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**B**EST SPORTS TAB EVER

It's finally here! The Best darned fall sports tab - period! is included in today's edition of the Big Spring Herald.

This 48-page special edition includes information on all area high school fall sports activities with schedules and features. Big 12 football teams and Texas' pro teams are featured as well.

#### BRIEFLY

#### ART, ESSAY CONTEST

Friday is the deadline for Howard County school students to enter the art and essay contest being sponsored by Wells Fargo Bank and the Big Spring Herald.

Students are asked to participate in commemorating the one-year anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, D.C.

Competition is grouped into five divisions — an art contest for students in kindergarten through the sixth grade; an art a contest and an essay contest for junior high students; and separate art and essay contests for high school students.

The winners in each division will receive a \$100 savings bond, while second- and third-place get \$50 savings bonds.

Winning entries will be announced and prominently featured in the Herald's commemorative edition on Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2002. All entries will be published in a special section that day.

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Trustees to eye budget, assistant superintendent post

By LYNDEL MOODY Staff Writer

Approval of the 2002-2003 tax rate and budget and consideration of an assistant superintendent will top the Big Spring Independent School District Board of Trustees meeting

"My recommendation (for superintendent) is going to be a local cansaid Superintendent Murray Murphy. "I've had eight people apply to date, two in the district and six out of the district. They are a very well qualified group but based on evaluation and the current situation of where we are in the school year, I plan to bring a

"There will be a justification and a recommendation. The role of assistant superintendent of a school system this size is not just a want but a need to keep good overall accountability to our principals, our directors, our teachers and the community as well."

Murray Murphy **BSISD Superintendent** 

local candidate as my recommendation to the board.'

Trustees will meet at 5:15 p.m. in the Big Spring High School board room, 707 11th Place.

During the Aug. 8 meeting,

Trustee Mike Dawson and Murphy debated the probability of combing the duties of the assistant superintendent and superintendent positions. Murphy was directed to bring a justification for filling the assistant superintendent's position to tonight's board meeting.

"There will be a justification and a recommendation," Murphy said. "The role of assistant superintendent of a school system this size is not just a want but a need to keep good overall accountability to our principals, our directors and our teachers and the community as

"We as district administrators help oversee many millions of dollars of taxpayer money and we need to develop a good checks and bal-

The discussion to not replace the

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# FM 700 Project expands

## Signal light at Virginia intersection now going in

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

A dangerous Big Spring intersection may soon become a lot safer, thanks to a new traffic light going in as part of the Texas Department

Transportation's 700/U.S. Highway 87 pro-

The intersection in question - FM 700 and Virginia Street - is located about a mile and a half east of ground zero for most of the construction, but TxDOT engineer Roy Dill said the goal of the project is to improve traffic flow on FM

"This (signal light) project is part of the FM 700 construction project that's going on," Dill said, "A traffic study was performed and it met the warrants for needing a traffic light. It was determined that this light was necessary to help improve the flow on FM

So far, work on the light is in the early stages, he said.

"It's still under construction," he said. "We've placed the foundations for the signal poles and now they're doing the wiring." Dill said he's not certain when the light will be oper-

ational. "I'm not real sure. This project is part of the FM 700 construction that's going on at Gregg Street. The subcontractor that's doing the



This piling, one of four newly placed on the corners of the FM 700-Virginia Street intersection, will soon anchor a traffic signal pole. The signal is being placed at the intersection, the site of fatal collisions in the past, to slow motorists on FM 700 and improve

signal work is working at that location as well as the signal reconfiguration at that other interchange," he said. "I'm not sure how that work's being coordinated."

Big Spring Public Works Director Todd Darden said the city requested the original study to consider putting a light at the inter-

"The city is the one, along with the Traffic Council, that initiated the study of FM 700," he said. "Three (FM 700) intersections that we wanted looked at that did not have signalization Wasson

Virginia and 11th Place. Virginia warranted a traffic signal because of deaths that have occurred at that intersection.

Darden said the intersection is recognized as one of the city's more dangerous

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# Purcell quitting Heritage Museum

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Citing

need to spend more time pursuing her education, Heritage Museum Curator Beth Purcell has turned in her resignation to the museum PURCELL

has had some great displays," Heritage Museum President Katie Cathey said. "This is just her decision and we accepted her resignation.

Purcell took over the position a little more than a year ago while at the same time pursuing a master's degree in museum science and history at Texas Tech University

This semester Purcell

to complete her degree in Ma of next year. With the added course work, Purcell said she decided to quit her full-time job.

Museum employees Nancy Raney and Tammy Burrow Schrecengost will split the curator duties after Purcell's last day on Sept. 4, Cathey said. No decision has been made on filling the position, Cathey added.

"We are going to sit back plans to take at least 12 for a couple of months and

"She has worked hard and hours of classes and hopes look at our options," she said. "We want to see what's best for the museum."

> The museum will continue to be open during it regular hours and all current events scheduled will continue, Cathey said.

> Purcell and her husband Ty plan to stay in the community.

> Contact Staff Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at news-

# <u>College</u>

## Terry Hanson gets promotion to Workforce director's post

**HERALD Staff Report** 

A six-year veteran with Howard College has been promoted to the position of excutive director Workforce Development and Risk Management Acacdemy.

Howard College announced Tuesday that Terry Hanson has been named to the position. "We

pleased that Terry has accepted the position, and



believe he will continue to provide the high quality of service so necessary within workforce development,' Howard President Dr. Cheryl Sparks. "This area of the services offered by Howard College is one of the utmost importance for our community, and for the business industry within Howard County as well as the service area.

Hanson has been a full time computer information systems instructor at the FCI Satellite Camp for nearly five years. Prior to that he served as the full time substitute instructor for all of the Howard College vocational programs at the prison.

A Howard County native, Hanson graduated from Big Spring High School and Howard College.

"Terry was very instrumental in creating the mock job fair the prison has conducted during the past several years," Sparks said.

The mock job fair is conducted each year and involves community members who are invited to perform practice interviews with the prison inmates. Hanson created the Job Search and Employment Skills curriculum, which culminates in the Mock Job

Hanson graduated from Angelo State University in 1974, receiving a bachelor of business administration degree. He has completed additional graduate studies

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# Max Green saying goodbye to public life

By BILL McCLELLAN

**News Editor** 

One of the most prominent men in economic development for Howard County said good-bye to public life on Thursday by winding up his board term on the corporation he helped to form.

Maxwell Green, who as mayor in 1989 brought the idea of instituting a sales tax to fund economic development before the Big Spring City Council, resigned after filling out his term on the Moore Development

for Big Spring Inc. board. His tenure officially ends Aug. 31.

"There have indeed been some ups and downs. There's been some criticism brought about by hindsight, but we have overcome that, and slowly but surely, Big Spring has recovered."

Max Green On leaving Moore Board

"This is the end of my public career," he said, explaining that his decision to retire was "due to various health reasons along with personal reasons."

business of buying, trading and selling over-and-under shotguns, but will exit public service. He leaves it, he says, in better shape than he found it, though he doesn't take Green will continue to operate his credit for that.

"I was very excited the other day to read where over the past year we have gained more than 800 new jobs. We are prospering and doing well. But people need to remember we are in a competitive situation," he said. "Nearly every city in Texas now has a tax-supported economic development entity. That's one reason our state is growing at such a rapid rate.'

There was no Moore Development for Big Spring when Green was elected mayor in the late 1980s.

'We were losing employees by the droves and employers were leaving,

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# A BIG SPRING ROUND THE TOWN

## **Obituaries**

#### Juanita Marez Salazar



Juanita Marez Salazar, 89, of Big Spring, passed away on Monday, Aug. 26, 2002, at Mt. View Lodge Nursing Home following a long illness.

A rosary will be held at 7 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be Friday, Aug. 30, at 11 a.m. at St. Thomas Catholic Church with burial in Mitchell County Cemetery in Colorado

Her body will be in state until 10 p.m.

Juanita was born on Feb. 26, 1913, in La Grulla and she was the daughter of Aniceto Marez and Eugenia Solis Marez. She married Roberto Salazar on Oct. 11, 1930, in La Reforma and he preceded her in death on June 5, 1992. She had lived in Colorado City from 1959 to 1995 when she moved to Big Spring. She was a Catholic and a homemaker.

She is survived by two sons, Leo Salazar of Big Spring and Gilbert Salazar of Snyder; five daughters, Hope Munoz of Michigan, Rosa Angeles of Fallbrook, Calif.; Frances Garcia of Stockton, Calif.; Lydia Del Bosque of Big Spring and Gloria Gomez of Tuscola; 65 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband she was preceded in death by five daughters, three sons, two sisters and one brother.

Pallbearers are Jesse Salazar, Frank Sanchez, Robert Sanchez, Patrick Salazar, Brian Gomez, Manuel Salazar, Gilbert Munoz Jr., Jacinto Jaureui, David Rodriguez and Frank Garcia Jr.

