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August 15, 2003

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BRIEFLY

FISH FRY SET SATURDAY

American Legion Post 506 will hold a fish fry at noon Saturday. Delivery will be from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Carry outs will be available. The post is located at 3203 W. Highway 80. To place an order or for more information, call 263-2084. Everyone is welcome.

FOSTER FAMILIES NEEDED

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

COMING SUNDAY



Ex-rodeo cowboy, now country singer Chris LeDoux has overcome serious health problems that have given his music a new and gentle side. Health: The term learning disability has come to mean different things to different people. There are a variety of children who have difficulty learning. Sometimes these children are given the diagnosis of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD).

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Teens help circulate petition in support of Big Spring VAMC

By ROGER CLINE Staff Writer

A report released Aug. 6 recommending a study on closing Big Spring's VA Medical Center has many local residents worried about the future of the facility.

A group of local high school students is concerned enough about the problem to do something about it.

"If we lose it, Big Spring turns into a ghost town and people will be leaving in droves," said Big Spring High School junior Logan Churchwell.

"It'd be just like losing the (Webb Air Force) base all over again," added Churchwell's

"If you're in Colorado City, start one there. If you're in Snyder, start one there. Don't wait for somebody to come up to you and say, 'Hey, sign this petition.'"

Laurie Churchwell, petition's author

friend Corey Green, also a junior at the high school.

The teens, along with another BSIS junior, Manoj Thangam, spent most of the day Thursday

in front of the Big Spring Post Office busily collecting signatures to try to convince officials to keep the hospital open.

The three said Logan's mother, Laurie Churchwell, an employee at Big Spring's Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, started the petition and then enlisted their aid.

"I started it," Mrs. Churchwell said. "I felt like somebody should do something, so why not start something? I started the petition at Dora Roberts and I got about 200 signatures, and I felt like we needed more help. So here they

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Big Spring resident Carol Smith signs a petition Thursday against closing the city's VA Medical Center as Big Spring High School juniors Manoj Thangam, Logan Churchwell and Corey Green, the petition organizers, look on. Thangam, Churchwell and Green will have the petition available to sign from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday at Wal-Mart.

Public offers no comment during BSISD's tax hearing

By LYNDEL MOODY Staff Writer

A public hearing on the Big Spring Independent School District's 2003-2004 budget and tax rate Thursday night drew no interest from the public.

Trustees will now move forward on the \$403,000 surplus budget based on expected revenue generated from a tax rate of \$1.50 per \$100 valuation.

"I recommend you approve a budget with a substantial surplus

simply because the legislation is planning a special session in the spring on school finance," said BSISD Superintendent Michael Downes.

"The legislature will research school finance. What it will look like? I don't know but we will be in a situation to withstand a negative impact."

During the meeting, Downes updated trustees on two additional items placed into the budget since the last workshop in July.

The district is negotiating with the Big Spring Country Club to lock in rates for the next 20 years for use of the club's golf course. The Big Spring High School golf team currently uses the course, which will soon undergo an upgrade, Downes said.

The one-time payment for the contract is estimated at \$40,000.

The other item is an estimated \$11,000 to send all eight campus

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18 indicted by grand jury

HERALD Staff Report

The Howard County grand jury handed down indictments Thursday against 18 individuals on charges including aggravated sexual assault of a child, theft over \$200,000 and manufacture of a controlled substance.

Nicholas Paredez Sr., 65, of Big Spring was indicted on three counts of sexual assault of a child, second-degree felonies.

"The victim is a young lady who was about four or five years old when this took place," said Assistant District Attorney Robin Orr. "The indictment

alleges three incidents of oral sexual contact, oral-genital sexual contact."

Orr said the offenses took place in Big Spring during December of 2000.

A Howard County Jail spokesman said this morning that Paredez is free on \$20,000 bail.

The Big Spring Police Department conducted the investigation on Paredez.

Other indictments issued Thursday include:

• Shane Eddie Anderson of 105 E. 23rd St. on a charge of possession of a controlled substance

with intent to deliver. The offense, a state jail felony, allegedly occurred Aug. 7, 2002. The West Texas Narcotics Enforcement Task Force conducted the investigation.

• Rocky Allen Autry, 19, currently in the Howard County Jail, on a charge of robbery. The offense, a second-degree felony, allegedly occurred May 17, 2003. The Big Spring Police Department conducted the investigation.

• Scott Vel Autry, 20, currently in the Howard County Jail, on a

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Town Hall meeting on VA situation set Monday

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

The Veterans Administration will hold a town meeting Monday in hopes of dispelling the myths surrounding a recent recommendation that could place the Big Spring VA Medical Center on the government chopping block.



HANSLIK

"The most important thing right now is to get the facts out to the public," said VA Medical Center Community Relations Coordinator Iva Jo Hanslik. "We're at a very critical point in this. The Big Spring VA is not on the list of facilities to be closed, but it has been recommended by the CARES (Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services) Commission."

The meeting will be held Monday at 5:30 p.m. in the Fireplace Room of the Howard College Student Union Building. Speakers will include VA Medical Center Director Carey Brown and Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen.

"This meeting will be a combined effort between the VA Medical Center and the city of Big Spring," said Hanslik. "The entire purpose of this is to educate the public on what's going on, and what could happen."

"This is a very serious issue," said McEwen. "We have to work hard to keep our VA off the closing list, and I hope the people of Big Spring will do just that."

"What we need badly right now is letters, faxes and e-mails going out to the CARES commission and our congressional and senatorial representatives. Our representatives say they're overwhelmed with the lack of response from the Big Spring area."

McEwen said he's spoken with senatorial and congressional figures concerning the issue, and the response from area residents thus far leaves much to be desired.

"I just met with some of our senatorial and congressional representatives on this, and right now the news isn't good," said McEwen. "They tell us the response from the citizens of Waco has been tremendous concerning this issue, and the response from Big Spring has been next to nothing."

Hanslik said the response from Waco will naturally be greater when you consider its position in comparison to that of the Big Spring VA Medical

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Planning begins to commemorate refinery's 75 years

Herald Staff Report

Seventy-five years. It's been a long time since the refinery was constructed northeast of Big Spring.

To commemorate those 75 years and the refinery's relationship with the community, officials are planning a lengthy celebration next year.

"The Big Spring Refinery has been a part of the Big Spring Community and

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Obituaries

Joe "Joe Bear" Speer

Joe "Joe Bear" Speer, 53, of Big Spring, died on Wednesday, Aug. 13, 2003, in a local hospital. Funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, 2003, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at the Dorn Cemetery in Mitchell County.

Mr. Speer was born on March 17, 1950, in Lubbock, and married Wretha Matlock on Oct. 20, 1972, in Abilene.

He had worked for McAllister and Birdwell Trucking Companies. He loved gardening.

Survivors include his wife, Wretha Speer of Big Spring; two daughters, Leann Simpson of Snyder and Stacey Jones of Big Spring; one son, Justin Speer of Big Spring; three grandchildren; and one sister, Ann Meadows of Lubbock.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

Leon "Doc" Massey



Leon "Doc" Massey, 94, of Big Spring, went to be with his Lord Wednesday, August 13, 2003, at his home following a long illness.

Funeral service will be 10 a.m. Saturday at Myers and Smith Chapel with the Rev. Wayne Oglesby of Abilene officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. today.

He was born July 11, 1909, in San Saba. He was the son of Joseph Massey and Alice Rawls Massey. He married Lorene Currie, April 23, 1938, at Blanket. They moved to Howard County in 1947 where Mr. Massey was a farmer. He was also a member and deacon of the Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife: Lorene Massey of Big Spring; one son, Vernon Massey and his wife, Elena of Kingwood; one daughter, Faye Boydston of Big Spring; three granddaughters and six great-grandchildren, Cheryl Stiles along with her husband John and their children, Hunter and Garrett, all of New Braunfels; Kristin McNeely along with her husband Keith and their children, Chandler and Peyton all of Missouri City, Texas, and Shannon Ponthier along with her husband Craig and their children, Rylan and Kaitlyn all of San Antonio.

Mr. Massey was preceded in death by his parents and 11 brothers and sisters.

Pallbearers will be Owen Rawls, Johnny Rawls, Sr., James Tubbs, James Rawls, Johnny Rawls, Jr. and John Gaston. Honorary pallbearers will be Wayne Johnson and Kenneth Duffer.

Arrangements are by Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at <http://www.myersandsmith.com/>

Paid obituary

Ruth Annette Bills Dooley

Ruth Annette Bills Dooley of Big Spring died on Thursday, Aug. 14, 2002, at a local hospital.

She was born on July 10, 1925, in Sweetwater to Linnie Viola and Rufus Sherwood Bills. She was raised in Sweetwater and graduated from Sweetwater Newman High School in 1942.

In October of 1942, Ruth went to work for the civil service in San Antonio and was later transferred to Pecos and back to Sweetwater.

In 1946, she moved back to Sweetwater and worked for Peters Clinic and Gulf Insurance Company.

From 1962 until 1968, Ruth lived in Tacoma, Wash., and New York. In 1968, she moved to Big Spring.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother, Rufus Wilson Bills and a nephew, Ray Lee Bills.

She is survived by one brother, Cecil Rya Bills of Sweetwater; three nieces; a nephew, Bobby Darrell Bills of Diming, N.M.; a sister-in-law, Gisela Bills of Sweetwater; two great-nieces; and three great-nephews.

Ruth will lie in state at the Myers & Smith Funeral Home, 301 East 24th St. in Big Spring from today at 2 p.m. to Saturday, Aug. 16, at 2 p.m. She will then lie in state at McCoy Funeral Home in Sweetwater from 3 p.m. Saturday until service time.

Graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 16, at Sweetwater Cemetery with Ina Stewart officiating and Everett Bender assisting. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of McCoy Funeral Home in Sweetwater.

Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows near 70. South winds 5 to 10 mph.

Saturday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s...Saturday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s.

Sunday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s.

Monday...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s. Highs in the mid 90s.

Tuesday...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s. Highs in the mid 90s.

Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s. Highs in the mid 90s.

Mary Ola Duncan Sandridge

Mary Ola Duncan Sandridge, 98, of Arkadelphia, Ark., formerly of Big Spring, died Thursday, Aug. 14, at an Arkadelphia hospital.

She was born on September 11, 1904, in Crossroads, the daughter of the late John Alexander and Eva Duke Duncan.

