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Tonight:



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### MISSING MAN

Although rumors continue to run rampant in and around the Big Spring area, officials say they are no closer to solving the mysterious disappearance of 40-year-old William Arlin Bynum.

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### BRIEFLY

#### 4-H CLUB MEETING

The Howard County 4-H Club will meet at 7 tonight in the Howard College Ag Classroom. Anyone interested in joining 4-H can attend this meeting. If you have any questions, please call 264-2236.

#### UNITED WAY LUNCHEON

Tickets for the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County luncheon rally are now on sale.

The luncheon is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23, at the First United Methodist Church Garret Hall, 400 Scurry, and the guest speaker is Don Maynard, a former New York Jets wide receiver in the Joe Namath era and a Colorado City high school graduate.

Tickets are \$10 a piece and can be purchased at the United Way office, 808 Scurry St., or at the Chamber of Commerce.

#### SANDS HOMECOMING SET

Reservations are being accepted for the Sands/Ackerly homecoming, which will be held Saturday, Sept. 27.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m. that day, followed by a business meeting at 10:30 in the auditorium. A catered lunch will be served at noon in the cafeteria. Visitation will take place in the afternoon.

To make reservations, notify Sissy Jones at 267-7732 or [jsjones@apex2000.net](mailto:jsjones@apex2000.net). The deadline is Sept. 18.

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## Staggered bells lessen congestion in BSJHS halls

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

The new bell schedule at Big Spring Junior High School has resulted in less faces in the hallways when it's time to change classes.

This year, seventh grade students are on a five-minute delayed bell schedule giving eight graders time to transfer to their classes before the younger students are released into the hallways.

"The bell schedule is going great," said Principal Ben Neel.

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Ben Neel  
BSJHS principal

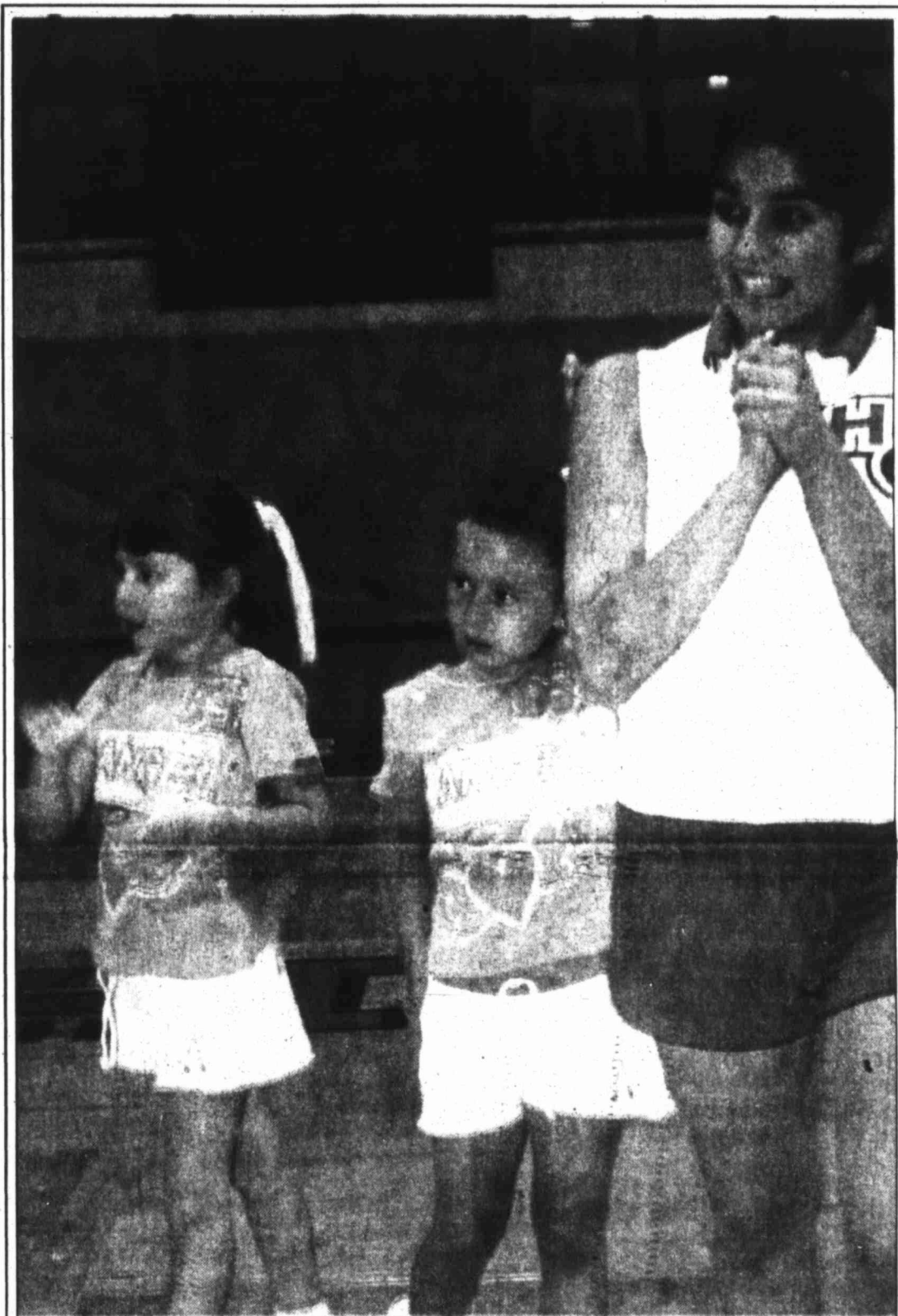
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Assigning a girls and boys designated locker area located respectively at each end of the school has added to the lessened traffic in the hall, Neel said.

"That's worked out very well," he said. "What that does — had we separated eighth grade and seventh grade from being in the hall at the same time but kept seventh grade on one side and eighth grade on the other, we would have still had the same mass of people in one area. By separating locker areas you get literally one-fourth the people in locker areas that you had at this same time last year."

Neel said the need to reduce tardiness and disciplinary prob-

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Howard College cheerleader Cynthia Porter leads 6-year-old Erin Bagnell, left, and 5-year-old Alexia Ortega through a routine during the Howard College mini cheer camp held Saturday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

## Police waiting to interview teen-ager hurt in park crash

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

A Big Spring youth remains listed in fair condition at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock following a harrowing car crash that took the 16-year-old down the side of Scenic Mountain.

"The incident is still under investigation," said

Big Spring Police Department spokesperson Lt. Terry Chamness. "We're not sure if it was mechanical failure or he lost control of the car yet."

According to police, Corey Green, 16, of 5107 Elbow Creek Road, went off the "overlook" roadway just before 4 p.m. on Sunday. The youth was immediately taken to

Scenic Mountain Medical Center and then life-flighted to Lubbock.

Chamness said the preliminary evidence in the accident suggests the teen was traveling at a high rate of speed when his car, a 1992 Pontiac Grand Am, left the roadway at the top of Scenic Mountain, located inside

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## Fire department receives communications grant

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

If communication is the air a relationship breathes, then Big Spring firefighters will be able to breathe a little easier thanks to a recent \$11,700 grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

"Actually, how it works is we applied for a \$13,000 grant, but we have to put up 10 percent of the amount toward whatever the expenditure is," said Big Spring Fire Department Deputy Chief of Training Richard Grove. "So we'll receive \$11,700, but we like to look at it as a \$13,000 grant." Grove, who wrote the grant

*"We have radios and we carry them in our pockets dutifully. In the midst of a burning house, when you're covered up with personal protective gear, that radio may as well be home on the couch. You're not going to be able to get to it, and you're not going to be able to trigger it, and you're certainly not going to be understood."*

Richard Grove  
BSFD Deputy Chief

request himself, said the process was long and tedious, especially considering he never really

thought the department would be awarded funds.

"I spent the better part of a

week, most of time with the thought I was spinning my wheels because the FEMA grant is kind of a lofty goal," said Grove. "By necessity, they cater to volunteer departments, small rural ones that need the funding desperately, but as we are fond of saying, we do to."

"We have a budget, but we're taking care of a huge number of people," Grove added. "We face constant maintenance breakdowns and that sort of thing. The city sometimes can't come up with funds for something that may be considered extravagant, such as this grant which is for

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## Jail woes

### Commissioners facing difficult decisions over prisoners transported to other counties' jails

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The struggle with the 2003-2004 budget became even tougher for Howard County Commissioners Monday, as budget amendments for the Howard County Jail exposed a \$250,000 hole in next year's plan.

The court approved a \$90,000 amendment to the jail budget, in hopes of covering the cost of out-of-county inmate housing through the end of the year.

Howard County Sheriff Dale Walker explained the cost is taking its toll and is expected to continue to rise as state and local law enforcement crack down on offenders.

"You're looking at spending an average of \$20,000 to \$25,000 each month," Walker told commissioners. "We have an average population right now of 70 inmates and we can only hold 48, so we're forced to hold these inmates outside the county."

"It's costing the county \$38 per day using the most economic housing available, times roughly 17 inmates at 30 days, which totals \$19,380 each month. We have a bill for last month that hasn't arrived yet and we have the current month's charges to pay for."

"What we're being told is we have more prisoners today than we did a year ago, by far?" asked Commissioner Bill Crocker.

Walker said the increase in prisoners that cannot be bonded out by state law has increased tremendously over the

*"These are revocation of parole, revocation of probation, attorney general and no-bond cases that we simply can't do anything with except keep them in jail. I'd say about 90 percent of the inmates in jail right now cannot get out on bond."*

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## Obituaries

### Martha Jane "Susie" Youngman

Martha Jane "Susie" Youngman, 83, of Big Spring died at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, 2003, at her residence following a lengthy illness. Her body will be cremated with private memorial services at a later date.

She was born on Oct. 8, 1919, in East Saint Louis, Ill. She married Dr. George A. Youngman on May 8, 1948. Dr. Youngman preceded her in death on April 25, 1982. Mrs. Youngman was a longtime Big Spring resident and a homemaker. She was a retired registered nurse.

She is survived by one daughter, Sandra Youngman of Aurora, Colo.; three sons, Jeffery Youngman of Littleton, Colo., Brian Youngman of Cicero, N.Y., and Kurt Youngman of Rochester, N.Y.; one brother, William K. "Bill" Slagle of Big Spring; and five grandchildren.

