 0.65158 per \$100 of value, taxes would INCREASE compared to 2001 taxes by \$526.

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Interest & Sinking Fund	0
Maintenance & Operation Fund	\$2,123,775

Schedule B - 2002 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payments
General Obligations Bonds Series 2002	\$240,000	\$50,045	\$1,000	\$291,045
Total required for 2002 debt service			\$291,045	
Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A			\$0	
Amount (if any) paid from other resources			\$0	
Excess collections last year			\$0	
Total to be paid from taxes in 2002			\$291,045	
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 97.00% of its taxes in 2002			\$15,318	
Total Debt Levy			\$306,363	

Schedule C - Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax

(For hospital districts, cities and counties with additional sales tax to reduce property taxes.)

In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive \$916,814 in additional sales and use tax revenues. For County: The county has excluded any amount that is or will be distributed for economic development grants from this amount of expected sales tax revenue.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 315 Main (County Annex Bldg.), Big Spring, Texas.
Name of person preparing this notice Kathy A. Sayles
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AUGUST 6 2002

IN BRIEF

Basketball boosters to welcome coach

The Big Spring Boys Basketball Booster Club has scheduled a meeting for 6:30 p.m. on Aug. 6 in the high school gymnasium. The purpose for the meeting is to introduce parents, players and Big Spring fans to new head coach, Jim Kinnear.

The club will also elect new officers for the 2002-2003 season. All parents and friends of the BSHS boys program are invited to attend.

Refreshments will be provided.

Herald searching for fall sports help

The Big Spring Herald is searching for reliable stringers and photographers for the fall athletic seasons.

Stringers and photographers are needed in the communities of Forsan, Stanton, Ackerley and Big Spring to cover local athletic events during the school year.

For more information about serving as a stringer or photographer contact Big Spring Herald Managing Editor John Moseley at (915) 263-7331.

Class E tournament slated for Snyder

The men's Class "E" state softball tournament is scheduled for Aug. 9-11 in Snyder.

Entry fee for teams is \$175 per squad. The deadline to enter is Thursday, Aug. 8.

All games will be played at Snyder's Winston Field.

For more information contact Chris Maxfield at (915) 573-6862 or (915) 573-4332.

Birds 1st Tournament searching for teams

Birds 1st Tournament is now taking registration from teams interested in playing in the upcoming softball tournament.

First and second place individuals will receive t-shirts.

Registration for the tournament is set at \$115 per team.

For more information contact Amador Rios at (915) 264-6632 or (915) 263-1391.

New Breed touney slated for Aug. 23

The New Breed Softball Tournament will be held Aug. 23-25 at the Cotton Mize Softball Field. The tournament is a tune-up for the 2002 LULAC event set for later this year.

Entry fee for the New Breed touney is \$115.

For more information contact Amador Rios at (915) 264-6632 or (915) 263-1391.

BS Quarterback Club sets pair of events

The Big Spring Quarterback Club has announced that it will hold a golf tournament on Aug. 10 at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

The event is scheduled to be a 4-man scramble.

In addition to the golf tournament, the BS Quarterback Club will be holding a community pep rally at 8 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 26, at the Comanche Trail Amphitheater. The pep rally will recognize all Big Spring fall sports athletes.

For more information about the Quarterback Club or its upcoming events contact Jim Clements at 267-1069 or Randy Phillips at 263-5314.

Injury to Evans gives somber feel to opener

CANTON, Ohio (AP) — After Leomont Evans went down, the Houston Texans didn't care about the score or their first preseason game ever against the New York Giants.

For a few tense moments, Evans was all that mattered as he lay motionless on the field after crashing into the Giants' Sean Bennett.

"It was very scary," Texans owner Bob McNair said. "That's the kind of injury you never want to see. To see that he's making progress makes us hopeful."

Evans collided with Bennett head first and went down with 12:24 to go in the second quarter. He was

taken to a hospital where tests revealed a spinal contusion but no fractures. He left the field without feeling in his arms and legs, but he had started to regain feeling after the game.

The Texans gathered for prayers on the sidelines.

"Sometimes they get the feeling back right away and sometimes it never comes back," team physician Dr. Walter Lowe said. "When you see them lying there, you don't know which it might be."