She was a housewife and a member of the Second Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, William L. Sandridge.

Survivors include one son, Hollis Sandridge of Centerville, La.; two daughters, Doretha Crow of Centerville, La.; and Margie Kluck of Arkadelphia; nine grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren.

Graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, 2003, in the Rest Haven Memorial Gardens with the Rev. Carl Kluck officiating.

Interment is under the direction of Ruggles-Wilcox Funeral Home.

Visitation will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Second Baptist Church Building Fund.

Police blotter

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

- **ROCKY LEE HORTON**, 45, of Lamesa was arrested Thursday for public intoxication.
- **STEVEN CLAYTON**, 20, of 2628 Dow, was arrested Thursday on three local warrants; theft, minor in consumption and failure to appear.
- **ZENAIDA LUERA**, 31, of 1900 Winston, was arrested

Sheriff's report

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

- **JUVENILES THROWING BOTTLES** was reported in the 300 and 700 block of Lynn.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 500 block of FM 818.

Support groups

FRIDAY
□ AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Noon Open Big Book Study Meeting, 8 to 9 p.m.

SATURDAY
□ Open Discussion Meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open Podium/Speakers Meeting 615 Settles 8 to 9 p.m. Open Birthday Night, No Smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY
□ Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 to 6 p.m.

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

MONDAY
□ The Military Support Group meets on the first and third Monday of each month at 6 p.m. in Room 219 at the VA Medical Center. If you have a family member serving in the armed forces, or wish to support our troops, please join us. For more information, call Treva Hall at 263-8574 or Holly Moore at 263-8106.

□ TOPS Club TX 21 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), weigh-in at 5:30 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m. at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 West Third.

□ New Voice Club support group for laryngectomies and families. For more information, call 267-2800.

□ Alcoholics Anonymous meets from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Open meeting on fourth floor at VA Medical Center from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

TUESDAY
□ The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets the last Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Texas RV Park meeting room. For more information, call 263-4948.

□ TOPS Club TX 1756 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 5:30 p.m. weigh-in, 6 p.m. meeting, Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, 11th and Birdwell, Call 263-2786 or 263-1340 for more information.

Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald news room at 263-7331 or email editor@bigspringherald.com.

TODAY
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.

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

SATURDAY
Hangar 25 Air Museum, McMahan-Wrinkle Airpark, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

American Legion Post 506 fish fry at 3203 W. Highway 80. Delivery will be from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Carry outs will be available. To place an order or for more information, call 263-2084. Everyone is welcome.

Potter House, 200 Gregg, a restored historical home, 1 p.m.-5 p.m. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens.

Big Spring Shrine Club, 6:30 p.m. for meal with meeting to follow. Goliad and First Street.

Big Spring Squares, 267-7043 or 263-6305.

SUNDAY
Hangar 25 Air Museum, McMahan-Wrinkle Airpark, 1:30 p.m.-4 p.m.

MONDAY
Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Association, 11:30 a.m., Howard College Cactus, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Senior Circle Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics, 4 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, 1601 W. 11th Place. People age 50 and older are invited to participate, 268-4721.

Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers, 6 p.m., covered dish dinner, First Presbyterian Church, 7th and Rannels, enter through north door. Bring a covered dish. For more information call, 398-5522.

Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., La Posada, 206 NW Fourth Street.

DAV and Auxiliary Chapter 47, 6:30 p.m., 610 Abrams.

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 Art Association, 7 p.m., Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

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

THURSDAY
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.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night: Winning numbers drawn: 2-4-9-10-25. Number matching five of five: 1. Prize per winner: \$56,031. Winning tickets sold in: Houston. Next Cash 5 drawing: Friday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 7-1-1

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are." By 1:30 p.m. Thursday the total was up to more than 1,000.

"We've been having vets coming out in groups with their hats on, telling war stories," Logan said.

"I guess it gives us some faith in this town," Manoj added. "We're doing it for a worthy cause and that's what's important, the cause."

The petition, which Mrs. Churchwell typed up

herself, reads simply, "We the undersigned oppose any action to close the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Big Spring, Texas." The message was popular enough to win the support — and signatures — of most of the people entering and exiting the Post Office.

"I moved here in 1990 because my husband is a veteran," said Rosebell Meek, who took time out to sign the petition. "He was retired Navy, a survivor of Pearl. The best veterans hospital in Texas was here, so we

moved here. He died at the age of 80 but he died with very good care, caring people. It would disturb me very much to see younger veterans not having the same facilities that he did. I think it's very unfair."

Big Spring's Carol Smith also added her name to the list.

"They have spent a tremendous amount of money to renovate our hospital. We have our veterans nursing home here which they built because of the veterans hospital here," Smith said. "We

have many retired veterans here because of the Air Force base that we used to have here. They retired here because they like this area and because of the VA facilities here. I feel that this is a political issue that has come up and that it's just like the government to spend a dollar to save a dime."

Mrs. Churchwell urged other area citizens to circulate petitions of their own.

"They don't need to just depend on one certain group to do it," she said. "If you're in Colorado

City, start one there. If you're in Snyder, start one there. Don't wait for somebody to come up to you and say, 'Hey, sign this petition.' They can do their own and send it in."

The teens will be collecting signatures again from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday at Wal-Mart. Laurie Churchwell will also collect signatures at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center and offer copies of her petition for others to collect signatures.

"I want to get 20,000 signatures on this thing,"

she said. She said the petition will probably be mailed next week to congressmen and to the Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES) Commission that authored the report suggesting the study on closing the hospital.

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

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principals and the assistant superintendent to the Technology Leadership Academy.

"We do have a lot of hardware and wiring in addition to high-speed cabling," Downes said. "What we don't have is a lot of training and specifically within our leadership positions."

Funded by a large grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates foundation, Downes said the cost for each principal to attend is \$725. The price includes a top of the line Gateway computer for each participant to use for campus

work. The four-day training session is broken down to two days in the Midland/Odessa area in September and two days in El Paso in January.

In other business, trustees decided to uphold the superintendent's decision not to accept a grievance by Linda Alexander, Goliad Intermediate School teacher, after meeting with Alexander and her Texas State Teacher Association representative for about an hour in closed session.

"My concern was over the discriminatory hiring practice that exists within this district of perpetual process" said Alexander. "I applied for seven positions

received no interviews. I have been with this district for 26 years."

Alexander would not say if she will appeal the grievance further.

In other related employment matters, trustees approved long-time district employee Susan Palmer as the new assistant principal at the high school. Palmer comes to the position from serving as the counselor at Goliad Intermediate school.

In other business, trustees approved: The employments of Stessa Miles, Marcy Elementary kindergarten teacher; Tanya Nolen, Big Spring High School Math teacher/coach; Mary Lou Salazar, Goliad Intermediate School counselor; and Jill Ware,

Bauer Magnet Elementary School fourth grade teacher.

• Changing the district's diagnostic contracts from 192 to 207 paid days.

• Approved \$706,488 in rollover funds for IDEA entitlements.

• Approved \$129,956 for Title VI entitlements.

• Approved approximately \$26,212 worth of contracts with Region 18 Educational Service Center for services.

• Approved Lyndel Moody, Big Spring Herald reporter, for the 2003 Texas Association of School Boards media honor roll.

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

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charge of robbery. The offense, a first-degree felony (enhanced), allegedly occurred May 17, 2003. The BSPD conducted the investigation.

• Melissa Brooks, 38, of Coahoma on a charge of theft over \$200,000. The offense, a first-degree felony, allegedly occurred Feb. 18, 2003.

• Jessie Jay Juarez, 18, 1003 NW Third St., on a charge of failure to stop and render aid. The transportation code offense, which carries a range of punishment of up to five years in state prison or one year in county jail and a fine of up to \$5,000, allegedly occurred Nov. 4, 2002. The BSPD conducted the investigation.

• Alfred Ledesma Jr. of 538 Westover Road No. 248 on a charge of possession of a controlled substance. The offense, a first-degree felony (enhanced), allegedly occurred Jan. 9, 2003. The WTNETF conducted the investigation.

• Jeffery Alan Martin, 21, of 538 Westover Road No. 248 on a charge of possession of a controlled substance. The offense, a state-jail felony, allegedly occurred Jan. 9, 2003. The WTNETF conducted the investigation.

• Jesus Mendoza, 70, of P.O. Box 1774 in Presidio on a charge of driving while intoxicated. The

offense, a third-degree felony, allegedly occurred Nov. 2, 2002. The BSPD conducted the investigation.

• Raymond Earl Overton Jr., 24, of 2530 Hunter on a charge of possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver. The offense, a first-degree felony, allegedly occurred Nov. 2, 2002. The WTNETF conducted the investigation.

• Sandra (Mince) Payne, 37, of 1310 Mobile on a charge of possession of a controlled substance. The offense, a state-jail felony, allegedly occurred Jan. 11, 2003. The Howard County Sheriff's Office conducted the investigation.

• Grant Cory Perdew, 43, currently in the Howard County Jail, on charges of possession or transport of certain chemicals with intent to manufacture a controlled substance, a second-degree felony, and manufacture of a controlled substance, a first-degree felony. The offenses allegedly occurred April 3, 2003. The WTNETF conducted the investigation.

• Patrick Kesler, 24, of 1707 Donley on charges of possession or transport of certain chemicals with intent to manufacture a controlled substance, a second-degree felony, and manufacture of a controlled substance, a first-degree felony. The offenses allegedly occurred April 3, 2003. The

WTNETF conducted the investigation.

• Carol Ann Kesler, 27, currently in the Howard County Jail, on charges of possession or transport of certain chemicals with intent to manufacture a controlled substance, a second-degree felony, and manufacture of a controlled substance, a first-degree felony. The offenses allegedly occurred April 3, 2003. The WTNETF conducted the investigation.

• Rachel Francis Savala, 17, of 1016 E. 21st St. on charges of possession or transport of certain chemicals with intent to manufacture a controlled substance, a second-degree felony, and manufacture of a controlled substance, a first-degree felony. The offenses allegedly occurred April 3, 2003. The WTNETF conducted the investigation.

• Steve Rodriguez, 21, of 8405 El Camino Road on two counts of forgery. The offenses, both state-jail felonies, allegedly occurred during August of 2001. The BSPD conducted the investigation.

• Krystle Lynn Saldana,

21, of 909 E. 16th St. on two counts of forgery. The offenses, both state-jail felonies, allegedly occurred during August of 2001. The BSPD conducted the investigation.

