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WEATHER

Tonight:



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BRIEFLY

FISH FRY SET SATURDAY

American Legion Post 506 will hold a fish fry at noon Saturday...

ELBOW ELEMENTARY

Elbow Elementary class lists will be posted at 4 p.m. Wednesday at the school.

The school's "New Year Party" will be from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday...

School begins Monday, Aug. 18th at 8 a.m.

COMING SUNDAY



Health: There are a variety of children who have difficulty learning...

Hometown Recipes: Terrific Tree Salad is a refreshing summertime salad.

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Council eyes 4-cent tax hike, 15-cent water increase

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Big Spring residents can plan on property tax hikes and increases in the price of water.

At a work session of the Big Spring City Council Monday evening, council members decided on a 4-cent per \$100 valuation increase in ad valorem taxes and a 15-cent per 1,000 gallons increase in the water rate.

The property tax increase will

The Big Spring City Council will meet at 5:30 this evening in the Council Chambers, 307 E. Fourth St.

The tax hike will mean that an owner of a home valued at \$29,330 — the average value of a home in Big Spring — would pay an extra \$9.73 a year in property tax.

be for a bus and other items to keep the offender work program going in Big Spring and to fund a merit-based pay system for city employees.

"We finalized the plans on the budget and we were able to look at the items such as the offender program, the tax rate which was tied to that, and the merit pay plan. Those were the main things

that we needed to look at and we had a consensus on those tonight," said Mayor Russ McEwen. "If it's voted the way we planned to, it will be a four-cent (property tax) increase over what they had previously, which is less than we had anticipated, to be honest with you."

McEwen said taxes are close to what they were in 1995. In that

year, the ad valorem rate was 65 cents per \$100 valuation. After a tax cut in 1996 and increases in 1999 and 2000, the current rate is 65.63 cents per \$100. The new increases would bump the rate up to about 69.63 cents per \$100.

"And this, quite frankly, is not a significant tax increase," the mayor added. "It's approximately 6 percent, in that range. Maybe a little bit less than that. We obviously did not go up the maximum. I think the staff did a very good job in making some compromises on the merit pay plan

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Councilwoman JoAnn Staulcup and Mayor Russ McEwen listen to a city manager Gary Fuqua discuss the particulars of the merit-pay plan for city employees at a council work session Monday night...

City bond issue put in freezer

With other hikes, council backs off

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Big Spring won't ask city residents to pass a bond election anytime in the near future.

A proposed bond election was scrapped during the council's work session Monday night.

Mayor Russ McEwen said that with tax increases from the city and other local entities imminent, asking for a bond issue might be a little too bold.

"The consensus on council was that now is not the proper time," he said. "There are too many variables involved. There are different taxing enti-

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Coahoma to receive \$500,000 in funding for home rebuilding

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

The city of Coahoma is getting \$500,000 to rebuild dilapidated homes.

The money, in the form of two HOME Investment Partnership Program grants from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, will be used to rehabilitate or reconstruct homes for elderly and disabled homeowners.

"It'll improve the housing situation here," said Mayor Bill Read, "upgrades the houses for

the people who can't afford to build a new home. It makes the town look better."

Read said he doesn't know when the money will be forthcoming, but said the city is looking forward to proceeding with the construction.

The housing program will be open to lower-income people within the Coahoma city limits.

The city will publicize more information about how and when to apply for assistance at a later date.

For more information, call Coahoma City Hall at 394-4095.

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



READ



Alexis McGaffin (right) tries to beat the summer heat with a cool treat served up by "Big A's Shaved Ice" employee Amanda Carl. McGaffin, who's father is in the Navy, is getting ready to relocate to Germany this month.

County jail costs create more bad financial news

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

"When it rains, it pours, doesn't it?"

Howard County Judge Ben Lockhart summed up the reaction of the county commissioners on learning of extra \$57,245 in county jail cost overruns.

Sheriff Dale Walker gave the county leaders the bad news at the commissioners' court meeting Monday morning.

The news adds further woes to the court's troubled budget deliberations. Commissioners have a

projected \$900,000 deficit to overcome if they are to balance the budget for 2003-2004.

"Basically \$48,500 (of the cost overrun) is just an increase for housing the inmates in other counties," Walker said. "Then there's the general daily operations of running a jail — your cleaning supplies, your repairs, your groceries, your nurse and your medication for the inmates have all gone up. It's not anyone's fault, it's just a required thing that's put on the sheriff

and the commissioners' court and we have to pay it."

Commissioners voted unanimously to pay the additional costs out of the county's general fund.

"It's a real big concern because it's quite a bit of money," said Commissioner Jerry Kilgore. "I expected some of this. First of all, we're crowded in the jail. We don't have enough room. We have so many that we're farming (prisoners)

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Commissioners see need to increase county tax rate

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

A property tax increase agreed upon by Howard County leaders Monday won't come close to digging the county out of a massive deficit.

Even with the hike — 3.8 cents per \$100 valuation or 8 percent over the effective tax rate — the county is still facing

about a \$900,000 deficit next year.

The commissioners unanimously approved the measure during their budget workshop session Monday. The tax rate will be discussed at a public hearing on Sept. 8.

The tax hike, which is

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Obituaries

Ora Mae Graham

Ora Mae Graham, 87, of Carlsbad, N.M., died Monday, Aug. 11, 2003, at Lakeview Christian Home — Northgate Unit in Carlsbad.

A graveside funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Carlsbad Cemetery with the Rev. Valentine Jankowski of San Jose Catholic Church officiating. The Carlsbad Veterans Honor Guard will perform military graveside services. Visitation is from 1 to 9 p.m. today at West Funeral Home in Carlsbad.

Born June 26, 1916, in Mangum, Okla., she was raised and educated in Oklahoma and Arizona. She was a registered nurse in the U.S. Army Air Corps for several years before working as a private duty nurse. She married Jack Graham in 1945 in Fort Childress and he preceded her in death Nov. 27, 1970. She moved to Carlsbad in 1987 from Big Spring.

She was a member of the Catholic Church. —Graham was also preceded in death by three brothers and two sisters.

Survivors include a daughter, Martye Carpenter; a sister, Bell Cooper of Ajo, Ariz.; two granddaughters; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to Lakeview Hospice, 1300 N. Canal St., Carlsbad, N.M., 88220. Arrangements are under the direction of West Funeral Home in Carlsbad, N.M.

Take note

□ **A FUND HAS** been set up to help defray the medical expenses of KBYG News Director Brian Michael that occurred from complications of appendicitis. The fund is set up at Woodforest National Bank located in Wal-Mart.

□ **THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM**, which delivers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, you are needed.

About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered to recipients within the city limits of Big Spring.

If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

□ **BIG SPRING AND SURROUNDING** counties are in critical need of foster families.

Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected.

For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

□ **THE BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1963** is having their 40th reunion Oct. 3-4, 2003. The following list is the names of classmates for which we do not have current address. If you have information about any of these people please call Judy Jones Plumlee, 432-263-7824.

George Mack Archer, Marcy Ball, Barbara Louise Bennett, Eva Lurae Biffar, Jean Anne Black, Rosalinda Blalock, Cecil Conrad Blount, Jr., Jeanne Bolson, Eric Brewster, Robert Browder, Don Lee Brown, Lillie Marie Brown, Jerry Bumgarner, Mary Alice Chavarria, Ronald Max Cheney, Linda Carter, Dan Cone, Louise Cooley, Jacqueline Hazel Dimmock, Edward Leroy Doan, Beverly Dobbins, Alan Bruce Dunn, Aubrey Neal Earp, Sylva Fern Edwards, Pamela Jo Ehlers, Jack Eisenhart, Benita Flores, Judy Carol Hall, Carole Haralson, Dolores Henry, Kandy Hensley, Rosemary Horn, Charles Michael Houston, Roy Conley Johnson, Rex Moss Jones, Brenda Lou Kennedy, Donna Lee Kenning, Kay Kincaid, Sandy Jean Korchenko, Adolfo Larez, Annette Sharon Lebcowitz, Mary Ann Linn, Pat Loudamy, Virginia Lou Mancha, Johnny Leon Martin, Valera Ann Millard, Walter Lee Minter, Betty Morgan, Amado Ray Molina, Randy Ray Moore, Floydene Moss, Sharon Ann Mullens, Janice Lee McQueen, Douglas Napps, Eddy Lee Nelson, John Eric Nichols, Arlene Gailya Nixon, Elizabeth Jane Nobles, Dannie Norrell, Sandra Kay Norris, Sharon Lynn Osburn, Linda Sue Parker, Ireno B. Perez, Donald Allen Phillips, Tommy Phillips, Jack Riley Piper, Benny Frank Pitzer, Sandra Lee Poole, Robert Puente, Virginia Louise Rankin, Camella Ryan, Joyce Ann Seder, Karla Rae Seward, David Maloy Stevenson, Barbara Ann Thompson, Mary Thompson, Larry Tubb, Sheri Andree Voss, Bill Watson, Kendall Webb, Richard West, Sheryl Louise Whiteside, Bobby Williams, Richard Dale Wisner.