Arrangments are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

### Frances Jean Stevenson



Frances Jean Stevenson died Saturday Sept. 6, 2003, at her home in Dallas.

Memorial services will be at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2003, at Lincoln Funeral Chapel under the direction of Lincoln Funeral Home & Memorial Parks of Dallas, with Brothers Henry Peters and Daniel Brags of the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses officiating.

She was born on Aug. 20, 1932, in Thornton. She lived in Big Spring for many years before making her home in Dallas in 1996. She was a devout Jehovah's Witness.

She is survived by eight sons, Larry Kelley of Irving, Delbert Ford of Midland, Melvette Ford of Big Spring, Michael Ford of Austin, Carbert Newton of Denison, Raymond Ford of San Angelo, Blakely Ford of Gatesville and Jeff Ford of Austin; five daughters, Linda Campbell of Dallas, Rhonda Butler and Carolyn Ford, both of Carrollton, Melody Ford of Hearne and Arleda McClintock of Austin; nine sisters, including her twin sister Joanne Elix of Roosevelt, Okla, Bessie Jennings of Fort Worth, Emma J. Freeman of Dallas, Katherine McClintock of Austin, Joyce Covington and Janie Marshall, both of Hamlin, Minnie Robinson of Arlington and Mary Nelson and Bertie Pinkard, both of Austin; three brothers, Howard Brown of Abilene, William Brown of Hamlin and Charles Brown of Tulsa, Okla.; 31 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren; and a host of nephews, nieces, loved ones and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ernest L. Stevenson; her parents, Mary Brown Hunter and Governor Ireland Brown; two brothers, James Brown and G.B. "Governor" Brown; and one sister, Maxine Williams.

Family suggestions for memorials and gifts go to Jehovah's Witnesses, 25 Columbia Heights, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11201-2483.

### Carroll Trantham



Carroll Trantham, 65, of Monahans, formerly of Big Spring, died Monday, Sept. 8, 2003, in an Odessa hospital. Memorial Services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at Myers and Smith Chapel with the Rev. Dennis Teeters, Pastor of the First Baptist Church officiating.

He was born Sept. 14, 1937, in Big Spring. He was the son of Reuben Trantham and Maurine Nations Trantham. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring until moving to Monahans 17 years ago. He was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church and a retired tool pusher having worked for Yale E. Key. Mr. Trantham is survived by one daughter, Cherri Harris of Big Spring; one sister, Robbie Billings of Big Spring; two grandsons, one great grandson, one niece, one nephew, five great nieces and nephews and several cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents. The family suggests memorials to the organ fund at First Baptist Church, 705 West FM 700, Big Spring 79720. Arrangements are by Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

## Take note

□ A FUND HAS BEEN set up to help defray medical costs for Heidrun Meiser who underwent cancer surgery. The account is at American State Bank, P.O. Box 271, Big Spring 79720. The bank's physical address is 1411 Gregg.

□ A FUND HAS BEEN established at Wells Fargo bank to help defray medical costs of Carl Newell of Big Spring. While undergoing neck surgery, it was discovered that Newell has Hepatitis C. Funds are needed for tests and treatment. Newell has no insurance and is unable to work.

□ A SIX-WEEK "STREET Self-defense" Course for women age 14 through 18 will be held at St. Paul Education Annex starting Wednesday, Sept. 10. The cost is \$25 and class is limited to 25. Pat Buske will teach the course. For more information call St. Paul Lutheran Church at 267-7163.

□ A CANCER FUND HAS been set up at First Bank of West Texas, 1810 FM 700, in Big Spring for long-time Forsan resident Clarence Williams.

□ 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.

## Police blotter

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

- **RICKY LIN WALLACE**, 37, of 3202 Cornell, was arrested Sunday on a charge of resisting arrest and disorderly conduct/language.
- **MARTIN GARCIA**, 40, of 607 W. 16th Street, was arrested Sunday on Dawson County warrants and failure to identify.
- **CHRISTY LYNN RAINS**, 25, of 3613 Calvin, was arrested Sunday and held for the Howard County Sheriff's Office.
- **PRISCILLA IRENE HERNANDEZ**, 23, address unknown, was arrested Sunday on city traffic warrants.
- **JAMES VERNON HEIMAN**, 25, of 406 Goliad, was arrested Sunday on a charge of criminal mischief.
- **FABIAN MIGUEL GALAN**, 18, of 710 E. 14th Street, was arrested Sunday on a city warrant for minor in consumption.
- **JOSHUA LYNN BURNETT**, 17, of 2900 W. Highway 80, was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **ROBERT SANCHEZ**, 39, of Big Spring, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **ANASTACIA KEY**, 44, of 1209 Young Street, was arrested Monday on a charge of driving while license suspended.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported:
  - in the 900 block of E. 14th Street.
  - in the 1000 block of N.W. Second Street.
  - in the 3700 block of Wright.
- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported:
  - in the 100 block of Third Street.
  - in the 2500 block of Hunter.
- **THEFT** was reported:
  - in the 1100 block of Blackmon.
  - in the 1100 block of Lamesa.
  - in the 1200 block of 11th Place.
- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 2500 block of Hunter.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported:
  - in the 2500 block of Gunter.
  - in the 2500 block of Dow.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 1300 block of Baylor.
- **POSSESSION OR DELIVERY OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA** was reported in the 1600 block of Nolan.

## Sheriff's report

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

- **MARTIN A. MORA**, 26, was arrested Monday on a motion to revoke probation for burglary of a habitation.
- **EUGENE VANDERBILT**, 37, was arrested Monday on a charge of theft by check.
- **ADOLFO HUANTE LOPEZ, JR.**, 31, was arrested on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated, third or more offense.
- **RICHARD BRANDON HALLFORD**, 33, was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of marijuana under two ounces.
- **JODY STOLP**, 41, was arrested Monday on a charge of driving while intoxicated, third or more offense.
- **RECKLESS DRIVER** was reported at the 165 mile-marker of Interstate Highway 20.

## Weather

Today — Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 90s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Tonight — Mostly clear in the evening then becoming partly cloudy. Lows around 70. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s. South winds 15 to 20 mph.

Wednesday night — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows around 70.

Thursday — Partly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s.

Friday — Partly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. Lows around 60. Highs in the mid 80s.

## Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 10-19-28-32-34.  
Number matching five of five: 1.  
Prize per winner: \$50,874.  
Winning ticket sold in: Fort Worth.  
Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday afternoon: 4-4-3

## Bulletin board

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

Coahoma exes are meeting 6:30 p.m. at Christine's Cafe. Starting the plans for the 2004 All School Reunion.

### 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.

Free blood pressure checks and foot care assessments, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., Northside Community Center. The Northside Community Center is located at 110 NE Eighth St.

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 Auxiliary, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 703 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 St.

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

Neighbors & Newcomers Club, 268-9335.

### FRIDAY

Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad call 267-1037 or 267-7281. Bring a lunch.

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

AMBUCS, noon, La Posada, 206 NW Fourth St.

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.

### SATURDAY

Howard County Scottish Rite club, 7:30 a.m., Masonic Lodge, 21st & Lancaster. Breakfast served.

Antique Automobile Club of America showcase, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Comanche Trail Park

Free eye glasses, 9 a.m. to noon, Bob's Custom Woodwork, 409 E. Third.

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

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

Potton 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.

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## Police

By THOMAS JEFFREY  
Staff Writer

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# Police: No new leads in Bynum's disappearance

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

Although rumors continue to run rampant in and around the Big Spring area, local law enforcement officials say they are no closer to solving the mysterious disappearance of 40-year-old William Arlin Bynum. "We don't have anything new at this time," said Big Spring Police Department spokesperson Lt. Terry Chamness on Monday afternoon. "The

Texas Rangers have come in to assist with certain aspects of the case, but we really don't have anything new on it."

Chamness said the police department has spent a great deal of time chasing down what have turned out to be nothing but rumors over the past two weeks, but as far as real evidence is concerned, the search continues.

"There have been so many rumors surround-

ing this case," said Chamness. "We've heard that we've found him several times over the past two weeks, and that's simply not true. We're treating each rumor as a possible source of information, but so far nothing has come out of it."

"We've done several polygraph tests to clear possible suspects, but it hasn't gotten us any closer to finding Mr. Bynum."

While the police continue to search for an

answer, the stress it has placed on the missing man's family continues to mount.

"We've had several anonymous calls to our home from people telling us where we can find Arlin," said Landon Sturdivant, Bynum's brother-in-law. "We've been told he was found behind the VA Medical Center, behind Barcelona Apartments... And each time it's just some sort of rumor."

Sturdivant said his family still has hope they will see Bynum again, but it's fading fast.

"Every day that goes by the hope that we'll see Arlin walk through the door fades a little bit more," admitted Sturdivant.

"The family needs some sort of closure at this point. It's so hard to keep going not knowing where he is."

Sturdivant said despite the onslaught of "phony

leads, he hopes people will continue to contact police officials with any information they have concerning Bynum's whereabouts.

"We still want people to call," he said. "This is really a rollercoaster ride for us."

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins by calling 263-7331 ext. 232, or by e-mailing him at [newsdesk@crcom.net](mailto:newsdesk@crcom.net)

## JAIL

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nothing sudden and is following a statewide trend.

"This didn't just happen this month," he said. "It's been a gradual increase over the years of the total number of inmates being housed in, or for Howard County. The increases are coming because more people are being sent to jail by district judges for back child support and to serve time on county sentences, but the majority come from revocation of probation and parole and Attorney General cases."

When asked what could be done to lower the cost of inmate housing, Walker's answer was met with little enthusiasm.

"It's time to build a new jail," Walker replied. "We're spending more money to house inmates than it would to build a new jail. It's almost in desperation. We're spending a tremendous amount of money without any choice in the matter and we need to do something."

Commissioner Jerry Kilgore said considering the current budget crunch the county is already dealing with, the idea of building a new jail facility may not be feasible.

"Expenses keep going up, but the voters have to approve it," said Kilgore. "You're looking at a low estimate for the size jail we need of about \$5 million to \$9 million, or somewhere in that range. The payments on that... I don't know that we can

afford it. You have to pay the bills but you're also looking at a big payback on a bond election to get a jail."