"You always assume the worst and treat it accordingly."

Lowe said Evans would be transferred to Methodist

Hospital in Houston Tuesday.

The Texans started the game in a festive mood. It was their first game in the historic setting of Fawcett Stadium with the Pro Football Hall of Fame close by.

Texans cheerleaders were highly visible and many fans made the trek from Houston to root for their new team.

The Texans fell behind 10-0 in the second quarter when Avion Black bolted 71 yards with a punt for the Texans' best scoring chance of the game. But Evans was hurt on the same play.

"Leomont is such a popu-

lar guy on the team, it takes something out of you," Texans coach Dom Capers said. "It just shows you the risks these guys go through."

Evans' injury took some of the spotlight off rookie quarterback David Carr's first game as a pro.

When play resumed after Evans was taken from the field, Carr directed the Texans to a 22-yard field goal by Kris Brown. Carr completed his first pro touchdown pass with 1:38 left in the second quarter to Billy Miller, a 24-yard shot into the end zone.

Carr didn't play in the second half. He completed 9 of

17 passes for 96 yards. He completed his first three passes of the game and then missed the next five in a row, including his first interception by William Peterson.

"I thought for a first game, he did well," Capers said. "He has presence, vision. We mixed things up a little bit and David called some of his own plays."

Giants coach Jim Fassel was equally impressed.

"He's got great composure. He didn't seem nervous at all," Fassel said. "That guy is going to be a great quarterback."

Cowboys hoping 'D' can make the plays

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Even if the Dallas Cowboys could duplicate their laudable defensive performance of a year ago, they wouldn't want to.

The Cowboys surprisingly finished with the NFL's fourth-ranked defense last season, topping playoff-caliber units such as Miami, Tampa Bay and Philadelphia. But it still wasn't enough to make up for one of the league's most inefficient offenses as Dallas finished 5-11 and out of the postseason for a second straight year.

To compensate for an offense that will likely undergo more growing pains under second-year quarterback Quincy Carter and new coordinator Bruce Coslet, the Cowboys have added a gaggle of playmakers to their defense.

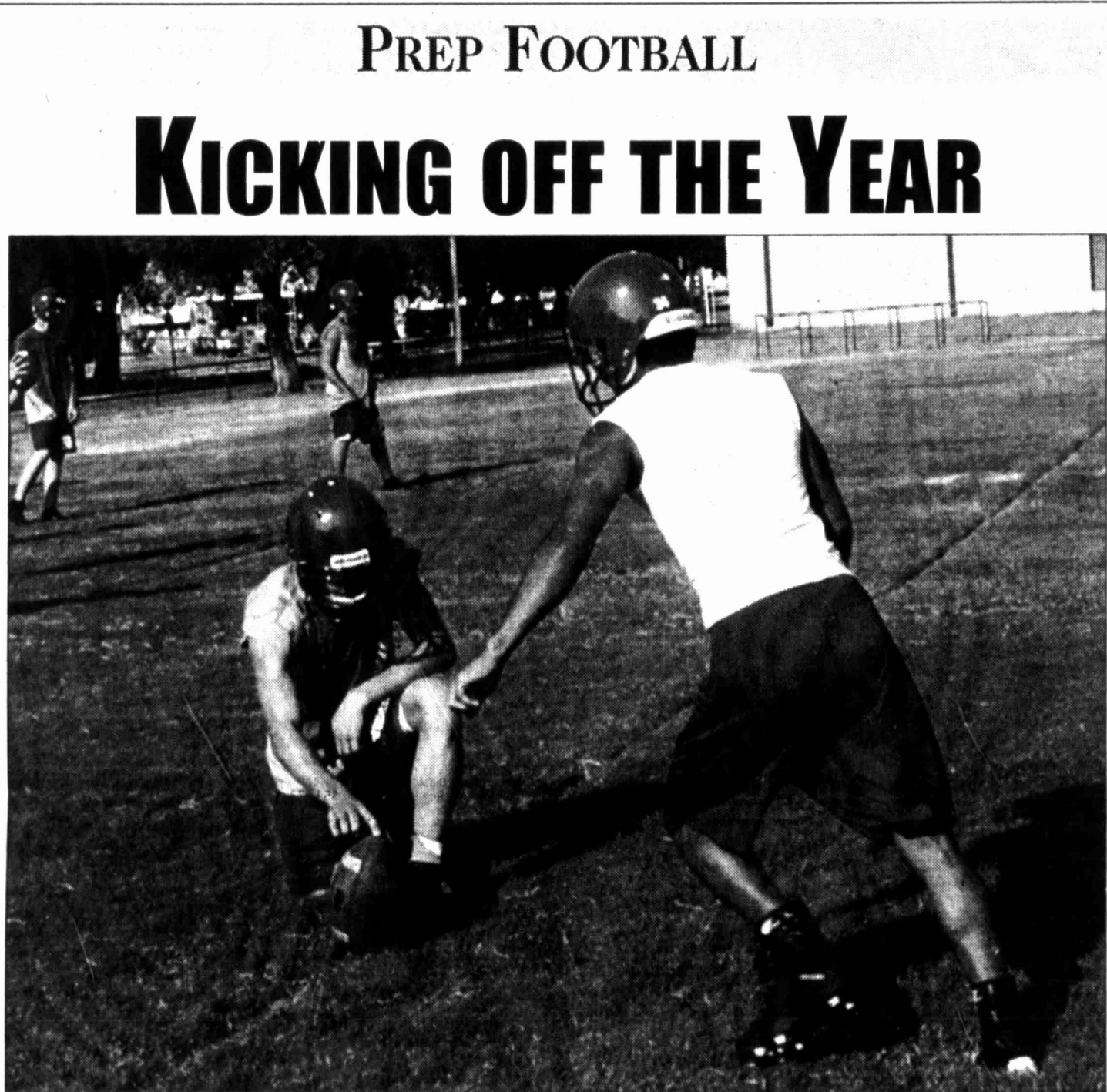
The hope is that the defense will make the game-turning plays the offense can't.