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

#### Fred Wilkerson



Fred Wilkerson, 79, of Big Spring, died on Wednesday, Aug. 28, 2002, at his residence. Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 30, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. R.T. Havener, pastor of First Assembly of God Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton.

He was born on Aug. 5, 1923, in Paris, Texas and married Margaret Etta Weaver on Oct. 28, 1941, in Stanton. She preceded him in death on February 27, 1992. Fred had lived in Big Spring since 1929. He served in the United States Army and fought in World War II in the European Theatre from 1943 to 1946. He worked for Steere Tank Lines for 15 years and Fina Trucking for 15 years. He was a member of First Assembly of God. He was an avid golfer and was active in the local Senior Citizens' Group.

Survivors include his son and daughter-in-law, Tommy and Evelyn Wilkerson of Carrollton; one brother, Ed Wilkerson of Big Spring; four sisters and two brothers-in-law, Dorothy Miller and Veda and Bill White all of Dickinson, and Opal Mealer and Juanita and Weldon Bryant, all of Big Spring; his dearest friend, Venetta Jobe of Big Spring; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

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

Paid obituary

### **Jimmy Dale Ditto**



Jimmy Dale Ditto went to be with his Lord on Wednesday, Aug. 28, 2002. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m Friday, Aug. 30, 2002, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Officiating will be Rick Cunningham, minister of 14th and Main Church of Christ, the Rev. Eugene Ballard, pastor of College Park Church of God and the Rev. Dudley Mullins, pastor of East

Fourth Street Baptist Church. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mr. Ditto was born on Dec. 13, 1936, near China Springs. He moved with his family to Knott when he was 9. In 1956, he graduated from Knott High School and had worked for a short time in the oil field and at Safeway until 1959. He served in the United States Army for two years, and had worked in civil service at Webb Air Force Base until its closure and at the Post Office until retiring in 1992.

Survivors include his wife, Eva; two brothers, Loy Ditto and wife, Dot, of Coahoma and Edwin Ditto of Kermit; a sister-in-law, Shirley Ditto; his children, Debbie and Jay Anderson of Big Spring, Joe and Patty Ditto of Coahoma, Raymond and Stephena Meek of Midland, Ronnie Meek of Big Spring, and their mother, Thelma Ditto; Taresa and Rick Parish of San Angelo, Susan and Bob Allen Graham of Charlotte, Ginger Koenes of Big Spring, and Roy "Booty" Eakins of Austin; 18 grandchildren; and 7 great-grandchil-

He was preceded in death by his parents, Guy and Edna Ditto; two brothers, Alton Ditto and Darrell Ditto; and one sister, Wanda Foster. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Thursday at the funeral home.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. www.npwelch.com Paid obituary

## \_ottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 2-18-36-40-42-53. Estimated jackpot: \$15 million. Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 1-3-4-16-33.

## Police blotter

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

RAYMOND NOEL RANDO, 17, of 1504 Main was arrested on a Texas Youth Commission warrant.

• ASSAULT CLASS C was reported in the 1700 block of Owens.

 ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 600 block of Northwest Seventh Street.

 RETALIATION was reported in the 100 block of West Fourth Street.

 DISTURBANCE OR FIGHT was reported in the 2500 block of Fairchild Drive and the 1000 block of North Main. • DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 600

block of Manor Lane, the 1600 block of Harding, the 200 block of North Johnson and the 600 block of South Bell Street. MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 1000 block of

South Birdwell Lane and the 700 block of East 11th

 BURGLARY OF A HABITATION INTENDING OTHER FELONY and INTERFERENCE WITH AN **EMERGENCY TELEPHONE CALL** was reported in the 1300 block of Mount Vernon. Someone reportedly caused \$150 damage at the home and stole credit or debit cards, checks, a purse or wallet worth \$10, \$200 cash and other items from the home.

BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported:

- In the 4200 block of Theo Street. Someone reportedly entered the home through a side window causing \$50 damage before stealing \$3,615 in household goods.

- In the 1200 block of South Lancaster. Someone reportedly entered the home through a side door and stole \$100 cash.

• THEFT was reported at H-E-B. Items worth \$5 were reportedly stolen and recovered.

 ROBBERY was reported in the 1200 block of East 11th Place. \$2 cash was reported stolen in the incident.

## Sheriff's blotter

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following recent activity:

• SHANNON DARRELL BEDFORD, 22, of 1002 N. Main St. was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested Tuesday by Big Spring Police on a charge of driving with an invalid license.

• BRADLEY ALLEN WOOLVERTON, 20, of 2910 Collins Road was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested Tuesday by Big Spring Police on a charge of theft \$500 to \$1,500.

• KATRINA FAYE BLAINE, 30, of 2501 Broadway was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested Wednesday by Big Spring Police on a charge of driving while intoxicated. DAVID ADAM MARTINEZ, 18, of 202 N.E. Third St.

was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested Saturday by Big Spring Police on a charge of possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

 KIMBERLIE R. BOLDEN, 26, of 2705 E. 16th St. in Austin was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested Aug. 16 by Big Spring Police on a charge of possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

 TEDRIC LAMAR MCALISTER, 26, of 1321 Harding was arrested on a motion to revoke parole on a charge of possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

 THEFT was reported at Town and Country in the 100 block of East Broadway in Coahoma. A pack of cigarettes was reported stolen in the incident.

· ACCIDENT was reported on Interstate 20 near mile

 LOOSE DOGS were reported in the 200 block of East Refinery Road. The dogs were picked up.

# **Bulletin board**

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

#### **FRIDAY**

☐ Spring City Senior Citizen's Country and Western dance from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. All area seniors are

☐ AMBUCS meets at noon at the Brandin' Iron Inn.

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

☐ ABC Club meets at noon at the Brandin' Iron Inn.

#### SATURDAY

☐ Dance at 8:30 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge located at 703 West Third.

☐ The Potton House located at 200 Gregg, a restored historical home, is open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. A one time admission fee of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens is encouraged.

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

☐ The Hangar 25 Air Museum, located at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sunday, 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

#### MONDAY

☐ Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. People 50 and over are invited to participate. For more information call 268-4721.

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

☐ Howard County ARC meets at 806 East Third at the Bingo Hall. Call 264-0674 for more information.

☐ Big Spring Chapter and Council RAM meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Building 221 1/2 Main.

☐ District Committee Lone Star of Big Spring meets at noon at 610 Scurry.

#### **TUESDAY**

☐ Intermediate Line Dance classes are held at 9 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628 for more infor-

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

☐ Evening Lions Club meets at noon at the Senior Citizens

VFW Post 2013 meets at the VFW Hall located at 500 Driver Road at 7 p.m.

☐ Coahoma Senior Citizens Luncheon meets at 11 a.m.

at the Coahoma Community Center.

☐ Big Spring Chapter 67, Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge located at 219 Main.

☐ Sheriff's Posse meets at 7 p.m. at the clubhouse on

Andrews Hwy.

☐ American Red Cross meets at Canterbury South located at 1600 Lancaster at 7 p.m.

☐ Alzheimer's Association Greater West Texas Chapter meets at 2 p.m. in the Howard County Library located at

500 South Main in the conference room.

☐ Gospel singing at the Kentwood Activity Center. Guest singers are form Midland and Colorado City. The singing starts at 7 p.m. and everyone is welcome.

#### GREEN

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too. We had more houses to sell than we could say grace over and no one to buy them," Green said. "I discovered that the legislature had passed a law allowing cities to vote for a tax-supported corporation for economic development. So, I carried it to the council."

The council liked the idea, but Green wasn't the man to carry the ball on the project, he said. "I was in deep political trouble at the time, and in fact

was in political trouble the entire time I was in office," he recalled. "But the council was behind it."

It was Wayne Moore, executive director of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, who made the project a reali-

"He came to me and said 'If you take a back seat, I think I can get this done.' I jumped at it," said Green. As a result of Moore's hard work, Green said, the election to approve a half-cent tax for economic development was

successful. Moore died before the corporation became a reality, but because of his efforts, it was named after him.

'There have indeed been some ups and downs. There's been some criticism brought about by hindsight, but we have overcome that, and slowly but surely, Big Spring has recovered," Green said.

"If anyone is interested in seeing Big Spring grow and prosper, I think they should contact our president (Lee George) and he would see that they get placed on one of our committees. If you want to get in on the ground floor and make your desires known, it's the place to be.'

At 72, Green has put in his share of civic hours. He has served as treasurer of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, was president of the Ambassadors Club and the American Business Club and on the board of the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center. As president and chairman of the board of Green & Fillingim PC, he held various positions with the Permian Basin Chapter of Certified Accountants. He discontinued practicing as a public accountant in December of 2000.

His term as mayor was one of controversy. "I was in and out of one political hot spot and into another the entire time," he recalled. "I was a businessman and believed in hard work. Not everybody agreed with me. In fact, he was the subject of recall attempts three times.