□ **THE MONAHANS HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1973** is searching classmates for it's 30 year reunion, Sept. 19-20, 2003. contact Gene Wheeler Agnew at geneagnew@yahoo.com.

Police blotter

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

• **ASSAULT CLASS C** was reported in the 1900 block of South Gregg Street.

• **ASSAULT BY THREAT** was reported in the 2500 block of Chanute Drive.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported: — In the 700 block of East 13th Street. Two cases of soft drinks worth \$20, a pair of Chinese therapy balls worth \$60, a portable cassette player worth \$69 and videocassettes worth \$20 were reported stolen in the incident.

— In the 1000 block of South Nolan Street, Computer hardware or software worth \$151.50 was reported stolen.

• **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 600 block of Steakley Street. Items worth \$15 were reported stolen from a brown 1988 Ford. \$150 damage was reportedly inflicted on the vehicle.

• **PURCHASE OF ALCOHOL FOR A MINOR** was reported in the 1800 block of Morrison Street. Evidence was seized in connection with the incident.

• **THEFT OF A FIREARM** was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road. A firearm worth \$165 was reported stolen.

• **TERRORISTIC THREAT** was reported in the 1500 block of Kentucky Way.

• **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 500 block of South Johnson Street, the 500 block of South Main Street and the 2900 block of East Interstate 20.

• **LOUD PARTY/NOISE** was reported in the 1900 block of East 25th Street and the 500 block of Westover Road.

• **DISTURBANCE OR FIGHT** was reported in the 500 block of South Goliad Street.

The Big Spring Police reported the following activity during July:

• **DETECTIVE CASE LOAD**

- Four investigators
- 35 percent clearance rate
- 95 previous cases
- 52 newly assigned cases
- 51 cases cleared
- 4 cases inactivated

• **PROPERTY STOLEN/RECOVERED**

- \$164,666 stolen
- \$57,866 recovered

• **IN-HOUSE TRAINING**

- 27 officers
- 134 class hours

• **ADULT ARRESTS**

- 77 total
- 16 drunk
- 3 driving under the influence
- 10 narcotics
- 7 assaults

• **JUVENILE ARRESTS**

- 23 total
- 23 white
- 0 black
- 3 burglary
- 1 theft
- 5 liquor laws
- 3 curfew
- 7 runaways

• **CRIMES REPORTED**

- 2 sexual assault
- 1 robbery
- 33 assaults
- 48 burglaries
- 65 thefts
- 6 unauthorized uses of motor vehicles
- 22 family violence

• **S.T.E.P.** — Out for summer

• **PATROL STATISTICS**

- 27,234 miles driven
- 2,585.5 gallons of gasoline used
- 406 written reports
- 65 accidents
- 128 arrests
- 4 driving under the influence
- 454 citations
- 296 written warnings
- 226 field interviews
- 107 alarm responses
- 20 open door investigations
- 783 building checks
- 666 house watches

Sheriff's report

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

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported at the intersection of Pacific and South Fourth Street.

• **ANIMAL PROBLEM** was reported in the 20900 block of Soash Road.

Bulletin board

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

TUESDAY
Intermediate Line Dance classes, 9 a.m., Spring City Senior Center, 1901 Simler, 267-1628.

Big Spring Rotary, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Evening Lions Club, noon, Spring City Senior Center, 1901 Simler.

Big Spring VAMC Town Hall, 6:30 p.m. in the jury assembly room on the first floor of the Taylor County Courthouse, 300 Oak Street, Abilene

WEDNESDAY
Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard County Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Senior Circle Stretch & Tone, 10 a.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, 1601 W. 11th Place.

Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Line dancing, 1 p.m., Spring City Senior Center, 1901 Simler, 267-6966 or 267-1628.

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring County Club, Driver Road.

Eagles Lodge Ladies, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 203 W. Third.

THURSDAY
Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060, 7 a.m. Herman's Restaurant, 1601 Gregg.

Coffee Club, 10 a.m., Gales Sweet Shoppe, 1712 E FM 700.

Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane, 267-6479.

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring County Club, Driver Road.

American Legion Auxiliary, 6 p.m., 3203 W. Highway 80, 263-2404.

Arts, Crafts & Quilting Club, 6 p.m., Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

Masonic Lodge 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster.

Masonic Lodge 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Mair.

Neighbors and Newcomers Club. For more information call 268-9335.

FRIDAY
Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring County Club, Driver Road.

Spring City Senior Citizens Center Country & Western Dance, 7:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m., 1901 Simler. All area seniors or invited.

Lottery

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday day night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 2-1-4

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday afternoon by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-6-0

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery: 13-16-24-26-35

Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s. Northeast winds 5 to 15 mph becoming light

Wednesday...Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs near 90. Northeast winds 5 to 10 mph. Wednesday night...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s.

Thursday...Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s.

Friday...Partly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s. Highs in the lower 90s.

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and therefore we were able to keep the tax increase as small as possible."

The tax hike will mean that an owner of a home valued at \$29,330 — the average value of a home in Big Spring — would pay an extra \$9.73 a year in property tax.

The extra revenue from the bump in property tax will be evenly split between retention of the offender program and implementation of the merit pay program.

"(The offender program's) tremendously important because we have a labor force that is very cost-effective for us," McEwen said. "We are able to do projects we would not be able to do otherwise. The offender program has been one of the great boons to our community. To be honest with you, 2 cents of the tax increase is to go specifically to the retention of the offender program because of the fact that the state budget has been cut so much that we had to step up to the plate and contribute to that."

The revised version of the offender program will provide 30 inmate workers for about \$90,000.

"It's not hard to figure out that's approximately \$3,000 per employee per year," the mayor said. "That's a bargain."



HORTON



JUMPER

Council members agreed with the mayor about the offender program.

"I think we need to keep it because we've come a long way with the offender program," Councilwoman Stephanie Horton said. "Still looking at everything we discussed tonight, it just shows that the need is there and we really don't have a choice. Believe me, I'm the first to look at other means."

Councilman W.A. "Woody" Jumper agreed.

"Of course we want the offender program," Jumper said. "That's a must, we've got to keep that. It's saving us a lot of money, thousands of dollars to be able to use that to keep the city clean and do some things that it would cost outside contractors probably seven or eight times more than what we're going to have to pay."

On the merit pay program, six council members voiced approval, while Horton expressed misgivings about the plan.

"The thing of it is, with the merit pay, they said it

was 5.7 percent (raise for employees), but when we look into it, we come to find out that it's more," Horton said. "It can be 10.7. It could be more. I'm just a little hesitant about that. I need to get with (City Manager) Gary (Fuqua) and look at this closer, but I'm sure not for it."

McEwen said the program developed by outside consultant Steve Condrey of Athens, Ga., if approved, would mean an average 5.7 percent raise for employees.

"It's not an across-the-board pay increase," he said. "Some employees will have a larger than 5.7 percent increase because when we had the independent person come in to look at our pay plan, he found certain positions that were misclassified. They had much more responsibility and we were not compensating them properly. So we have some positions that have what we call an equity change. They are going to have more than that pay increase, but it's because they're going to be put in the right position."

McEwen expressed support for the plan.

"It will give us the ability to evaluate employees and give raises based on evaluations of those employees which I think is always a good thing," he said. "You're going to reward those employees that do the best job." The plan will cost more

than \$200,000 to implement for the first half-year, but part of that cost is already budgeted for the plan. The remainder necessitates the two cents in the four-cent total property tax hike.

"We're talking about implementing it halfway through the year, so when it goes to the full year, obviously you're looking at approximately twice that amount," the mayor said, adding that he couldn't say whether the plan will mean more tax increases for 2004-2005.

"It's so hard to speculate because right now our sales taxes (revenues) are increasing. Trying to see what the budget's going to look like a year from now is just so hard. It might necessitate a small increase, but nothing significant at all."

Jumper also expresses support for the idea.

"The timing's not the greatest, as far as I'm concerned, but we still want to get good service from our employees, the fire department and the police department, and we need to do something as far as an incentive and a raise to keep them here," he said. "You've got to do something. We have some pretty good supervisors and department heads, and they're not going to just automatically give someone a raise unless they're doing the right thing. I've always said if you have a good department head and good managers around you, things will work out."