Walker said the creation of a new jail could mean a possible source of income, enabling Howard County to provide housing for other counties that find themselves in the same kind of inmate housing crunch. "I think it's certainly something we should consider," said Walker, who also pointed out Howard County's central location among the courts.

Kilgore was less receptive to the concept, citing several counties where larger jails had been built in hopes of drawing more inmates, with the influx never materializing.

While the rising cost of inmate housing for the

current fiscal year set the commissioners court back in its consideration, the coming year quickly came into question with projected costs near \$300,000.

"We currently have \$50,000 budgeted for inmate housing in next year's budget," said Howard County Auditor Jackie Olson. In an effort to make up the lost ground, commissioners voted to consider a 55-cent tax rate for 2003-2004, a 2.819 cent increase over the roll-back rate, and 7.6 cent increase over last year's rate.

The motion was approved by County Judge Ben Lockhart and Commissioners Kilgore and Crooker. Voting against the consideration were Commissioners Emma Brown and Gary Simer. A public hearing

to consider the 55-cent tax rate is scheduled for 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, in the commissioners courtroom located on the second floor of the Howard County

Courthouse.

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## GRANT

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communication gear." Grove said the information needed to apply for the grant was just one hurdle to overcome.

"It's an exhaustive 60-page document," said Grove. "The money available for these grants, although it seems huge to us, it evaporates quickly when you start taking in all the needs. So FEMA, like a lot of other agencies, has a pretty detailed process to weed out the chaff. No matter how badly you may need something, there are an equal number of departments out there that need something just as bad."

"There's a lot of demographic information that you have to go through. They want to know percentages of elderly, percentages of unemployed and low-income... Then you have to go into the details as to what your department plans to do with the grant. It's a very exhaustive process."

According to Grove, the grant money will be used to help solve a Catch-22 with their current communications system while they're on the scene of a fire.

"We have radios, and we carry them in our pockets dutifully," said Grove. "In the midst of a burning house, when you're covered up with personal protective gear, that radio may as well be home on the couch. You're not going to be able to get to it, and you're not going to be able to trigger it, and you're certainly not going to be understood."

"We've done some drills in the past, and communications have always been a problem. Luckily, we've had no injuries or anything like that on a scene, but we've suffered from a lack of communications I don't know how many times on the fire ground. We go back to the fire station after a fire and

debrief, and someone says they asked for something to happen and it didn't because of the communications problem."

Grove said the answer comes in the form of a small radio that fits in the firefighter's breathing apparatus. Although the piece of equipment is small, it can have huge benefits.

"It's a pretty simple piece of equipment," he explained. "It's a battery-powered radio like we carry now. The difference is this one hooks onto the breathing apparatus, the mask that the firefighters wear, so it's part of the mask that we're required to wear the entire time we're on the fire ground. It doesn't interfere with the delivery of the breath-

ing air, it's an integral part of it and it has a big, easy to manipulate switch that guys with gloves can reach up there and slap it and transmit."

"It also has an external speaker so when the guys speak to one another on the fire ground, it actually amplifies your voice outside the mask so you can talk in a normal voice and conserve your air. So, it actually serves two functions very well."

The Big Spring department was one of two municipal fire departments in Texas to receive the grant.

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The public hearing will be held on September 16, 2003, 1:00 PM at County Commissioner Courtroom.

FOR the proposal: Jerry Kilgore W.B. (Bill) Crooker  
Judge Ben Lockhart

AGAINST: the proposal: Emma Brown Gary Simer

PRESENT: and not voting:

ABSENT:

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	\$32,180	\$33,314
General exemptions available (amount available on the average homestead, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$25,744	\$26,652
Average taxable value	\$6,436	\$6,662
Tax rate (per \$100)	\$0.47358	\$0.55000
Tax	\$30.48	\$36.64

Under this proposal, taxes on the average homestead would increase by \$6.16 or 20.21 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would increase by \$0.07640 per \$100 of taxable value or 16.14 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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## EDITORIAL

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## OUR VIEWS

## War on terror has price tag that is hefty

The figure is staggering: \$87 billion! That's what President George Bush is asking Congress to ante up to fight terrorism here and abroad.

Bush is determined that he will not be known as a president who "will run from a challenge," a phrase he used to illustrate the point that terrorists are using propaganda concerning Beirut and Somalia and claiming Americans "will run from a challenge."

To meet that challenge: \$87 billion!

There is no doubt that the United States is in the war on terrorism for the long-haul, but the stated price tag of our fight, coming as it does two years after the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001, is a sobering number.

It is impossible to think about that number in "real terms." \$87 billion! It's an incomprehensible number to any workaday citizen who calculates to the penny the amount of monthly bills vs. family income.

Why, it's a bigger number than California's budget deficit!

\$87 billion!

This number is in addition to the billions already spent to fight the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, which has thus far contributed to a record deficit in the federal budget. The number is in addition to the billions set aside for the department of Homeland Security, which is floundering amid a sea of red tape and bureaucratic turf wars.

\$87 billion!

It makes logical citizens stop and think:

What will it buy?

What will it get us?

And, finally:

When will it all end?

This editorial was submitted by George Smith, an editorial consultant for Horizon Publications, the Herald's parent company.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we trust in you today, Lord, and prepare for your answers to our prayers. Amen

## Virtues of the old country church

While back my daughter gave me one of those not so small, refrigerator magnets that has a line drawing of an old antique automobile. It has the words "Dad Is A Classic" printed on it. There was a time in my life when I thought someone who was 60 years of age had one foot in the grave and the other one on a banana peeling. But now that I have reached that magic number, it's not so bad and I certainly don't feel old. In fact, mentally I feel better and fresher than anytime in my life.

One of the advantages that I have now that I didn't have when I was much younger is that I see things from a different perspective. I have lived long enough to not only see and experience some of our wonderful modern inventions like the television, jet airplanes, the cotton picker, computer, digital sound and the Internet, but I was also around when life was much simpler.

While it may be just wishful thinking, I would like for us to be able to hold on to the best of both worlds. Wouldn't it be great to have all the modern conveniences that we have today, like those in a modern kitchen for example, and not have the massive social and

environment problems that were not so evident 30 to 40 years ago? Again to place things in perspective, please consider this: since 1960 there has been a 560 percent increase in violent crime, more than a 400 percent increase in illegitimate births, a quadrupling in divorce rates, a tripling in the percentage of children living in single parent homes and a 200 percent increase in teenage suicides. This may be the reason there is a massive wave of nostalgia that sweeps over many of us from time to time.

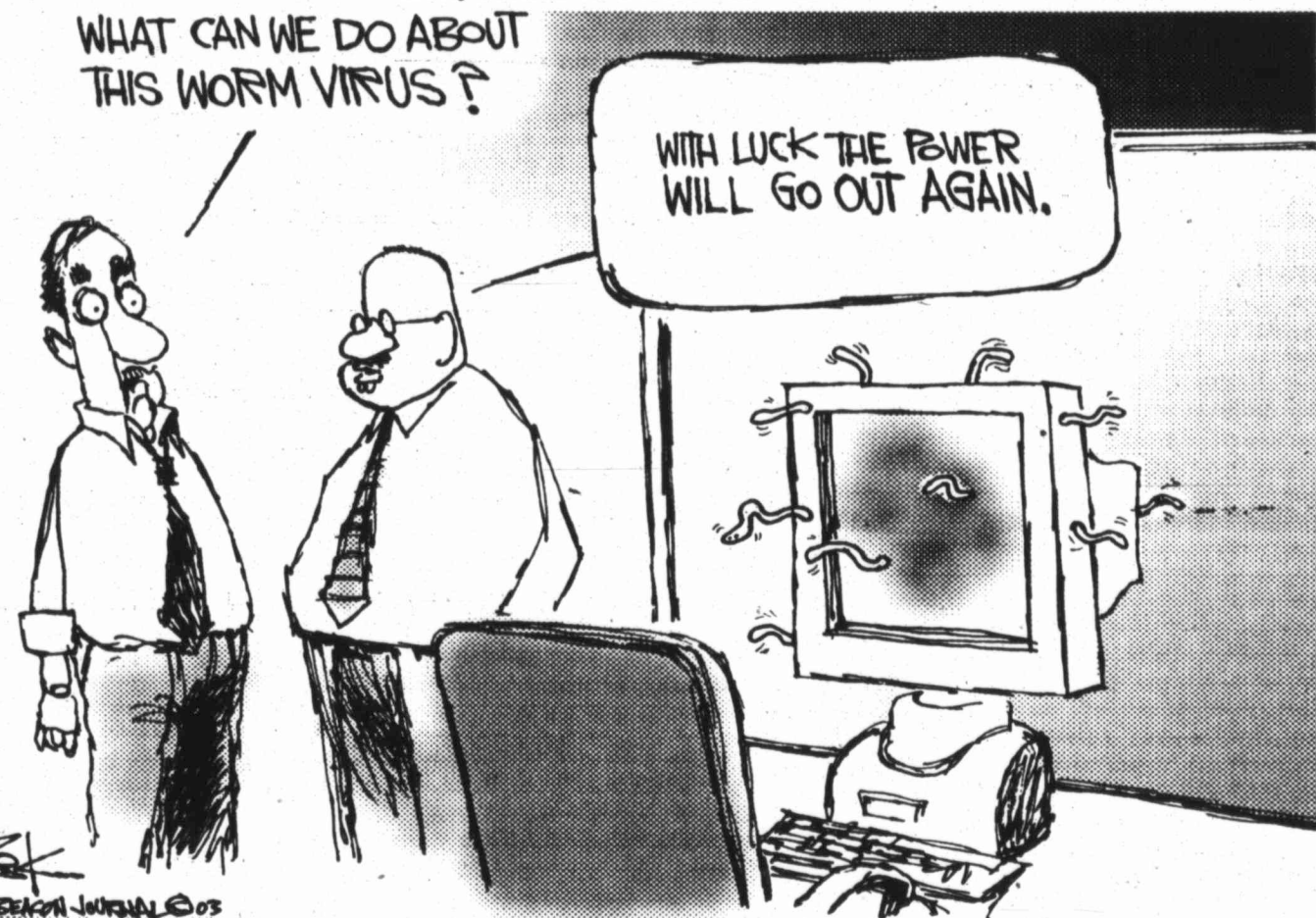
Because I'm not dumb, I know it's impossible to live in the past, but we can hold on to some of the traditional values that have served to make our nation the greatest in the history of the world. There are many symbols of the past, but one that holds special meaning for me is "The Old Country Church." I grew up in a small town and was not around when it was most prominent, but I'm reminded of it's virtues each time I hear these words set to music, "Oh, I'd love to go back to that old country Church and to hear the songs of praise. How the people would sing...It would make the heavens ring, in that old country Church".