Two of them never made it to election; the other did, but was unsuccessful. He ran for a second term and was defeated.

It was a privilege to serve the community, though, said Green. And he enjoyed ending his service with a term on

the board of the corporation he helped found. Now he'll enjoy other endeavors, such as his shotgun business and entering chili cookoffs — something he's been doing for years.

"It's been an honor," he said, "but it's time for me to hang up my spurs and start cooking instead of riding broncs."

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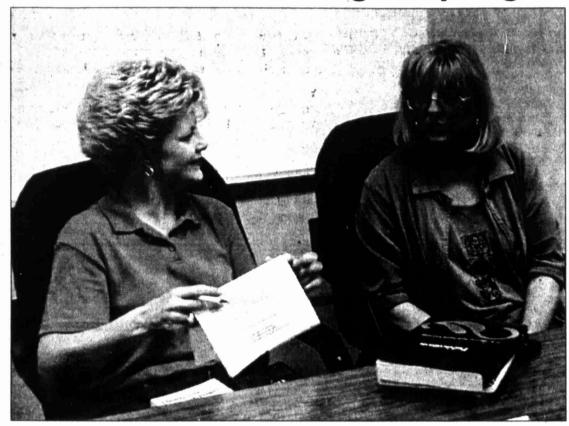
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# LCU bachelor's degree program under way at Howard College



Cherise Felty (left) and Leslie Johnson prepare for the first day of class of the Lubbock Christian University bachelor's degree program held on the Howard College campus. The program allows students to earn their bachelor's degree in organizational management in 18 to 20 months.

## **BSISD**

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assistant superintendent stems from the district's continuing financial crunch caused by declining state funding, litigation and unexpected expenses.

Financial expenses have put the pinch on the district's fund balance in recent years.

As part of cost cutting measures, administrators evaluate every vacant positions for the possibility of elimination. This year's budget is much tighter with more than \$1 millions slashed and includes an across the board cut of six

The \$23.14 million budget for maintenance and operating expense up for approval tonight includes an operating surplus of \$342,827, according to BSISD Business Manager Sandra Waggoner.

The district has budgeted

in \$964,110 for debt service on the Big Spring Junior High School bond in a separate account.

Trustees are also expected to consider approval of the same tax rate as last year's maintenance and operating expense of \$1.50 per \$100 valuation.

At the end of the meeting, board members are expected to enter into a closed session with lawyers to discuss the junior high lawsuit.

"Periodically the board receives updates from its lawyers on where strategies are for the attorneys," Murphy said. "The board is nearing a mediation date on Oct. 16-17. Depositions are being taken weekly if not on a daily bases and a trial date is set on Jan. 6. It is in the best interest of the board to get at least a monthly update with attorneys con-

sidering the junior high." In 2000, the district filed suit against Terracon Construction Inc. seeking payment for all past and future damages to the junior high building as well as fees connected with the litiga-

Terracon was the company that found the site suitable for construction of the facility in 1996. Later it was determined that the site was once a canyon.

The junior high building began to show problems as cracks appeared in the cement walls and flooring shortly after it was opened

Also involved in the lawsuit are engineer Eric Cleveland, Huckabee and Associates, engineer Charles F. Terry Inc. and Monterey Construction General Contraction.

Also on the agenda, trustees will consider resignations and other hiringrecommendations.

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**PROMOTION** 

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Colorado.

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Tuesday night, Leslie Johnson took her first step back into the classroom in 30 years.

The mother of two 20something boys was one of 19 trailblazers to be the first to participate in bachelor's degree program offered in Howard County.

"It was great," Johnson said . "I think we were all a little anxious and a little nervous but everyone seemed pretty happy. Our instructor did a lot to reassure us and let us know we can still do this at our age.

College juniors and seniors meet once a week in the Howard College Library with a Lubbock Christian University instructor. The group discussion-based program is aimed at mature students 25 and older with some background in the business world.

Armando Salgado of Big Spring said the class format different than he expected.

"In regular college classes your are listening to the teacher telling you to do this," he said. "This class you participate a lot. A lot of your grade comes from participation.

"This is going to be a little bit harder because you do the projects by yourself," he said. "You are only with the teacher once a week. It causes a lot more work but I figure I can learn more that

Salgado is hoping to use part of his project time to research the feasible of starting his own business.

Johnson and Salgado are part of cohort 24, the 24th group to through the LCU Department

Organizational Management program designed for the non-traditional, working student.

If the two continue through the program, in 18 to 20 months they will have earned a bachelor's degree in organizational management from LCU without ever having to leave Howard County for instruc-

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provide within the commu-

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"I am looking forward to

working with Continuing

Education and Adult Basic

Education as well as the

Academy," he continued.

"These are very important

assets for our community

and our college district and

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having to commute to Odessa, Lubbock or San Angelo to finish their education attracted the two.

"I lived in Big Spring all these years and had children and a job," Johnson, who is an employee at Cain Electric said, "Commuting to Odessa would have been hard on me and my family. I was presented this opportunity to get my bachelor's degree.

"It's a wonderful opportunity. I have wanted to do it for years but hadn't had the

"I have to have a job to pay my bills," said Salgado, who is a Big Spring Independent School District employee.

LCU Assistant Professor Scott Rhodes, director of organizational management in Midland, who is teaching the first module said the first day of class went well.

"We are all enthusiastic and ready to go," Rhodes said.

To be admited into the program, students must have accumulated 60 hours of transferable college credit from an accredited college

or post secondary institu-The opportunity of not tion and have a grade point average of at least 2.10 on a 4.0 scale for 60-89 hours or a 2.25 for 90 plus or better on all prior academic work. Only course work with a grade of C or above will transfer.

Students must also have and official transcript from every college or university they attended sent directly to Lubbock Christian University, Department of Organizationa! Management and complete a writing sample.

The next cohort for Big Spring is expected begin in January.

#### **MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME** & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

Edward Kyle Bodin, 41, died Tuesday. Graveside services were 1:00 PM today at Trinity Memorial Park.

Juanita Marez Salazar, 89, died Monday. Rosary will be 7:00 PM tonight at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be 11:00 AM Friday at St. Thomas Church.





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"It's been a major spot for fatalities," he said. "When you're looking at the warrants for a signal you look at traffic flow, traffic patterns and dangerous intersections. This one fell under the category of dangerous intersections.

Geography is a main factor in the intersections danger, he said.

"If you look at the intersection, you have different angles for vehicles to have to see from either direction," he said. "FM 700 comes around on a curve before it enters Virginia from the west. At the angle that people are sitting at and the slope of Virginia, it created some visibility problems.

Speeding on FM 700 is also a factor, Darden added.

"I drive that stretch of roadway often and I think that people do not adhere to that speed limit in that stretch of roadway, which from the mall to the state park entrance is 45 miles per hour," he said. "We do get a lot of people that exceed that speed limit. One of the reasons we reduced the speed limit there a few years ago is the Virginia intersection had created a dangerous intersection for

Schlotzsky's Deli is located on the corner of FM 700 and Virginia, and manager Rick Gonzales agreed with Darden's assessment.

"One of the big things is

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you get a lot of speeding tickets coming through here," he said, "Also I think there have been several wrecks here in the past. I had talked to the guys that are working out there and that's the reason the state had decided to put one out

The curve of FM 700 creates a blind spot for drivers heading south on Virginia, he added.

'When you're coming down Virginia going southbound, you have a blind spot on the right-hand side where that stop sign's at," he said. "A lot of people just flow on out and they've had wrecks there before.'

Gonzales said he doesn't think a traffic light will hurt business at the restaurant.

"I think it might help, to be honest with you," he said. "People are always in a hurry to get home and when they're at the stop light they have time to look

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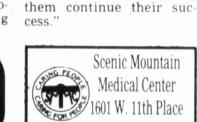
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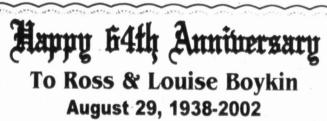
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## OUR VIEWS

# Wishing area teams the best for this season

time for preparation has expired. The 2002 high school football season officially gets under way Friday when Big Spring's Steers and all but one of the rest of the area teams play their first games.

The Steers open the season on the road, playing Odessa High School's Bronchos at 7:30 p.m. in Ratliff Stadium.

At the same time, Coahoma's Bulldogs will play host to Reagan County's Owls.

Forsan's Buffaloes and Stanton's Buffaloes will also open at home, both playing highly-touted Class 1A teams. Forsan's herd entertains Iraan's Braves at 7:30 p.m., while Stanton hopes to create a surprise stampede on Roscoe's Plowboys in an 8 p.m. kickoff.

Garden City's Bearkats will play a 7:30 opener at home, as well, entertaining Sterling City's Eagles. And Sands' Mustangs will be homestanding on the first week of the season, playing host to Ropes in six-man action at 7:30.

