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August 9, 2002

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RAIN IN THE FORECAST

Rain is in the forecast for the Crossroads area through the weekend. According to the National Weather Service, there is a 40 percent chance of thunderstorms today, a 30 percent chance tonight and Saturday and a 40 percent chance again Saturday night and Sunday.

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SCHOLARSHIP AUCTION

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AMERICAN PROFILE



Teachers can have a profound impact on their students. When American Profile asked readers to tell them about teachers who changed their lives, the response was overwhelming. Also, hometown recipes from across the country.

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Trustees debate combining superintendent duties

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

A motion by Big Spring Independent School District trustee Mike Dawson to combine the superintendent and assistant superintendent duties failed Thursday night for lack of a second. "We have the opportunity to cut out a \$70,000 plus benefits position," Dawson said during a debate on the issue.

Dawson and Superintendent Murray Murphy exchanged words on the issue during the board of trustees' regular

"We have a perfect opportunity here; at least let's try it. I realize you don't want to."



Trustee Mike Dawson

meeting. Dawson wanted to combine the posts; Murphy was adamantly against doing away with the assis-

tant superintendent's position.

"Just looking at the budget, can we afford these extra positions?," Dawson said.

"This is not an extra position," Murphy interjected.

The issue was brought up during Murphy's update to trustees on the search to fill the job left vacant when Esthela Aguirre resigned on July 25.

"The position has been posted and I have received resumes both inside and

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Assistant principals hired for high school and Goliad

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

Two new faces will be patrolling the halls of Big Spring High School and Goliad Intermediate come Aug. 19.

Big Spring Independent School District trustees approved the hiring of Carie Dunnam to fill the assistant principal position

at the high school and Mark Owen as assistant principal for Goliad Intermediate.

"I'm just proud to be association with this district," Dunnam said. "My husband and his parents are graduates of Big Spring High School and I look for

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Football players aren't the only ones getting a workout. Tenth graders Lindsey Barton, front on flute, and Julie Cadenhead on clarinet, along with other members of the Big Spring Steer Marching Band, are shown here participating in summer band practice Wednesday.

HERALD photo/Tommy Wells

Salvation Army giving out electric fans and school supplies now

By **BRADEN WEGNER**
 Staff Writer

With the dog days of summer upon West Texas, many area residents are seeking relief from the blistering heat.

And the Salvation Army, which coordinates the annual Summer Fan Drive starting in June, has received a large donation of fans to help those in need combat the heat.

An anonymous donor recently delivered 41 fans to Salvation Army Capt. Russ Keeney, who earlier in the summer had seen his supplies dwindle to almost nothing.

Now he's able to resume distributing the supply to those in need.

"We know it's hot and we know people need them," noted Keeney.

The Corps' priority for distribution of the fans is to the elderly first, then to women with small children and babies.

Overall the drive has collected approximately 85 fans, and there are still 30 left to distribute.

"It's been very well received by the community," Keeney said of the project.

"This is a great communi-



KEENEY

INFORMATION

For information about the Salvation Army's summer fan drive or school supplies, contact 267-8239.

ty. We always get a great response."

The Salvation Army is also in the process of distributing school supplies to those in need. They have packed approximately 300 bags full of needed school supplies, and have around 100 bags left.

"We had 30 to 40 people here at 8:30 this morning and we started distributing them at 9 a.m.," Keeney said Thursday. "We have had about 100 people come in so far."

The Salvation Army has had many organizations and volunteers helping with both projects, including youth volunteers Audrey Hagland and R.W. Keeney, who were working Thursday morning.

Keeney said the Salvation Army appreciates the community's response and welcomes any donations they may receive.

You can contact the Salvation Army at 267-8239.

Contact Staff Writer Braden Wegner at 263-7331, ext. 233. He can be contacted by e-mail at newsdesk@crcom.net

Kingdom Class

Church provides community connection for the mentally retarded and mentally ill

By **VALERIE AVERY**

Special to the Herald
 Frank reads slowly, but the words of John 1 roll smoothly off of his tongue as his Sunday School teacher Shelley Smith leans over his shoulder helping him sound out the passage. His classmates listen intently as they do to each of the two dozen or so members each Sunday morning in First United Methodist Church's Kingdom Class. The Sunday School class is for the mentally retarded and mentally ill members of the congregation.

The class extends a hand to what can often be an overlooked population in the religious community. The Kingdom Class is a comfortable place tailored to the students' needs.

Several years ago, the church leadership tapped longtime member Shelley Smith, the CEO of West Texas Centers for MHMR to teach the class. Smith's longtime association with

the mentally retarded and the mentally ill through work and years of training made her an ideal choice, said Delbert Donelson, a

"They find acceptance in this class. In a larger class, they might feel inhibited talking, but here they feel as if they are in charge."

Shelley Smith

member of the church's administrative board.

"She's able to do something very effective, which is most difficult for most people," Donelson said.

Jim Wright, the church's ministry of music, agrees that First United Methodist is able to utilize Smith's strengths. "Unfortunately, a lot of churches are not equipped to handle that type of ministry."

"This is the highlight of my week," Smith said. "I just love teaching this class."

Smith does the bulk of teaching, while her husband, Russell Erwin and coworker Jim Campbell assist with the large class.

As Smith walks around the room asking questions and encouraging discussions with thought-provoking questions, it's evident the class understands the concepts taught in the bible.

"Where does God always look?" Smith asks. "In our hearts," responds class member Flora Wells. "Has anyone ever seen God?" Smith asks. "No, we see it in the lives of others."