A few days ago I was reminiscing with a friend and we were trying to decide on an era or period of time in our nation's history when "The Old Country Church" played the most prominent and significant role in our culture. We finally settled on a time that was

before the advent of television and maybe just prior to most people owning an automobile. From what I have read and seen on television, it was back in the days when a father would hitch up a team of horses or mules and the family would ride to church in a wagon. There were few large buildings or meeting places in those days and the church was more or less the center of the community.

When people went to church on Sunday it was a all day affair; preaching, singing, dinner on the grounds and kids running everywhere. Many people were married in the church and were usually buried in the nearby cemetery. During these hard times families prayed together and stayed together and the values that were taught, both in the church and the home, made it possible for us to become a great nation. These were also the people who volunteered for military service and made it possible for our nation to win two world wars. In a very real sense, those of us living today owe our very freedom to these people. In case you didn't already know, or had never thought about what I've shared, the next time you hear the song, "The Old Country Church", I hope you will be reminded of what these good people have done for us.

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

JIM  
DAVIDSON

## Tricky John Kerry now an also-ran

One reason why Sen. John Kerry has precipitously toppled from being putative Democratic nominee for president to a potential also-ran was demonstrated at the conclusion of his grueling interview on NBC's "Meet the Press" Sunday. It had nothing to do with Iraq or taxation but everything to do with the senator's credibility and likeability.

Moderator Tim Russert ended the hour-long program with the last blast from his massive research. Kerry was quoted by Vogue magazine last March as talking about George W. Bush's "lack of knowledge," and adding this: "He was two years behind me at Yale, and I knew him, and he's still the same guy." Implicitly, Kerry was saying the president was the same empty-headed, hard-drinking playboy he was in college. But when Russert twice asked Kerry just what he meant, he shrugged off these questions ("I believe that President Bush is a very likable fellow.")

The conclusion widely drawn from that exchange is that Kerry never knew Bush at Yale and that he simply fibbed to Vogue's interviewer in trying to denigrate the president. In fact, there is an eyewitness: George W. Bush. He tells aides he certainly did not know John Kerry at Yale. Kerry, the Vietnam War hero-turned-protester who out-debated front-running Republican William Weld in the 1996 Massachusetts Senate race, looks like a trickster running for president.

On Tuesday, Kerry was tricky again. "Re-launching" his candidacy by announcing it at Patriot's Point, S.C., he declared: "I voted to threaten the use of force to make Saddam Hussein comply with the resolutions of the United Nations." Kerry's vote, which seemed politically prudent at the time, was to authorize -- not to threaten -- force in Iraq.

Meeting privately Tuesday on another matter, a group of Democratic political operatives agreed that Kerry blew it that morning when interviewed by Katie Couric on NBC's "Today" program. Only a few months ago, Kerry was the presidential choice of establishment Democrats. He led the party's other eight candidates in the polls, and seemed the strongest challenger against President Bush. All this was predicated on getting his primary election season off to a winning start with being the sure primary winner in his neighboring state of New Hampshire Jan. 27.

Kerry spent just short of \$6 million on his virtually uncontested (without a Republican opponent) 2002 Massachusetts re-election campaign in order to bombard southern New Hampshire through the Boston media market. A month after the Massachusetts election, a New Hampshire poll showed Kerry with 40 percent and Howard Dean with 9 percent. Kerry has eight regional offices in the state and paid 38 visits there over two and one-half years.

That explains the shock inside the Kerry camp when the Zogby Poll showed a 21-point lead by Dean on Aug. 27. While Kerry has certainly not abandoned New Hampshire, his campaign team has

hastened to construct a backup position in South Carolina.

However, Kerry's opponents privately deride the switch of his Tuesday announcement from Boston to South Carolina, which holds its primary one week after New Hampshire. The Zogby Poll in July gave Kerry 5 percent in South Carolina for fifth place. He had not been in that state for three months prior to his Tuesday announcement. The announcement from the aircraft carrier USS Yorktown generated chuckles among the Democratic lobbyists who met Tuesday.

These savvy Democrats used the words "arrogant" and "attitude" in describing what they felt was wrong with their former front-runner. That may stem from Kerry's failure to come to grips with his ambivalence on the Iraq war. On "Meet the Press," Russert played a tape of Kerry addressing the Senate last Oct. 9 with a hard-line speech declaring Iraq "is capable of quickly producing weaponizing" of biological weapons that could be delivered against "the United States itself."

"That is exactly the point I'm making," Kerry replied to Russert. "We were given this information by our intelligence community." But as a senator, Kerry had access to the National Intelligence Estimate that was skeptical of Iraqi capability. Being tricky may no longer be as effective politically as it once was.

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# Legislator's threats get Odessa museum funding

ODESSA (AP) — Threatened by a legislator with the loss of a \$500,000 water development grant, the Ector County Commissioners Court reversed itself and restored funding for a museum that opened a year ago.

County commissioners on Aug. 4 cut the Presidential Museum's entire appropriation of \$97,000. But a few well-placed calls from state Rep. George "Buddy" West changed votes, and the court voted 4-1 on Monday to restore \$77,786 this year and to then phase out funding by 20 percent a year until it's eliminated.

Commissioners cited both "pressure" and "threats" from West as the

reason for the re-vote. Commissioner Freddie Gardner said during a budget workshop on Monday that West called him to say "it would be in Ector County's best interest" to restore the museum funding. He then moved to do so, seconded by Commissioner Bob Bryant.

"I received the same call from Mr. West, and I was very disappointed," said County Judge Jerry Caddel, who cast the lone dissenting vote. "He threatened the grants that we have in Ector County, and I think it needs to be known."

The Presidential Museum, established in 1965, is dedicated to the office of the presidency. Former President George

Bush lived in Odessa when current President George W. Bush was a toddler. The museum's holdings include a variety of campaign memorabilia, a collection of first lady dolls and a 4,500-volume library.

Caddel said West specifically threatened to kill this year's \$500,000 water development grant for

west Odessa. Contacted in Austin, West said he did what was needed to require the commissioners to honor an agreement they made when the museum was opened a year ago to fund the institution for its first five years — a commitment Gardner and Caddel have denied making. West said the water grant

effect that would be to create a situation where students could flow from one class to another quicker if there were less people in the halls.

As an added bonus, the system seems to be helping the seventh graders adjust to their new environment more quickly, Neel said.

"With a larger school and additional classes, it

is part of a package of state grants.

"They made a commitment to the Presidential Museum that they would do this for a period of five years and phase it out. When they reneged on their agreement, it kind of makes you say, 'Well, all right, what else are you going to renege on,'" West said.

is not quite as intimidating," he said. "The seventh graders area on their own. They have their own schedules with their own group. It is less intimidating especially coming to a larger campus."

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## TEEN

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Big Spring State Park. "The state trooper on the scene looked at the tread marks from the car and trajectory," said Chamness. "They were able to determine he was doing approximately 40 mph when the car left the road."

"When the hospital lets us know he's able to talk, we'll go over and ask him about it, which will probably be sometime tomorrow (Tuesday)," he added. "Until then, it's still under investigation."

Alcohol is not believed to have been involved in the accident.

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## BELLS

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lems prompted the change.

"We're looking for ways to have less conflict, but it wasn't the only reason," he said. "It's impetus was to have fewer tardies. We felt like one of the ways we could

# Pigskin Picks Football Contest



Steve Herren  
Harris Lumber & Hardware

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4. Texas
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Reggie Franklin  
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# The Mini Page

By BETTY DEBNAM

In the First Amendment

## Freedom of Speech



Madison

James Madison once called free speech the "guardian" (protector) of every other right. Freedom of speech gives us the right to express ourselves and to speak out or show how we feel. It gives us the right and the responsibility to find out what others believe.

This is important because well-informed citizens make wise decisions.

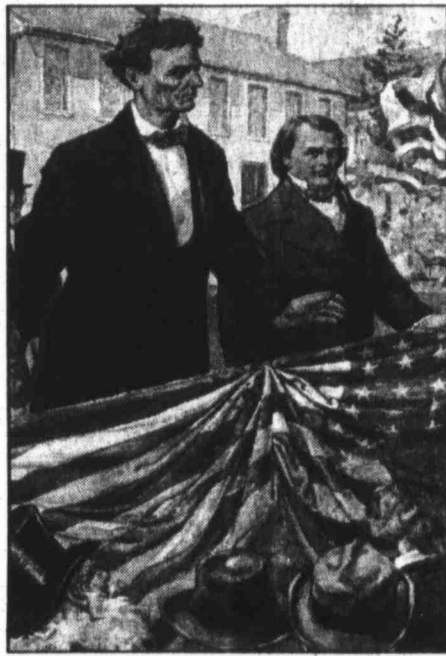
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In the first half of the 20th century, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the 14th Amendment means that no state can make laws limiting the five freedoms of the First Amendment.



Lincoln lost the election for the U.S. Senate when he ran against Stephen A. Douglas. However, the debates made him famous.



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The founders of our country felt that exchanging ideas was very important. They remembered that for hundreds of years it had been a crime to speak out against the English rulers.

### Lincoln-Douglas debates

A debate is a discussion in which people speak out for or against something. Abraham Lincoln took part in some of the most famous debates in American history.

In 1858 he ran in Illinois for the U.S. Senate against Stephen A. Douglas.

Lincoln felt that slavery was wrong. He wanted the national government to pass laws prohibiting slavery in new states that joined the union.

Douglas did not like slavery either, but he was in favor of letting each new state decide for itself if it wanted slavery or not.



Through the years, candidates for president have spoken out in debates. Most recently, in 2000, George W. Bush and Al Gore debated.

Go dot to dot and color this famous speaker.