A great many thrills are certain to come before the playoffs begin, and we're looking forward to

What's more, we need to remember that high school football in Texas is much more than just a contest between young athletes. It's an opportunity for bands, cheerleaders, pep squads and the like to display their talents.

In fact, there's little question that we put the best our communities have to offer on display each Friday night. These youngsters should be a source of pride and deserve our unqualified support in all their endeavors.

We here at the Herald have looked forward with great anticipation to the season's start and wish all the area's teams the best of luck.

We'll see you at the stadium!

## Your Views

To the Editor:

I'm inclined to agree with a friend who referred to the players of major league baseball, in anticipation of their proposed strike at the end of this month, as a "bunch of greedy fools"

During the last work stoppage, in 1994, the average player made \$1.2 million a year. Now, eight years later, the average player's yearly salary is \$2.4 million dollars. At \$32,000 a year-close to what the average American makes-it would take 75 years to make \$2.4 million or one year's average salary in professional baseball. And already the price of admission for the average family of four to attend a major league game has become prohibitive.

Over 72 million of us, out of a total of 288 million people in the U.S., bothered to attend a big league baseball game in 2000.

Let's say the most ardent baseball fan visited the ball park to see three games which means only 24 million even showed up at a major league ball park last

To top it off, the NFL has

and show us the way. Amen

A SMALL PRAYER

a salary cap of \$72 million divided up among 53 players. The greedy goons of Flatbush have proposed a \$130 million dollar thresh-

old for a 25-man team I consider myself an average baseball fan and if these prima donnas walk out on Aug. 30, shut'er down and go to the house-I promise you I'll never make a minimal effort the remainder of my life to go see another Major League baseball-and I'll do everything in my power to persuade every person I know or can talk to, to do the

In my opinion, only those persons who can deliver Osama bin Laden or those doctors and researchers who discover the cure for cancer are entitled to the millions paid to Alex Rodriquez or any of his friends who hit, catch and run after a little white ball like elementary children.

Robert Browning said. "One wise man's verdict outweigh all the fools." If that wise man could be found, could we get all these greedy fools to listen.

R.E. Peppy Blount

## A society on its way to degeneration? all it the summer

of deviance. Young girls abducted from their bedrooms, snatched from their front

yards, victims of crimes too horrible to imagine. A serial murderer stalk ing the streets of Baton Rouge, La., a co-ed in her 20s and two middle-aged women



dead. Near round-the-clock coverage of a California trial of a child-killer whose cache of child pornography included the types of pictures the Supreme Court recently decided to protect on First Amendment grounds. Two popular disc jockeys paying a couple to have sex in New York's St. Patrick's Cathedral.

The stories still have the power to shock us in varying degrees. But are we losing the very words to describe such despicable acts and the moral code by which to judge them? That's the argument Anne Hendershott makes in her new book, "The Politics of

Deviance." Hendershott, a professor of sociology at the means "by which the pow-University of San Diego, claims that decades of political pressure by advocacy groups and ideologues have left us with the inability to recognize deviance when we see it, nor do anything to curb it. Until deviance itself

became a forbidden subject, Hendershott says, aspiring sociologists routinely studied "topics ranging from promiscuity and cheating on exams, to addiction, pedophilia, deviant subcultures, organized crime and serial murder, in an effort to understand how groups draw boundaries around acceptable behavior and punish violators." Emile Durkheim, the father of modern sociology, notes Hendershott, "saw that moral unity could be assured only if all members of a society were anchored to common assumptions about the world around them; without these assumptions, a society was bound to degenerate and decay.'

However, for the majority of sociologists today, Hendershott says, the only reason to study deviance is to try to figure out why so many in the past erroneously thought the topic was important. Deviance,

erful exert control over the powerless.

Hendershott catalogues a variety of deviant behaviors from drug abuse to pedophilia that have been "normalized" in recent years. In 1994, for example, the American Psychiatric Association revised its Diagnostic and Statistical Manual so that neither pedophilia nor child molestation could be considered indicative of psychological disorders. "To qualify as disordered," Hendershott reports, "molesters must feel 'anxious' about the acts or be 'impaired' in their work or social relationships. Meanwhile, drug abuse is "medicalized" to ensure that those who take drugs not be stigmatized.

She notes that not only does this phenomenon lead to confusion about culpability, it also fuels what others have dubbed "moral panics." Since most people have an innate sense of revulsion at certain deviant behavior, "moral panics are most likely to erupt when traditional norms and values no longer appear to have much relevance to people's live but there is little to replace them. People's awareness of this vacuum,"

Hendershott says, "makes them all the more susceptible to panic-mongering." She cites examples from the satanic-cult panic of two decade ago, when Americans became obsessed by stories of day care workers allegedly sexually abusing young children in satanic rituals. Some innocent people went to jail, despite no real evidence of abuse, and many lives were ruined on the basis of false memories fostered by overzealous and unscrupulous therapists.

Though the recent child abduction cases themselves are real, unlike the alleged satanic rituals of the 1980s. the current obsession with these sensational stories may be yet another example of moral panic. Near constant media coverage gives us the sense that predators lurk on every corner and there is little we can do to protect our children, despite evidence that child abductions by strangers have actually been declining in recent years, including this year. Hendershott's book is a sobering examination of both the moral confusion that shrouds deviant behavior from proper scrutiny and the moral panics that lead us to imagine deviant behavior everywhere.



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# Why Amtrak is a loser at Monopoly

ast year we wrote about Amtrak's current and future problems, and things have only gotten worse. The well-publicized breakdowns and derailments are

only the most visible problems The real

problem is philosophiare ineffi cient and

Monopolies

expensive, but if there must be a monopoly, is it better that

it be public or private? History has proven time and again that private monopolies, as epitomized by the robber barons at the end of the 1800s, are the worst. Government monopolies, while plagued with many of the same inefficiencies, are devoid of the greed factor. Then there is the private monopoly that is publicly regulated such as power companies. They

So what went wrong with Amtrak? Unlike utility companies, Amtrak is a partially regu-

lated (like the Post Office,

it is compelled to run los-

are guaranteed a profit.

ANDERSON

All three rail systems confronted the problems of infrastructure (tracks, stations and signals), low-population routes, safety, costs, financing and equipment. Japan is the undisputed leader in all categories except costs. Japanese governments ran up a railroad debt of \$235 billion compared to Amtrak's \$4 billion. On the other hand, Japan's high-speed bullet trains have not had a single fatal accident since they

began running in 1964. But the Japanese — and the British — finally had

enough of red ink, and the rail systems were privatized in the late 1980s through the 1990s as both systems concentrated on the most vexing problem: infrastructure.

The countries divided their rail systems among several companies, but the British formed Railtrack to maintain its infrastructure, whereas the Japanese made infrastructure the responsibility of each independent company in its own area.

The British system failed and is being replaced by a new infrastructure entity. The Japanese system is being hailed a great success. Neither is a model for America. The distances are too great. If we compare a railbed to a highway, the first has traffic every few hours and the other, every few seconds. Therefore the infrastructure cost per mile traveled is almost infinitely greater for trains than for trucks and cars. This is why the American system is plagued with derailments and slowdowns.

The other major problem servicing low population areas - has been addressed in Japan by the creation of a fund to which high-population carriers contribute for the benefit of low-population carriers. It is not unlike the big-city, smallcity revenue-sharing concept being debated by major league sports teams in the United States.But once again it would not work in America. The distances are too vast.

And despite the apparent Japanese success, the absence of competition will become an undermining factor as their new private rail monopolies begin to behave as all monopolies behave. Rates will increase and service will decrease.

The British system is even worse because its infrastructure company is merely draining the treasury for the benefit of regional monopolies.

In the end, Americans must decide if they want a national rail system. Or is it time to give up on transcontinental service and concentrate on shorterhaul, profitable areas such as the Northeast Corridor. Such a decision would solve the low-population problem, but not the monopoly problem. That can be solved either by increasing the high-population infrastructure to allow competing rail companies to operate or by maintaining the existing infrastructure and restricting the service to one governmentowned and operated entity.

Prediction: Amtrak as we know it will go out of business





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Longview by K. Rae Anderson

## Local girl attends Lions Camp in Kerrville



The Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville offers special camping programs that serve children who have physical disabilities and type one diabetes.

This summer, Stephanie Michelle Mims of Big Spring attended the Texas Lions Camp in Kerrvile.

She was sponsored by J. Phillip Reid of the Sand Springs Lions Club.

The camp offers camping sessions to children ages 7 to 16 who have visual, hearing, or physical disabilities.

The camp offers a wide variety of activities for camper's enjoyment, including arts and crafts, field sports, riding horses, swimming, theater, and camping out overnight.