Smith uses a visitor as an example on this Sunday morning. Tommy drives the church bus picking up a large number of the class members. "Does he have to drive the church bus?"

"No," Smith says echoing

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Marty Thurston helps Flora Wells read a passage in John 1 while Sunday school teacher Shelley Smith observes in the background. First United Methodist Church sponsors the Kingdom Class for people with mental retardation and mental illness. Smith, who is also CEO for the West Texas Centers for MHMR, says teaching the class is the highlight of her week.

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HERALD photo/Braden Wegner
Capt. Russ Keeney stands behind a display of fans the Salvation Army received for its annual summer fan drive. The Salvation Army, which started the fan drive in June, is still distributing them to those in need. Call 267-8239 for more information.

A&M Club

Annual scholarship auction slated Saturday at Dora Roberts Civic Center

By **ROGER CLINE**
Staff Writer

This Saturday is a big night for local Aggies.

The annual Howard County A&M Club Scholarship Auction will raise money for nine area students at the Dora Roberts Community Center.



NIKLASCH

Festivities start at 5 p.m., while the auction itself begins at 6.

A&M home tickets are part of the mountain of swag available for Aggie supporters to bid on.

"We have two home tickets to every home game this year," said Jeanne Niklasch, auction coordinator.

"The winner of the Nebraska tickets not only gets to go to the Presidential Brunch, but also gets a photo opportunity with John David Crow, who was the only Aggie ever to win a Heisman Trophy.

"He has agreed to meet with the winner of those tickets and to autograph whatever anybody wanted to have autographed. The

Texas Tech tickets also have a Presidential Brunch to go with that."

Other items going on the auction block include a handcrafted refreshment beverage stand for four, a Nike pullover jacket, autographed Aggie Greats football cards, an autographed Alabama "Roll On" album, wall clocks, an autographed Texas A&M helmet, flags, an autographed football from the Gallery Furniture.Com Bowl, sports wrist watches and porcelain collector plates.

Others include a Messina Hof wine tasting party for 20 people, handcrafted metal table/lamps, handcrafted gameboards, a Colorado weekend stay for six people, a dove hunt for two and an autographed James Taylor album.

Donations from area residents include handcrafted items, furniture, quilts, baby blankets, custom knives and birdhouses.

Last year's auction raised more than \$32,000, Niklasch said.

This year, the Aggies hope to fund a new scholarship endowment, she said, adding that the auction will include bidding on the right to name the new scholarship.

Minimum bid for the naming rights is \$25,000, Niklash said.

Admission to the event are \$6, and hors d'oeuvres will be provided by AI's and Son Barbecue.

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DEBATE

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outside the district," Murphy said.

During the July 25 meeting, Dawson requested administrators perform a study on combining the duties of superintendent and assistant superintendent.

At Thursday's meeting, Dawson argued fiscal responsibility is prompting the need, and gave examples of losses of revenue, the district's low fund balance and uncertainty of utility expenses.

"I am worried we will get hit with something we are not expecting and will not be prepared," Dawson said.

Murphy countered that elimination of the position would impact the effectiveness of the district.

Several years ago when then Superintendent William McQueary suffered a heart attack and underwent surgery, Murphy assumed both duties, Dawson said. At the time, BSISD had a larger student population, he added.

Murphy responded that he took over both responsibilities for about 90 days but added that the experience confirmed how important it is to have both positions.

Murphy said the assistant superintendent's position has a number of responsibilities that would pull him away from his superintendent's duties, overseeing both curriculum and business of the district.

"We have a perfect opportunity here; at least let's try it," Dawson said. "I realize you don't want to."

"You are asking for something that is not in the best interest of the district," Murphy said.

Dawson asked the board to speak on his desire to combine the two positions.

Trustees Frank Long, Irene Bustamante and Terry Wegman were against the idea at this time. Phil Furqueron, Kent Sharp and Alan ParTEE expressed a desire to look at the possibility but said they did not have enough information to make a decision.

Local resident Aubrey Weaver requested to speak to the board about the subject and was denied. Weaver was instructed to submit a written request for an audience with the board for the next meeting.

In other business, Big Spring teacher Susie Combs requested that trustees consider changing the local personal leave policy.

"We get five days state leave and five days local leave yearly at the begin-

ning of the each school year," Combs said. "As our local policy stands now, we have to take our state days first. We do not have an accumulation of local days except locally. State days we could accumulate as many as we have years.

"We are able to transfer state days to other districts. We're not able to transfer local days to other districts," she continued. "State days have broader terms. We can take a personal day. We do not have that option with a local day because those are for sick days only.

"What were asking for the ability to choose a local day or a state day," she said.

In other business, trustees approved:

- A \$19,421 bid for fleet insurance.
- Bids on athletic supplies.
- The employment of

Anna O'Brien as choir director for Big Spring Junior High School. O'Brien has no prior experience in teaching. She has a bachelor's degree from Lubbock Christian University.

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the word answered by the class. "But, you can see God in his heart by what he does."

"They find acceptance in this class," Smith said. "In a larger class, they might feel inhibited talking, but here they feel as if they are in charge."

The Kingdom Class is one of the most active Sunday School classes at First

United Methodist Church, raising money for different charities, Wright said.

Upon entry, a big plastic jug greets class members encouraging donations for a number of causes. A board of directors governs the class and makes decisions on how the money is spent.

"They have fund-raising groups and parties and meetings and it makes them all feel a part of the church," Donelson said. "It's important for everyone to feel involved. They all feel comfortable and welcome."