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### Rookie Cookie's Recipe Easy Cottage Cheesy Pear Salad

You'll need:

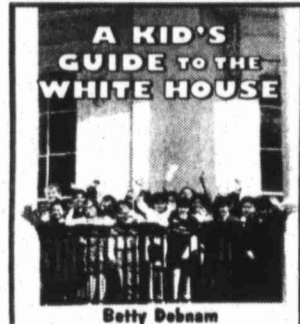
- lettuce leaves, washed and dried
- 1 (16-ounce) carton cottage cheese, any type
- 1 (15-ounce) can pear halves
- 1 (6-ounce) jar maraschino cherries



What to do:

- Place 2 washed lettuce leaves on each plate.
- Place pear half on top of lettuce.
- Place a scoop of cottage cheese on top of each pear.
- Place a maraschino cherry on top of cottage cheese.

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### Kids! You're Invited to the White House

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### Gus Goodsport's Report Supersport: Donovan McNabb

**Height:** 6-2  
**Weight:** 240  
**Birthdate:** 11-25-76  
**College:** Chicago  
On Nov. 11, 2002, Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb completed 20 of 25 passes for 255 yards and four touchdowns against Arizona. And he did that playing on a broken ankle!  
Tough guy, yes, and multi-talented, McNabb is a versatile, explosive quarterback who has dazzled opponents running and passing, and has helped the Eagles soar to success. For his sterling play, he has been selected to play in three Pro Bowls. Before going to the NFL in 1999, McNabb starred at Syracuse University, where he met his wife, Raquel Nurse. McNabb now serves on the Syracuse Board of Trustees.  
Off the football field, McNabb can be as jolly as Santa Claus. In fact, each Christmas he dresses up in a Santa suit and delivers toys to children. Opposing teams no doubt wish the Eagles' "Santa" would hop in a sleigh and move to the North Pole!

### Meet Lindsay Lohan

Lindsay Lohan, one of the stars of the movie "Freaky Friday," has been modeling and acting since she was 3 years old. In her new movie, Lindsay, now 17, plays a teenager who wakes up to find out a hex has caused her to switch bodies with her mother for a day. Lindsay is the oldest child in her family. She has two brothers and one sister.  
Talent scouts knew Lindsay was special from the start, and hired her to do more than 60 commercials. Later, she played Alli Fowler in the TV series "Another World." In 1997, Lindsay got the role of twins Hallie and Annie in "The Parent Trap."  
Lindsay has green eyes and red hair. Her favorite color is pink. She loves Chinese food. Some hobbies include swimming, shopping and singing.

### MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes

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

**Ralph:** What do you call hamburgers made from pork?  
**Winona:** Groundhogs!

**Otis:** How do you make a hamburger do the hula?  
**Gregory:** Order it with a shake!

**Quentin:** How do monkeys cook their hamburgers?  
**Marcy:** On a go-grilla!

### Freedom of Speech TRY 'N FIND

Words and names that remind you of freedom of speech are hidden in the blocks below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: SYMBOLIC, TRUE, ACT, PROTEST, INFORMED, AMENDMENT, RIGHT, EXPRESS, SPEAK, RESPONSIBILITY, GORE, DEBATE, PRESIDENT, LINCOLN, DOUGLAS, IDEAS, BUSH, LIMITS, LAW.

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### Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy is giving a speech. See if you can find:  
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• letter C  
• number 3  
• letter H  
• lady's shoe  
• toothbrush  
• heart  
• brush  
• letter T  
• ant  
• football  
• ruler  
• lima bean

## Freedom of Speech

### Limits

Chief Justice of the United States Oliver Wendell Holmes once warned, "Words can be weapons." Speech has to be responsible. Sometimes the limits on freedom of speech are set by common sense. Sometimes they are set by laws. Making decisions about when to limit free speech has often caused problems for the courts.

### Freedom of speech has been limited:

- when public safety is threatened. Example: You can't yell "Fire" in a crowded theater when there isn't one. This false alarm would cause harm when people rush to the exits.
- when the national security is threatened. Example: It's illegal to give military secrets to the enemy.
- when you libel or slander a person. Libel occurs when something untrue is written and slander occurs when something untrue is spoken in public. Example: Someone sets out to ruin another person's reputation by saying or writing things that are not true.



Striking nurses picket in Honolulu, Hawaii, in 2002.

### Symbolic speech

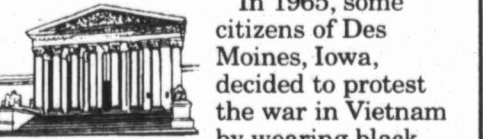
Sometimes our conduct, or the way we act, is a form of expressing ourselves. This is called symbolic speech. Picketing is a form of symbolic speech. Picketers usually carry signs and walk back and forth in front of places. They try to influence people who pass by not to support some group or not to do business with a company. Picketing is legal as long as it is peaceful. Political yard signs, buttons and bumper stickers are also examples of symbolic freedom of speech.

### A famous Supreme Court case

**Tinker v. Des Moines School District**  
In 1965, some citizens of Des Moines, Iowa, decided to protest the war in Vietnam by wearing black armbands. People sometimes wear these bands as a symbol of mourning or sadness when someone dies. School principals in the area were concerned that anti-war protests would interrupt their school day. They made a rule and announced that armbands would not be permitted in school.

### A few people who have spoken out

- For civil rights:** Martin Luther King Jr. (1929-1968)
- For women's rights:** Susan B. Anthony (1820-1906)
- For the environment:** Rachel Carson (1907-1964)
- For workers' rights:** Cesar Chavez (1927-1993)



The Tinker children's parents objected and fought the case all the way to the Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court ruled that the First Amendment protects symbolic speech as well as regular speaking. Symbolic speech is legal as long as it does not interfere with school activities and as long as other students' rights are not violated.



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### IN E

**Lady Steers Coronado**  
The Big Steers will action today face Abille Lubbock dual meet. The Ladies scheduled at 5 p.m.

**Forsan bo hamburge**  
The Fors Club will burger Friday from 5 p.m. in the cafeteria. The cost is \$5 per plate.

**BSHS cheer to hold ch**  
The Big School will be hold cheer camp ages 5-13 on Friday. The cost is \$20. Participant form at the ball game on Friday.

**HCHS to h tournament**  
The Humane Society is hosting Dorothy C. Lloyds Golf Tournament Saturday at Country Club. The 4-person team is scheduled at 1 p.m. For more info call 267-5354.

**Football of needed for**  
Football is needed for the season. For more info call Delvin 267-9729.

**Westbrook to hold tou**  
The Westbrook Boosters will hold a golf tournament Saturday at Golf Links in City. The scramble will be at 10 a.m. The entry tournament cart. First, third place awarded, as longest drive to the pin. For more info call Abel (325) 728-5511.

**Astros mov for first in**  
MILWAUKEE Roy Oswalt from the Astros and Jeff B. Lance from the Houston Astros had three hits in the Milwaukee 8-4 Monday. The victory was Oswalt's fourth in a first-place Chicago. Oswalt since July 15 was activated from a 15-day disabled list on Monday. The Astros...

### ON THE

Event	Time
Astros vs. Milwaukee	8:00 p.m.
Rangers vs. Seattle	8:00 p.m.
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Handoff vs. Big Spring	5:00 p.m.
Handoff vs. Big Spring	5:00 p.m.



### IN BRIEF

#### Lady Steers to battle Coronado, AHS today

The Big Spring Lady Steers will return to action today when they face Abilene High and Lubbock Coronado in a dual meet in Abilene.

The Lady Steers are scheduled to begin play at 5 p.m.

#### Forsan boosters set hamburger supper

The Forsan Booster Club will hold a hamburger supper on Friday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

The cost for the meal is \$5 per person.

#### BSHS cheerleaders to hold cheer camp

The Big Spring High School cheerleaders will be holding a mini-cheer camp for youths ages 5-13 on Sept. 27.

The cost for the camp is \$20 per child. Participants will have the opportunity to perform at the varsity football game on Oct. 3.

#### HCHS to host golf tournament Sept. 13

The Howard County Humane Society will be hosting the first Dorothy Garrett-Margaret Lloyd Memorial Golf Tournament on Saturday at Big Spring Country Club.

The 4-person scramble is scheduled to start at 1 p.m.

For more information call 267-5354

#### Football officials needed for '03

Football officials are needed for the 2003 season.

For more information call Delvin Guinn at 267-9729.

#### Westbrook boosters to hold tournament

The Westbrook Wildcats Booster Club will hold a golf tournament Saturday at Wolf Creek Golf Links in Colorado City. The 3-person scramble will begin at 9 a.m.

The entry fee for the tournament is \$30 plus cart. First, second and third places will be awarded, as well as a longest drive and closest to the pin winner.

For more information call Abel Alvarez at (325) 728-5514.

#### Astros move into tie for first in NL Central

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Roy Oswalt returned from the disabled list and Jeff Bagwell and Lance Berkman each had three RBIs as the Houston Astros beat the Milwaukee Brewers 8-4 Monday night.

The victory, Houston's fourth in five games, put the Astros in a first-place tie with Chicago.

Oswalt sidelined since July 30 with a strained right groin, was activated from the 15-day disabled list Monday.

The right-hander

### ON THE AIR

Event, Time	Station
Astros vs. Milwaukee, 6:40 p.m.	1490
Rangers vs. Seattle, 8:30 p.m.	1490
Rangers vs. Seattle, 8:30 p.m.	1490
Herald vs. Big Spring (Special), 6:00 p.m.	1490
Herald vs. Big Spring (Special), 7 p.m.	1490

## Big Spring freshmen take 3rd at Snyder Invitational

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

**SNYDER** — Myeshia Shorts and the Big Spring Lady Steers freshman volleyball team went to the Snyder Invitational Volleyball Tournament Saturday with one goal: Prove themselves one of the top teams in the area.

Consider their mission accomplished.

The Lady Steers, behind strong efforts from Shorts, Megan McCormick and Amber Sides,

posted a 2-1 record and rolled to third place in the final team standings.

Despite a slow start, Big Spring downed the Abilene Cooper Lady Cougars in the first match. After dropping the first game by a 25-19 clip, the Lady Steers hit stride.

Shorts, who scored five points in the first game, helped spark Big Spring to a 25-13 win in the second game.

The BSJS girls, who were staked to a huge lead early as

Sides served up the first nine points of the contest, won the decisive third game by a 15-10 clip.

With the win over Cooper, the Lady Steers advanced into a showdown with the Odessa High School Lady Bronchos. Odessa won the matchup in straight sets, advancing to the finals with a 25-16, 25-13 victory.