• Johnny (Juan) Smithwick of 1303 Lamar on a charge of indecency with a child. The offense, a second-degree felony, allegedly occurred June 16, 2003. The BSPD conducted the investigation.

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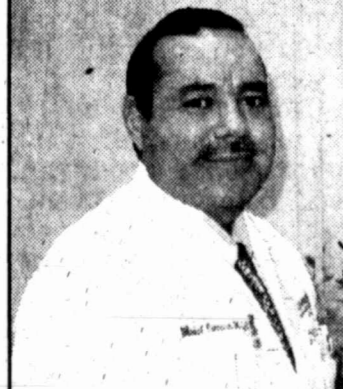
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Living Hope Church

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First Presbyterian Church

Are you tired of carrying a heavy load? Come worship with us on Sunday and hopefully

lighten that load. Sunday School is at 9:45, Take Ten at 10:30 and worship is at 11 with the Rev. Matthew Miles in the pulpit. Worship is also broadcast on KBST AM 1490 at 11 a.m.

At 4 p.m. Sunday, we are going to officially install the Rev. Miles as our pastor with several dignitaries of the church doing the honors. There will be a reception afterward in the parlor.

Please join us at Eighth and Runnels. "Come to me, all you that are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28

First Assembly of God

"Angel Mania" will be the title of Pastor R.T. Haverfer's sermon this Sunday in the 10:40 a.m. service.

The Bible has a lot to say about angels and it

remains an interesting subject to all. "Angel" simply means messenger, but Funk and Wagnall's has a very interesting definition. Funk and Wagnall, says concerning angels, "The line between a good angel and a bad angel is sometimes unclear, hence, angels can be broadly described as spiritual powers mediating between the spirit world and humans."

Pastor Haverfer will look closely at angels in this message this Sunday and will preach a second message next Sunday morning entitled, "Angel Illiteracy."

In the Sunday evening service at 6 Pastor Haverfer will speak on the subject, "Do We Need a New Gospel?"

The congregation of First Assembly invites everyone to come and enjoy this wonderful day of word and worship at Fourth and Lancaster.

First Baptist Church

Thank you for coming last Saturday and hearing the Perrys. If you were not here, you missed a wonderful, praise filled evening of gospel music.

Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. followed by morning worship at 10:50 at First Baptist Church. Our pastor, the Rev. Dennis Teeters, will continue the series on "Faithquakes." If you are unable to come, we invite you to join us for worship on channel 23. This Sunday, we will learn about "Elisha's Servant's Faithquake."

We will meet again for evening worship at 6 and hear from our children who have participated in summer music camp. Their presentation is "Kings, Dreams and Schemes." This is the story of Daniel. Why not come and support some great kids with your presence?

Our regular Wednesday evening activities begin this Wednesday. For information concerning

any of the programs of our church, please call 267-8223.

For more information call 267-7157 or 267-8214.

Birdwell Lane Baptist Church

Gloryland Trio, a southern gospel ladies group from Rusk, will appear in concert on Aug. 31, from 2-4 p.m. at Birdwell Lane Baptist Church.

These three ladies have a tremendous love for God and for southern gospel music. Their harmony and blend makes for an awesome sound. All were saved at an early age in their lives. Each one plays the piano and has served as pianist in their individual churches.

The public is cordially invited to attend this concert. Admission to the concert is free.

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Birdwell Lane Choir will be opening the concert for the Gloryland Trio.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

St. Mary's summer time change continues this Sunday with Holy Eucharist celebrated at 9:30 a.m.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew will have its monthly meeting and breakfast Saturday, starting at 8 a.m. in the chapel.

The Permian Basin Deanery will hold their meeting Saturday at 9:30 a.m. at St. James Mission in Monahans.

St. Mary's Vestry will meet on Tuesday, Aug. 19, at 5:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

Evening prayer is said Monday through Friday at 6 p.m. in St. Mary's Chapel.

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201 or visit our Web site at www.stmarybest.org. St. Mary's is located at 1001 South Goliad.

A call to holiness

by Richard and Linda Light

Why does it seem that our days are too full and move too fast to enjoy them the way we once did as children? For most of us, a time of freedom from responsibilities and cares has faded away into a distant memory.

We are chasing the American dream of success-money in the bank, a beautiful home, luxury cars, name-brand clothes, vacations that come with a large price tag and all the latest technology. Since most of us were not born rich, something has to give in our quest for success and it is usually our freedom.

Now you may say, "I could have thought of many things that would be sacrificed in the drive to succeed, but freedom was not one of them."

Let us explain what we mean by that. We are created by God to live in relationship to Him and each other. A relationship defined by Jesus and His sacrifice on the cross. We are to live a life defined by love.

As Paul wrote in I Corinthians 13:4: "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no records of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil, but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes and always perseveres."

What God ultimately expects of us is to be totally sold out to Jesus in every way with an uncompromised love. Jesus is to be the center of our thinking and our universe. In Mark 12:30 we find, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength."

Now, how can this kind of living bring freedom? We are free from worry because we know that God is our protector and our provider. (Matthew 6:25-34). This freedom does not mean that we do not work to provide for

ourselves, but it does mean that we know that "in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose. (Romans 8:28).

We are freed from the need to amass material wealth in the form of the latest technology, newest cars, biggest houses and many other things that people feel they must have in their lives-even at the cost of financial and personal ruin. We know that each day's labor brings it own reward and blessings from God. We have no need to fear answering the telephone because angry creditors are calling night and day.

In 1 John 2:15 we are told to "love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him."

We are a generation who need instant gratification. If the work is hard and the road is difficult, many of us find ourselves giving up. God changes that when we accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior. We are given the strength to walk as Jesus walked-humbly, caring more for others than for ourselves, needing no praise or adulation for our good works, not desiring power for its own sake.

How are we given this strength? We are provided with a faith community call church, we have the Bible to teach us and give us examples to follow, we are given the Holy Spirit as a comforter, guide and gift of

charisms. We are given the Lord's Supper or Eucharist to sustain us. He is our living bread of heaven. (John 6:51)

We are called to serve God in whatever way He needs us. There is an old saying that goes something like this, "God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called."

In other words, we need not fear that God will ask us to do something impossible. He gives us everything we need if we just move forward in faith and say, "Yes, Lord."

There is a story about a man who came to the Lord and agreed to give up all his possessions. He sat down and wrote out a list of everything he owed. He brought the list to God who promptly told him to tear it up. When the man complied, he asked God, "What do you want from me?" God told him He wanted his heart. God said, "I want you to love me enough to trust each day in my care. Give me all you possess, and I will give it back again to be used for My glory and My kingdom. You need never fear for I walk beside you and will never leave you."

And at the end of our lives when our earthly time is past, there is no need to fear what lies ahead. For we can say as Paul did, I have fought a good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. (2 Timothy 4:7)

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Electronic voting devices shake some states' trust

By BRIGID SCHULTE

The Washington Post

The Virginia State Board of Elections had a seemingly simple task before it: Certify an upgrade to the state's electronic voting machines. But with a recent report by Johns Hopkins University computer scientists warning that the system's software could easily be hacked into and election results tampered with, the once-perfunctory vote now seemed to carry the weight of democracy and the people's trust along with it.

An outside consultant assured the three-member panel recently that the report was nonsense.

"I hope you're right," Chairman Michael Brown said, taking a leap of faith and approving Diebold Election Systems' upgrades. "Because when they get ready to hang the three of us in effigy, you won't be here."

Since being released two weeks ago, the Hopkins report has sent shock waves across the country. Some states have backed away from purchasing any kind of electronic voting machine, despite a new federal law that has created a gold rush by allocating billions to buy the machines and requiring all states to replace antiquated voting equipment by 2006.

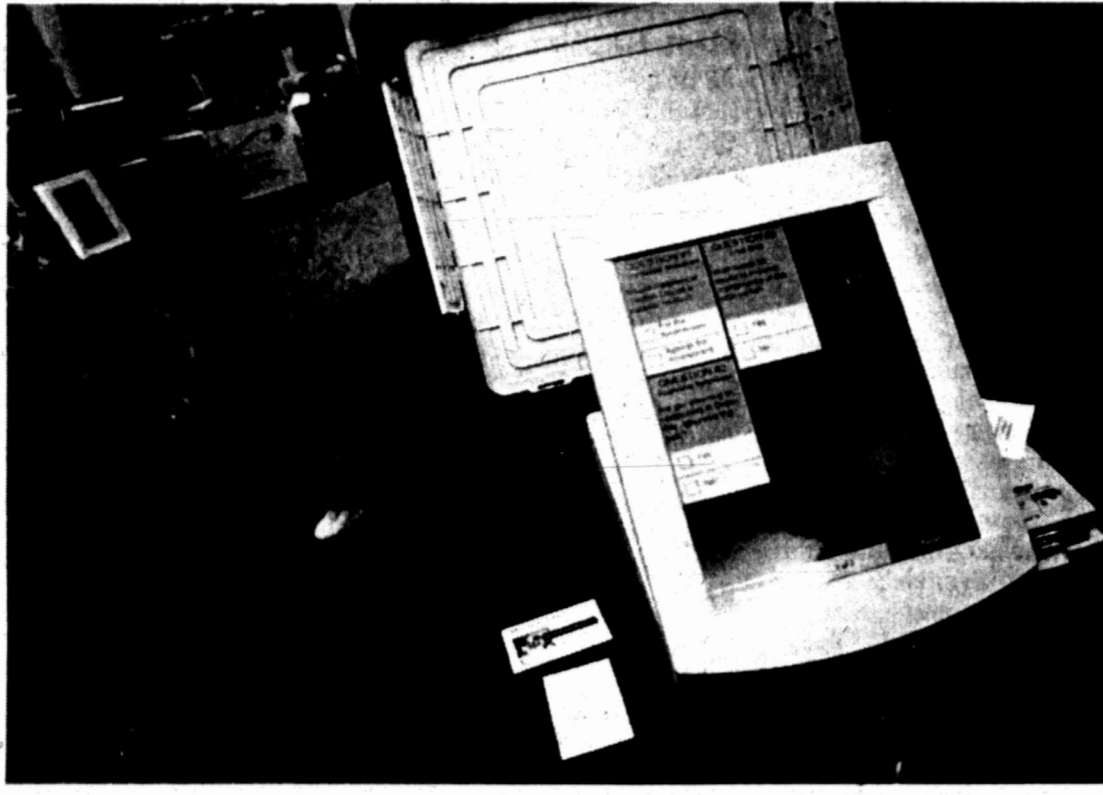
"The rush to buy equipment this year or next year just doesn't make sense to us anymore," said Cory Fong, North Dakota's deputy secretary of state.