The hour-long class is a outreach ministry of the church, which teaches empathy to all church members. "I think our members get a lot out of it," Donelson said. "The church truly supports them, and they are truly important to the church."

Church members benefit from their association, Wright said. "We get to know them, and just the fact that they are a part of our community, they are going to make a stronger community of believers."

"They are an enrichment to us because of who they are."

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By K. Rae Anderson Dear Lord, we can't see eternal progress in our lives without you and your help. Thank you. Amen

Texas politics: Summer of madness

You can already tell it's going to be a perfectly glorious political year in Texas. Four months out, and we've already got one gubernatorial candidate accusing the other of being a drug dealer, naturally causing the maligned party to in turn describe his opponent as a raving liar.



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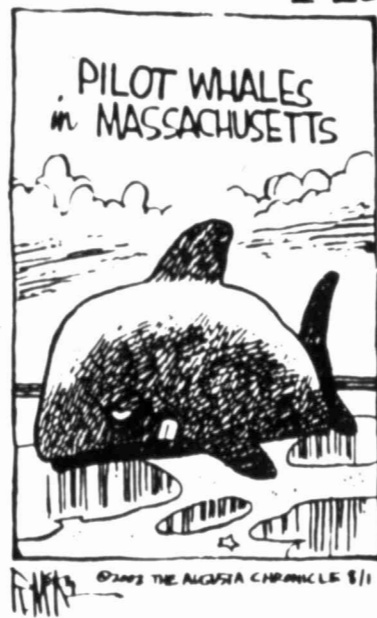
A grand old slugfest is developing in the race between Gov. Rick (Goodhair) Perry and his Democratic challenger, Tony Sanchez, and it shows all the signs of becoming a fall classic in Texas' toughest contact sport. For starters, this is a backward, upside-down race.

Attention to date is Perry's ad pounding on alleged drug-money laundering through a Sanchez thrift, Tesoro Savings and Loan, which later got a federal bailout when it failed for unrelated reasons. "A federal judge confirmed Sanchez's bank wired millions of laundered drug money to Manuel Noriega's Panama," reports the ad.

the Gov appointed an Enron executive to the state's Public Utilities Commission and, the next day, Perry got a check for \$25,000 from Ken Lay. He explained this, to everyone's satisfaction, as being "totally coincidental."

Goodhair. This caused so many political mouths to drop so far open, oral surgeons in the Austin area were inundated by a deluge of dislocated jaws. Meanwhile, lest you think of Sanchez as a mere punching bag, his own ads are no powder puffs. Try this: "Reeling in a five pound bass. Priceless."

Washed Up



IRS to take hit for corporate scandals

An interesting irony is unfolding in the wake of the corporate earnings scandal. Literally everyone is bemoaning the overstatement of corporate earnings and lamenting the impact on shareholders.



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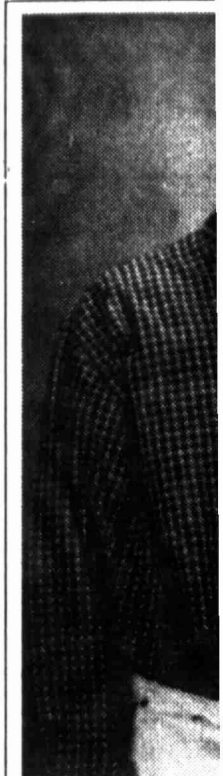
lars or so to the U.S. Treasury? It is a great deal, especially when multiplied by a factor 100 or 200 or much more, which is what could happen before all the corporations are through restating earnings.

nonetheless. Indeed, the IRS requires that they be capitalized rather than expensed. Capital assets are then depreciated or amortized over what is determined by the IRS to be the useful life of the asset.

In this case, the issue would end up in tax court, where the IRS and accompanying state revenue departments would likely lose as an outpouring of politicians, the public, accountants and the SEC make their views known.



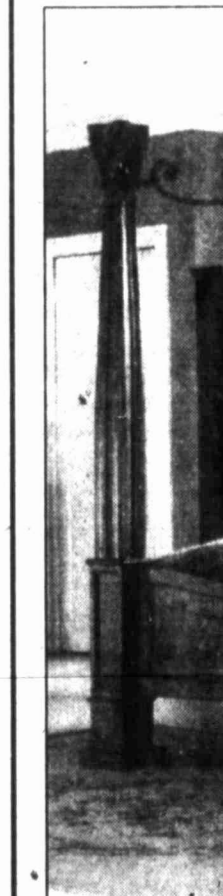
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From left, Dee Franco, graduating class Scenic Mount School announcement

Scenic Mount Center can count graduates from of Radiologic Technologists and employees. Dee Franco, Pickett, Toni CeCe Valadez b 82nd through 8 ates of the scl 1976. Each of the take the ARRT board exam next stay in Big Spru Twenty-six of th nologists worki Spring are gra SMMC.

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Courtesy photo
From left, Dee Franco, CeCe Valadez, Ginger Pickett and Toni Subia make up the 26th graduating class of Scenic Mountain Medical Center's School of Radiologic Technology.

Scenic Mountain Medical Center School of Radiologic Technology announces four more graduates

Special to the Herald

Scenic Mountain Medical Center can count four more graduates from its School of Radiologic Technology — and as such, four more employees.

Dee Franco, Ginger Pickett, Toni Subia and CeCe Valadez became the 82nd through 85th graduates of the school since 1976. Each of them plans to take the ARRT national board exam next week and stay in Big Spring to work. Twenty-six of the 30 technologists working in Big Spring are graduates of SMMC.