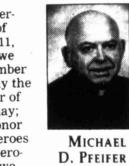
The camp is a nonprofit organization, funded by the Lions of Texas and private donations. Children attend the camp at no cost to themselves or

their families. Further information and camper applications may be obtained by contacting a Lions Club member in your area or by contacting the Texas Lions Camp at P.O. Box 290247, Kerrville 78029-0247; V/TDD (830)8896-8500;

The Texas Lions Camp can also be found on the Web at www.lionscamp.com

## Memory of Sept. 11 still fresh in the minds of many

On the first anniversary of Sept. 11, 2001, we remember vividly the horror of that day; we honor the heroes and heroines; we renew our



support for the survivors and bereaved.

But the challenge before us and the potential of this anniversary is greater even than those important tasks.

For as a nation and as a people of faith, we still need to do more to probe that wound - to use the painful experience of national brokenness and vulnerability to deepen our spiritual values as a nation and to ponder the possibili ties for the making of peace with our country and with all countries of the world - in our own times and for future generations.

On Sept. 11, we were awakened as a nation to the terror of billowing smoke, burning buildings, and the cries of innocent children.

Our pain and grief opened our eyes and minds to the ever-present danger of attacks from terrorists and how we must always be vigilant

This painful experience also impelled us to view this moment in history form a global perspective and to build up universal values that bind our

Sept. 11 revealed the mystery and depth of evil and violence of which human beings are capable; but, it also revealed the mystery and real goodness and generosity of human beings.

We are called as global children of the one same God and Father to be peacemakers

The Rev. Michael D. Pfeifer, OMI is bishop of the Catholic Diocese of San Angelo (29 counties in West

# Babbling babies hard at work, researcher says WASHINGTON (AP) — It author Siobhan Holowka mouth. For smiling, the left the baby is smiling, the left

may sound like meaningless nonsense to adults, but the babbling of babies actually is an essential verbal exercise that helps the very young prepare for a lifetime of speech and language.

When a baby is babbling, it "is hard at work figuring out the sound system of their language and how those sounds are put together," said Laura-Ann Petitto, a researcher at Dartmouth College and senior author of a study appearing Friday in the journal Science. "The baby is actually building an understanding of the sounds of their language."

Petitto said her new study, using 10 babies between the ages of 5 months and 12 months, shows that the distinctive sounds of an infant's babbling are prompted by signals from one part of the brain while other sounds or mouth motions are directed by other parts of the brain.

"This suggests that language functions specialize in the brain at a very early age," she said.

In the study, Petitto, a professor in psychology and brain sciences, and coanalyzed the mouth motion side of the mouth was of infants as they babbled, made other vocal sounds and as they smiled.

The infants, five from an English-speaking and five from a French speaking family, were filmed as they made sounds. The film was then slowed down to enable the researchers to closely analyze each mouth motion.

They found that when the babies were babbling, the motion was more emphatic opened more. For random vocalizations, the mouth was symmetrical, with both sides activated equally.

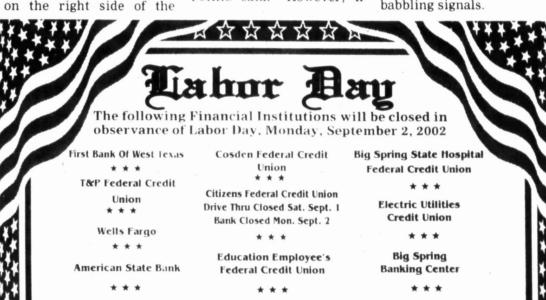
This difference in motion, said Petitto, directly reflects the parts of the brain being used in each activity of the mouth.

If the baby is producing vocal babbling, then the right side of the mouth has a greater opening and it is pulled down a little more, Petitto said. "However, if

side of the mouth is going to have a slightly greater opening and you also get a contraction around the left

When the baby is producing sounds with no babbling content, "then the mouth is full, wide open," she said.

Petitto said that since the left side of the brain controls the right side of the mouth, then the findings suggest that the left side of the brain is sending the babbling signals.









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# Thursday, August 29, 2002 One day left for baseball to avoid strike

Youth soccer clinic NEW YORK (AP) — One but I can't tell you we're any day before the union's slated for Sept. 7
The Big Spring High School Boys Basketball strike deadline, baseball players and owners were still trying to work out their Booster Club will be

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Spring athletic depart-

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**USA Gymnastics** 

differences. holding a soccer clinic After five bargaining sesfor students in graded Ksions Wednesday, the sides 3 at the soccer fields, remained apart on levels for located at 3100 Hudgens a luxury tax and revenue Memorial Drive, on Sept. sharing, leaving the sport 7. The clinic is scheduled on track for its ninth work to run from 10 a.m. until stoppage since 1972. Many players, however, expressed The cost for the clinic hope for a deal. is \$15 per child. Sign-ups

"The same issues are unresolved," said commissioner Bud Selig, who arrived in New York on Wednesday evening. "It's been very constructive. Both sides are reaching out,

closer. Only time will tell."

Selig, who presided over the 1994-95 strike that led to the first cancellation of the World Series in 90 years, did not participate in the negotiating sessions, which mostly were brief. The last ended just past midnight.

"The length of the meeting doesn't always indicate whether it was a good meeting or not," said union lawyer Steve Fehr.

"I still think we're going to get something done," said Tom Glavine, the NL player representative. "I just think we're all too close on too much of this to let it fall apart.'

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By TOMMY WELLS

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Stadium.

Are you in need of a sports fix?

If so, the Big Spring Steers have

more than a few treats for you this

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be competing in various sports

Of course, the big news is the

The local football fans can get their

first taste of gridiron tonight when

the Steers' freshman and junior var-

sity teams open their 2002 seasons.

The BSHS freshmen will begin the

action at 5 p.m. at Memorial

The Big Spring Steers' JV squad

The Big Spring team tennis squad

and the Big Spring Junior High

School volleyball teams returns to

action today. The tennis squad is

Sports Editor

Owners want to slow spending by high-payroll teams with a luxury tax and in their last formal proposal wanted to increase the amount of locally generated revenue that teams share from 20 percent to 36 percent. Players were at 33.3 percent and want to phase in the increase.

While negotiators didn't disclose details, management increased its proposed threshold for the luxury tax by \$5 million to \$112 million and the union dropped by \$5 million to \$120 million, Boston player representative Johnny Damon said. The sides were still discussing all the proposed

rates and thresholds. The sides also discussed

contract language that dealt with the owners' desire to fold two franchises, one general manager said on condition of anonymity. The union opposes contraction.

Atlanta, Boston, the White Sox, Colorado and Milwaukee pushed back their charters from Thursday to Friday to see what happens at the talks. The first game affected would be at Chicago's Wrigley Field, where the Cubs are to play the Cardinals at 2:20 p.m.

"Things generally go to the last second," Selig said, "but you do get into dangerous ground when you don't have a deal done late in the day, late at night."

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Since the union set the strike date, fans have expressed anger. A sign in the bleachers at Chicago's Comiskey Park on Wednesday read: "On Strike/Who Cares/Go Bears."

"We see the signs, and you hear comments from time to time about strike-related stuff. Sometimes those things are harsh," the Brewers' Mark Loretta said. "It's so hard to try to explain to people what the issues are when you're talking about those kinds of dollars and this kind of industry, and the fans are in the middle of it.'

# Rangers extend O's woes

ARLINGTON (AP) Chan Ho Park is finally having the kind of results expected of him.

Park (6-6) struck out eight over seven innings in the Texas Rangers' 5-3 victory over Baltimore Wednesday night. He won consecutive decisions for the first time since signing his \$65 million, five-year contract last December.

The wins have come in the right-hander's first two starts since leaving the 15day disabled list because of a blister on the middle finger of his pitching hand. The eight strikeouts were one short of his season

Park gave up two runs on seven hits against the Orioles, who have lost five straight cames. Those were his same totals over six innings at Yankee Stadium last Friday.

Todd Hollandsworth and Ivan Rodriguez homered off John Stephens (1-3), giving the Rangers homers in 15 straight games. The 30 homers in that span have increased Texas' season total to 185, second in the majors to the Yankees (191). The Orioles left 10 men on

Baltimore had a quick lead when Jerry Hairston hit a one-out triple in the first and Chris Richards followed with a single. The Orioles then loaded the bases, but couldn't bring home another run off Park.

"I got focused after the first inning," Park said. "I had a hard time but came back and threw much bet-

Park retired 11 of his next 12 batters, the only baserunner coming when Tony Batista was hit by a pitch, until Melvin Mora and Hairston had consecutive doubles in the fifth.

Francisco Cordero got four outs for his sixth save of the season.

Hollandsworth's two-run homer in the third put Texas in front to stay at 2-1. Ivan Rodriguez led off the sixth with his 12th homer.

## Weekend's schedule

busy weekend of prep athletic activities

Six of the seven area high school teams are scheduled to begin play this Friday. The following is a list of the games.