The report has brought square into the mainstream an obscure but increasingly nasty debate between about 900 computer scientists, who warn that these machines are untrustworthy, and state and local election officials and machine manufacturers, who insist that they are.

"The computer scientists are saying, 'The machinery you vote on is inaccurate and could be threatened; therefore, don't go. Your vote doesn't mean anything,'" said Penelope Bonsall, director of the Office of Election Administration at the Federal Election Commission. "That negative perception takes years to turn around."

Still, even some advocates of the new system are thinking twice. The Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, which pushed for electronic machines to help visually impaired and disabled voters, says the Hopkins report has given them pause. They're calling on President Bush and Congress to convene a forum of experts to hash it out. "We have become concerned about these questions of ballot security," said Deputy Director Nancy Zirkin.

Her group and others supported passage of the \$3.9 billion Help America Vote Act in November. Of the \$1.5 billion appropriated so far to replace old machines, rewrite outdated equipment standards, encourage research to improve technology, train poll workers and update registration lists, about half has been released. And that has all gone



Washington Post file photo/Michael Robinson-Chevez
Newer computerized voting machines were used in four Maryland counties in elections last year. All states are required to update equipment by 2006. But a recent report by Johns Hopkins University computer scientists has highlighted a debate over whether these machines are trustworthy.

toward buying electronic machines, which cost as much as \$4,000 apiece.

"These vendors are everywhere," said David Blount, spokesman for Mississippi Secretary of State Eric Clark. "They're besieging everyone."

The remaining money is to be released once an Election Assistance Commission is appointed. By law, the board was to have begun work in February. Names of the four commissioners, two from each major party, have yet to go to the Senate for confirmation.

The stakes are high. The 2000 Florida presidential election showed the current system's shortcomings.

A subsequent Cal Tech/MIT report found that of more than 100 million votes, cast nationwide, as many as 6 million weren't counted because of registration errors or problems with punch-card and lever machines. One study found that of 800 lever machines tested, 200 had broken meters that stopped counting once they hit 999.

Frustrations with the old machines have turned many local election officials into staunch supporters of the new electronic models. Advocates for the disabled say that the machines will enable the visually impaired, for the first time, to put on headphones and vote a

secret ballot.

Mischelle Townsend, registrar of voters in Riverside County, Calif., said the electronic machines have saved as much as \$600,000 in paper every election and, from 1996 to 2000, helped increase voter turnout to 72 percent, up 10 percent.

Any tampering would be caught, she said, in the extensive pre- and post-election testing. The best defense of the machines, she said, is that there has been no documented case of voter fraud. "If the computer scientists had one valid point, one, then why hasn't one incident of what they're saying occurred in all of these elections?"

But past is not prologue, historians and political scientists warn.

"Some of these hacking scenarios are highly improbable. But it's not completely out of the question," said Larry Sabato, a political scientist at the University of Virginia. "When the stakes are high enough in an election, partisans and others will do just about anything."

Computer scientists note that computers are unreliable, subject to bugs and glitches as well as the more remote possibility of outright hacking and tampering.

They warn of a hostile programmer inserting what they call Trojan horses, Easter eggs or

in and the problem was fixed.

In Alabama, a glitch caused a 7,000-vote error and clouded the outcome of the gubernatorial race for two weeks. But more critically, computer scientists charge that the software that runs the machines is riddled with security flaws.

"Whoever certified that code as secure should be fired," said Avi Rubin, technical director of the Information Security Institute at Johns Hopkins and co-author of the report.

Rubin analyzed portions of Diebold software source code that was mistakenly left on a public Internet site and concluded that a teenager could manufacture "smart" cards and vote several times. Further, he said, insiders could program the machine to alter election results without detection. All machines had the same password hard-wired into the code. And in some instances, it was set at 1111, a number

laughably easy to hack, Rubin said.

Because there is no paper or electronic auditing system in the machine, there would be no way to reconstruct an actual vote, he said.

In a 27-page rebuttal, Diebold dismissed the findings. Officials said that the software Rubin analyzed was old and that only a portion may have been used in an actual election. "Right now, we're very, very confident about the security of our system," said Mark Radke, a Diebold executive. "If there is a way to make it more secure, we're open to that from good, reliable, knowledgeable sources who don't have a previous agenda."

That doesn't satisfy some critics. "The most important thing about the Hopkins report is not the security holes they found, but irrefutable proof that all this stuff that the machines are secure is hot air," said David Dill,

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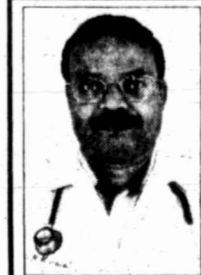
CLUB NEWS

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Experts stumped on cause of blackout; power returns for some

The Associated Press

A massive power blackout retreated stubbornly Friday as power officials struggled to understand why the historic outage spread in minutes through the northeastern United States and southern Canada. Lights flicked on and air conditioners restarted for some, but millions of others baked in stuffy rooms. Cleveland weathered its worst water crisis in history as the blackout shut all four major pumping stations. The pumps, which serve more than 1 million residents in the city and 20 suburbs began operating Friday morn-

ing, but the National Guard tanked in 7,600 gallons of drinking water to help until taps flowed again. In New York City, power was restored Friday morning to parts of all five boroughs and some suburbs, but millions faced a morning rush hour without subway service or many traffic lights and no timetable for full restoration of power. "Today will also present challenges," New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg told reporters. He asked essential city workers to come in but told nonessential counterparts to stay home and

urged citizens to use judgment about working Friday. "There are worse things than taking a summer Friday off from work," he said. In Michigan, some customers may have to endure a weekend without electricity. Everywhere officials urged residents, businesses and travelers to cope with the inconvenience. "This is truly one of the instances where we're all in this together," Gov. Jennifer Granholm of Michigan said during a statewide address Thursday night. "So be calm, be supportive of your neighbor." State

workers in Michigan's capitol, Lansing, were told to report to work Friday but in harder-hit Detroit to the east, they were ordered to stay home. While terrorism was swiftly ruled out by President Bush and other officials, there was scant indication of what had caused the outage, which began on the cusp of Thursday's afternoon rush hour in Eastern cities. The New York Independent System Operator, which runs the state's wholesale electricity market and monitors power usage, said it had detected a sudden loss of

power generation at 4:11 p.m. Kenneth Klapp, an ISO spokesman, said the problem was detected on power usage and transmission prior to, during and after the blackout. The ISO had not determined the exact location of the problem by early Friday. More generally, industry and government experts blamed a system composed of interconnected grids that has not been upgraded to meet power demands.

The disruptions were as diverse as they were widespread. A small explosion at the Marathon Oil refinery 10 miles south of Detroit was blamed on the outage which cut power to a pump, allowing a buildup of gasses that ultimately exploded in a smokestack. No one was hurt but police fearing additional explosions or possible release of toxic gas evacuated hundreds of residents from a one-mile radius around the refinery.

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Center. "The Waco VA is on the closing list," said Hanslik. "Of course the citizens there are reacting more profoundly.

"I think our senators and congressmen will see a great increase in the amount of mail from the Big Spring area concerning this very soon." McEwen and Hanslik strongly urge local residents to write or e-mail the CARES Commission directly, sending a copy of

the letter to their area representatives. According to VA reports, the public has a 60-day window in which to address comments on the plan at the CARES Web-site, e-mail address carescommission@mail.va.gov or send by mail to the Department of

Veterans Affairs (00CARES), 810 Vermont Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20420. Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 or by e-mail at newsdesk@crcom.net

REFINERY

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Howard County for 75 years. It's had numerous owners, but it's always been a part of the community," said Joe Conciencie, vice president of refining and transportation and plant manager for the ALON USA-owned facili-

ty. "We are endeavoring to find the proper way to recognize that, through its employees, retirees and the community in general." ALON officials are planning on putting together a year-long celebration of the operation of the refinery. The first such brainstorming session was held Wednesday, with

others scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. "We're getting together with a group of retirees, residents, the media and a few others to share some ideas," said Conciencie. "We're meeting with the chamber and we've met with the museum, which is interested

in putting together an exhibit. "Right now it's still very much in the planning stage; that's what this is all about, to plan some activities to recognize these 75 years during 2004," he added. The refinery was constructed in 1928 by Joshua Cosden.

MARY SUE

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I hit flat on my back. The red Stamford dirt swirled up around me. For several seconds, I was numb. No pain, no feeling at all. My eyes were open, but the only thing I saw was that rope, reaching far up into the sky. I wondered if I was dead. "Well, he's not dead," I heard, and suddenly Gary's face was hovering over me. Mary Sue was there, too. And Cindy. "Are you all right? Are you all right?" Mary Sue kept saying. "Oh, I'm so sorry, I'm so sorry." "Go over to that house and call an ambulance!" I heard Mary Sue shout to Gary. "No, no wait," I said. Slowly, I sat up. Mary

Sue was right beside me on her knees, tears running down her cheeks. She was beautiful even when she cried. And I smiled, right at Mary Sue. My mother said a smile is the most wonderful gift you can give someone. Mary Sue never met my mother. She got up and kicked me. "You're not hurt!" she said. And she kicked me again. And she bent down and picked up the keys laying there beside me and she whispered, "Billy McClellan, you scared the #&@%! out of me, you little #&@%!." And she and Cindy stormed off, jumped in the Chevy and drove away. What Mary Sue said shocked me more than the fall. I had never

heard a girl say words like that before, not even my sister, and I gave her a lot more reason to. I told Gary what Mary Sue had whispered, but he didn't believe me. "You fell," he said, like maybe the fall caused my hearing to go askew. I didn't get a kiss from Mary Sue, but from that Wednesday morning until the weekend, when we moved, I had the best Mary Sue story. "Me," I could say, and point right at my chest. "Me, I was kicked and cussed by Mary Sue Turner." And Gary would back me up. "I was there! I was there! I saw it!" Seeing the back of those bleachers reminded me again of Mary Sue. Yeah, I guess I still have a crush.