"In order to be successful, we've got to force turnovers because we've got a young quarterback," head coach Dave Campo said. "We had a good defense last year and they kept us in every football game. But we didn't have enough playmakers, and now we do."

The Cowboys have imported first-round draft pick Roy Williams and free agents La'Roi Glover, Kevin Hardy and Bryant Westbrook to a defense that was lacking anyone ranked among the league's leaders in sacks or interceptions.

Dallas tied for 24th place out of 31 teams in the turnover margin category with just 25 takeaways compared to 34 giveaways. Their figures of 24 sacks and nine interceptions both ranked 30th in the NFL.

Last year, defensive coordinator Mike Zimmer constructed a unit that would limit big plays by the offense and force teams to drive the length of the field. That passive approach kept the Cowboys competitive in most games, but put lots of pressure on an offense that struggled to score.



Coahoma's Nick Molina (above) helped kick off the 2002 high school preseason Monday morning with a few attempts at splitting the uprights during the Bulldogs' first day of two-a-day practices. Sam Tindol holds the ball. (Right) Big Spring's Josh Matthews attempts to dance along the sideline after making a catch during the Steers' first practice. All seven area schools began preparations for the upcoming season yesterday. Teams can only practice in t-shirts, shorts and helmets until Friday.



Owners, players making slow progress in MLB labor talks

NEW YORK (AP) — Negotiators for baseball players and owners are making slow progress to narrow their differences, and the union keeps holding off on setting a strike date.

Starting what could be a pivotal week in talks to avert a strike later this month or in September, the sides devoted two of Monday's three bargaining sessions to revenue sharing, one of the key issues dividing them.

"I would expect the pace of the activity to be heightened this week," said Rob Manfred, the owners' top labor lawyer.

The second of the three sessions produced agreements on some minor issues, such as waiver periods and medical opinions.

"We're still looking for the right way to bridge the gaps," union lawyer Michael Weiner said. "We haven't found it yet."

Later this week, according to Weiner, players will respond to management's proposal for mandatory random testing for steroids and other performance-enhancing substances.

The union's executive board scheduled a conference call for Tuesday but was unlikely to set a strike

date, according to people familiar with the union's deliberations.

However, if there is not much progress this week, the executive board could meet Aug. 12 in Chicago, and it's possible a strike date could be set then.