Commencement ceremonies for the four new graduates the school's 26th class were held July 13 in Big Spring City Council chambers. Derrick Yu, assistant CEO of Scenic Mountain, welcomed those in attendance. Valerie Showalter delivered the graduation address.

The class was presented by Mary Forshee, clinical instructor at the VA Medical Center. Diplomas and program pins were

INFORMATION

Twenty-six of the 30 technologists working in Big Spring are graduates of Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

awarded by Lori Graham, SMMC clinical instructor.

During the ceremonies, the Roney Wood Award for patient care excellence was presented to Jeremy Collier by Toni Subia, a past recipient of the honor. The award was established in 1990 to honor the late Roney "Woody" Wood, who served the hospital for 35 years as a radiologic technologist.

Collier is an upcoming second-year student in the program.

Subia was presented with a savings bond.

Franco received the second Valerie R. Showalter Award in a presentation by Vivian Gordon.

The award is for academic and clinical excellence

during the graduating student's 24 months of training.

Showalter graduated from the former Malone Hogan Hospital School of Radiologic Technology. She holds a master's degree from the University of Texas at Tyler.

She is a profession at Midwestern State University and is a well-known speaker in the field of radiologic technology. She grew up in Big Spring and worked at Scenic Mountain for a number of years.

The invocation and benediction were delivered by Velma Ruth Wood.

Following the ceremonies, guests and graduates were served refreshments prepared by SMMC's food service department.

Second-year students are Collier, Kristen Barrera, Cody Wells and Carla Wilkinson.

Five new students began their 24 months of training on July 15. They are Bobbi Broyman, Jane Delbosque, Steve Hadorn, Kevin Jones and Jay Lopez.

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ward to being apart of it." Dunnam had been serving as a fourth-grade teacher at Marcy Elementary before the promotion.

She has a master's degree in education with a specialization in administration and mid-management certification from the University of Texas at the Permian Basin and a bachelor's degree in literature with elementary teaching from the UTPB.

Her education career includes serving as a third-grade teacher at Elbow Elementary in Forsan, a fifth grade teacher at Kentwood and a kindergarten teacher for Coahoma Elementary.

New to the Big Spring district, Owen comes from Abilene High School in Abilene where he served as

a computer technology

teacher.

He expects to receive his master's degree in industrial education from Sam Houston State University sometime this year. He has his master's of education in administration from Abilene Christian University and a master's of business administration in management from William Carey College.

During his career, he has been a business teacher at Cross Plains High School in Cross Plains, a technology education teacher at Marble Falls Middle School in Marble Falls, a teacher at the Texas Youth Commission in Bryan, a teacher at Wylie Independent School District in Abilene and a lead instructor, information management technology for Texas State Technical College in Breckenridge.

Owen has worked for the Texas Department of

Transportation, training quality and development division, in Austin as a program administrator/ micro-computer instructor; Credit Verification Corporation in Abilene as a technical director, Texas Department of Transportation, information systems division in Austin as a telecommunication specialist; Concho Career Institute in Lubbock as a shift supervisor/instructor, electronic maintenance; Tom's Typewriters in Houston as a operations manger and the U.S. Air Force in Keeler Air Force Base, Mississippi, as master instructor and in inertial and radar navigation systems.

Owen has a temporary superintendent certification and is certified as a principal, secondary business composite, secondary industrial technology, vocational trades and industry co-op, vocational trades and industry pre-employment and driver's education.

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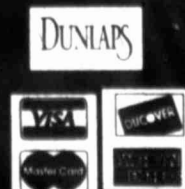
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Do you have an interesting sports item or story idea? Call Tommy Wells at 263-7331, Ext. 237. Email results to: johnmoseley@bigspringherald.com

IN BRIEF

Hunter Education Course scheduled

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

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

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

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

Non-denominational tourney is scheduled

The inaugural Non-denominational Softball Tournament is scheduled for August 16-17 at Cotton Mize Field in Big Spring.

The tournament is open to any church-sponsored team.

First, second and third-place teams will receive trophies. The top two squads will also earn t-shirts. Overall, 10 all-tournament spots will be awarded along with one MVP and one gold glove award.

Registration is set at \$110 per team. Entry deadline is Wednesday, Aug. 13.

For more information contact Christy at (915) 268-1677 or (915) 816-3717.

New Breed tourney 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 tourney is \$115.

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

New officers elected for basketball club

The Big Spring Steers Boys Basketball Booster Club elected its officers for the upcoming 2002-2003 year Tuesday night during its meeting in the BSHS gymnasium.

Re-elected as president is Myrna Russell. Cindy Grant was selected as the club's vice-president, while Christine Boling and Linda Weaver retained their positions as secretary and treasurer, respectively.

The club also announced plans to repaint the BSHS boys' locker room and to purchase padded chairs for the upcoming season.

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.