Horton explained that the 15-cent per \$1,000 gallon water price increase is due to increased costs in electricity the Colorado River Municipal Water District is facing.

"Due to CRMWD saying that their increase was 43 percent for electric, right at \$3 million, they want to pass part of that on to us," she said. "So we have no choice but to do what we're doing. We've looked at everything else but we have no other choice."

The price hike will be hard on some of Big Spring's less-fortunate citizens.

"I personally feel like a lot of them can't afford it," Horton said. "But this is something that's being passed on to us, and we can't afford it either. Every year we fight because we don't want that increase on the water, but due to the electrical bill that the water company has, due to that we have to push the cost on because we can't afford it."

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ties that are having to go up on their taxes right now. Some other programs are in flux. We're looking at the VA hospital and what's going to happen there. Everyone on council felt that now is not the time to go forward with the bond election."

The proposed issue, which would have paid for street improvements, a new fire station and an expansion to the Big Spring Animal Shelter, would have had a total price tag of \$6.45 million.

McEwen said the council might revisit the projects in the future.

"I hope so," he said. "None of these projects are things that we should not do. We need to look at these projects and they still need to be done, but now's not the time."

Councilman W.A. "Woody" Jumper agreed that the time is wrong to ask for a bond issue. Jumper said he preferred instead to focus on retention of city employees through a merit pay scale which will be part of the budget proposal for 2003-2004.

"I don't think we need to have a bond election at this time," he said. "We need to concentrate on keeping our employees. Of course we need to keep all our employees, but my main concern is keeping our fire department employees and our police employees. These are people that will come here and we'll train them, and if the grass is a little greener somewhere else,

we can't afford that."

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Forsan Independent School District (Forsan ISD) will hold a public meeting at 6:30 p.m. on August 25, 2003 in the Superintendent's office located at the Forsan ISD Junior High/High School campus in Forsan, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rate

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	Local Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.5000	\$0.00	\$1.5000	\$5.366	\$931
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.6127	\$0.00	\$1.6127	\$5.450	\$848
Proposed Rate	\$1.5000	\$0.00	\$1.5000	\$5.024	\$798

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$42,822	\$40,787
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$19,258	\$17,630
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.50	\$1.50
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$288.87	\$264.45
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes	- n/a -	(\$24.42)

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence home- stead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.68878. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.68878.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$1,156,184
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ -0-

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EDITORIAL

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

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OUR VIEWS

Making offenders pay their due is good business

Howard County commissioners have decided to play hardball when it comes to making sure that people who owe fines and court costs from cases in county and district court pony up and meet their responsibilities.

The response almost has to be... It's about time. Under the plan commissioners are considering, those who are delinquent would have the choice between paying up or spending some time in a county work program or jail.

Howard County is not alone. Historically, county governments have fallen well short when it comes to collection of fines and court costs.

But with the county facing a deficit budget and a fund balance that may not carry them into the new year, there's clearly a definite need for the commissioners court to make sure Howard County is receiving every dime it's supposed to get — particularly when it comes to fines and court costs from offenders.

What's more, it's the kind of move we've become accustomed to seeing from this commissioners court. Unlike those in many counties, where all commissioners seem to care about is their road and bridge fund, Howard County's court has for at least the past 10 years conducted itself in a much more businesslike manner.

And now they're looking at developing an accounts receivable department and taking the stance that a fine is not the equivalent of a utility bill or a car payment.

Fines and court costs are levied as a punishment, and those ordered to pay them should be held accountable.

Howard County Court has more than \$350,000 in court costs and fines outstanding, while the 118th District Court has another \$300,000 outstanding.

With collection programs usually yielding \$7 to \$8 for every dollar invested for in-house collection programs, commissioners' plans to set up a program to collect them makes excellent business sense.

In fact, it makes good political sense, too.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, help us do something instantly that will change our lives for you. Amen

Things we all want to know

The well known speaker and author Dennis Waitley once said, "The mind has an amazing quality. It doesn't automatically gravitate toward truth, right, justice...the best. It gravitates toward what it is exposed to the most." When I first read this statement I said, "Eureka...I've found it!" I finally realized how all the people I see and hear on talk shows can sit there and spout "untruths" and use them as the very basis for what or who they are promoting. It simply boils down to the fact that if we hear something long enough and often enough we will tend to believe it, even though it could be miles from the truth.

In relation to this, here is something that applies to me, you and every other person. If we are not building our lives on "truth" we are building on sand and sooner or later, the sand will be washed away. To me, this means we should always check our references or the foundation that is holding us up. Like the surveyor who must always find the pin or cornerstone, we cannot proceed with firm assurance until we know the right starting point, which for us is the truth. Personally, I believe the Bible is

the source of all truth and I'm willing to base my future and my life on it. As I read and study the Bible, the Holy Spirit teaches me Godly laws and principles that I can apply to any situation or set of circumstances.

Before I discuss two questions that we all want to know the answers to, I would like to say that I know I make mistakes. When I discover that I have made a mistake, I will do my best to correct it. I will also do my best to always tell you the truth and try to do it in a helpful sort of way. The two questions that I mentioned a moment ago are, "What's in it for me?" and "Is it worth it?" Now, collectively there are billions of things we want to know and questions we could ask, but when it comes to our basic human nature these two questions are near the top of the list.

Let's just take them in order. The question "What's in it for me?" is an expression of our legitimate self-interest. Each time we spend our money, render a service, give a gift, develop a skill or talent and every other human activity, this question comes into play. It's important to understand that what we receive in return does not have to be material, money or other tangible objects. It can be in the form of satisfaction, peace, joy, contentment and increased self-esteem.

The other question, "Is it worth it?" simply projects the other half of the equation. In order to get

something we must always give up something in return. It may be our time, our money, our reputation and many other possessions. A good example would be to win a gold medal in the Olympics, you know, or can visualize, I'm sure, what a person would have to give up in order to do this. In the beginning, of course, the question was, "Is it worth it?" Once the answer is yes, they are willing to commit all of their resources to make this dream or goal come true.

Hopefully, you are still with me because I want to bring what I have been saying into sharp focus, and share a thought that will enable you to achieve whatever you want out of life. Because of the wonderful law of reciprocity, we always get back from others what we first give. What I mean by that is that we have to serve "first" and the rewards will come as a result. In view of this great law, instead of saying, "What's in it for me?" rather say, "What can I do for others?" and think about their needs. You will find, as I have, the more you do for others, with the right attitude and the right motive, the more God will bless you. I can make you this promise. A life of serving others will give you more rewards than anything you could ever do. "It is worth it!"

(Jim Davidson is a motivational speaker and syndicated columnist. You may contact him at 2 Bentley Drive, Conway, AR 72034.)



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The anti-Bush as front-runner

Not until Howard Dean, the 21st-century candidate of the Internet, achieved old-fashioned 20th-century laurels of simultaneous Newsweek and Time cover stories did the skeptical realize he really may become the Democratic presidential nominee. The party's establishment, however, still cannot understand the phenomenon, which is perfectly clear to his own managers.

Dean utilizes the technology of 2004 to solve the insurgent's usually fatal fund-raising shortcomings, while his opponents are mired in 1992. He also benefits from the institutional memory of campaign manager Joe Trippi, who understands the historic importance of the Iowa and New Hampshire tests that his opponents have downgraded. But the former governor of Vermont is now the Democrats' recognized front-runner mainly because he is the Anti-Bush.

Dean's campaign is a remorseless assault on George W. Bush, far exceeding his opponents'. Humorless and unsmiling, the country doctor with upper-class roots pummels the incumbent president. He has tapped into pure hatred by rank-and-file Democrats of the reigning Republican that I have never seen in 44 years of campaign watching. Not Richard Nixon, Ronald Reagan or even Bill Clinton generated such animosity.

Dean stays far in front of the nine-candidate pack in Bush-bashing. His latest coup was a television ad, run in the president's

home state of Texas, showing Dean on camera denouncing Bush ("The only way to beat George Bush is to stand up to him"). That feeds Dean frenzy among Democrats. Every other candidate, even the pleasant Sen. Joe Lieberman, bashes Bush regularly. Nobody, however, does it with Dean's relish. Only the Dean camp perceived early on that Democratic voters wanted no optimistic messages of growth but attacks on the president who has been demonized ever since the Florida recount. Sen. John Kerry and Rep. Richard Gephardt caught on belatedly, and Lieberman less vigorously.