Players fear that without an agreement to replace the one that expired Nov. 7, owners would change work rules or lock them out after the World Series. The union wants to control the timing of a stoppage, preferring late in the season, when more revenue would be threatened.

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Rocker apologizes for second anti-gay outburst

DALLAS (AP) — Texas Rangers pitcher John Rocker issued a written apology through the team Monday for anti-gay remarks he made toward patrons of a popular Dallas eatery on Sunday.

Rocker said he was with his girlfriend eating at Breadwinners Cafe & Bakery when some customers at other tables began badgering him.

"It seemed as if they were trying to bait me with suggestive comments," Rocker said in the statement. Breadwinners, a breakfast, lunch and brunch spot, is located in a predominantly gay

Dallas neighborhood. Richard Garcia, who waited on Rocker and his girlfriend, said the ballplayer was not provoked by other patrons. Garcia said Rocker called a male couple sitting at a nearby table "fruitcakes" as he got up and left.

"That's nothing someone should hear from somebody who's supposed to be a role model," Garcia said in a story in The Dallas Morning News. "Just because you're a superstar, that still does not license you to say that."

Rocker said after he finished his meal and got up to leave, the unidentified

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AMERICAN

East Division

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GB
New York
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Boston 65
Baltimore 52
Toronto 49
Tampa Bay 37

Central Division W
Minnesota 69
Chicago 53
Cleveland 48
Kansas City 45
Detroit 41

West Division W
Seattle 69
Anaheim 66
Oakland 64
Texas 47

Monday's Games

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Texas (Benoit 2:1) at

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East Division W

Atlanta 73

Florida 55

Montreal 55

New York 55

Philadelphia 53

Central Division W

St. Louis 59

Cincinnati 58

Houston 57

Pittsburgh 50

Chicago 47

Milwaukee 39

West Division W

Arizona 69

Los Angeles 62

San Francisco 61

Colorado 50

San Diego 46

Monday's Games

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Arizona 2, N.Y. Mets 0

Today's Games

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

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New York	41	69		.627	
Boston	65	45	591		4
Baltimore	52	57	477	16 1/2	
Toronto	49	61	445	20	
Tampa Bay	37	74	333	32 1/2	

Central Division					
	W	L	Pct	GB	
Minnesota	59	44	611		
Chicago	53	60	469	16	
Cleveland	48	62	436	19 1/2	
Kansas City	45	67	402	23 1/2	
Detroit	41	70	369	27	

West Division					
	W	L	Pct	GB	
Seattle	69	43	616		
Anaheim	56	45	595	2 1/2	
Oakland	64	48	571	5	
Texas	47	64	423	21 1/2	

Monday's Games
Toronto 7, Baltimore 1
Kansas City 12, Minnesota 4
Chicago White Sox 4, Tampa Bay 3
Anaheim 6, Detroit 3

Today's Games
Texas (Park 4.5) at Detroit (Sparks 5.11), 6:05 p.m.
Seattle (Baldwin 7.7) at Toronto (Halladay 13.4), 6:05 p.m.
Oakland (Mulder 12.6) at Boston (Wakefield 5.3), 6:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Milton 13.7) at Baltimore (Ponson 5.5), 6:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Sosa 1.4) at Cleveland (Nagy 0.2), 6:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Ru Hernandez 1.1) at N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 13.5), 6:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Washington 13.3) at Chicago White Sox (D Wright 7.9), 7:05 p.m.

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Tampa Bay (Sturtz 1.11) at Cleveland (Sabathia 6.9), 6:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Suppan 8.10) at N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 8.3), 6:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Appier 9.9) at Chicago White Sox (Glover 4.5), 7:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

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Atlanta	73	38	958		
Florida	55	56	495	18	
Montreal	55	56	495	18	
New York	55	56	495	18	
Philadelphia	53	58	477	20	

Central Division					
	W	L	Pct	GB	
St. Louis	59	49	546		
Cincinnati	58	52	527	3	
Houston	57	53	518	3	
Pittsburgh	50	61	450	10 1/2	
Chicago	47	62	431	12 1/2	
Milwaukee	39	72	351	21 1/2	

West Division					
	W	L	Pct	GB	
Arizona	69	43	616		
Los Angeles	62	50	554	7	
San Francisco	61	50	550	7 1/2	
Colorado	50	61	450	18 1/2	
San Diego	46	65	414	22 1/2	