The Big Spring High School freshman Steers will open the 2002 football season this afternoon against the Odessa

Bronchos. The two teams are scheduled to begin play at 5 p.m. at Memorial Stadium. The JV teams will take to the

LET THE GAMES BEGIN

Big Spring freshmen, JV teams highlight

Thursday, Aug. 29 Odessa vs. Big Spring 9 Odessa vs. Big Spring JV BSHS tennis at Monterey . . . . Andrews vs. BSJHS volleyball . . .5 p.m Friday, Aug. 30

Big Spring vs. Canyon (VB) ...10 a.m Big Spring vs. Odessa . . . . . . 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 31 Big Spring CC at Brownfield Invite .TBA

scheduled to travel to Lubbock to face Monterey High School, while the junior high spikers will host Andrews beginning at 5 p.m. this evening in the BSJHS gym.

On Friday, the athletic action

begins early in San Angelo, where the Lady Steers, 3-3 on the year, will square off against Canyon High School in the first round of the San Angelo Invitational. The game is slated for a 10 a.m. start.

With a win against Canyon, Big Spring would advance to a 2 p.m. showdown with either El Paso Hanks or Miles.

The Steers' varsity gridders open their season Friday night with a trip to Odessa, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The game, in addition to being the team's first game of the year, will debut Big Spring's new pass-oriented offense.

On Saturday, the Big Spring cross country teams will inaugurate their season by competing in the Brownfield Invitational.

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

## Jags, Cowboys to close out preseason slate tonight

(AP) - Mark Brunell, Fred Taylor and the rest of the Jacksonville Jaguars firstteam offense have about 15 plays left to do something they haven't done all preseason: Score a touchdown.

The Jaguars (1-2) close the exhibition season against Dallas (2-1) today, in search of a trip to the end zone by their front-line players.

"It gets a little frustrating, but we'll be fine," Taylor said. "We know we've got

the potential." But do they really?

Jimmy Smith, the Jaguars have looked downright dreadful when Brunell and the first team are playing \.

The stats don't lie: In the 12 series Brunell has engineered this preseason, the offense has produced no touchdowns, one field goal and 11 punts.

Last week against Chicago, the Jaguars got one first down in five series with Brunell at the helm.

Despite the bad showing, Jacksonville won that game on the strength of its sec-

Without holdout receiver ond-teamers, which only underscores the fact that the results of preseason games are meaningless.

Brunell has taken a long time getting used to his completely new cast of receivers. Patrick Johnson, Bobby Shaw and Darnay Scott are still learning the offense, and so far, there has been very little continuity in the passing game.

"Confidence isn't a probvery confident in how I play. But it's obviously been an adjustment to new

play us."

Brunell will likely get between 12 and 16 snaps today, in a game coach Tom Coughlin would like to use more to make personnel decisions near the bottom of his roster than to build confidence for the offense.

The game marks the return of former Jaguars linebacker Kevin Hardy, now with the Cowboys. lem," Brunell insists. "I feel Hardy was one several former players who left in the Jags' offseason salary -cap-

Members of the 2002-03 Coahoma High School varsity and JV cheerleading squads are : (Varsity: back row, left to right) Kristi Hutchison, Kristi Gonzales, K.K. Kellar, Christina Grove (mascot) Miranda Hester, Tasha Mitchell and Lauren Green. The JV team (front row) is Ruby Garcia, Brandi Kilpatrick, Jamle McCrea, Sterling Gee, Elizabeth Conley and Crystal Bridges.

## Oswalt earns 17th win with 2-1 gem against San Diego

won his career-high seventh straight by allowing only one run on four hits over 7 2-3 innings. He struck out

In his 28 starts, Oswalt, now 17-6, has gone six or more innings all but three times.

"He loves to pitch," manager Jimy Williams said. "He goes late in the game just about every time. He works fast and throws strikes and when you do that it helps the defense

play well behind you." The Padres also got a strong performance out of starter Jake Peavy (5-6), who went six innings and allowed two runs on six hits, striking out seven.

"This was a well-pitched game by everyone," manag-

HOUSTON - Roy Oswalt er Bruce Bochy said. "In a tight game, Peavy continued to pitch well. He did his job and gave us a chance to win.

> Houston second baseman Craig Biggio also hit a tworun single in the third to provide the winning runs.

"You know you've got your work cut out for you against (Oswalt). I can see why he's having the year he's having." The Padres have scored

iust six runs in Peavy's six losses this year.

The Astros have gone 28-17 since the All-Star break and Bagwell has 25 home runs. Wagner set down three straight Padres to reach the 30 mark for the fourth time in his career. Hr had a career-high 39 last season.

## CHS Band Booster sets 'Tallgate Party' The Coahoma Band Booster will be hosting ets are \$5 each. **Gymnastics classes** start Sept. 9 at 'Y'

the first "Bulldogs Tail Gate Party" on Friday, Aug. 30. Advance tickets for the event can be purchased from Band Booster members. Tick-

gymnastics and tumbling for girls and boys begins Sept. 9 at the Big Spring Family YMCA.

Registration begins the week before classes begins. Gymnastics and tum-

bling classes are sched-

uled for preschoolers, age s 5 and up. Gymnastics classes for girls, age 6 and over and tumbling classes for boys and girls, ages 6 and up. For more information about the classes or registering contact Pete

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#### FISHING REPORT

AUSTIN (AP) - Here is the week ly fishing report as compiled for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for Aug. 28. (Report also available on Web as www.txfishing.com.)

#### CENTRAL

BUCHANAN: Water clear; 85 degrees; 1017.60'; Black bass to 5 pounds are fair on Carolinarigged 5" watermelon/red Craw Fish, watermelon Devil's Tongues on drop shot rigs, and split shot rigged watermelon 4" Disc Worms in 12 - 25 feet. Striped bass are fair to good on Rat-L-Traps, and 1/2oz. Pirk Minnows on the surface over 40 - 50 feet very early, and later trolling Curb's bucktail jigs or drifting live bait over rockpiles. White bass are fair but small vertically jigging 1/4oz. Pirk Minnows, 1/8oz. Tiny Traps and 2" Lit'l Fishie Shads off lake points. Crappie are slow on minnows. Channel catfish are good on minnows and doughbait. Yellow and blue catfish are good on trotlines baited with live perch.

PROCTOR: Water murky; 85 degrees; 1161.26; Black bass are slow. Striped bass are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

SOUTH AMISTAD: Water fairly clear; 85 degrees; Black bass to 6 pounds are fair on spinnerbaits, and jigs over grass in 15 feet early. Striped bass are fair on striper jigs near the dam and up the Rio Grande. White bass are fair on striper jigs and slabs. Crappie are slow on live minnows. Channel and blue catfish

#### feet. Yellow catfish are slow. WEST

are fair on cheesebait in 5 - 20

ALAN HENRY: Water clear; 85 degrees; Black bass are good on poppers, and black spinnerbaits throughout the night until about 9am, during the day switching to Carolina-rigged worms and Senkos in camo or blue fleck. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs under

ARROWHEAD: Water stained (from wind); 85 degrees; 7.2 low; Black bass to 6 pounds are fair on jigs and purple worms at night near docks with lights. Crappie are very good early or late in the day on minnows and jigs around derricks White bass are good on Rat-L-Traps while trolling. Catfish are fair drifting shrimp near the dam.

COLORADO CITY: Water clear; 85 degrees; 9.5 low; Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass are slow. Redfish are slow. Catfish are slow. Fishing is extremely slow due to a toxic golden algae bloom. FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 86 degrees; 5.8 low. Black bass are fair. Crappie are fair. White bass are good on minnows and

jigs. Catfish are fair on minnows. HUBBARD CREEK: Water lightly ained; 85 degrees; 14 low; Black bass are good on worms crankbaits, and Rattle-L-Traps Crappie are fair. White bass and hybrid striper are good on chrome Rat-L-Traps, and under lights at night. Catfish are fair.

NASWORTHY: Water lightly stained; 85 degrees; Black bass are fair on minnows, spinnerbaits, and topwaters. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. Redfish are fair. White bass and striped bass are fair on minnows. Catfish are good on minnows and perch.

OAK CREEK: Water lightly stained; 83 degrees; No boat ramps open. Black bass are fair. Crappie are good near docks on minnows, and jigs. Catfish are fair on trotlines baited with minnows

and stinkhait OH. IVIE: Water lightly stained; 86 degrees; 19 low; Black bass are fair on minnows, dark jigs, and topwaters. Crappie are good under lights at night and at dawn on minnows, and jigs. White bass are good on minnows at dusk and dawn, and under lights at night. Smallmouth bass are slow. Catfish are good on trotlines baited with

goldfish, chicken liver, and perch. POSSUM KINGDOM: Water lightly stained; 84 degrees; 2.25 low; Black bass are fair. Crappie are fair. White bass are fair. Striped bass are fair. Catfish are fair.

SPENCE: Water stained; 79 degrees: 56 low: Black bass are fair on jigs, and red shad plastics. Crappie are fair. White bass, striped bass, and hybrid striper are fair on minnows. Catfish are fair on trotlines baited with shad. Fishing is generally slow due to a golden algae bloom.