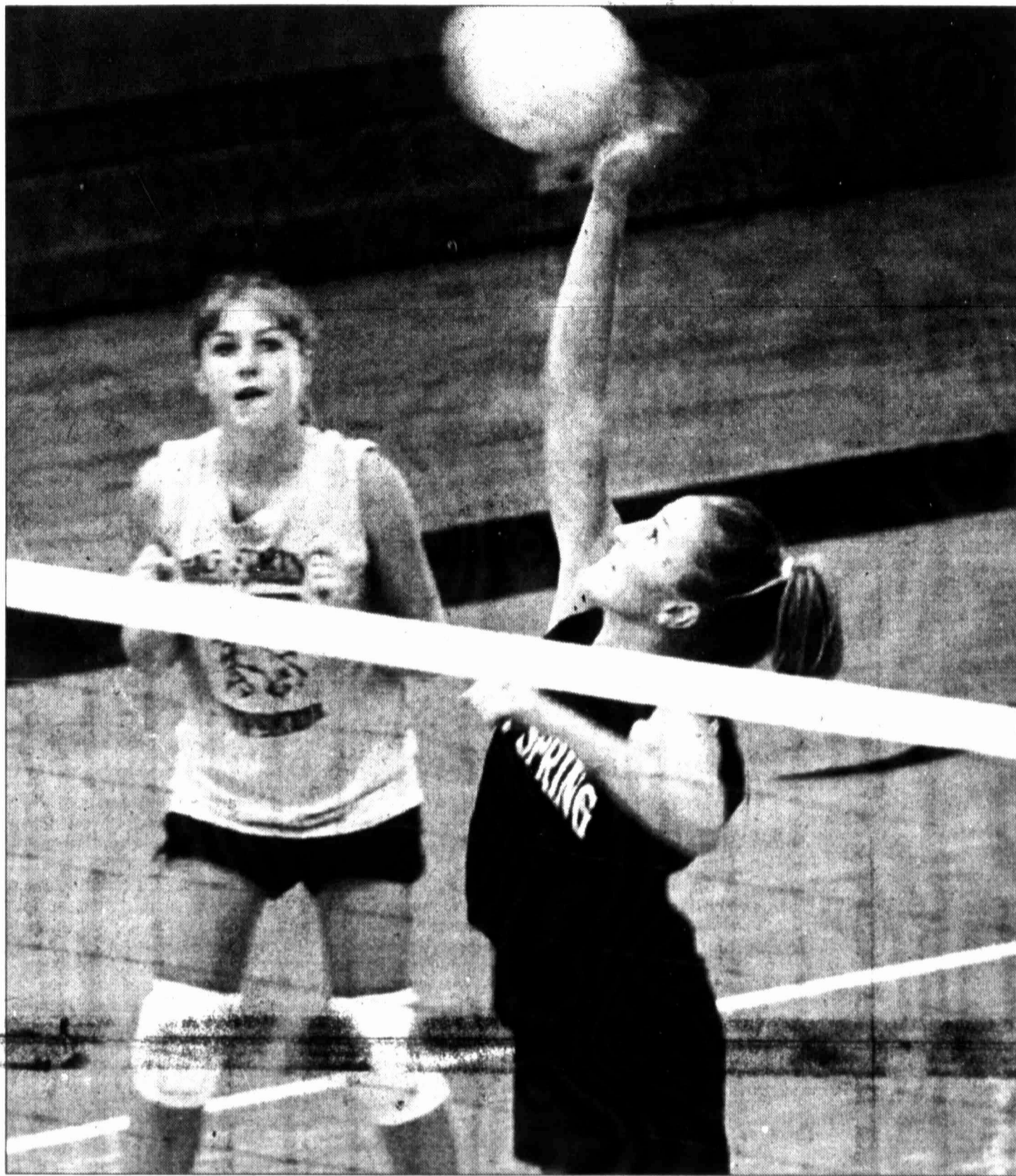
The event is scheduled to be a 4-man scramble.

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 club or its upcoming events contact Jim Clements at 267-1069 or Randy Phillips at 263-5314.

PREP VOLLEYBALL

'It's how you finish'



The Big Spring Lady Steers opened two-day practices this past week with the goal of earning their second straight playoff berth. Big Spring, which finished third in district last fall and earned its first playoff berth in 16 years, was unranked in the TGCA preseason volleyball poll.

Lady Steers more concerned with wins than state rankings

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Armed with a roster heavily laden with sophomores and juniors, the Big Spring Lady Steers put together a magical season last fall. The squad posted a 19-15 mark and — even more importantly — ended a 16-year playoff drought.

One year removed from their first playoff appearance since 1986, the Lady Steers still aren't finding much respect on the volleyball map. Despite returning a veteran squad, Big Spring was passed over in the Texas Girls Coaches Association's preseason Class 4A prep volleyball rankings.

Lady Steers' head coach Traci

Pierce has a simple reaction to the snub by state pollsters: So.

"I don't even look at that kind of stuff," said Pierce, who is entering her eighth year at the helm of the BSHS program. "Once you start looking at that your focus begins to change. Right now, no one knows about Big Spring and that's okay by us."

"Sure, we'd like to be there (ranked), but really that isn't what's important. It's more important how we finish," she added.

While Big Spring didn't get any respect, state pollsters were high on a pair of the Lady Steers' District 4-A stablemates — San Angelo Lake View and Andrews.

Lake View, despite losing seven seniors and their coach from last year's district championship squad, heads into the year rated No. 4. Andrews is picked No. 5.

The Hereford Lady Whitefaces, the defending Class 4A state champion, is the odds-on favorite to win the state crown, according to the poll. The Herd edged out Longview Pine Tree for the top spot.

Colorado City and Water Valley are the only other area teams making the list. The Lady Wolves are rated No. 7 in the Class 2A poll. Water Valley is the No. 2-rated squad in Class A, one spot behind Windthorst.

Contact Herald sports editor Tommy Wells at 263-7331, Ext. 237 or tpwells@crcom.net.

Local nets first ace after 64 years on golf course

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Ladd Smith has done about everything imaginable on the golf course over the past 64 years. He's missed easy putts, threw clubs that wouldn't hit straight and even prayed for rain.