Monday's Games
Philadelphia 7, Los Angeles 5
Arizona 2, N.Y. Mets 0

Today's Games
Florida (Beckett 4.4) at Houston (Micki 3.7), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Astacio 10.4) at Milwaukee (Sheets 5.13), 7:05 p.m.
Montreal (Yoshida 2.4) at St. Louis (Finley 2.1), 7:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Moenner 1.11) at Colorado (Stark 6.2), 8:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Milwood 10.6) at Arizona (Schilling 18.4), 9:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Wolf 7.7) at San Diego (Oliver 3.3), 9:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Fogg 10.7) at Los Angeles (Od Perez 10.7), 9:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Smith 0.0) at San Francisco (Lester 10.7), 9:15 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
N.Y. Mets (Di Amico 5.9) at Milwaukee (Rusch 5.11), 7:05 p.m.
Florida (Burnett 11.7) at Houston (Oswalt 12.6), 7:05 p.m.
Montreal (Dika 8.6) at St. Louis (Simontacchi 7.3), 7:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Dessers 7.5) at Colorado (Jennings 11.5), 8:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Malcox 11.5) at Arizona (Helling 7.8), 9:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Padilla 11.6) at San Diego (Peavy 2.4), 9:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Medhoks 0.1) at Los Angeles

ROCKER

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patrons followed him out of the restaurant and made an obscene gesture.

"At that point, I admit I was angry and said some things I should not have said, but I wanted to make it clear their attentions were unwelcome," he said.

Rangers spokesman John Blake told The Associated Press that the remarks were anti-gay in nature but Rocker's specific comments

TEXAS LEAGUE

W	L	Pct.	GB	
				Pct.
Wichita (Royals)	28	17	622	
Tulsa (Rangers)	22	23	489	6
Shreveport (Giants)	19	26	422	9
Arkansas (Angels)	13	32	289	15

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Activated LHP Wilson Alvarez from the 15-day list
TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Designated LHP Scott Eyre for assignment. Purchased the contract of LHP Mark Hendrickson from Syracuse of the International League
National League
FLORIDA MARLINS—Acquired RHP Don Levinson from Montreal to complete an earlier trade
PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Extended their agreement with Atlanta of the Eastern League through the 2006 season
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
DETROIT PISTONS—Bought out the contract of C Mike Moore
PORTLAND TRAIL BLAZERS—Acquired G Antonio Daniels, G Charles Smith and C Amal McCaskill from San Antonio for G Erick Barkley and G Steve Kerr
FOOTBALL
National Football League
CINCINNATI BENGALS—Signed OL Brock Gutierrez and OL Scott Renberg to two-year contract extensions, through the 2004 season
Waived LB Jermaine Petty
CLEVELAND BROWNS—Agreed to terms with FB Chris Floyd and FB Kevin McLeod on one-year contracts. Placed CB Lamar Chapman and TE Rod Monroe on injured reserve
HOUSTON TEXANS—Waived LB Kenny Harney
Agreed to terms with FS Eric Brown
NEW YORK JETS—Signed WR Mike Horacek
Placed WR Mike Furrey on the retired/reserve list
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
CAROLINA HURRICANES—Signed D Steve Halko to a one-year contract
DETROIT RED WINGS—Signed LW Bryan Adams, D Patrick Boileau, D Ed Campbell, G Marc Lamothe and C Mark Mowers
EDMONTON OILERS—Signed RW Anson Carter to a one-year contract
MINNESOTA WILD—Signed G Dieter Kochan

WNBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE					
	W	L	Pct	GB	
New York	17	10	630		
Washington	15	12	556	2	
Charlotte	14	14	500	3 1/2	
Orlando	14	14	500	3 1/2	
Miami	13	16	448	5	
Indiana	12	15	444	5	
Cleveland	10	17	370	7	
Detroit	8	20	286	9 1/2	

Monday's Games
No games scheduled

Today's Games
Indiana at Washington, 6 p.m.
Minnesota at New York, 6:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
Utah at Portland, 9 p.m.
Phoenix at Sacramento, 9 p.m.