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a computer scientist at Stanford University who has turned the debate over electronic machines into a national crusade. State and local election officials, however, say the checks and balances — the poll workers and judges, the thick manuals of procedures — ensure the sanctity of elections. "It's not fair to do an evaluation that doesn't talk about context," said Mary Kiffmeyer, president of the National


Association of Secretaries of State. "Our voting process has all kinds of security. It's not just the box of technology." Even the most vocal critics say there are workable solutions. Computer scientists say the companies should release their secret source codes for expert review, as two start-ups, VoteHere and Populex, have agreed to do. Or that states should require automatic upgrade clauses, as Santa Clara County, Calif., has. Dill, the computer scientist at Stanford, and others are pushing for

what are called voter-verified audit trails. By attaching a printer to every machine, voters can review the electronic ballot before it drops into a locked box. Many solutions are already spelled out in the Help America Vote Act, which mandates tougher security, usability and accuracy standards. In the end, however, with experts still at loggerheads and the 2004 election looming, voters are left wondering which side to trust.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

The City Council of the City of Big Spring will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenue from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 6.17 percent. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, August 26, 2003 at 5:30 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers located at 307 E. 4th Street, Big Spring, Texas.

- FOR** the proposal: Russ McEwen, Woody Jumper, Jo Ann Staulcup, Gloria McDonald, Joann Knox and Greg Biddison
- AGAINST:** the proposal: None
- PRESENT:** and not voting: Stephanie Horton
- ABSENT:** None

The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

	Last Year	This Year
Average residence homestead value	\$29,738	\$31,016
General exemptions available (amount available on the average homestead, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$5,000	\$5,000
Average taxable value	\$24,738	\$26,016
Tax rate	\$.6563/\$100	\$.6963/\$100 (proposed)
Tax	\$162.36	\$181.15 (proposed)

Under this proposal, taxes on the average homestead would increase by \$18.79 or 11.57 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would increase by \$0.04 per \$100 of taxable value or 6.09 percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

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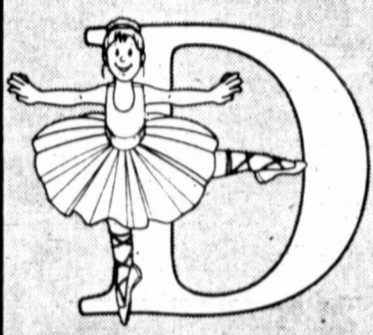
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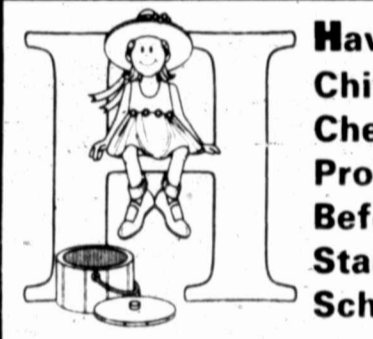
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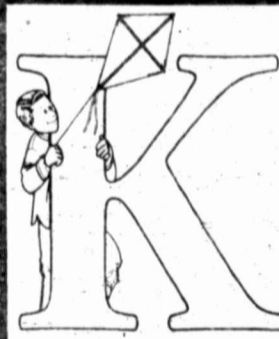
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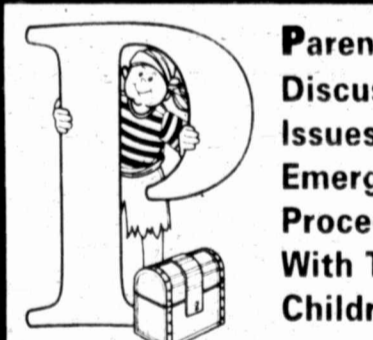
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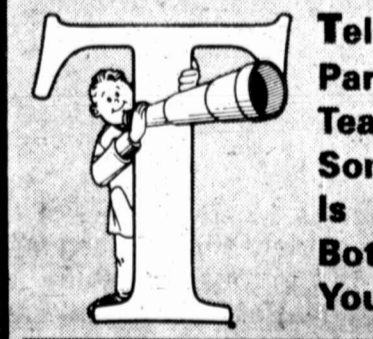
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BSHS season now on sale

Big Spring School football tickets are now on sale at the Athletic Center. Current season holders can receive tickets until Monday. Tickets to games can be purchased the day of the contest at 8 a.m. For more information, contact Kay at 264-3662.

Young Guns slated for Sept.

The Young Guns Softball Tournament will be held on Saturday and Sunday at the Athletic Center by Friday. Teams should enter by Friday. The tournament will be held on a per team basis. For more information, contact Ernest at 756-3662.

Longhorns to begin softball tournament

The Big Spring Longhorns will begin their U.L.U.C.S. Softball Tournament on Saturday at the Athletic Center. The entry fee is \$125 per team. The top three teams will receive prizes. The first place team will receive a trophy. The first team to receive a trophy will receive a trophy. For more information, call Sally at 5237 or Mike at 267-6619.

Football officials needed for '03

Football officials are needed for the 2003 season. Persons interested should call Guinn at (432) 267-6619.

BSYSA sign-ups begin Saturday

Big Spring Soccer Association sign-ups will begin Saturday at the Athletic Center. Sign-ups will be held on August 15, 16, and 17. The cost is \$10 per child. There is a fundraising drive.

Da Playaz to begin softball tournament

Da Playaz Softball Tournament will be held on Saturday at the Athletic Center. The tournament will be held on a per team basis. For more information, contact Ortega at 6406 or Rudy at (432) 267-6619.

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Event	Time
Astros vs. Cincinnati	5:45
Cowboys vs. Texans	6:30
Texans vs. Cowboys	6:45
Astros vs. Cincinnati	11:15
Rangers vs. White Sox	6:00

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

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 until 4 p.m.. Tickets will go on sale to the general public on Monday.

Tickets to individual games can also 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.

Longhorns to host softball tourney

The Big Spring Longhorns will host the Hook-Em Ups For LULAC Softball Tournament on Aug. 23-24 at Comanche Trail Park.

The entry fee is set at \$125 per team, with the top three teams receiving prizes. The first-place team will receive entry fee for LULAC. The first team eliminated will receive t-shirts.

Deadline to enter is Aug. 21.

For more information call Sally Grant at 393-5237 or Mike Hilario at 267-6619.

Football officials needed for '03

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

BSYA 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 p.m. at the mall, and from Aug. 18 to Aug. 22 at All-District Sports.

The cost is \$35 per child. There is no fundraising 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) 263-6406 or Rudy Ortega Jr. at (432) 267-6643.

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Event, Time	Station
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Astros vs. Cincinnati, 11:55 a.m.	1490
Rangers vs. White Sox, 6:30 p.m.	1490

Cowboys unsettled where Texans are set — at QB

IRVING (AP) — Bill Parcells added an interesting twist to determining the Dallas Cowboys' starting quarterback. One of the candidates for the job may not even play in the second preseason game.

Quincy Carter will start tonight's game against the Houston Texans because it's his turn. But Parcells plans to use rookie Tony Romo, not Chad Hutchinson, as the second

quarterback. "It doesn't mean anything, don't interpret," Parcells said Thursday. "I've got three quarterbacks here. I'm not just keeping two. I've got three. It doesn't mean anything except I want to look at Romo."

Parcells said he just wants to get a longer look at Romo, an undrafted rookie from NCAA Division I-AA Eastern Illinois. The coach would



Dallas Cowboys

n't say if he considered Romo a candidate as the starter or if Hutchinson would even play against the Texans.

The move came as a surprise, considering Parcells had planned to let Hutchinson and Carter both start a preseason

game with hopes of determining the starter after that.

With David Carr, Houston has no questions about its starting quarterback.

Carr is expected to play 20-25 snaps Friday night, probably staying in until midway through the second quarter, when the Texans play at Texas Stadium for the first time. He could also return after that if there is an oppor-

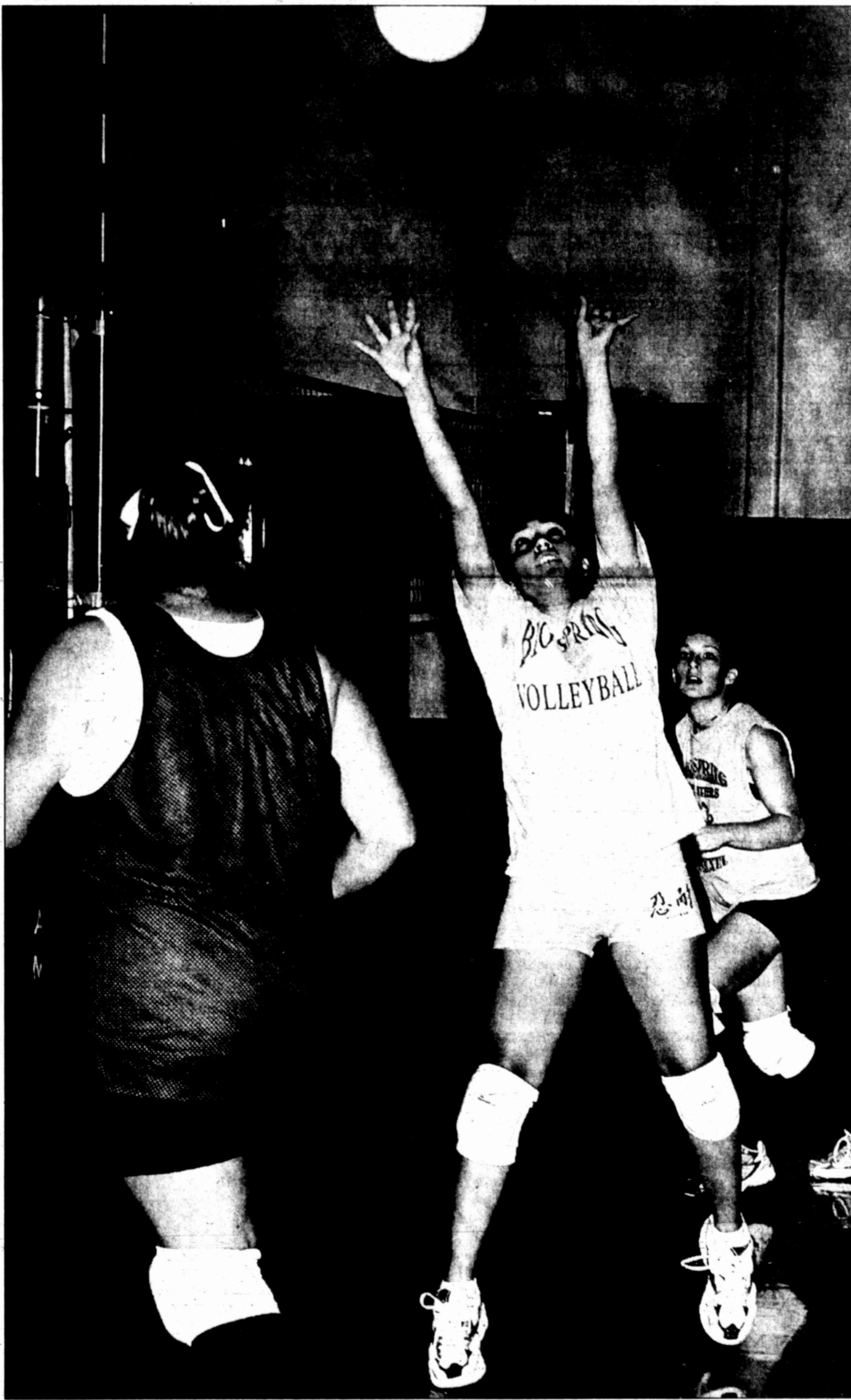
tunity in a two-minute drill.