STAMFORD: Water stained; 84 degrees; 2.5 low; Black bass are fair on minnows Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass and striped bass are fair on crankbaits and minnows. Catfish are good on trotlines

baited with shad, and stinkbait. SWEETWATER: Water lightly stained; 84 degrees; 19.5 low; Black bass are fair on topwaters and minnows. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass are good on minnows, and chrome Rat-L-Traps. Catfish are good on trotlines baited with minnows and chicken liver.

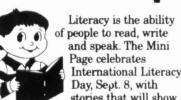
WHITE RIVER: Water stained (from wind); 84 degrees; 20 low; Black bass fair. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. Walleye are fair. Catfish are good on minnows and shad.

WICHITA: Water stained (from wind); 86 degrees; .3 low; Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass are slow. Hybrid striper are slow. Catfish are fair near the Wichita Park area around cattails on large shiners, worms, liver, and



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Some people have trouble reading because of physical problems such as being blind or having learning problems.

International Literacy Day is celebrated throughout the world each Sept. 8. It was officially started by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). Its purpose is to show how important it is to learn how to read.



Reading brings power

Some people gain power by keeping others from learning to read Someone who knows how to read is harder to control than one who does

In the 1800s in (1818-1895) America, slave owners made it illegal to teach slaves to read and write.

Frederick Douglass was a young slave in Baltimore, Md. His owner's wife taught him how to read. But when his owner found out, he made his wife stop giving Frederick

lessons and would not let him have

But Frederick didn't stop learning. He became more determined than ever. He ran away to freedom and grew up to be an outstanding leader and newspaper editor.

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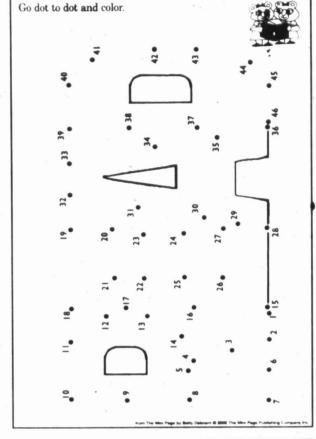
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language. They can't read menus or traffic signs. They have trouble applying for a job if the application is written in

English. One of the best ways for people to get better at reading English is by reading the newspaper.

Beginning readers might find what interests them most such as sports, and

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## Rookie Cookie's Recipe Nutty Bread

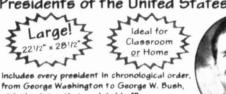
- You'll need: 11/2 cups all-purpose flour • 1 cup suga. • 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/8 teaspoon salt • 2 teaspoons baking powder 2 eggs • 1/2 cup butter or margarine, • 1/2 cup milk
  - 11/4 cups pecan pieces
- What to do:

Mix well

- Combine flour, salt and baking powder in a medium bowl.
- 2. In a large bowl, mix butter or margarine and sugar until smooth and creamy.
- 3. Add vanilla, eggs and milk to creamy mixture. Mix well. Stir flour mixture into creamy mixture. Add pecan pieces. Mix well.
- 6. Pour batter into a greased loaf pan.
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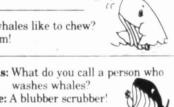
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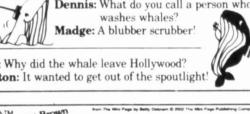


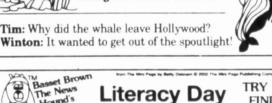


Wanda: Blubber gum! Dennis: What do you call a person who

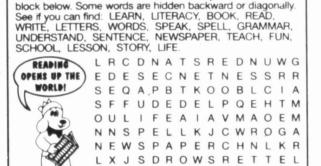
Tim: Why did the whale leave Hollywood?







Words and names that remind us of literacy are hidden in the



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#### Gus Goodsport's Report Supersport: Michael Schumacher Birthdate: 1-3-69 Birthplace: Hurth-Hermulheim, Germany Michael Schumacher was only 5 when he began racing. He raced go-karts, the first of which his

father built. Today he is one of the top auto racers in the world. In 1984 he became the German junior kart-racing

champion. He won the title again in 1985. He began racing cars in 1988. Soon he was winning races all over Europe. From there he went on to race cars around the world. He has won several Formula One World

Michael lives with his wife, Corinna; daughter, Gina-Marie, and son. Mick, 3, in Vufflens-le-Chateau, Switzerland.

## Meet Beth Nielsen Chapman



Beth Nielsen Chapman is both a songwriter and a country singer. Many artists such as Elton John and Willie Nelson have sung her songs.

While she was growing up, Beth's family moved around a lot because her father was in the Air Force. The family lived in different places in the United States and Germany. She wrote her first song when she was 11. She took

piano lessons and taught herself to play the guitar. When she was older and her music career took off, she moved to Nashville. She released her first album in 1980. Her best-selling album, "Sand and Water," came She has a son.

# Going to School in Afghanistan

If you are going to school in the United States, you are very lucky. In many parts of the world, children receive no education at all. Those who do get to go to



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school must overcome many hardships just to learn. The Mini Page

talked to an expert from Save the Children\* about the hardships schoolchildren face in one country. Afghanistan. Save the Children is an organization

working to help poor children and communities around the world survive and thrive

#### Sad conditions

All of the school-age children in Afghanistan have grown up with war all around them. They have also had three years of very bad drought, and so there is little food.

War, prejudice and poverty have prevented many adults from learning to read. But now. schoolchildren are teaching their



Many different grades might be together. Next week The Mini Page is about emembering Sept. 11, 2001.

Adults can check out this site: www.savethechildren.org

country. For about forbade girls from attending school. In 2000, only three out of 100 girls were in school. Only one out of three boys Things are changing now, and more kids are starting to go to

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#### A boy's story



Abdullah is an 8-yearold boy in Afghanistan. Each day he gets up at dawn and walks an hour up and down mountains to get to his school. He walks barefoot because he has no shoes.

His school is a mud building with small windows. It is dark inside Although summers can get up to 120 degrees, and winters are freezing cold, there is no heat or air conditi ...ng in his school. There is no electricity or plumbing. The bathroom is outside. Students sit on the floor because

there are no desks. There are few school supplies. Everyone is so poor that most children do not even have food for lunch. Children must memorize most of

their lessons, as there are not enough textbooks. When school is over, Abdullah helps

take care of the family's livestock. He collects the animals' dung to be used for burning.

But Abdullah is excited that he gets to go to school. He plans to become a teacher so he can help others in his country.



Alia is 10 years old. If she

But because Alia is older, her

family will not let her walk to school with the younger children. It is the custom in Afghanistan

that older girls and women usually stay in their homes or the homes of relatives. They don't go out walking long distances with younger brothers and sisters.

But Alia is fortunate. One of her aunts is teaching the girls at home. Alia and her cousins are still studying the same things the boys are.

BARRE STAR She feels very fortunate to be one of the girls who know how to read and write. She dreams of becoming an engineer so she can help her country rebuild after the war.

The Mini Page thanks Nilgun Ogun, program operations director for Asia, Save the Children; and Richard Long, director of government relations for the Interne ding Association, for help with this

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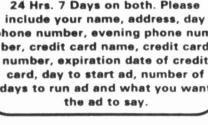
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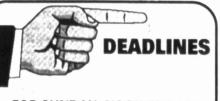
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19) \*\*\*\* Though you might Efficiently clear out work. wake up on the wrong side You actually might enjoy of the bed, you quickly yourself. Tonight: Check in regain your composure. with a parent. You breeze through lastloved one's suggestion minute snafu, which could

might be uncomfortable Tonight: Take off. with what goes on until ers over for a fun barbecue know early on just how disor get-together in the next contented he or she feels. Your treat

information. Laugh with a with another's request. situation; don't get pro-

22) \*\* You might be more in

energy and use it positive- LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ly. If you are single, you \*\*\*\*\* Your friends urge you often distance people with to join them. Still, a finanyour strong personality. Be cial matter demands attengentle when dealing with tion before you clear out for others. You might meet the weekend. Opportunities someone special with whom surround a special event you will spend a lot of time that you don't want to back alone. If attached, work on off from. Celebration comes diplomacy, and you'll work naturally. Tonight: Start

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\* You might not be in the mood for everyone's joviali-The Stars Show the Kind ty. You're focused on work of Day You'll Have: 5. and getting the job done. Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3. Others know they can Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult count on you. Often you're ARIES (March 21-April left holding the bag.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) minute errands and calls. If \*\*\*\* Hop into your car and you want, take off early for take off as soon as you can. the weekend. A child's or You might have a lastdelights you. Tonight: Visit impact others. Remain relaxed, and you'll breeze TAURUS (April 20-May through any problems. 20) \*\*\* A problem involving Associates chip in with an emotional or financial pleasure, especially if they risk comes forward. You can help free you up.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. later in the day. Invite oth- 21) \*\*\*\* A friend lets you few days. You don't need to Appreciate this person's make grand plans. Tonight: directness. A partner or associate, whether at work GEMINI (May 21-June 20) or in your personal life, \*\*\*\*\* Listen well to some- appreciates your extra one's sharing. You might be attention. Check in on a thrown off by this person's parent. Tonight: Go along

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22voked by another's ill Dec. 21) \*\*\*\* Recognize that humor. You help smooth the pros and cons have scatthe edges of an associate's tered in many different rough personality. Swap directions. A parent, boss recent news. Tonight: Top or authority figure lets vou know how frustrated he or

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Jan. 19) \*\*\* Others could leave you holding the bag. Your mind, however, might be already gone for the weekend. Do only what you must and clear out of work. A project could delay you, even at home. Stop worrying about everything. Remember, there is only one Labor Day weekend per year! Tonight: Start celebrating

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\*\* A partner or associate might have a different idea about what might be workable right now. You, on the other hand, feel playful. Help those close to you loosen up and enjoy themselves. Your laughter and fun ways delight many.