ARENA PLAYOFFS

Wild-Card Round
Friday, July 26
Orlando 32, Buffalo 27

Saturday, July 27
Dallas 47, Indiana 46
Shreveport 19, Los Angeles 41

Sunday, July 28
Carolina 72, Grand Rapids 64

Quarterfinals
Saturday, Aug. 3
(7) Orlando 49, (4) New Jersey 46
(1) San Jose 55, (12) Tampa Bay 48

Sunday, Aug. 4
(2) Arizona 61, (11) Carolina 59

Monday, Aug. 5
(3) Chicago 60, (8) Dallas 47

Semifinals
Saturday, Aug. 10
(7) Orlando at (1) San Jose, 3 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 11
(3) Chicago at (2) Arizona, 3:30 p.m.

ArenaBowl 18
Saturday, Aug. 16
At highest remaining seed, 3 p.m.

RODEO LEADERS

- ALL-AROUND**
1. Jesse Ball, Camp Crook, S.D., \$147,026
2. Cash Myers, Athens, Texas, \$134,046
3. Trevor Brazier, Anson, Texas, \$109,201
4. Rich Skeiton, Llano, Texas, \$87,271
5. Brent Lewis, Pinnon, N.M., \$83,863
6. Joe Beaver, Huntsville, Texas, \$63,571
7. Todd Suhn, Brighton, Colo., \$59,781
8. Robert Bowers, Brooks, Alberta, \$59,350
9. Cody De Mers, Boulder, Mont., \$58,204
10. Curtis Cassidy, Donalda, Alberta, \$55,239
- BARRECK RIDING**
1. Scott Montague, Fruitdale, S.D., \$59,350
2. Larry Lavergne, Valle Platte, La., \$52,334
3. Forest Bramwell, Pagosa Springs, Colo., \$57,233
4. Larry Sandvick, Belle Fourche, S.D., \$52,798
5. Jared Lavergne, Valle Platte, La., \$52,334
6. Pete Hawkins, Weatherford, Texas, \$52,164
7. Wes Stevenson, Kaufman, Texas, \$52,029
8. Jeffrey Collins, Redfield, Kan., \$51,945
9. James Boudreaux, Cuero, Texas, \$51,942
10. J.D. Garrett Jr., Belle Fourche, S.D., \$48,332
- STEER WRESTLING**
1. Joey Bell Jr., Salem, N.J., \$79,067
2. Cash Myers, Athens, Texas, \$71,505
3. Sid Steiner, Bastrop, Texas, \$65,597
4. Rod Lyman, Victor, Mont., \$58,633
5. K.C. Jones, Las Animas, Colo., \$55,165
6. Todd Suhn, Brighton, Colo., \$53,591
7. Bill Pace, Stephenville, Texas, \$53,397
8. Curtis Cassidy, Donalda, Alberta, \$41,798
9. Lee Graves, Calgary, Alberta, \$39,430
10. Jon Neuman, Williston, Fla., \$39,251
- TEAM ROPING (HEADING)**
1. Speed Williams, Jacksonville, Fla., \$81,431
2. Kevin Stewart, Glen Rose, Texas, \$59,170
3. FB Chris Floyd and FB Kevin McLeod, \$56,395
4. Joe Beaver, Huntsville, Texas, \$54,017
5. Jake Barnes, Cave Creek, Ariz., \$52,685
6. David Key, Billings, Mont., \$45,286
7. Ryan Taylor, Weatherford, Texas, \$44,398
8. Daniel Green, Okla., \$43,153
9. Jason Handy, Billings, Mont., \$38,239
10. J.D. Yates, Pueblo, Colo., \$37,315
- TEAM ROPING (HEELING)**
1. Ron Spletter, Llano, Texas, \$81,786
2. Martin Lucero, Stephenville, Texas, \$60,107
3. Wayne Foimer, El Paso, Texas, \$56,395
4. Brad Culpepper, Ashburn, Ga., \$54,063
5. Clay D. Brien Cooper, Glen Rose, Texas, \$50,849
6. Randon Adams, Logansport, Nev., \$45,644
7. Caleb Swiseman, Santa Margarita, Calif., \$45,069
8. Kory Koozitz, Sudan, Texas, \$44,687
9. Dugan Kelly, Paso Robles, Calif., \$43,747
10. Bobby Harris, Gillette, Wyo., \$37,315
- SADDLE BRONC RIDING**
1. Dan Mortensen, Billings, Mont., \$118,807
2. Jesse Ball, Camp Crook, S.D., \$92,772
3. Rod Hay, Windwood, Alberta, \$84,299
4. Tom Reeves, Eagle Butte, S.D., \$74,725
5. Glen O'Neill, Didsbury, Alberta, \$74,475
6. Billy Etbauer, Ree Heights, S.D., \$59,373
7. Jess Martin, Dillon, Mont., \$54,931
8. Steve Dofflerhide, Wekeup, Ariz., \$53,528
9. Rance Bray, Dumas, Texas, \$49,215
10. Cody Wright, Milford, Utah, \$44,851
- CALF ROPING**
1. Blair Burk, Durant, Okla., \$116,303
2. Fred Whitfield, Hockley, Texas, \$108,793
3. Brent Lewis, Pinnon, N.M., \$73,978
4. Trevor Brazier, Anson, Texas, \$67,482
5. Houston Hutto, Del Rio, Texas, \$56,693
6. Jerome Schneeberger, Ponca City, Okla., \$53,564
7. Cash Myers, Athens, Texas, \$46,429
8. Johnny Emmons, Grandview, Texas, \$45,476
9. Jim Locke, Miami, Texas, \$45,304
10. Rusty Sewall, Del Rio, Texas, \$44,560
- BARREL RACING**
1. Chammyne James, Athens, Texas, \$75,431
2. Tammy Key, Ledbetter, Texas, \$66,708
3. Kay Blandford, Suth. Springs, Texas, \$49,831
4. Tami Fontenot, Ethel, La., \$49,721
5. D. Campbell, Washington, Utah, \$49,365