Hutchinson started Dallas' preseason opener and played four possessions at Arizona, when none of the quarterbacks impressed and all made mistakes — and the entire offense struggled — in a 13-0 loss Saturday.

Parcells called that game a disaster, but said the team practiced harder and better this week. He

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FINE TUNING



Niebes Ortega sets a ball during Big Spring volleyball practice Thursday in the junior high gymnasium. The Lady Steers are scheduled to begin their preseason schedule this afternoon in Midland with a scrimmage against Midland High and Midland Lee. The scrimmage begins at 4 p.m.

Bagwell ties Snyder on HR list in 5-4 loss

ARLINGTON (AP) — John Thomson pitched seven innings on two days rest and Shane Spencer homered as the Texas Rangers took advantage of three Detroit errors in a 6-3 victory over the Tigers on Thursday night.

Thomson (10-10) started Monday against Detroit, but he threw only 20 pitches before a rain delay of almost two hours. He was pulled when his arm stiffened during the delay, and manager Buck Showalter decided to bring him back three days later.

The short layoff didn't seem to hurt. He allowed three runs and nine hits to win for the sixth time in seven decisions. He struck out six and didn't walk a batter.

Francisco Cordero pitched a perfect ninth for his 10th save in 17 chances.

Layne Nix added a two-run single and Romon Nivar had two hits for the Rangers, who've won nine of 13 in August and are 27-20 since June 24.

Warren Morris went 3-for-4 with two RBIs for the Tigers, who've lost 21 of 27 since the All-Star break.

Texas tied the game at 1 in the first when Michael Young reached on Bobby Higginson's two-base error and scored on Hank Blalock's single.

Spencer led off the second with his 10th homer of the year, and the Rangers got more help from the Tigers' shoddy defense. Nivar bunted for a base hit, and Todd Greene scored when Matt Roney's throw to first hit Nivar in the leg.

The Rangers chased Roney (1-8) in the third, loading the bases with no outs. Nix then hit a two-run single off Shane Loux, making it 5-1.

Roney allowed five runs and five hits over two-plus innings.

Nivar also scored from third in the fourth inning on an Alex Rodriguez single.

Detroit got two runs in the fifth with the help of a throwing error by Greene.

Report: Ex-NBA coach says Baylor is 'not an option'

FORT WORTH (AP) — Former Cleveland Cavaliers coach John Lucas has told a newspaper that he is not considering taking the Baylor men's basketball coach's job.

That was after Lucas' son, Baylor starting point guard John Lucas III, said Wednesday that he had received his release to talk to other schools about transferring.

"My only concern at

this time is my son," the elder Lucas told the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* for a story in Thursday's editions. "Coaching isn't an option for me at this time."

The *Star-Telegram* quoted unidentified sources as saying Baylor officials had preliminary talks with Lucas about succeeding Dave Bliss. Bliss resigned as head coach last week in the wake of reported NCAA violations

that emerged in the investigation of Baylor player Patrick Dennehy's slaying.

The elder Lucas is a former San Antonio Spurs head coach and one-time Houston Rockets and Spurs player. An unidentified source told the *Houston Chronicle* for a story, in its online edition that Lucas might have taken the Baylor job if he had been asked early on. But if John III finds a

place he would rather be than Baylor, his father would not be interested in coming to Waco.

In other news related to the Bears' basketball program, Lawrence Roberts, the team's leading scorer, said he plans to visit Mississippi State and Arizona in the coming days to explore transfer options.

A number of players from the school are considering possible moves.

BS boosters set meeting, pep rally

The Big Spring High School Football Boosters announced they would be holding their next meeting on Aug. 18 at the BSHS Athletic Training Center. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

Also, club members said the annual Community Pep Rally will be held at 8 p.m. on Aug. 25 at the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater.

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Cubs drop Astros into tie for NL Central lead

CHICAGO (AP) — Six weeks left and the NL Central can't get much closer. The Chicago Cubs have a simple plan for the days ahead: stick around.

"The way the season has been it's been somebody up and somebody down, but never really ever out of it," Chicago right-hander Matt Clement said after the Cubs tightened the race by beating Houston 7-1 and knocking the Astros into a first-place tie with the St. Louis Cardinals.

"It looks like all three teams have the talent to stay in this thing or win this thing," said Clement, whose team is one-half game back.

"We knew no matter what happened, good or bad, coming into this series, that there are 41 games left after these," said Houston's Craig Biggio, who was 1-for-16 as Houston won the opener and dropped the final three at Wrigley Field.

"They are knocking at our doorstep, they are right behind us. I still think it will come down to the last weekend," Biggio added.

Alex Gonzalez, in a 2-for-46 slump when the series began, had three hits, including a homer, and drove in three Thursday.

The Astros managed just eight runs in the four games as some of their top hitters, especially Biggio and Lance Berkman (1-for-15 in the series with four strikeouts Thursday), struggled.

"We had chances. We had base runners on with the right people up. We just didn't get those hits," manager Jim Williams said after Thursday's loss.

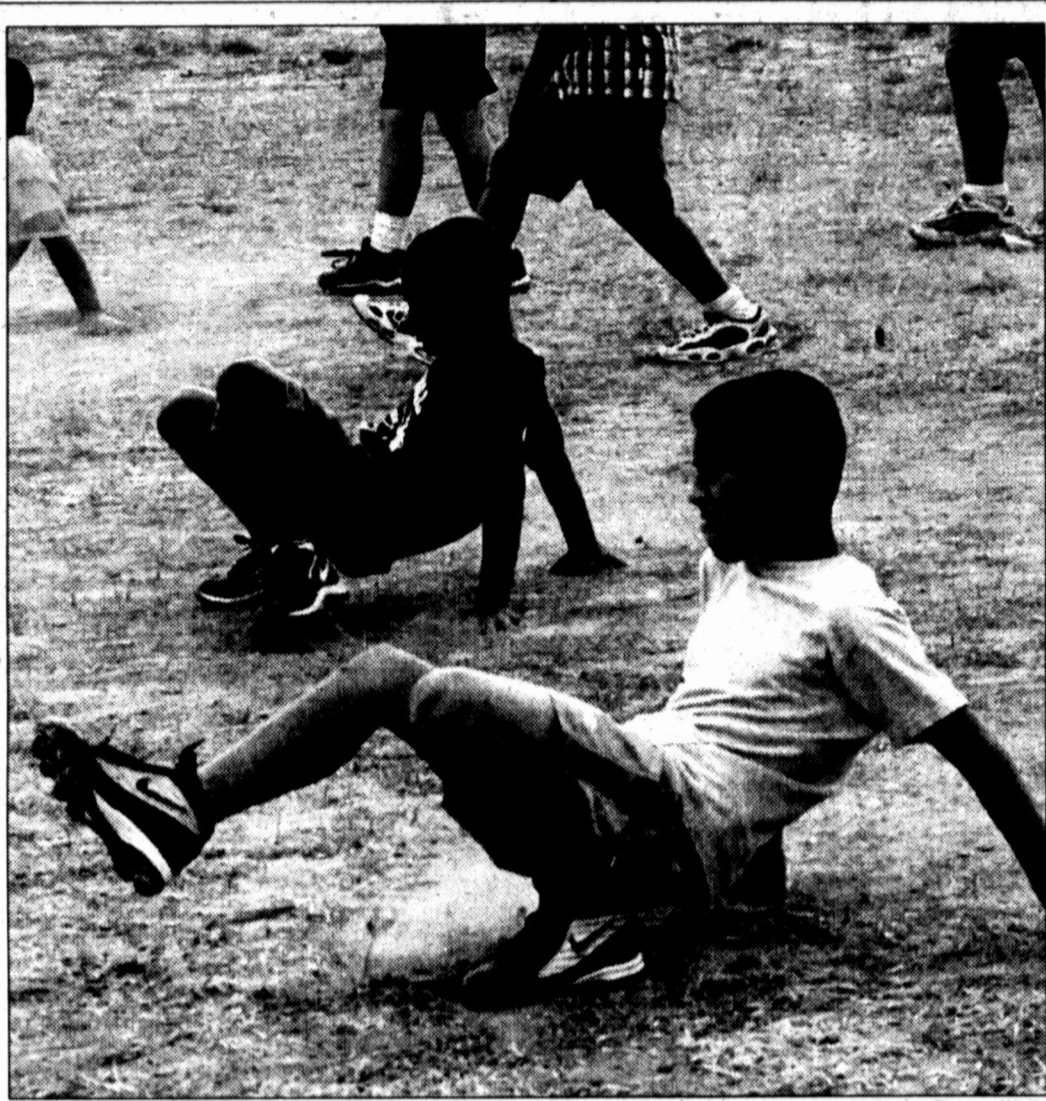
Clement (10-10) lasted 5 2-3 innings, allowing three hits and a run, but walked four and made two throwing errors. The Cubs bullpen gave up just two hits over the final 3 1-3 innings.

Hee Seop Choi hit a two-out, two-run double in the first off knuckleballer Jared Fernandez (1-2) to get the Cubs started.