On Wednesday morning, he added one more accomplishment. He collected his first hole-in-one.

Smith, a Big Spring golfer, etched his name into the

Comanche Trails Golf Course honor rolls when he aced hole No. 15 — a 139-yard shot from the tee box.

Smith posted the hole-in-one shot using a 7-wood on the hole.

The shot was witnessed by several golfers in Smith's party, including Grady Rodgers, Howard Smith, Wendall Shive and Marcello Torres.

Contact Herald sports editor Tommy Wells at 263-7331, Ext. 237 or tpwells@crcom.net.

BSYSA to start registration Aug. 17

The Big Spring Youth Soccer Association will begin registering youngsters for the upcoming season on Aug. 17 at the Big Spring Mall.

Registration will be held from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The cost is \$25 for the first child and \$20 for each additional child. The BSYSA will also register on Aug. 24 at the mall, and from Aug. 19-23 at All-District Printing. The 2002 season begins in mid-September and runs through November.



Herald photo/Antonio Seremet

Passing fancy ...

Big Spring's Tye Butler prepares to loft a pass to a teammate during the Steers' preseason passing drills Thursday morning. Big Spring, which enjoyed its first day in full pads this morning, is scheduled to begin its preseason scrimmage slate next week against the Midland Lee Rebels.

Cowboys kick off season tonight

IRVING (AP) — The Oakland Raiders will start the Bill Callahan era Friday night pretty much the same way they left off under coach Jon Gruden.

Callahan, who was promoted from offensive coordinator when Gruden went to Tampa Bay, has kept most of the same players and assistant coaches that helped Oakland win the AFC West the last two seasons.

Whatever changes he will make likely won't be revealed in the preseason opener against the Dallas Cowboys.

"I think this game will give us a chance to get started," Raiders cornerback Charles Woodson said. "But we won't really know how ready we are until the regular season."

Quarterback Rich Gannon and receivers Jerry Rice and Tim Brown probably won't play more than one quarter. Pro Bowl offensive tackle Lincoln Kennedy injured his knee during Tuesday's practice and might play only a few snaps. Running back Tyrone Wheatley likely won't play at all because of a calf injury.

One of the more intriguing aspects of the game will be the Raiders' battle at the safety positions.

Starters Anthony Dorsett and Johnnie Harris will try to hold off the second-team unit of Pro Bowler Rod Woodson, who was released by Baltimore in the off-season, and Derrick Gibson, Oakland's 2001 first-round draft pick.

The Cowboys get their first chance to show off free agent signees, a strong rookie class and the play-calling of new offensive coordinator Bruce Coslet. Dallas coach Dave Campo would like the team to improve its 3-17 record over the last four preseasons.

"We're going out there to win some games," he said. "We need to get some confidence in some things."

Second-year quarterback Quincy Carter is expected to play about a half. Chad Hutchinson, a 25-year-old rookie and former St. Louis Cardinals pitcher, is pressing Carter for playing time and should play at least a quarter.

Delay aside, Switzer happy to be in Hall

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — Barry Switzer isn't sure why it took so long for him to get into the College Football Hall of Fame. He's just glad he finally was invited.

Despite having the fourth-highest winning percentage among major college football coaches,

Switzer passed over five times before being voted in last year. He's among 25 past coaches and players who will be enshrined Saturday. Switzer's image might have been tarnished by a series of scandals at Oklahoma. The 64-year-old Switzer acknowledged he was "naive" in assuming he would have been honored sooner.

"I'm in the hall. I think it's a great honor," he said. "Why it took so long? I can't answer that. It's not important. It's something my fam-

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SPORTS EXTRA

AMERICAN LEAGUE

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Several members of the Howard County Youth Horseman Club were recognized recently as Second Series buckle winners. Among those honored were (back row, left to right) Rowdy Clary, Brionna Palmer, Malarie Bradbury, Ricky Brown, (front row) Morgan Luce, Sarah Matthews, Holly Bradbury, Bra'shara Brown, Tyler Matthews and Kelly Bradbury.

Brown, Matthews among HCYHC buckle winners

Holly Bradbury may soon be a new face in her classroom, but she is anything but a stranger on the Howard County Youth Horseman Club scene.

They were far from the only HCYHC members honored, however. In all 10 people were presented with the buckle honors.

Rowdy Clary and Kelly Bradbury were the top male and female performers in their respective age categories.

Legal dispute over fate of Williams' body put on hold

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Ted Williams' estate withdrew its request for a court to help resolve the dispute over his body, a victory for two children of the baseball great who want to keep it frozen.

"This puts an end to the proceeding that was pending," said Robert Goldman, the attorney for John Henry and Claudia Williams.

by a handwriting expert attesting to the authenticity of the pact and an affidavit from Claudia Williams saying her father knew what he was doing when he signed the pact.

CLFL sign-ups still under way

The Crossroads Little Football League will continue its registration period for prospective players this weekend. The league will be conducting sign-ups this evening, beginning at 6 p.m., at the Big Spring Mall.

Advertisement for Woods Boots featuring 'Back-to-School!' sale with 30% off boots and 50% off straw hats.

Large advertisement for Wells Fargo and The Big Spring Herald Art & Essay Contest, commemorating the one-year anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

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Others being inducted Saturday include Brigham Young quarterback Steve Young, Michigan receiver Anthony Carter, Clemson safety Terry Kinard, Michigan State safety Brad Van Pelt and Oklahoma tight end Keith Jackson, who played for Switzer.