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Owners want to increase the percentage of shared locally generated revenue from 20 to 50 percent. The sides differ on both dollars and structure.

"We have gone days where we have not moved in the wrong direction in this topic. I really do believe this topic is resolvable," Manfred said.

Owners also want a 50 percent luxury tax on the portions of payrolls above \$98 million, which figures to be the most divisive issue. The union thinks a luxury tax, especially when combined with increased revenue sharing, would drain money

from the high-revenue teams, who otherwise would spend it on players.

The sides agreed that players with less than five years of major league service can be directed for no more than 20 days to undergo baseball-related rehab at a team's spring training facility.

However, starting with the 11th day, each day at the spring training site would be deducted from the limit on a rehabilitation assignment to the minor leagues for the player, currently a maximum of 30 days for pitchers and 20 for others.

Players and owners also agreed to eliminate a restriction on players' ability to get second medical

opinions at the expense of his team. A rule that divided the United States into three regions, and required a player to pay for his transportation if he went out of his region.

The sides also agreed to divide the year into four waiver periods. The current periods are Nov. 11 to day 30 of the season, day 31 to July 31, and Aug. 1 to Nov. 10. The first period will be divided into Nov. 11 to Feb. 15, and Feb. 16 to day 30.

The sides also agreed to allow the commissioner's office to mail contracts to all players on behalf of clubs on Dec. 20 instead of having the teams mail the contracts individually.