Kenny Lofton had a sacrifice fly to make it 3-0 and Gonzalez added an RBI double for a four-run lead in the fourth.

Reliever Rick White, who'd been designated for assignment by the White Sox earlier in the month and then signed by the Astros, joined Houston on Thursday and the rust showed in his one inning of work. He hit two batters and walked two to force in a run as the Cubs went ahead 5-0.

Gonzalez hit a two-run homer off Brad Lidge in the eighth.



Ace Nieto (front) and Thomas Young crab walk their way down the field during football practice Thursday at Gollad Intermediate School. The Crossroads Little Football League teams will begin practicing in pads next week in preparation for their 2003 season opener on Aug. 30.

Mickelson rises, Woods falters at PGA Championship in New York

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) — Phil Mickelson was in the unfamiliar position of co-leader after the opening round of the PGA Championship. Tiger Woods was frustrated — again.

Mickelson shot a 4-under 66 Thursday and shared the first-round lead at Oak Hill Country Club with Rod Pampling, a favorable spot as he bids to win his first major in 42 chances as a pro.

Woods, meanwhile, struggled to a 4-over 74 and showed no sign of snapping his string of five majors without a victory.

It was the fourth straight time Woods has failed to break par in the first round of a major championship. This time he wasn't even close, and missing a 2-foot par putt on the final hole at No. 9 only made him angrier.

Fred Funk was third, 3 under after six holes. Defending Masters champion Mike Weir finished at 2-under 68, and was tied with Aaron Baddeley and Peter Lonard, both still on the course.

It wasn't Woods' worst round at a PGA Championship — that was a 75 in the third round in 1997. His worst round in a major was an 81 at the British Open last year.

But he needs to improve if he hopes to win his ninth major.

"I just didn't drive very well and put myself under a lot of pressure because of it," Woods said. "It didn't matter what club I hit off the tee. I couldn't keep it in play."

Woods hit only five of 14 fairways and reached only seven of 18 greens in

regulation.

"It is a little bit frustrating because I didn't quite get the ball in play," Woods said.

Mickelson, who finished second at the 2001 PGA Championship, played down his strong opening round. He didn't hold the standard press conference, speaking to reporters at the practice green.

Starting on No. 10, Mickelson went as low as 5 under before bogeying the par-4, 452-yard ninth. He also bogeyed No. 17 and recorded birdies at Nos. 10, 12, 13, 18, 2 and 4.

It was a strong and somewhat unlikely start for Mickelson, who has struggled this season and ranks 26th on the PGA Tour money list with \$1.36 million. He's coming off a tie for sixth at last week's International, his best finish since a third at the Masters.

Pampling, in the first group to tee off at No. 10, missed only two fairways in a bogey-free round.

This isn't his first time on a leaderboard at a major. He shot a par 71 at the British Open at Carnoustie in 1999 before unraveling with a second-round 86. He missed the cut.

"You learn that nothing counts after Day 1," Pampling said. "There's still three days to go. Come Sunday, if you're talking to me, I might not be too calm."

Pampling set the pace with birdies at Nos. 13 and 14. At the 14th, he sank a 35-foot putt, and then added birdies at Nos. 1 and 8.

In his second full year

on Tour and competing in his first PGA Championship, Pampling entered the tournament having missed nine of the last 14 cuts. He matched a career-best by finishing fourth at last month's B.C. Open.

Goodrich says he couldn't see accident until it was too late

DALLAS (AP) — Dwayne Goodrich, a former Dallas Cowboys defensive back on trial for manslaughter in the hit-and-run deaths of two people who stopped along the highway to free a motorist from a burning car, told jurors Thursday that he didn't see the fiery freeway accident scene until it was too late.

Goodrich testified that a sport utility vehicle in front of him had blocked his view as he approached the accident. He said he slammed on his breaks when he came upon a stalled vehicle in the road and was forced to swerve to the left, fatally hitting "Joby" Wood, 21, and Demont Matthews, 23, and injuring another man.

The 25-year-old, who became emotional a few times during testimony, said he originally believed, or hoped, he had hit debris, but his reaction was to flee the scene.

"I just panicked and got scared," Goodrich said. "I've never, ever in my life been in any kind of situation like that and didn't know how to handle anything."

Goodrich testified that he went to a friend's house, called his mother and returned to the accident scene to see the damage he had caused, but did not surrender to law

officers until consulting with a lawyer.

Prosecutor Fred Burns tried to discredit Goodrich's testimony by pointing out that he never mentioned in a police statement that an SUV had blocked his view or that he had returned to the scene.

Burns probed Goodrich about why he had panicked if he initially believed he hit only debris.

"You panicked because you saw the faces of the men who bounced over your windshield — the men you killed," Burns said.

Goodrich denied the accusation. He said he regretted not stopping after the accident, and said it wasn't in his character to flee.

"I've went over this thing a thousand times in my head and I've stopped all thousand times," Goodrich said.

Goodrich also said alcohol was not a factor in the accident and said he had not had anything to drink for three hours prior to it.

He faces two to 20 years in prison for each count if convicted. He's also been indicted on one count of aggravated assault and three counts of failing to stop and render aid. The current trial is only for the manslaughter charges.

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expects a better performance in his first game with the Cowboys.

Carter and Hambrick have split snaps equally in through training camp but Parcells said true evaluation they respond in.

Repeatedly as the situation concerning Hambrick the starter the games of 2002, finally laugh likened the speculation to room ... the following.

"Don't read into it," he repeated just going (Romo).

Romo said he about the decision Parcells told Wednesday. He didn't feel until Thursday.

"I do what I can field and he decision," Hambrick said after Thursday practice. "I've think of it as I every day, keep doing what I can care of myself."

Hutchinson, disappointed, Parcells didn't on why he made son or what long term. He would be ready to play n't know if he in the game.

It seems certain Parcells won't start the Cowboys from San Antonio week. And then two preseason after the Texans.

"I don't want mature, that's Parcells said. "to do it as soon and I don't know that will be."

Parcells has not cated what would be after two preseason he didn't have a place by then. He said he does another quarter mind such as Ray Lucas, who played for him New York Jets.

In the preseason, Hutchinson 10 passing for with a fumble a sacked. Carter for 81 yards with ception in situations, and Romo 8 for 51 yard interception the drives.

By Parcells there were only imate scoring 13 possessions.

"We went about what happened week and said "receive" Galloway. "It thing it's the and it doesn't ro yet."

Running back Hambrick was show much in chance as Smith's success a yard on fo against Arizona Parcells said blocking as likely prevent gains.

The Texans preseason op against Denver weeks ago in a scrimmage against Cowboys allow sacks and di until their fision. That was threw a touc his only compl

"What we scrimmage v League ball. want to do an that," Carr said we got our guy ... we've been together last half, so it'll de an improve

Judge rules in favor of fired Permian coach

ODESSA (AP) — An Austin judge has ruled that West Texas education administrators did not allow a Permian High School coach to adequately defend herself when she lost her job two years ago.

State District Judge Jeanne Meurer's decision this week on Helen O'Neal's case reversed a former education commissioner's decision. The case will now go back to the state commissioner of education.

"We ordinarily see in a case like this that reinstatement and back pay is very common for the commissioner to order for a teacher," Kevin Lung-

witz, general counsel for the Texas State Teachers Association.


Although district officials are aware of the situation, they will not take action until they have received the signed judgment. Then they will have 30 days to decide whether to appeal.

Efforts to contact O'Neal

for comment Wednesday were unsuccessful.

District trustees terminated the Permian volleyball coach's contract in 2001 after the athletic department gave reasons, said Wendell Sollis, the district's assistant superintendent for human resources.

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expects a better performance in his first home game with the Cowboys.

Carter and Hutchinson have split snaps almost equally in practice through training camp, but Parcels said the only true evaluation is how they respond in games.

Repeatedly asked about the situation, primarily concerning Hutchinson, the starter the final nine games of 2002, Parcels finally laughed and likened the immediate speculation to "a mushroom ... the clouds are billowing."

"Don't read anything into it," he repeated. "I'm just going to play (Romo)."

Romo said he found out about the decision when Parcels told him Wednesday. The coach didn't tell Hutchinson until Thursday.

"I do what I can on the field and he makes the decision," Hutchinson said after Thursday's practice. "I've still got to think of it as I get better every day, keep working, doing what I can to take care of myself."

Hutchinson, obviously disappointed, said Parcels didn't elaborate on why he made the decision or what it means long term. He was told to be ready to play, but didn't know if he would get in the game.

It seems certain that Parcels won't determine his No. 1 starter before the Cowboys break camp from San Antonio next week. And there are only two preseason games left after the Texans.

"I don't want to be premature, that's for sure," Parcels said. "I'm going to do it as soon as I can, and I don't know when that will be."

Parcels has never indicated what his plan would be after the first two preseason games if he didn't have a starter in place by then. He has also said he doesn't have another quarterback in mind such as free agent Roy Lucas, who once played for him with the New York Jets.

In the preseason opener, Hutchinson was 5-of-10 passing for 43 yards, with a fumble after being sacked. Carter was 8-of-13 for 81 yards with an interception in six possessions, and Romo was 4-of-8 for 51 yards and an interception the last two drives.

By Parcels' count, there were only two legitimate scoring chances in 13 possessions.

"We want to forget about what happened last week and start over," said receiver Joey Galloway. "It's a good thing it's the preseason and it doesn't really count yet."

Running back Troy Hambrick wasn't able to show much in his first chance as Emmitt Smith's successor. He lost a yard on four carries against Arizona, but Parcels said two blown blocking assignments likely prevented big gains.

The Texans lost their preseason opener 20-12 against Denver, and two weeks ago in a controlled scrimmage against the Cowboys allowed eight sacks and didn't score until their fifth possession. That was when Carr threw a touchdown on his only completion.

"What we did in the scrimmage was Little League ball. We don't want to do anything like that," Carr said. "I think we got our guys back and ... we've been playing together last week and half, so it'll definitely be an improvement."