Switzer went 157-29-4 at Oklahoma, leading the Sooners to three national championships in his 16 seasons as head coach. But he resigned under pressure in June 1989, after the school was placed on NCAA probation. Also, several Sooners were charged with crimes, including rape, drug dealing and a campus shooting.

"If that hadn't have happened, I might still be coaching at Oklahoma," Switzer said.

He was passed over for the College Football Hall of Fame three straight years, starting in 1991, when he became eligible. He wasn't up for consideration while he coached the Dallas Cowboys, from 1994-97, and he was overlooked again in 1998 and 1999.

Switzer's .837 winning percentage trails only Knute Rockne (.881), Frank Leahy (.864) and George Woodruff (.846). Indeed, Switzer's mark is better than those of some of the game's greatest coaches, including Tom Osborne (.836), Bear Bryant (.780) and Bo Schembechler (.775).

Schembechler, who serves on the Hall of Fame's selection committee, was asked whether Switzer's image worked against him.

"I'm sure that played a role in it," Schembechler said.

"I don't know all the reasons, but when I joined the (committee) I saw he wasn't in the Hall of Fame and was puzzled why he wasn't. His record was phenomenal and he had tremendously well-coached teams. I voted for him."

Osborne, who had the three-year waiting period to enter the Hall of Fame waived after he retired in 1997, said he had no doubt that Switzer deserved to be a member.

"He was a great coach," said Osborne, whose Cornhuskers went 5-12 against Switzer's Sooners. "I think playing Oklahoma made us a better team because we knew we had to get better to beat them."

Switzer, who later replaced Jimmy Johnson as the head coach of the Dallas Cowboys and guided the team to a Super Bowl victory, joined the Oklahoma staff in 1966, became offensive coordinator in 1967, persuaded coach Chuck Fairbanks to switch to the wishbone offense in 1970, and became head coach in 1973.

Switzer's teams won 12 Big Eight championships.

TCU standout will not miss entire season

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — TCU linebacker Josh Goolsby had surgery to repair a torn pectoral muscle, but won't be out for the entire season as originally thought.

During surgery Wednesday, doctors determined that the muscle wasn't completely torn and that Goolsby would need only 4-6 weeks to recover. Team officials had feared the 6-foot-2, 234-pounder would miss the entire season.

Sands to scrimmage No.1-ranked team

The Sands Mustangs will ring in Larry Reid's tenure as head coach in grand fashion when they face top-ranked Whitharral in a scrimmage on Aug. 17.

Whitharral, the defending state champion, is ranked No. 1 in the preseason polls by Texas Football, and No. 1 nationally, according to Six-Man Illustrated.

Sands, a state quarterfinalist in 2001, is rated No. 2 in the nation.

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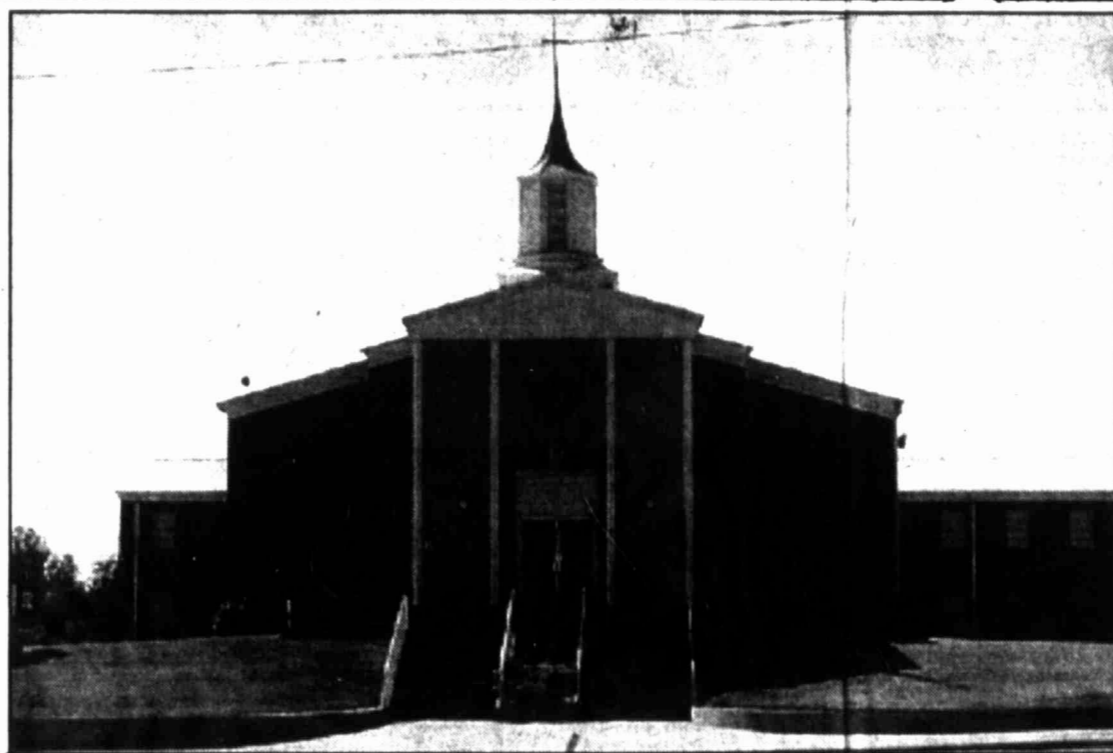
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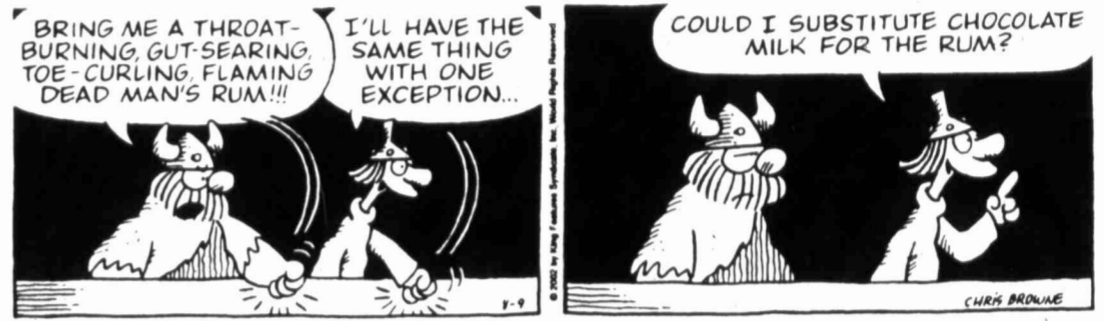
"MY MOM INSISTS THAT I USE #30 SUNSCREEN, BUT WE RAN OUT, SO I'LL JUST USE #15 TWICE."