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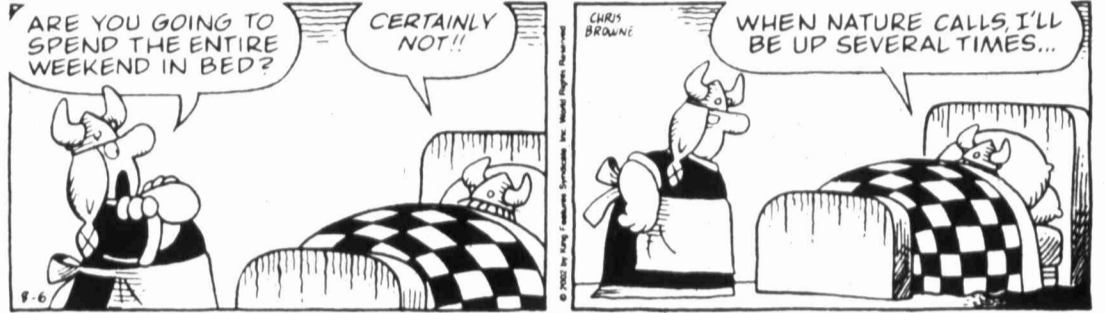
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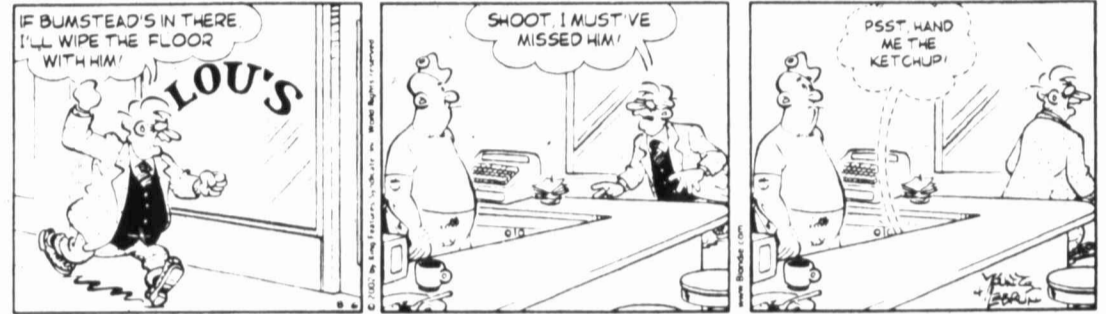


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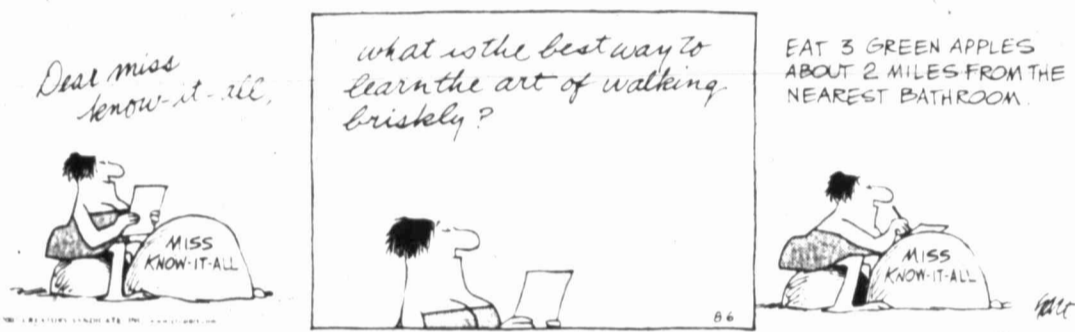
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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death at Auburn State Prison in New York. In 1914, Austria-Hungary declared war against Russia and Serbia declared war against Germany. In 1926, Gertrude Ederle of New York became the first American woman to swim the English Channel. She did it in about 14 1/2 hours. In 1962, Jamaica became an independent dominion within the British Commonwealth. In 1965, President Johnson signed the Voting Rights Act. In 1978, Pope Paul VI died at Castel Gandolfo at age 80. In 1986, William J. Schroeder died after living 620 days with the Jarvik Seven artificial heart. Ten years ago: President Bush granted full diplomatic recognition to the former Yugoslav republics of Bosnia-Herzegovina, Slovenia and Croatia, the same day Britain's Independent Television News showed videotape of emaciated detainees at a pair of Serb prison camps. One year ago: Ending months of speculation, former President Clinton said he would write his much sought-after memoirs for publisher Alfred A. Knopf. Today's Birthdays: Entrepreneur Sir Freddie Laker is 80. Actress-singer Abbey Lincoln is 72. Actor-director Peter Bonerz is 64. Actor Michael Anderson Jr. is 59. Actor Dorian Harewood is 52. Actress Catherine Hicks is 51. Rock singer Pat McDonald (Timbuk 3) is 50. Actress Stephanie Kramer is 46. Rhythm-and-blues singer Randy DeBarge is 44. Country singers Patsy and Peggy Lynn are 38. Country singer Lisa Stewart is 34. Movie writer-director M. Night Shyamalan is 32. Singer Geri Halliwell is 30.

Newsday Crossword

BECOMING by Lee Weaver Edited by Stanley Newman

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