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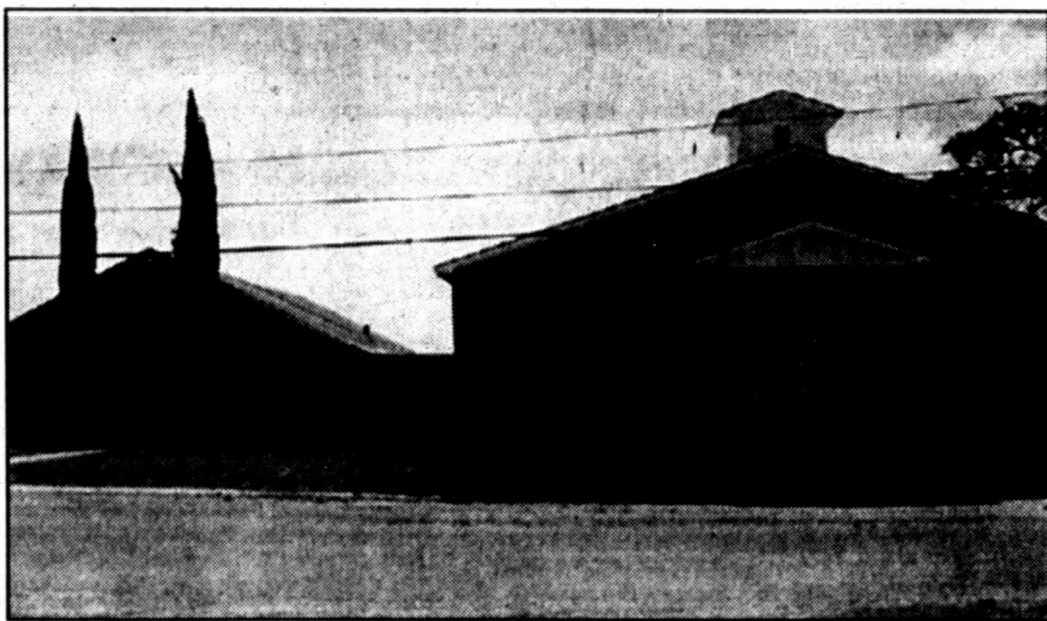
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Garage Sale: Sat. 8-2, 109 S. Goliad. Electric range, wood frame windows, baby items, clothes & lots misc.

Sat. 8-7 1701, Lancaster. Clothes, furniture, toys, household items, baby items and more.

1605 Indian Hills Dr., Sat. 7-2. Name Brand boys', men's & women's clothes, GBX Boots, shoes and lots of other stuff.

2 Family Garage Sale, 3612 Dixon, 8-4 Fri. & 8-12 Sat. Lots to choose from and all priced to sell.

2 Family Garage Sale, 602 N. Birdwell, Sat. 8-7. Clothes, toys, furniture, lots of misc.

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707 W. 16th, Sat. 8-7. Electric range, bicycle, boy's & girl's clothing, swing set, Stereo stand & toys.

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The Aries moon acts as an energizing agent to Leo's already intense passionate vibes. We're in for a high-



Joyce Jillson

spirited weekend. In fact, more than a little showing off makes this an interesting weekend. This lack of self-consciousness brings talents to the forefront, and you could even surprise yourself with a trick or two.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You get rave reviews for detailed work, and a nice monetary bonus follows. New alliances will make it impossible for you to lose out on important assignments or events. Ask for more than you think you'll get.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Mistakes will be made.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

You'll move past it all quickly if you resolve not to dwell on it or expect yourself to act in a way that's beyond your experience. After all, you are but one fragile, fallible human.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There are different ways to pray, and you find about five versions of this practice during the day. The universe favors you because you submit, fully aware that you haven't got it all figured out.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It shouldn't be so hard to believe that people who love you want you to be successful and happy. Broaden your horizons by investigating other cultures and lifestyles. Let a friend compensate you for an inconvenience.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Weigh everything you say carefully. Old decisions no longer reflect the way you feel. A positive outlook gets you through, so take a moment to shift gears if you

sense you're starting on a negative train of thought.

TOMORROW'S BIRTHDAY (August 16). You know how to make the most of moments, which attracts memorable scenarios to you all through the year. There are ways of making extra cash if you put your mind to it in the next seven weeks. Short trips will prove to be fruitful in October. Smart people to partner with are Aquarius or Capricorn for business and, for love, Libra or Gemini. Your lucky numbers are: 33, 49, 26, 16 and 20.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Doing it yourself can be hazardous, so ask the experts. At work or school, use your power wisely, or it is quickly given to someone else. Lost love, employment, property or opportunity could return thanks to some quick thinking.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Fine-tune your daily routine to make big goals feel less daunting. Break that big monster task into small-sized duties that seem more reasonable. Prioritizing your objectives also makes them easier to manage.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). If you don't have the necessary resources to get your job done, you'll figure that out today. It's not a call for alarm, but you definitely need to get into action ASAP. An Internet shopping

prees gets you the best price.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The way to happiness is simple today. Improve yourself, and help others. It's lucky to contact friends from the past, neighbors and loved ones. Ancient history brings future money. A friend makes a proposal.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Commitment isn't the kind of virtue that gets one big test - rather, it's a daily choice. If you feel like your dedication to a project or person is on trial, it is. See beyond a family member's limitations.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Someone of importance will be interested in one of your ideas, helping you get to the next step. Measure yourself against the best, or measure yourself against your own statistics. Generous actions will undo past mistakes.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You won't know your limits if you don't keep trying. Leave employees with a prioritized-to-do list to avoid the confusion. Ironically, an independent attitude is what attracts love. Your best signs for love are Leo and Virgo.

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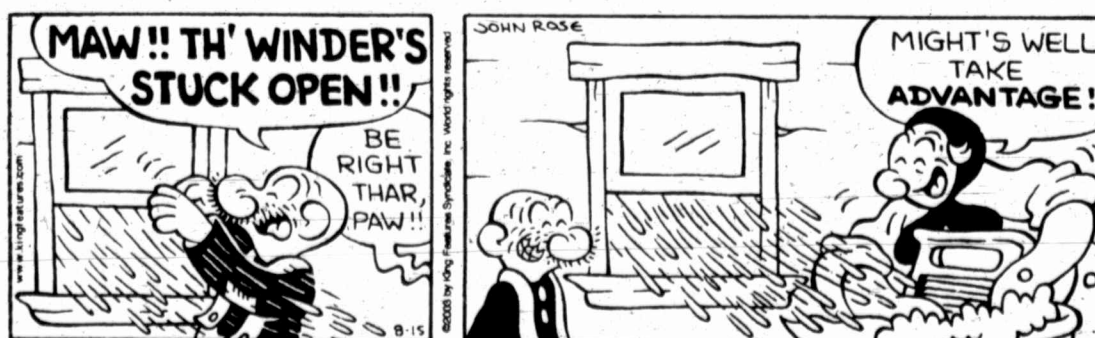
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Aug. 15, the 227th day of 2003. There are 138 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Aug. 15, 1945, was proclaimed "V-J Day" by the Allies, a day after Japan agreed to surrender unconditionally.

On this date:

In 1769, Napoleon Bonaparte was born on the island of Corsica.

In 1935, humorist Will Rogers and aviator Wiley Post were killed when their airplane crashed near Point Barrow, Alaska.

In 1939, the MGM musical "The Wizard of Oz" premiered at the Grauman's Chinese Theater in Hollywood.

In 1944, during World War II, Allied forces landed in southern France.

In 1947, India became independent after some 200

years of British rule.

In 1948, the Republic of Korea was proclaimed.

In 1961, East German workers began building the Berlin Wall.

In 1969, the Woodstock Music and Art Fair opened in upstate New York.

Announced a 90-day freeze on wages, prices and rents.

In 1994, Ilich Ramirez Sanchez, the terrorist known as "Carlos the Jackal," was jailed in France after being captured in Sudan.

Ten years ago: Pope John Paul II ended his four-day U.S. visit with a farewell address at Denver's Stapleton International Airport in which he denounced the "culture of death" of abortion and euthanasia.

Today's Birthdays: Cooking expert Julia Child is 91. Actress Rose Marie is 80. Political activist Phyllis Schlafly is 79. Actor Mike Connors is 78. Jazz musician Oscar Peterson is 78. Rhythm-and-blues singer Bill Pinckney (The Drifters) is 78. Actress Janice Rule is 72. Actress Abby Dalton is 71. Actress

Lori Nelson is 70. Singer-producer Bobby Byrd is 69. Civil rights activist Vernon Jordan is 68. Actor Jim Dale is 68. Actress Pat Priest is 67. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer is 65. Musician Pete York (Spencer Davis Group) is 61. Author-journalist Linda Ellerbee is 59. Songwriter Jimmy Webb is 57. Britain's Princess Anne is 53. Actress Tess Harper is 53. Actor Larry Mathews is 48. Actor Zeljko Ivanek is 46. Rock singer-musician Matt Johnson (The The) is 42. Actress Debi Mazar is 39. Country singer Angela Rae (Wild Horses) is 37. Actress Debra Messing is 35. Actor Anthony Anderson is 33. Actor Ben Affleck is 31.

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Newsday Crossword MIXED DOUBLES by Robert H. Wolfe Edited by Stanley Newman

ACROSS	65 Cold protection	10 ___ d'honneur	39 Official emblem
1 Epic tale	66 Cold War creation	11 Betrayal?	40 Kid's time-outs
5 Inert gas	67 Difficulties, to Hamlet	12 Odd	43 Finds 8 Down
10 Pros	68 Prevarication	13 Kind of car	45 Gives out
14 Very excited	69 Cool it	18 Erase	47 Rocky and steep
15 Certain Arabian		24 Chicago Seven member	48 Kett of comics
16 Unshackled		25 Son of Adam	49 Ashley's mom
17 DNA structure?		27 Emulate Ebert	50 The Sea Hawk name
19 9 Down's successor		28 Hitting sound	51 Outlook Express feature
20 Resulted in		29 Relaxation	55 Where hams may hang
21 Card game		30 Baseball coup?	57 Rhythm
22 Stratego region		31 Foe	58 Keen on
23 Distinctive quality		35 Musical's music	59 Over
26 Still in bed		36 Sight from Sandusky	62 Rouen refusal
28 Lab items		37 Mare meal	63 ___ out (get dressed)
32 Circle part			
33 Loathe			
34 Rat of films			
35 Hi-fi system			
38 Exploit			
39 "Shhh!"			
41 Man-mouse middle			
42 Make numb			
44 Jacket-collar type			
45 "Be that ___ may ..."			
46 Actress Salonga			
47 Some evergreens			
49 Kitten, often			
52 Goes down			
53 Comic Johnson			
54 Incensed			
56 Leg bone			
60 Vein contents			
61 Certain spy?			
64 Old protection			