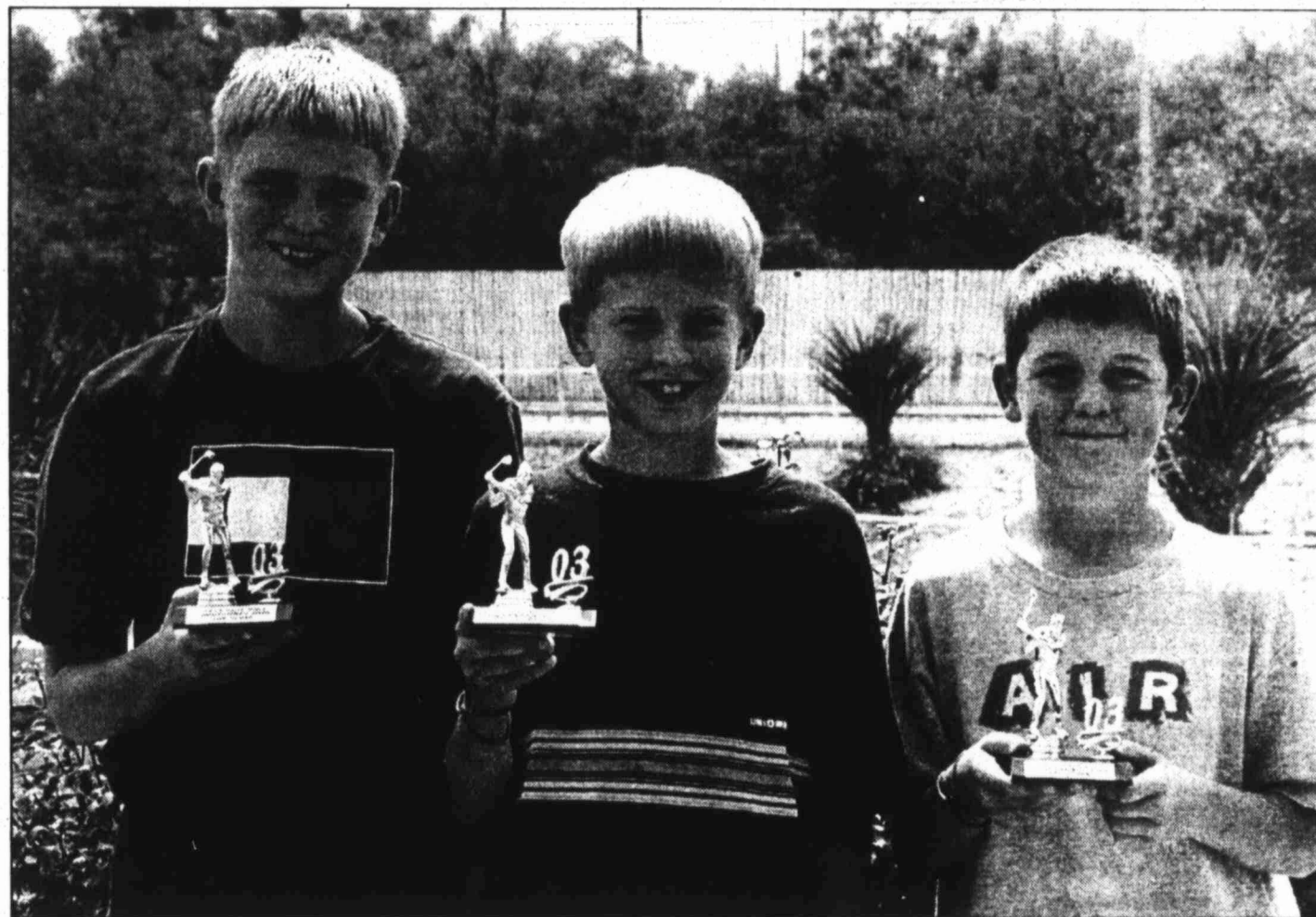
The loss dropped the Lady Steers into a third-place tilt against the Trinity Christian of Midland.

Trinity got off to a quick start in the contest, pounding out a tough 25-16 win in the first game.

The Lady Steers rallied back, however. Led by 10 service points from Sides, the BSJS spikers evened the game count to 1-1 with a 25-16 win.

Mallory Kennedy served up the final nine points to give the Lady Steers a 15-11 win in the final frame.

Big Spring will return to action this afternoon in Abilene against Cooper.



Kade Parker, center, shows off the trophy he won at the Big Spring Family YMCA Putt-Putt Championships Sunday afternoon. Parker shot a 58 over the 18-hole course and edged out Hutton Evans (right). Jordan Pointon finished third overall.

## Parker, 'Huttonator' roll to 1-2 finish at YMCA Putt-Putt Championships

Herald staff report

Like Arnold Schwarzenegger, the "Huttonator" and Kade "The Machine" Parker promise to be back ... and to beat down anyone who attempts to terminate their Putt-Putt domination.

"I'll be back to defend my title," said Parker, who edged out Evans Sunday afternoon to nail down the Big Spring Family YMCA Putt-Putt Championships. "I want to beat them again," he added.

Parker dominated the Youth division of the event, which served as a fund-raiser for the YMCA. The Big Spring standout — who only a few weeks ago helped lead the Rangers to the Big

### Big Spring Family YMCA 2003 Putt-Putt Championships Youth Division (Top 3 finishers only)

1. Kade Parker	58
2. Hutton Evans	64
3. Jordan Pointon	70

### Media Division (Top 2 finishers only)

1. Tommy Wells	54
2. Thomas Jenkins	69

Spring Little League championship — carded a 58 over the 18-hole course and edged out Evans by just six strokes.

Evans, who spent much of the tournament applauding the efforts of other golfers, claimed the silver in the annual tournament. He finished with a score of 68.

Jordan Pointon claimed third in the Youth division by posting a final mark of 70.

"It was a lot of fun to come out and play with my friends," said Parker. "I'm glad we did it."

While Parker was celebrating his win in the Youth division, the Big Spring Herald swept the top two spots in the Media division.

"It was too easy," said Herald staff writer Thomas Jenkins. "It was like we didn't have any competition at all."

Jenkins finished second in the final standings, scratching out a final score of 69.

Herald Sports Editor Tommy Wells won the 2003 Media title, carding a 54.

## Miami moves past Ohio State in AP poll

By JOSH DUBOW

AP Football Writer

Once again, Miami is ahead of Ohio State.

The Hurricanes used a thrilling 23-point comeback against rival Florida to move past the Buckeyes into the No. 2 spot in The Associated Press college football poll released Sunday.

Ohio State trailed Miami in the poll all last season until beating the Hurricanes for the national title in the Fiesta Bowl. The Buckeyes fell a spot after narrowly escaping with a 16-13 win over 32-point underdog San Diego State. Ohio State lost 17 first-place votes in balloting by the panel of sports writers and broadcasters.

Oklahoma strengthened its grip on the top spot following a 20-13 win at Alabama, garnering 47 of the 63 firsts and 1,549 points.

Miami received two first-place votes and was second with 1,448 points. Ohio State, which has a

### The Top 25

The following is a look at the Top 25 teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses.

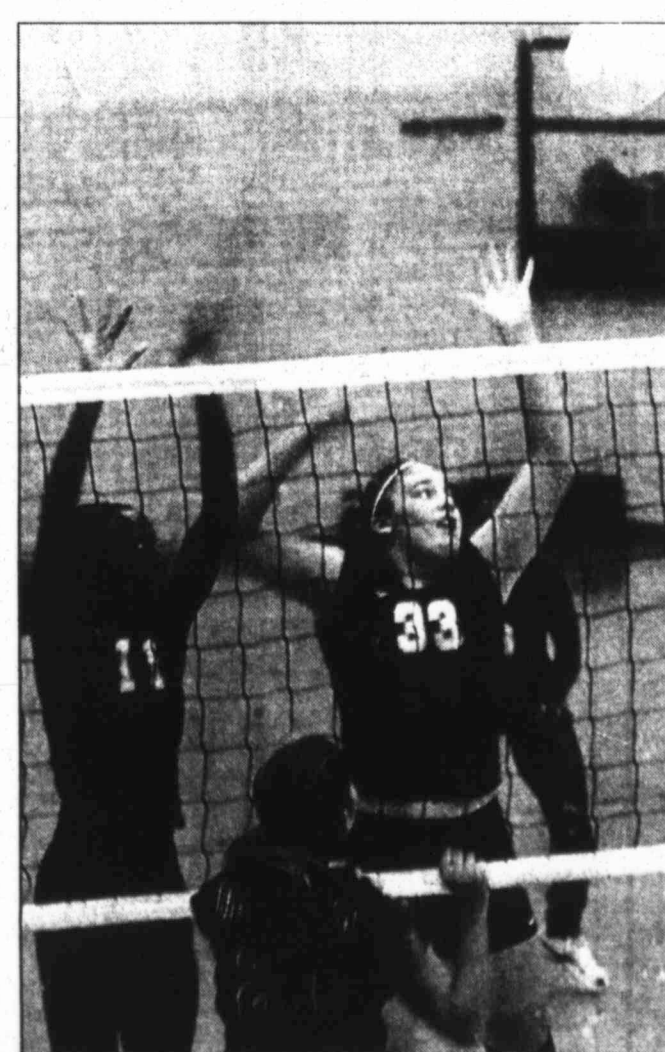
Record	Pts	1st Place
1. Oklahoma (47) . . . . .	2,549	1
2. Miami (2) . . . . .	1,448	2
3. Ohio St. (8) . . . . .	1,398	2
4. Southern Cal (4) . . . . .	1,286	4
5. Michigan (2) . . . . .	1,332	5
6. Texas . . . . .	1,267	6
7. Kansas St. . . . .	1,198	7
8. Georgia . . . . .	1,085	8
9. Virginia Tech . . . . .	1,075	9
10. Florida St. . . . .	998	11
11. Pittsburgh . . . . .	960	10
12. LSU . . . . .	896	13
13. Tennessee . . . . .	879	12
14. Wisconsin . . . . .	869	18
15. Notre Dame . . . . .	815	19
16. Arizona St. . . . .	807	20
17. Colorado . . . . .	493	24
18. Nebraska . . . . .	435	23
19. Florida . . . . .	383	21
20. Wake Forest . . . . .	330	22
21. Washington . . . . .	289	22
22. TCU . . . . .	195	25
23. Iowa . . . . .	184	24
24. N.C. State . . . . .	181	14
25. South Carolina . . . . .	127	25

Others receiving votes: Alabama 81, Missouri 57, N. Illinois 56, Minnesota 48, Virginia 45, Purdue 44, Oregon 38, Arkansas 33, Colorado St. 30, Bowling Green 24, Texas A&M 23, Boise St. 16, Arizona 9, Air Force 8, Auburn 8, Washington St. 7, Hawaii 6, Michigan St. 6, Oregon St. 6, Marshall 5, Boston College 4, BYU 3, Oklahoma St. 2, Texas Tech 2, West Virginia 2, Louisville 1, Stanford 1.

nation-long 16-game winning streak, got eight firsts.