Invite friends to a spontaneous gathering. Tonight:

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\* An associate, once more, gives you a piece of his or her mind. You have had enough. Letting this person know remains key. Your humor helps loosen up colleges in what might be a very difficult situation. Remind everyone to make the most out of the next few days. Tonight: Lead the celebrations.

#### **BORN TODAY**

Actress Cameron Diaz (1972), baseball player Frank "Tug" McGraw (1944), TV personality Lisa Ling (1973)

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Dear Annie: I am a nurse and work in the emergency department of a small hospital. My co-workers and I would like to pass along a few "rules" to make trips to the emergency room a little easier on everyone

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2. The emergency room is not a social hall. Ask the relatives to stay home and not to make calls to the emergency room. You can notify them about your condition when you know

3. The emergency room is for emergencies only. If you have a cold, it can probably wait until morning. If you started taking an antibiotic at noon, it might take 24 hours or more to kick in. Don't panic.

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Thanks, Annie, for printing this. I know every emergency room doctor and nurse will appreciate it. ER Alice in the USA

Dear Alice: Those are useful, practical suggestions. For those who may need to make the trip to the hospital, please keep this list in mind. The emergency room staff deserves your respect.

Dear Annie: I am getting married next month. I was once close to a few people I used to work with. They are no longer my best friends, but we keep in touch, and I see them occasionally. I want to maintain the friendship, but I am not inviting them to my wedding and don't know how to tell them. I cannot use the excuse that the ceremony will be small, because that is not the case. The wedding will be fairly large, but I have a huge family, and so does my fiance. There is insufficient space to include everyone

Please tell me how to keep from hurting their feelings. — Bride-to-Be in

Dear Bride: Most people understand that guest lists are limited, regardless of the final tally. If these exco-workers are as aware as you are that the friendship DICATE, INC.



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has cooled, they will not be surprised at the exclusion.

Continue to treat the friendship as you always have, and don't mention the wedding. If they seem unhappy and ask about it, reply sincerely, "I wish I could have invited you, but you know how big my family is. There simply wasn't

Dear Annie: I am 16 years old and have been dating "Bryce" since my freshman year in high school. In June, he told me he wanted to break it off. He said his family life was a mess and he couldn't devote any attention to me.

I waited for two months by the telephone, but it never rang. My friends told me to forget about him, that I could do better. Last night, Bryce called and told me he wants us to get back together. My best friend says I'd be making a huge mistake if I let Bryce back into my life. What should I do? — Not Sure in Oregon

Dear Not Sure: If Bryce has been honest with you, he deserves another chance. However, you might want to use this breakup as an opportunity to date other guys and give your relationship with Bryce some breathing room. Please think about it

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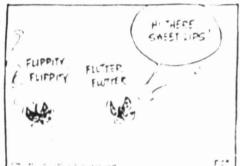
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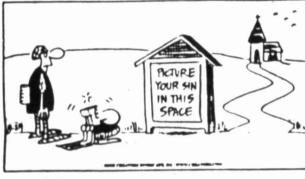
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## THIS DATE **IN HISTORY**

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Today is Thursday, Aug. 29, the 241st day of 2002. There are 124 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History

On Aug. 29, 1944, 15,000 American troops marched down the Champs Elysees in Paris as the French capital celebrated its liberation from the Nazis. On this date:

In 1533, the last Incan king of Peru. Atahualpa, was murdered on orders from Spanish conqueror Francisco Pizarro.

In 1632, English philosopher John Locke was born in Somerset.

In 1877, the second pres dent of the Mormon Church, Brigham Young, died in Salt Lake City, Utah.

In 1957, South Carolina on foreigners. Sen. Strom Thurmond (then a Democrat) ended a filibuster against a civil rights bill after talking for more than 24 hours.

In 1965, Gemini Five, carrying astronauts Gordon Cooper and Charles ("Pete") Conrad, splashed down in the Atlantic after eight days in space.

In 1966, the Beatles concluded their fourth American tour with their last public concert. It was at Candlestick Park in San Francisco.

In 1975, Irish statesman Eamon de Valera died near Dublin at age 92.

In 1981, broadcaster and world traveler Lowell Thomas died in Pawling, N.Y., at age 89.

In 1987, Academy Award winning actor Lee Marvin died in Tucson, Ariz., at

Ten years ago: The U.N. Security Council agreed to send 3,000 more relief troops to Somalia to guard In 1943, responding to a food shipments. About clampdown by Nazi occu- 13,000 people staged an antipiers, Denmark managed to extremist rally in Rostock, scuttle most of its naval\_Germany, even as rightwingers continued attacks.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Charles White is 82. Actordirector Lord Richard Attenborough is 79. Sen. John McCain, an Arizona Republican, is 66. Actor Elliott Gould is 64. Movie director William Friedkin is 63. TV personality Robin Leach is 61. Actress Deborah Van Valkenburgh is 50. Dancer-choreographer Mark Morris is 46. Country musician Dan Truman (Diamond Rio) is 46. Singer Michael Jackson is 44. Actress Rebecca DeMornay is 40. Singer Me'Shell NdegeOcello is 33. Rhythmand-blues singer Carl Martin (Shai) is 32. Actress Carla Gugino is 31. Rapper A+ is 20. Actor Jeffrey Licon is 17.

# Answer to previous puzzle

42 Embezzle

45 Knitter's stitch

47 Cut, in a way

54 "Blowin' in the

55 Poetic muse

56 Mend anew

58 Show much

fondness

60 Current carrier

an honoree

57 Get an

effort

61 Place for

phrase

63 Customs

leader

Wind" writer

**50** Pompously

prim

51 "When

last . .

#### **Newsday Crossword** THE SOUND OF MUSIC by Robert Wolfe Edited by Stanley Newman

## **ACROSS**

- 1 Fourth male 5 Italian
- violinmaker 10 Actor Omar
- 14 Suffix for
- smash
- 15 Worthiness
- 16 Track
- 17 Hired wheels 18 Sahib, in
- Swahili 19 Art Deco
- notable
- 20 Tennessee
- instrument?
- 23 Small amount 24 Safe places
- 25 Clock numeral
- 27 Military instrument?
- 34 Lawyers' org.
- 37 Greene of Bonanza 38 Remarkable
- thing
- 39 Roster 41 Senegal's
- capital
- 43 Amaze
- 46 Peter and Franco
- 48 You can dig it 49 Prestigious
- instrument? 52 Emie's pal
- 53 Dentist's word 57 Trouble
- instrument?
- 66 Ross or Rigg
- 67 Word of regret 68 Another: Sp. 69 Covered with soot

- 70 Actress
- Blanchett
- 71 Change the look of
- **72** OKs

## 73 Kilimanjaro

covering

#### DOWN

- 1 Alabama city
- 2 Iroquoians
- Lee Jones
- 4 Excitement
- **5** Dextrous
- starter 6 Kitten
- sounds
- 7 Fine steed
- 8 Pea picker? 9 Type of type

## of "air"

- 10 Homophone

#### 11 Fond of

- 44 Garden flower
- 59 Despicable
- 64 Sea feature

# 12 Mediterranean

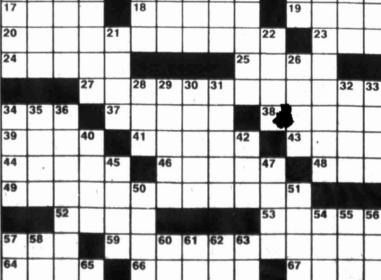
- - bread 13 Light slider
  - 21 Falling pellets
  - 22 Wasn't straight
  - 26 Nile bird 28 Reactor need
  - 29 Martinique
  - money
  - 30 Not flat or
  - sharp
  - **31** Give more
  - ammo to 32 Bit of
  - mudslinging 33 End of a
  - 1/1 song
  - 34 Part of A&E 35 Boxing match

  - 36 Conductor's

  - cry

  - 40 Food label
- **62** Treater's

  - 65 Long March word



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