While Trippi is celebrated for harvesting big money through contemporary technology, he is also a 47-year-old politician who remembers the recent past. I first interviewed him in 1984 when he worked for Walter F. Mondale in his second presidential campaign. Trippi had not been engaged in such an effort since 1988, but he is a rare political operative today who always appreciated the potential of New Hampshire and Iowa.

Those early states have not been determinative since 1988, but Trippi knew that second place in Iowa and first in New Hampshire would put Dean in front and a win in both states probably would nominate him. Dean's strategists sensed that quite apart from the 2004 front-loaded primary election schedule, the campaign was off to a very early start. This nomination could be clinched by Feb. 10, and slow starters are doomed.

With Lieberman still narrowly leading in the national polls, his strategists still seem to be running in a non-existent national primary. The intensity of anti-Dean sentiment within the Democratic

establishment cannot be exaggerated. It is not because of ideology, despite Lieberman's description of Dean as an "extremist" who "could take the Democratic Party into the wilderness."

Dean is actually in the mainstream of the party, with all candidates enunciating the same liberal line. Although Lieberman calls himself a centrist, his liberal rating in the Senate last year was measured by Americans for Democratic Action at 85 percent (identical to the allegedly more liberal Kerry and actually higher than the 80 percent for Iowa's supposedly ultra-liberal Tom Harkin).

What makes Dean so distasteful to his Democratic detractors is that he is not part of the establishment and unlikely ever to become part of it. The native New Yorker has become a flinty Vermonter, looking a little like a Calvin Coolidge of the left.

But how to stop him from being nominated? Former Clinton (and current) Lieberman pollster Mark Penn predicts Dean would lose 49 of 50 states to Bush, while a former Clinton colleague (unwilling to be quoted by name) told me: "Mark is wrong. Dean would only lose 40 states." This "he can't win" argument did not stop Barry Goldwater, George McGovern, Ronald Reagan or Jimmy Carter from being nominated, and the last two actually were elected. The party faithful liked the purity of those candidates and did not care about electability, and the same might be proved true of the Anti-Bush.

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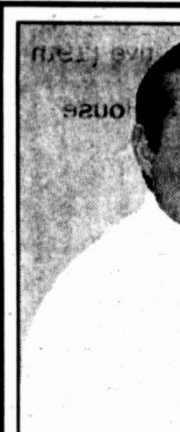
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Supreme Court rules against Republicans

AUSTIN (AP) — Eleven Senate Democrats now in their third week of self-imposed exile in New Mexico got a legal boost when the state's highest court refused get involved in their redistricting boycott — although GOP lawmakers may not have given up.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst said the Senate was expected Tuesday to consider legislative options — including possible

monetary fines — to coerce the Democratic senators back to Texas.

"I expect that senators will consider appropriate measures against absent members as authorized by the Texas Senate rules and by the Texas Constitution, for the purpose of compelling their attendance," Dewhurst said.

The Texas Constitution says lawmakers "can compel the

attendance of absent members in such manner and under such penalties as each house may provide." Senate rules do not address levying fines on senators.

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott — on behalf of Gov. Rick Perry and Dewhurst, both Republicans — filed the request with the Texas Supreme Court last week, asking that the court order the senators to return to

Austin. The court on Monday rejected the request shortly after the Democrats filed a response saying that the court had no jurisdiction over legislative matters.

"The Republicans took their best shot, they picked the venue, most likely to side with them, and the court said no," said Leticia Van de Putte, spokeswoman of the Senate Democratic Caucus, referring

to the largely Republican court. Perry said he was committed to congressional redistricting in Texas.

"I am very disappointed that the Supreme Court did not resolve this pending constitutional crisis," Perry said. "The gravity of the situation is obvious. I believe a court resolution of this issue is critical to the future of our democratic process."

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out to other counties and then there's the female boarding problem that we have. It's just expected. Anytime you've got that many inmates, expenses are bound to go up."

Overcrowding in the jail is a big part of the problem, Walker admitted.

"Our jail holds 49 and we are full," he said. "By law through the Jail

Commission, we have to keep that down a little bit so we have room for our daily operations. We average around 44 here and then we're sending anywhere from 15 to 20 inmates to another county to house them. We have to pay for them daily, \$38 a day."

The county has no facilities for housing female inmates, so all females arrested must be housed in outlying counties.

More arrests are being

made every day, he said.

"We're not going down at all on numbers of arrests, we're going up," the sheriff said. "We have numerous warrants to serve and my duty is to serve those warrants. It costs us money to house them when I do."

Part of the cost overrun comes from inmates housed in Midland County in the past.

"Midland County sent us a bill for housing the inmates over there,"

Walker said. "Last month they sent us a \$19,000 bill. That's just one of them. There's others still to come and we don't even have inmates in Midland County anymore."

Commissioners will

hold another budget workshop at 2 p.m. Monday.

"We're trying," Kilgore said. "It's hard to predict because we have to go on past years' information. But that's certainly some-

thing we'll factor in next year."

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the largest the commissioners can approve without risking a voter-initiated tax rollback election, will increase taxes from 47.358 cents per \$100 to \$52.181 cents per \$100. The effective tax rate, the levy the county would have to charge to bring in the same amount of money as last year, is 48.357 cents per \$100.

The proposed increase would bring the total ad valorem tax levy to \$5,814,207, a boost of more than half a million dollars over last year's \$5,276,810.

"We've been cutting and

slashing for so long that we figured we have to do something," said County Judge Ben Lockhart. "So we're going to go up to the rollback tax rate and we're still going to be short on money. It's like at home. When you don't have any money, you don't have any money. We've still got to operate, so we've got to go up."

Lockhart said the commissioners are going to have to scrape to come up with enough money and budget cuts to get by.

"The money's not just going to be lying around," he said. "I wish it was. We're going to have to be very careful in what we spend. Hopefully we

won't have a bunch of personnel turnover where we have to hire and train new people.

Commissioners have so far found about \$36,000 in budget cuts. Implementation of the Silver Choice insurance supplement to replace health insurance for county retirees over 65 will save the county another \$36,000.

Commissioners are considering whether to continue insurance for retirees between the ages of 55 and 65.

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2003 Property Tax Rates in Glasscock County

This notice concerns 2003 property tax rates for GLASSCOCK COUNTY. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

	General Fund	Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund	Special Road/ Bridge Fund
Last year's tax rate:			
Last year's operating taxes	\$1,942,966.85	\$-0-	\$-0-
Last year's debt taxes	\$184,734.81	\$-0-	\$-0-
Last year's total taxes	\$2,127,701.66	\$-0-	\$-0-
Last year's tax base	\$369,469,480	\$-0-	\$-0-
Last year's total tax rate	\$5.7588/\$100	\$-0/\$100	\$-0/\$100
This year's effective tax rate:			
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$2,127,080	\$-0-	\$-0-
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$369,755,040	\$-0-	\$-0-
= This year's effective tax rate for each fund	\$5.7526/\$100	\$-0/\$100	\$-0/\$100
Total effective tax rate	\$5.7526/\$100		
x 1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing	\$5.9252/\$100		
This year's rollback tax rate:			
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$1,942,399.00	\$-0-	\$-0-
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$369,755,040	\$-0-	\$-0-
= This year's effective operating rate	\$5.2532/\$100	\$-0/\$100	\$-0/\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$5.6734/\$100	\$-0/\$100	\$-0/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$0.0493/\$100	\$-0/\$100	\$-0/\$100
= This year's rollback rate for each fund	\$6.0827/\$100	\$-0/\$100	\$-0/\$100
This year's total rollback rate	\$6.0827/\$100		

Statement of Increase/Decrease
If Glasscock County adopts a 2003 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$5.7526 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2002 taxes by 3331.52.

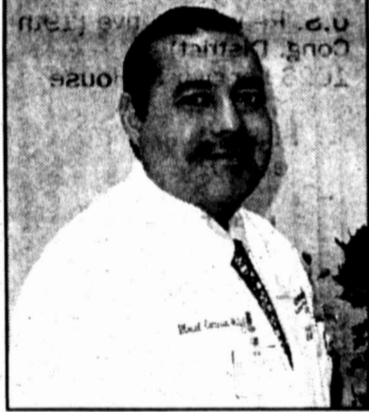
Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances
The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
General Fund	\$360,000

Schedule B - 2003 Debt Service
The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
Bond for Permanent Improvements	\$133,642	\$10,433	\$-0-	\$144,075
Total required for 2003 debt service		\$144,075		
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A		\$-0-		
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources		\$-0-		
- Excess collections last year		\$-0-		
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2003		\$144,075		
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 95% of its taxes in 2003		\$7,583		
= Total Debt Levy		\$151,658		


This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at the Glasscock County Tax Assessor/Collector's Office.
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By BETTY DEBNAM

The Great Lakes State

Michigan From A to Z



Michigan is the No. 1 state in the country in the manufacturing of cars, trucks and car parts, and No. 1 in cereal production.