Southern California and Michigan rounded out the Top Five, with the Trojans getting four firsts and the Wolverines two.

Texas, Kansas State, Georgia, Virginia Tech and Florida State round out the Top 10.



Carmen Lewis and Leina Braxton attempt to block a shot in the Lady Steers' recent outing in Greenwood. Big Spring will return to action today in Abilene in a dual meet with Abilene and Lubbock Coronado. Games are slated to begin at 5 p.m.

## FJHS nips 'Kats

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Joshua Schlipf can probably take himself off Garden City's Christmas card list — especially after his performance last Thursday night.

Schlipf helped the Forsan Junior High School Buffaloes open their 2003 season on a high note by breaking off touchdown runs of 95 and 60 yards and leading the Buffs to a 20-16 win over the Bearkats.

Schlipf, who rushed for almost 200 yards in the contest, gave Forsan the upper hand quickly in the first. After a Garden City sack had pinned the Buffs at their own five, the FJHS standout took a handoff and raced 95 yards for a touchdown.

Garden City flexed its own offensive muscles in the second quarter. Jake Schwartz pushed his way into the end zone from a yard out to tie the game at 8-8.

Jace Sandridge gave Forsan the lead again in the third. He scored on a short three-yard run midway through the frame and gave the Buffs a 14-8 cushion.

Schlipf's 60 yards game-winning run game with 5:21 remaining in the game.

Eric Hirt garnered Garden City's final touchdown, scoring on a one-yard run.

Jeremy Freitag aided Forsan's efforts with a defensive gem in the second quarter. The FJHS defensive back picked off a Bearkats' pass to end a GCJHS threat.

Defensively, the Buffaloes also picked up solid outings from Aaron Hughes, James Marlow and Adam Bailey.

Forsan, now 1-0, is scheduled to face Roscoe on Thursday. Game time is set for 5 p.m. in Roscoe.

## BSJHS eighth grade squads win openers

The Big Spring Junior High School eighth grade volleyball teams posted big wins in their season openers, downing rival Snyder.

The BSJHS eighth grade A team, behind 12 points from Danielle Jeter and seven more from Amanda Casket, defeated Snyder by a 25-21, 25-18 clip. The BSJHS B team, led by nine points from Amber Simer and six from Ashton Fillingham, won, 26-24, 25-23.

The Big Spring seventh grade A team lost to Snyder 25-18, 25-19. The B team fell, 25-15, 15-16.

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The Pisces moon gives the day a spiritual depth you didn't appreciate yesterday. Look at patterns in your life, and ask yourself the hardest question of all: What am I doing to create this? You get what you put out, and this is obvious under the Virgo sun.



Joyce Jillson

Being honest with ourselves isn't a problem, and this makes it easier to be honest with others.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Good fortune befalls you. Don't feel guilty — just take advantage of the good luck you so deserve. You can't get bogged down by the same things that stopped those before you. Go places, do things, and break out of your rut.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Being needy isn't bad — today, it could be your strong point. If everybody were self-sufficient, this world wouldn't work at all. Depend on others, and let them depend on you. This will lead you down the path to love.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Don't get down on yourself for procrastinating. This behavior could be a sign that the project you're avoiding isn't quite right for you anyway. Read, and you'll find solu-

tions. The praise of a parent or mentor means the most to you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Big concepts come into your mind tonight. Baby-sitting gets singles ready for decisions about whether or not to have children. Standing up for yourself is liberating, but follow it up by showing the world how well your ideas work.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Do some writing to sort out your thoughts. Fresh, new interests will enliven your relationships. Your family tests you, which may make you bury your head in work. A career fantasy can come true with a little more determination.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Diversity is the key to productivity. Too much energy spent on one thing leaves you frazzled. Clients don't want to be pursued, so stop calling for a few days. Allowing others space and time to think makes them like you more.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Put aside all the office politics, and go about your business like a human being with a heart. You'll be the one who benefits most from a friendship with someone in the lower ranks. Don't be proud; be practical.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It seems no one around is thinking as sharply as you. The initia-

tive you show is impressive to someone higher up — and sexy to someone in the ranks below.

Regarding your love life, your gut tells you what the real deal is.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Synchronicity and hidden coherence are so uncanny, you can't deny there are powerful forces working on your side. Romantically speaking, you either make a move now or you'll have to wait until later next week.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Serious changes are on the horizon, but you're still not sure whether or not you really want them. The transition won't start until the contract is signed. Consulting a practical Virgo will be a time-saving move.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Satisfaction comes when you finish a do-it-yourself project. You're most productive when you can go at your own pace. Things that previously seemed important no longer apply. Tonight is peaceful.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). More variation on the job will make you appreciate your work. Loved ones need to take on their own responsibilities. Tonight, let the chips fall as they may — or you'll soon have a giant one on your shoulder.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I was born Aug. 17, 1969, and I'd like to be a real estate mogul eventually. One problem: I don't have a steady income. How can I improve my chances of becoming rich in the next 10 years?"

You are a Leo, with your moon in Libra, revealing that you want to be successful not only quickly but gracefully. If you don't look and feel good doing it, you'll slow down. The Libra moon is famous for not getting on the tightrope without a net. Next month will provide you with an opportunity to solidify your business foundations, cut away excess and strengthen the core of your enterprise. There is an expansive nature to your natal chart that has been active in the sector of speculation, big business, recreation and romance. You've got a lot going for you. The potential hazard of rapid growth symbolized by Jupiter is that of going too far, too fast. Often, there is waste or over-extension of resources. Develop your managerial skills — they're the key to your success. Once you prove to the right people that you know how to be a good steward of your company's money, and your personal money, you'll be trusted with sums that end in lots of zeros!

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Annie's Mailbox



ANNIE'S MAILBOX

Dear Annie: I am a 15-year-old girl, and I am scared for my future. My family is so unstable that I seem to be the most responsible person in the household.

Since my father left last year, Mom has become depressed. She quit her job, and the only money we receive is whatever Dad sends. Mom appears healthy and put together, but she stays locked up in her room for days without eating. She forgets to take my younger sisters and me to school or activities. Sometimes, she even forgets to go grocery shopping, and there is nothing in the house to eat.

I am lost. I don't know what to do. We have no close family because my mother has ruined all those relationships. My dad's family doesn't approve of us, and I know no other relatives. I've thought of living with my father, but Mom would fall apart, and I'd feel terribly guilty. Please help me. — A Desperate Teenager

Dear Teenager: You should not have to deal with this alone. If you don't feel comfortable discussing the situation with your father, talk to your school counselor and explain the problem. Your mother sounds depressed, and she probably needs professional help. It is brave of you to want to keep things together, but this is too great a responsibility. If your relatives won't step up, ask the school counselor about the social services available in your area. Write soon and let us know how you are.

Dear Annie: I just read the letter from "No Mail to Open in Maryland," whose wife continually misplaced important bills. You were right to tell him to open a post office box, but he must be the only one with access to it. Also, he can't receive mail at the box if it is addressed to his wife, so the bills should be in his name.

I don't believe "No Mail's" wife has a memory problem. My guess is that she is spending bill money

on other things. Does she have a habit that is out of control, debts he doesn't know about? Does she not have enough spending money? Could she be hiding money in a savings account somewhere?

My mother-in-law did all of the above. Her family lived payday-to-payday, and her husband threw temper tantrums if she ever complained to him that they couldn't afford something. So she hid the bills and used the money to pay for other things.

Meanwhile, utilities would be cut off, the phone was always off the hook in order to avoid creditors, and ultimately, they lost their house.

It might be a good idea for "No Mail" to get a credit report and find out if there are other unpaid debts he doesn't know about. — No Mystery to Me

Dear No Mystery: You paint a rather alarming picture of what could simply be irresponsibility and forgetfulness. However, it is wise to be cautious, and we appreciate the warning.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, P.O. Box 118190, Chicago, IL 60611. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

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Appliance mechanic needed to work on washers, dryers, cook stoves, A/C, refrigerators. Call 264-0510

Seeking work. 20 years experience in Medical Records. Office skills. Type 40 wpm. Call 268-9173 or 263-3212

Howard County Master Gardeners coordinator position. 25-30 hours a week. Computer knowledge & flexibility preferred. Applications available at Howard County Extension Office, courthouse basement or call 264-2236.

3BR 1 1/2 bath. Office \$450/mo. \$250/dep. References req. 1314 Mt. Vernon. 263-3535 after 6.

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Rainbow Christian Pre-School is in need of part-time temporary care givers. Come by 409 Goliad to apply.