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"FOG? I thought you said, 'Look at the FROG!'"

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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Friday, Aug. 9, the 221st day of 2002. There are 144 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Aug. 9, 1945, three days after the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, Japan, the United States exploded a nuclear device over Nagasaki, killing an estimated 74,000 people. In 1790, the Columbia returned to Boston Harbor after a three-year voyage, becoming the first ship to carry the American flag around the world. In 1842, the United States and Canada resolved a border dispute by signing the Webster-Ashburton Treaty. In 1848, the Free-Soil Party nominated Martin Van Buren for president at its convention in Buffalo, N.Y. In 1854, Henry David Thoreau published...

"Walden," which described his experiences while living near Walden Pond in Massachusetts. In 1902, Edward VII was crowned king of England following the death of his mother, Queen Victoria. In 1936, Jesse Owens won his fourth gold medal at the Berlin Olympics as the United States took first place in the 400-meter relay. In 1965, Singapore proclaimed its independence from the Malaysian Federation. In 1969, actress Sharon Tate and four other people were found brutally murdered in Tate's Los Angeles home; cult leader Charles Manson and a group of his disciples were later convicted of the crime. In 1988, President Reagan nominated Lauro Cavazos to be secretary of education; Cavazos became the first Hispanic to serve in the Cabinet. In 1995, Jerry Garcia, lead singer of the Grateful Dead, died in San Francisco of a heart attack at age 53. Today's Birthdays: Former baseball manager...

Ralph Houk is 83. Country singer-songwriter Merle Kilgore is 68. Rhythm-and-blues singer Billy Henderson (The Spinners) is 63. Jazz musician Jack DeJohnette is 60. Comedian-director David Steinberg is 60. Actor Sam Elliott is 58. Boxing Hall-of-Famer Ken Norton is 57. Singer Barbara Mason is 55. Actress Melanie Griffith is 45. Actress Amanda Bearnse is 44. Rapper Kurtis Blow is 43. Singer Aimee Mann is 42. Singer Whitney Houston is 39. Actor Pat Petersen is 36. Football player Deion Sanders is 35. Actress Gillian Anderson is 34. Rock musician Arion Salazar (Third Eye Blind) is 32. Rapper Mack 10 is 31.

Answer to previous puzzle: GIFTS SPANK MCS ASIAN EERIE ARI MARTINCRANE DIX EYESPOT BELFAST EAST OOMPH GALOSH ABOVE IGOR SMITE IAN LAURIEPARTTRIDGE ART SCALD FLEW ALONE LASERS QUOTA SEER UNBENDS MEANIES ACE DENNIS FINCH SLY EMAIL ALOHA HES RIGBY TENOR

Newsday Crossword

FOUR SUGARS by Merle Baker Edited by Stanley Newman

- ACROSS 1 Machine part 4 August 15, 1945 9 Fossil preserver 14 Second-largest cont. 15 Country-blues guitarist Steve 16 Tuesday, in Toulon 17 Mom-and-pop org. 18 Blind parts 19 Elijah Wood role 20 Visibly embarrassed 23 Ridicule 24 Shoe part 25 Ancient Italian people 27 Vote in 30 Equipment 31 Marathon, for one 34 Collar 36 Liqueur flavoring 39 Nest egg 40 Cinema purchase 42 Piece of the action 43 Scruggs' instrument 45 Tex. neighbor 46 Dynamic beginning 47 Chip's partner 49 Potato holders 51 Kind of battery 54 Midway doll 58 Word before salt or garden 59 Toronto team 62 Not appropriate 64 Contestants' ranks

Down clues and crossword grid with numbers 1-71.

- 10 War of the Worlds combatant 11 Macrobiotic staple 12 Wally Cleaver's pal 13 Turbulent disturbances 21 Suit to 22 Children's game 26 Noggin 28 Guitar accessory 29 Functions well 31 Barbecue item 32 Coach Parseghian 33 Christmas tree decoration 35 Damn Yankees role 37 Big __, CA 38 DDE's command 40 Gdansk resident 41 Scored 44 Top prize 46 "... even __ speak" 48 Street shader 50 Frasier portrayer 51 Apothecary offering 52 Singer Blakley 53 Surgeon's device 55 Beach toys 56 "... now, when?" 57 Long-answer question 60 Clinton cabinet member 61 A smaller amount 63 Lao-tzu's way