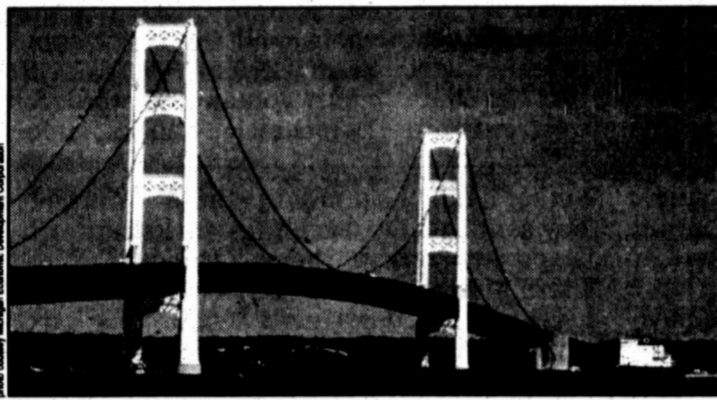
Manufacturing, tourism and agriculture are the top industries.

In the 1800s, copper and iron mining were very important, although much of the ore has now been mined.

Native Americans lived in the area for more than 11,000 years. The first European to come to the area was probably the French explorer Etienne Brule.

The British gained the area after the French and Indian War in 1763. The U.S. gained it after the Revolutionary War.

Michigan became a state in 1837. It is the eighth most-populated state, with about 9,900,000 people.



Michigan is made up of two peninsulas, separated by about five miles of water. (A peninsula is land surrounded by water on three sides.) Mackinac Bridge connects the two peninsulas. It is one of the biggest suspension bridges in the world, weighing more than 2 billion pounds.



Michigan is known as the **Automotive** capital of the world. General Motors Corp., Ford Motor Co., DaimlerChrysler AG and Volkswagen of America are headquartered there.

The state is the top U.S. grower of **Blueberries**, pickle cucumbers, dry beans, Easter lilies and potted geraniums. It is also a top grower of spearmint, corn, wheat, oats, hay, rye, potatoes, soybeans and sugarbeets, peaches, plums and grapes. Dairy farms are important.

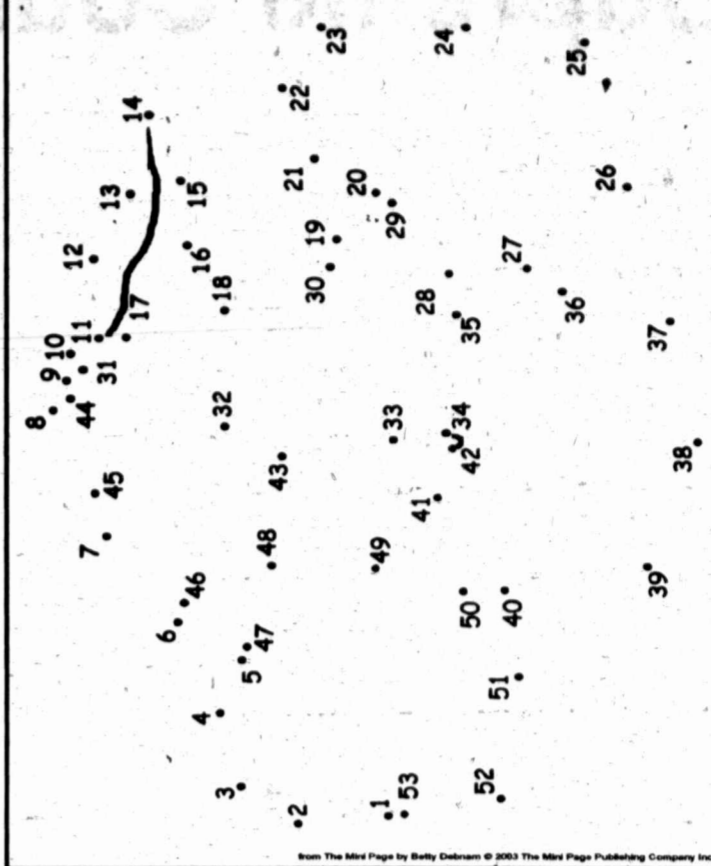


Michigan grows about three-quarters of all tart **Cherries**, usually made into pies, juices or jellies, and about one-fifth of all sweet cherries, often used to make maraschino cherries.

Detroit is the largest city, with about 950,000 people, and more than 4 million in the metropolitan area. It was founded by Antoine de la Mothe Cadillac, who set up a trading post there. Because Michigan and Canada both jut into the Great Lakes, Detroit is actually north of a part of Canada.

Empire is the site of the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore. It is one of the largest groupings of freshwater dunes in the world, with 23.

Go dot to dot and color this popular Michigan crop.



Rookie Cookie's Recipe Blueberry-Cherry Breakfast Cake

You'll need:
• 1 package (13-ounce) or 2 packages (7 ounces each) blueberry muffin mix
• 1 (10-ounce) jar maraschino cherries

What to do:
1. Prepare muffin mix according to directions on the package.
2. Add 3 tablespoons juice from cherries and mix well.
3. Line a 2-quart baking dish with waxed paper.
4. Pour mixture into baking dish.
5. Cook in a microwave oven on medium for 7 minutes.
6. Rotate dish and cook on high for 2 to 3 minutes.
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Crash! Boom! That isn't the sound of thunder rolling in across Tampa Bay, Fla. That's the noise created by the Buccaneers' tiger-quick, hard-hitting linebacker Derrick Brooks when he tackles an opposing ball carrier.
And Brooks makes lots of tackles — 170 last season. Brooks helped spark the Bucs to the 2003 Super Bowl title and earned Defensive Player of the Year honors in the NFL. A former Florida State star, No. 55 also has been selected to play in six Pro Bowls.
Brooks is more than a menacing linebacker, however. He has three children of his own and helps many more kids. He provides tickets for 20 children to attend each Tampa Bay home game and also takes the youth — known as the Brooks Bunch — on an expense-paid trip after the season.
It's the soft side of the linebacker that Bucs opponents don't see on game day.

Meet Norah Jones

Norah Jones, 24, is a jazz singer and pianist. She hit it big in music this year with her first album, "Come Away With Me," which won eight Grammy awards.
Born in New York City, Jones grew up in a suburb of Dallas, where she moved with her mother when she was 4 years old. Music was always a part of her life. Her mother was a concert producer and her father was well-known for his mastery of a musical instrument of India called a sitar.
Jones began singing in her church choir when she was 5 years old and began piano lessons two years later. Her first gig was on her 16th birthday, when she performed at a local coffeehouse.
She studied jazz piano at the University of North Texas. In 1999, she moved to New York City and began writing songs and performing at small clubs.
Some of her favorite singers are Ray Charles, Willie Nelson and Billie Holiday. When she is not touring with her band, she lives in Brooklyn, N.Y.

MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes

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

- Sylvia:** How far is it from one tree to another in a thick forest?
Jose: Just a hop, skip and a stump!
- Marietta:** What do trees love to drink?
Stephan: Root beer!
- Daniel:** What do maple trees love to watch on TV?
Otis: Sap operas!

MICHIGAN TRY 'N FIND

Words and names that remind us of Michigan are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: MANUFACTURING, CARS, CEREAL, TOURISM, BLUEBERRIES, LILIES, DETROIT, CHERRIES, FORD, DUNE, GREAT LAKES, PENINSULA, OIL, GAS, MOTOWN, LANSING, PINE, ROBIN, MINE.

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Mini Spy and Alpha Mouse are buying lots of cherries and blueberries in Michigan. See if you can find: • word MINI



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More About Michigan

Forests cover more than half the state. The lumber industry has been so important that more than 99 percent of the forests in the state have been harvested at least once. More than 100 kinds, or species, of trees grow there.

The **Gerald R. Ford** Presidential Library is in Ann Arbor, and the Gerald R. Ford Museum is in Grand Rapids, where he grew up.

Henry Ford took over the Ford Motor Co. in 1903 in Detroit. His mass-production techniques changed the modern world. Also in Detroit, Ransom Olds helped found the Olds Motor Works in 1899. John and Horace Dodge opened a machine shop in 1901 and began making cars in 1914. David Buick founded the Buick Motor Co. in 1903. Louis Chevrolet designed the first Chevy in 1911.

Isle Royale National Park is made up of about 400 islands in Lake Superior.

Michigan is the top U.S. grower of **Jonathan** apples. Its entire apple crop ranks third in the nation. The apple blossom is the state flower.

John and W.K. **Kellogg**, two brothers, founded Kellogg's cereal company in Battle Creek. Dr. Charles W. Post also created his Post cereal company there. Battle Creek is known as the "Cereal Bowl of America."

Site to see: www.michigan.gov/mikids
Look through your newspaper for stories and ads about top industries in your state.

Lansing is the state capital, with about 127,000 people.

Motown was founded by an autoworker, Berry Gordy Jr., in 1959 in Detroit. It became the world's biggest record company for black musicians, including Diana Ross and the Supremes, Stevie Wonder and the Temptations.

Michigan's **Name** comes from two Chippewa words, "michi" and "gama," which mean "large lake."

Pontiac, an Ottawa chief, led a nearly half-year siege of Detroit in 1763, but did not capture it. It was the only Michigan fort the Indians failed to capture. The Ojibwa, Ottawa, Menominee, Wyandot, Miami, Chippewa and Potawatomi lived in the area for hundreds of years.

The **Quincy Mining Co.** is one of the most important copper mines in the history of the U.S. It is in Keweenaw National Historical Park, founded to preserve the history of copper mining in the area. Native Americans were mining copper there as much as 7,000 years ago. The U.S. depended on copper from this area to build its industries.

The **Robin** is the state bird.

Next week The Mini Page is about the reopening of the National Archives building in Washington, D.C.

Salmon and trout fishing attracts many tourists.

Tahquamenon Falls State Park waterfalls inspired Henry Wadsworth Longfellow in his poem "The Song of Hiawatha." There are more than 160 waterfalls in the state.

Underwater graveyards, the sites of shipwrecks in the Great Lakes, attract diving tourists.

Greenfield Village has original buildings from important times in our country's history, including Henry Ford's birthplace, the Wright Brothers' bicycle shop and Thomas Edison's laboratory. The Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village in Dearborn was founded by Henry Ford as a tribute to America's inventiveness.

The **White pine** is the state tree.

Its **eXtra-long shoreline**, 3,288 miles, is longer than the whole U.S. Atlantic coast. Four of the five Great Lakes, Huron, Michigan, Erie and Superior, border it. Every single spot in Michigan is within 85 miles of one of the Great Lakes.

Yearly snowfalls average between 40 to 70 inches a year, with the north and west getting the most.

The **Detroit Zoo** has the largest polar bear exhibit in the world, the Arctic Ring of Life. The Polar Passage lets visitors walk in a clear tunnel underneath swimming polar bears and seals.

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IN BRIEF

BSHS season tickets now on sale at ATC

Big Spring High School football season tickets are now on sale at the Athletic Training Center.

Current season ticket holders can renew their tickets through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets will go on sale to the general public on Monday.

Tickets to individual games can be purchased the day of the contest at the ATC from 8 a.m. to noon.

For more information contact Kay Cook at 264-3662.

Young Guns tourney slated for Stanton

The Young Guns Softball Tournament will be held Saturday and Sunday in Stanton.

Teams should register by Friday. Entry fee into the event is \$115 per team. Class D and E teams only.

For more information contact Ernesto Gonzalez at 756-3654.

Lady Steers Booster Club to meet tonight

The Big Spring High School Lady Steers Booster Club will hold a meeting tonight in the ATC. All parents of girls participating in volleyball, basketball, cheerleading and track are urged to attend.

The meeting will start at 6:30 p.m.

ASC's golf pass is now available locally

The American Cancer Society's Texas Golf Pass entitles golfers more than 670 rounds of golf at 281 courses in the state.

For more info call 1-800-ACS-2345 or go online at www.texasgolfpass.com.

Brownfield Jamboree slated for Aug. 23

The annual Brownfield cross country Jamboree will be held Aug. 23 at Coleman Park.

For more information call (806) 637-4523.

Football officials needed for '03

Football officials are needed for the upcoming 2003 season. Persons interested should call Delvin Guinn at (432) 267-9729.

BSYSA sign-ups begin Saturday

Big Spring Youth Soccer Association registration is scheduled to begin Saturday at the Big Spring Mall. Sign-ups will run from 1-5 p.m.

Registration will also be held on Aug. 23 from 1-5 at the mall, and from Aug. 18 to Aug. 22 at All-District Sports.

The cost is \$35 per child. There is no fund-raising drive.

Da Playaz to hold softball tourney

Da Playaz Softball Tournament is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday at Cotton Mize Field.

The tournament is open to Class D and E teams. Entry fee is \$125 per team.

For more information, contact Rudy Ortega Sr. at (432) 263-3606 or Rudy Ortega Jr. at (432) 267-6643.



Herald Photo/John Moseley
Big Spring defensive back Shamar Myles is in a drug-induced coma in Lubbock.

Steers DB recovering from stroke, blood clot

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

As a sophomore, Shamar Myles beat the odds by fight to become a starter in the Big Spring Steers' secondary. As a junior, he's facing a bigger fight.

The Steers' starting cornerback is recovering from a stroke suffered due to a blood clot on the left side of his brain. Myles, who started all 13 games last season, has suffered two strokes in the past two weeks and is currently hospitalized at Covenant Medical Center.

"He's fighting his way through

it," said Big Spring head coach Dwight Butler, who has visited Myles on several occasions. "We're all pulling for him."

Myles blossomed into one of the Steers' top defensive backs last season. He earned honorable mention all-district accolades following Big Spring's run to the Class 4A Division II regional quarterfinals.

Myles, who was hospitalized prior to the start of two-a-day practices with the non-football-related illness, is in a drug-induced coma at the hospital. According to reports, he was moved from an intensive care

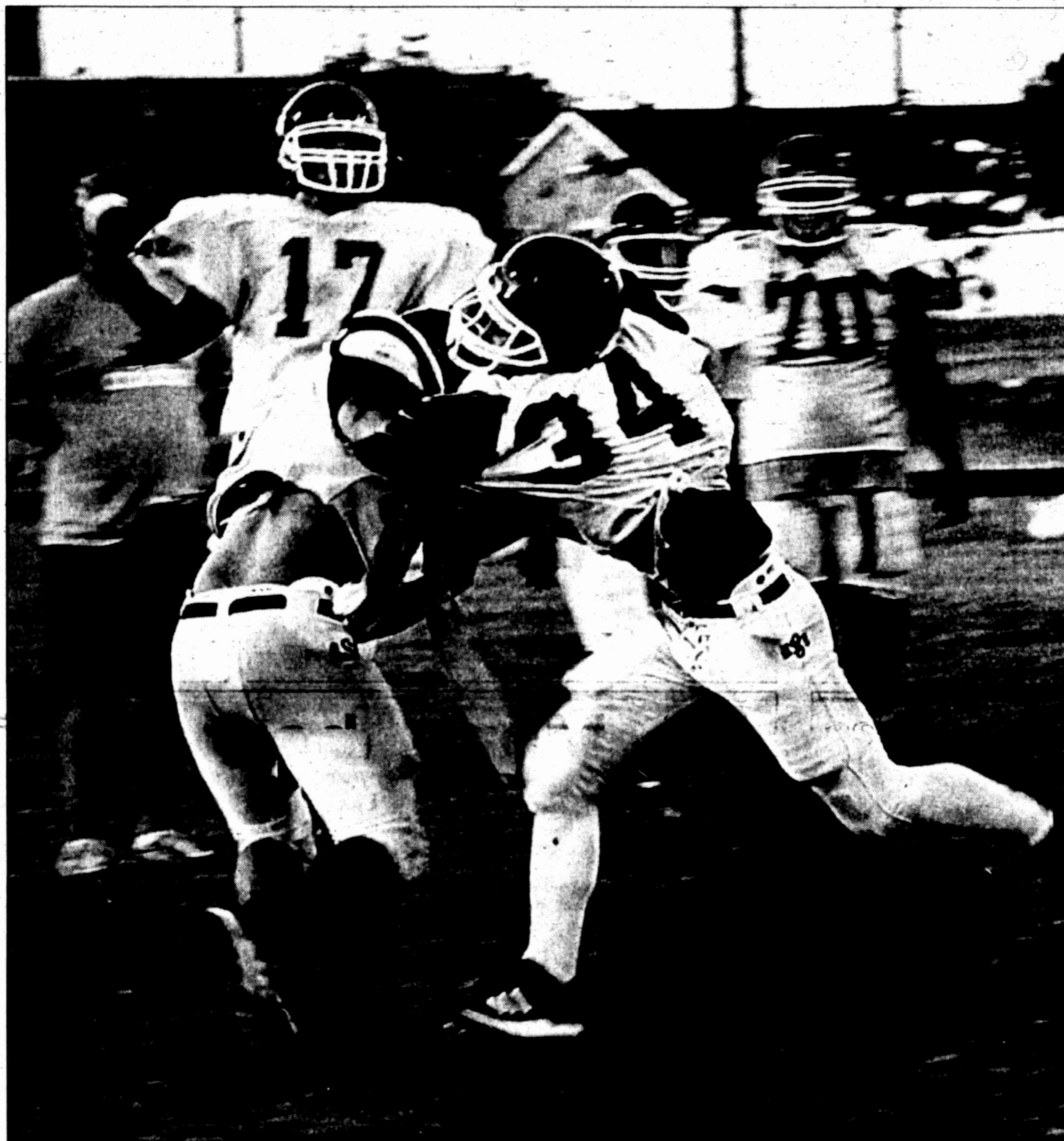
unit room yesterday.

Butler said the Steers — who are scheduled to scrimmage El Paso Socorro Saturday at 4 p.m. at Memorial Stadium — will be starting a fund-raiser later this week to help cover Myles' medical expenses.

"We wanted to try and do something for Shamar and the family," he said. "This isn't for the football team or anything like that. This is for one our young men."

Persons seeking more information or those seeking to contribute to the fund-raiser can contact Butler at (432) 264-3662.

Clearing the way ...



Herald Photo/Tommy Wells
Big Spring's Tavlan Clemons delivers a block while quarterback Andy Lasater looks downfield for a receiver during the Steers' afternoon practice at Blankenship Field Monday. Lasater, who is competing with Jerry Doport and J.W. Beauchamp for the Steers' starting quarterback role, will help BSBS officially open the preseason schedule Saturday afternoon at 4 p.m. against Class 5A El Paso Socorro.

Rangers continue hot streak, pound Tigers

ARLINGTON (AP) — It's never too late for a winning streak.

Todd Greene hit a two-run homer and Joaquin Benoit threw five strong relief innings Monday night, leading the Texas Rangers to a 9-3 win over the Detroit Tigers.

It was the Rangers' seventh victory in 10 games in August.

"We finished last the

last three years," Greene said. "When you're 20 games out, you still have to find things to achieve."

Texas broke the game open with a five-run fifth inning, aided by a double error charged to Detroit center fielder Alex Sanchez.

After Alex Rodriguez scored on Mark Teixeira's single, Sanchez failed to pick up the ball cleanly

for one error, allowing Shane Spencer to advance to third. When Sanchez's wild throw to third went into the Detroit dugout for another error, Spencer scored.

Marcus Thames added a sacrifice fly, Jason Jones walked, and Greene's eighth homer capped the outburst.

Benoit (7-5) allowed three runs and six hits in

just his third relief appearance of the season. The Rangers are auditioning for spots on next year's pitching staff, and Benoit's niche has yet to be determined.

Benoit had been pulled from the rotation to make room for rookie Juan Dominguez, who makes his major league debut Tuesday night against the Tigers.

Astros corral Chicago, keep lead in NL Central

CHICAGO (AP) — In his previous outing at Wrigley Field, Wade Miller was nearly untouchable. His performance this time wasn't as impressive, although it was still good enough to stop the Chicago Cubs.

Miller gave up one run on five hits in six innings, and Jeff Kent had a two-run double to break a scoreless tie in the fifth as the Houston Astros beat the Cubs 3-1 Monday night in the opening game of a four-game series.

Miller (9-10) struck out nine in outdueling Chicago ace Kerry Wood.

When he beat the Cubs in their home park on May 30, Miller pitched a complete-game two-hitter with 14 strikeouts.

Wood (11-9) allowed seven hits and three runs in seven innings. He also struck out nine, reaching 1,000 career strikeouts in his 134th game — faster than any major league pitcher.

Craig Biggio homered in the ninth for the Astros, who maintained their two-game lead over St. Louis in the NL Central after the Cardinals beat the Pirates 6-4. The third-place Cubs fell 3 1/2 games back.



Herald Photo/Tommy Wells
Kelby Kemper and the Coahoma Bulldogs will open their 2003 preseason schedule this Saturday in Greenwood at 8:30 a.m. against the Rangers.

Parcells still hopes to name team's QB

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Bill Parcells hasn't given up on picking the Dallas Cowboys' starting quarterback after the next game. But even the coach knows that may be wishful thinking.

Quincy Carter or Chad Hutchinson?

The answer to that still escapes Parcells, whose plan has been to use the final two preseason games — after Friday's game against Houston — to prepare the starter and adjust the gameplan to that quarterback's strengths for the Sept. 7 season opener against Atlanta.

"I'll do my best, but I'm not sure I can," Parcells said Monday. "I'm not going to really go into how I think they played."

That's because while Carter and Hutchinson missed chances to impress and both had turnovers, they didn't get much help from the rest of the offense in the 13-0 loss at Arizona on Saturday night. Nothing in the game helped in the evaluation of the quarterbacks.

By Parcells' count, the Cowboys had only two legitimate scoring chances in 13 possessions against Arizona. There were three turnovers, a dropped third-down pass and two drive-killing offensive penalties. The team also faced 2-and-12 or worse four times, and third-and-10 or worse five times.

"It was a difficult game to play quarterback," Parcells said.

On Monday, the Cowboys bolstered their defensive line by signing free agent defensive end Eric Ogbogu, the sixth-round draft pick by the New York Jets in 1998.

Also Offensive lineman Marques McFadden, receiver DeVeren Johnson and defensive end Derris Monroe were cut.

U.S. hockey coach dies in roll-over

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Herb Brooks, who coached the U.S. hockey team to the "Miracle on Ice" victory over the Soviet Union at the 1980 Lake Placid Olympics, died in a car accident.

The Hall of Famer lost control of his minivan, veering onto a grassy area at a highway intersection north of the Twin Cities and rolling over.

Brooks apparently was not wearing a seat belt, and his body was found about 40 yards from the vehicle, state patrol Lt. Chuck Walerius said.

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Inventive forces are at work. The Aquarius moon is super creative, and with Leo influences pulling those talents out of us, there are pretty remarkable results that come from applying yourself. Any domestic project started now is a worthwhile effort. Being at home with family fortifies the soul. You might even decide to skip work all together.



Joyce Jillson

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Have the self-confidence to defy your current circumstances. If you're just not feeling it, pick up the phone. Talking to a Libra or Leo will give you a boost. There are practical gains from striving for honesty in all things.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Make a beeline for your target. Someone at work finds your ambition sexy — and someone else finds it completely threatening. It is possible to make friends along your way but very difficult in your highly competitive field.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Restlessness sets in when a relationship gets too comfortable. You might find yourself testing the rules. It's all because you want to be sure that you aren't just shackled up because it is convenient.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There's a time to let everyone know about your goals, but today, keep quiet instead. You don't want to diffuse the energy by giving

your power away to people who don't share your vision. Want ads are lucky.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). If you're brave enough to let go of the past, you can really progress. That means trusting a loved one you've already forgiven. Decorating or household chores will reflect your willingness to get it together and move on.

TOMORROW'S BIRTHDAY (August 13). Show the stuff you're made of this year. Go public, and put your legendary style out there for all to see. Important romantic decisions are made next month when your intuition is almost 100 percent correct. Late in October, you experience the best luck in financial matters when you involve a Gemini or Capricorn. A Taurus or Pisces is a lucky love match. Your lucky numbers are: 24, 38, 12, 49 and 9.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The two most important words today are: follow through. Seeing a cycle to the very end not only ensures that you've done the job right. It gives you the opportunity to say thank you and to ask for more business.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). At work, protect your assets, and don't trust someone who has proven unreliable in the past. When things get financially tight, it's because you didn't put enough away to cover in case of unexpected financial turbulence.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Much of the day, you are riled up about a central relationship in your life. Romance was not designed

to trick you but rather to challenge you to give and receive love even when you don't feel like it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The best solution to a problem is the one where less can go wrong. You might have to completely ignore what a "helpful" friend tries to get you to do. Leading, not following, will get you out of the dark.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The secret to happiness is simple today. When at work, work. When not at work, enjoy your family or doing your own thing — as long as it's not working! Re-examine how your team is supporting you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Judging by certain comments that are aimed at you, it might be hard to tell that family members are actually on your side. Take the high road. Those looking for new love do well by getting out and about.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Delegate. Let someone else do what doesn't challenge you, and you'll be free to face the bigger trials of life. Job interviews are brilliant — your experience may overwhelm you, but others are impressed!

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "My astrological chart is quite a mix: sun in Aries, moon in Aquarius, rising sign Leo and mid-heaven Taurus. With all of that said, what is this late-bloomer's 'calling,' and when will I get my big break?"

I'm a firm believer that every person on the earth has an important contribution to make. Each person is a cog in the cosmic wheel, so to speak. A big break comes in many forms, and it

might not feel all that big or break-like when it happens. But you can be sure it's real, it's important, and it's part of the way you fulfill your destiny. Rent the movie "It's a Wonderful Life" for an example of the kind of big breaks I'm talking about. I believe a big break has more to do with what you give to the world than what happens to you. This month, while the sun is in Leo, it's prime time for you to get in touch with your life's purpose and write a mission statement. If you don't know how to write a mission statement, look it up on line or in the library. Don't go with the first statement you come up with, but consider it a work in progress.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Pete Sampras is a champion tennis player who uses the attributes of his natal fire sign to win on the courts, and in life. For Leo athletes, passion is every bit as important as technique. Also, this sign does better during televised matches, as the cameras add an extra adrenaline boost. Sampras' chart shows he could have latent musical ability, which I would encourage him to explore this year.

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Annie's Mailbox:

Dear Annie: I really reacted to the letter from "Cheeks Red in Michigan," who was offended by the "dirty dancing" at a wedding reception. I specifically liked your statement that the dancers were acting like "animals in heat." That sums up the way I think our culture is going.



ANNIE'S MAILBOX

I have a hard time convincing my teenage daughter that there was a women's movement in the '70s that was aimed at freeing women from being exploited as sexual objects. She sees all the current female pop singers acting like strippers and dressing like prostitutes. There are videos advertised on TV that show young women baring their bodies, not to mention the lingerie stores with vaguely pornographic commercials. All this is ultimately for the benefit of men and their fantasies, and women are more than willing to debase themselves to be part of it.

What happened to the women's movement? Did I just dream it? Women's bodies are exploited more now than ever. Where is our class, our dignity, our brains? How can I instill

respect for women in my teenage son when almost everything he sees on TV shows women as sexual objects? Aren't women offended by this anymore? What happened? Take Me Back to the 1950s

Dear Take Me Back: While some of this is indeed exploitative, don't delude yourself. Young adults, both male and female, enjoy displaying their sexuality. They haven't yet learned that such displays do not engender respect.

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7 PM	8 Simple Rules	American Juniors (CC)	Ernie Ford's Favorite	Movie: A Walk	Big Brother 4 (CC)	8 Simple Rules	Miss Teen USA (CC)	San Diego Padres at Atlanta Braves	Rebecca	Star Trek: Next	Movie: Bill & Ted's Bogus Journey	Dangerous	World's Most Dangerous	Movie: The Banger	Update/Israel N. McBride	Biography: Kevin	Ext. Survival: Life or Limb (CC) (DVS)	Movie: First Kid (CC)	
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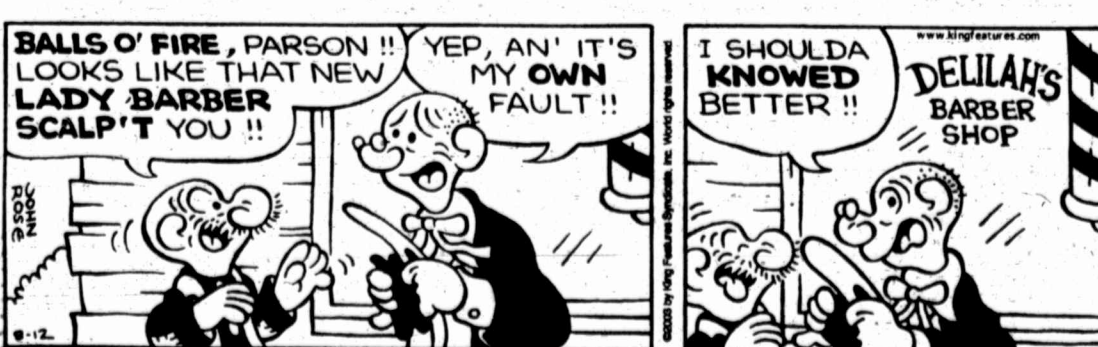
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Aug. 12, the 224th day of 2003. There are 141 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Fifty years ago, on Aug. 12, 1953, the Soviet Union conducted a secret test of its first hydrogen bomb.

On this date:

In 1851, Isaac Singer was granted a patent on his sewing machine.

In 1867, President Andrew Johnson sparked a move to impeach him as he defied Congress by suspending Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton.

In 1898, the peace protocol ending the Spanish-American War was signed.

In 1898, Hawaii was formally annexed to the United States.

In 1944, Joseph P. Kennedy Jr., eldest son of Joseph and Rose Fitzgerald

Kennedy, was killed with his co-pilot when their explosives-laden Navy plane blew up over England.

In 1960, the first balloon satellite the Echo 1 was launched by the United States from Cape Canaveral.

In 1962, one day after launching Andrian Nikolayev into orbit, the Soviet Union also sent up cosmonaut Pavel Popovich; both men landed safely Aug. 15.

In 1972, the last American combat ground troops left Vietnam.

In 1978, Pope Paul VI, who had died Aug. 6 at age 80, was buried in St. Peter's Basilica.

In 1985, the world's worst single-aircraft disaster occurred as a crippled Japan Air Lines Boeing 747 on a domestic flight crashed into a mountain, killing 520 people.

Ten years ago, Pope John Paul II began his third U.S. visit in Denver. President Clinton signed a relief package for the flooded Midwest.

Today's Birthdays: Michael

Kidd is 84. Former Sen. Dale Bumpers, D-Ark., is 78. Country singer Porter Wagoner is 76. Singer-musician Buck Owens is 74. Actor George Hamilton is 64. Actress Jennifer Warren is 62. Rock singer-musician Mark Knopfler (Dire Straits) is 54. Singer Kid Creole is 53. Jazz musician Pat Metheny is 49. Actor Sam J. Jones is 49. Actor Bruce Greenwood is 47. Country singer Danny Shirley is 47. Pop musician Roy Hay (Culture Club) is 42. Rapper Sir Mix-A-Lot is 40. Actor Peter Krause is 38. Tennis player Pete Sampras is 32. Actor Michael Ian Black ("Ed") is 32. Actress Rebecca Gayheart is 31. Actor Casey Affleck is 28.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

NAME THAT TUNA by Sally R. Stein

Edited by Stanley Newman

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| ACROSS | 64 Forest growth | 11 Parcel (out) | 44 Sports stadiums |
| 1 Parting words | 65 Drink served in steins | 12 Author Harte | 45 City's green spot |
| 5 _ facto | 66 Loch _ monster | 14 _ as a fiddle | 46 Helps in wrongdoing |
| 9 Doorway part | | 18 Sheep hair | 48 Secret motive |
| 13 Milky gem | | 23 Star Trek captain | 49 The Merry Widow composer |
| 14 Dexterous | | 24 Young horse | 50 Give a speech |
| 15 More than | | 26 Stereo system | 51 Takes it easy |
| 16 Statuesque | | 27 Detective's job | 52 Montreal baseballers |
| 17 Type of tuna | | 28 Oil cartel | 53 Con game |
| 19 A Great Lake | | 29 Not strong perhaps | 54 Where Cleveland is |
| 20 Blast _ the past | | 30 Parts of a play | 55 Beginning blossoms |
| 21 Beginning | | 31 "Vamoose!" | 56 Flying toy |
| 22 Brand of tuna | | 32 All even | 59 Scientist's room |
| 24 Pro and _ | | 33 Break sharply | |
| 25 "Vamoose!" | | 34 Tic-tac-toe nonwinner | |
| 26 Exclamation of surprise | | 37 British prep school | |
| 30 Active | | 38 "If I _ Hammer" | |
| 33 Gardener's earth | | 39 Part of an atom | |
| 35 Gorilla or orangutan | | | |
| 36 Brand of tuna | | | |
| 40 Foot part | | | |
| 41 Car for hire | | | |
| 42 Smart _ (wise guy) | | | |
| 43 Carbonated drink | | | |
| 46 Non-carbonated drink | | | |
| 47 Jogged | | | |
| 48 Type of tuna | | | |
| 53 Sensible | | | |
| 56 Leg joint | | | |
| 57 Fearsome dinosaur, for short | | | |
| 58 Type of tuna | | | |
| 60 Speak hoarsely | | | |
| 61 Verdi opera | | | |
| 62 Map book | | | |
| 63 Beetle Bailey dog | | | |

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