PUBLIC NOTICE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS The Big Spring Independent School District shall receive sealed bid proposals until 4:00 p.m., September 30, 2003, on the following:

Student Letter Jacket Awards Specifications and bid documents may be secured from the school district's Business Office, 708 East 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720-4648, phone number (432) 264-3620. Bids will be publicly open and read immediately following the deadline for receiving the bids in the Business Office of the Big Spring Independent School District. Bidders are invited to be present at the bid opening. Bids received after the opening date and time will be returned unopened. Bids will be prepared for consideration to the Board of Trustees on October 9, 2003, at 5:15 p.m. at their regularly scheduled board meeting. The Big Spring Independent School District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. #3087 September 9 & 16, 2003

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TUESDAY

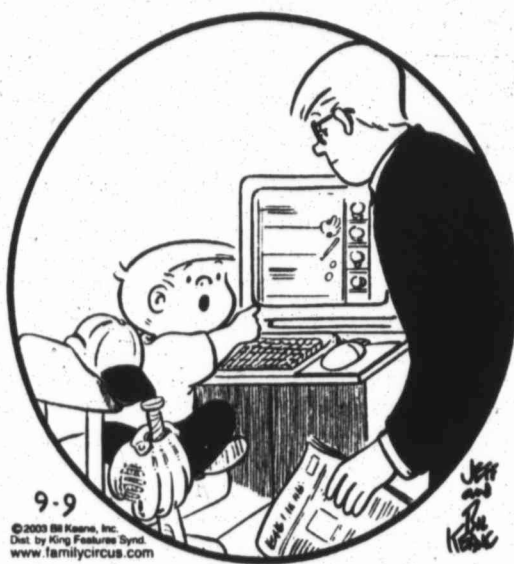
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6 PM	News Wheel	King of the Hill	Cyberchase Zoboosafoo	7th Heaven (CC)	News Ent. Tonight	News (CC) Wheel	News Seinfeld (CC)	Friends (CC) MLB	El Mamanita	Blind Date	Movie: Basquet	Movie: Soory	Scene of the Crime (CC)	18 Movie: Hysterical	Booker John Hayes	Amor. Justice (CC)	FBI Files (CC)	Law & Order (CC) (DVB)	Slater, Slater Usual
7 PM	8 Simple Rules	Performing As... (CC)	Nova (CC) (DVB)	Movie: Au Pair	Big Brother 4	8 Simple Rules	Whoopi (CC) Happy Family	Philadelphia Phillies at	Velo de Nova	Star Trek: Next	Star Trek: Next	Movie 2 (CC)	What Were You	Blindness (CC)	Updates/Karen N. McBride	Biography: Calvin Klein	New Detectives	Law & Order (CC) (DVB)	Movie: Johnny
8 PM	Accord- Jim	The O.C. (CC)	9/11 - Clear the Skies	Cupid (CC)	Accord- Jim	Fraser (CC) Good	Atlanta Braves	Nina Amada	Joe Schmo	Movie: Bandits	Movie: R Xmas	Mostly True: Urban	My Big Fat Greek	Light of the Southwest	MI-5 (CC)	New Detectives	Law & Order (CC) (DVB)	(CC)	
9 PM	NYPD Blue (CC)	70s Show Dharma-Greg	Art in the Twenty-First	Whose Line? Whose Line?	Judging Amy (CC)	NYPD Blue (CC)	Law & Order: Special	Seinfeld (CC)	Ver Para Crear	Oblivious	Movie News	Med. Mysteries	Wedding Once-More	Cold Case Files (CC)	FBI Files	Charmd (CC)	Slater, Slater Boy World		
10 PM	News Nightline	70s Show Raymond	Century (CC)	700 Club (CC)	News Late Show	News (CC) Nightline	News Tonight	Movie: The Presidio	Primer Impacto	Gary the Rat Ren & Stinky	55 Movie: Pleasures of	Dead Like Me	What Were You	Sex and-City Real Time	Hour of Healing	Third Watch (CC)	Law & Order (CC) (DVB)	Kim Possible Proud Family	
11 PM	Jimmy Kimmel	Sudden-Susan	News-Lahver	Growing Pains	(CC) Late Late	Ent. Tonight Jimmy	(CC) Late Night	(CC)	En las Mayores	Blind Date	Bin (CC)	Movie: Spanish	Mostly True: Urban	(CC) Showgirl	Rev. J. Harlan	Biography: Calvin Klein	X-Files (CC)	Evans Stevens Slater, Slater	
12 AM	Paid Program	Blind Date Beyond	Bouncing to Mars (CC)	Paid Program	Show (CC) Street Smarts	Live (CC) Oprah	(CC) Fraser (CC)	12:10 Movie: The Delta	Camila	Highlander (CC)	Waterdance	45 Movie: Med. Mysteries	& Angel The Center of	Updates/Karen Booker	MI-5 (CC)	FBI Files	X-Files (CC)	Boy World Process (CC)	

DENNIS THE MENACE



"I'M HAVING A ROUGH CHILDHOOD, HUH, MOM?"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"I'm tryin' to find out what Barry Bonds eats."

HAGAR



BLONDIE



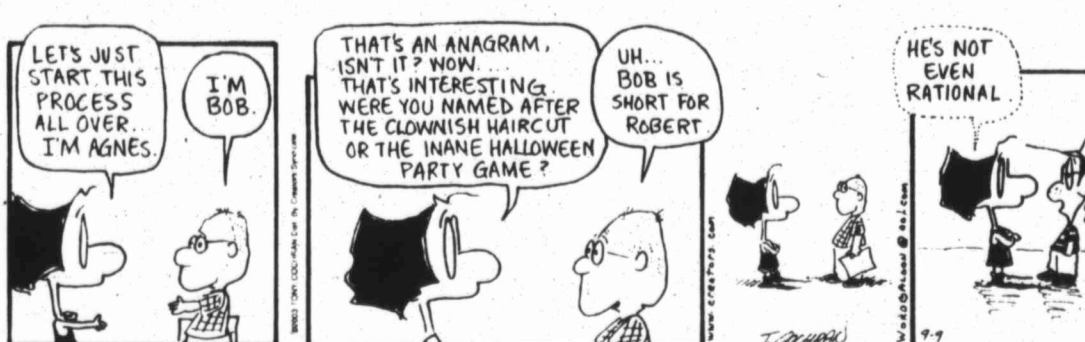
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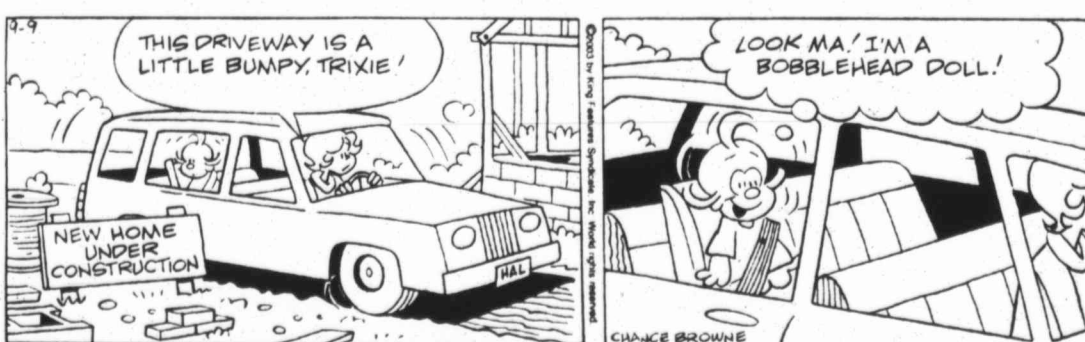
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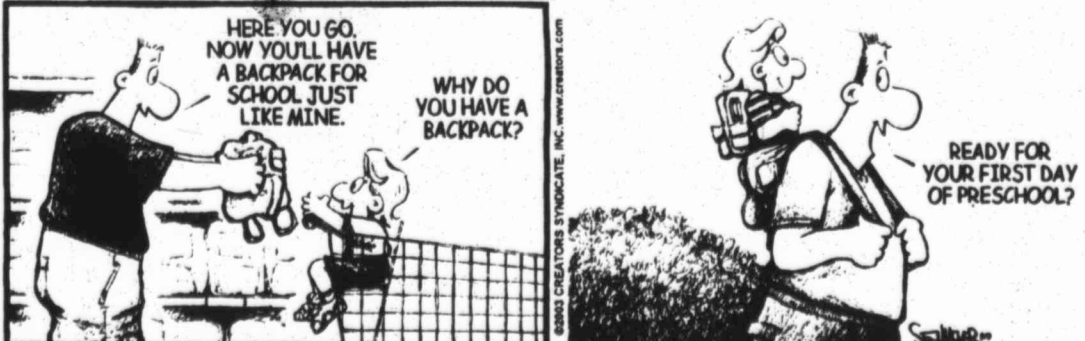
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Sept. 9, the 252nd day of 2003. There are 113 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 9, 1776, the second Continental Congress made the term "United States" official, replacing "United Colonies."

On this date: In 1850, California became the 31st state of the union.

In 1926, the National Broadcasting Co. (NBC) was created by the Radio Corp. of America.

In 1943, Allied forces landed at Salerno and Taranto during World War II.

In 1948, the People's Democratic Republic of Korea (North Korea) was created.

In 1956, Elvis Presley made the first of three appearances on "The Ed Sullivan Show."

In 1957, President

Eisenhower signed into law the first civil rights bill to pass Congress since Reconstruction.

In 1971, prisoners seized control of the maximum-security Attica Correctional Facility near Buffalo, N.Y., beginning a siege that claimed 43 lives.

In 1976, Communist Chinese leader Mao Tse-tung died in Beijing at age 82.

In 1991, boxer Mike Tyson was indicted in Indianapolis on a charge of raping Desiree Washington, a beauty pageant contestant. Tyson was later convicted.

In 1997, Sinn Fein, the IRA's political ally, formally renounced violence as it took its place in talks on Northern Ireland's future.

Ten years ago: PLO leaders and Israel agreed to recognize each other, clearing the way for a peace accord.

Former Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos was buried in his homeland, four years after his death in exile. About a hundred Somali gunmen and civilians were killed when U.S. and Pakistani

peacekeepers fired on Somalis attacking other peacekeepers.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Cliff Robertson is 78. Jazz musician Elvin Jones is 76. Actress Sylvia Miles is 71. Actor Topol is 68. Rhythm-and-blues singer Luther Simmons is 61. Singer Inez Foxx is 61. Singer Dee Dee Sharp is 58. Singer-musician Billy Preston is 57. Rock singer-musician Doug Ingle (Iron Butterfly) is 57. Country singer Freddy Weller is 56. Football commentator Joe Theismann is 54. Actor-comedian Michael Keaton is 52. Actor Tom Wopat is 52. Actress Angela Cartwright is 51. Musician-producer Dave Stewart is 51. Actor Hugh Grant is 43.

Answer to previous puzzle

ANSET	MATT	SOWS
ETHER	ASHY	QUIT
LAURA	REUP	URSA
ASTIN	CAMER	ASHY
TECH	BAER	
MME	EURO	BEERED
OARS	TIME	DOLLY
UNITS	BAD	SNAIL
SINAL	SHIP	ESTA
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Newsday Crossword WHERE'S THE FIRE by Daniel R. Stark Edited by Stanley Newman

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|-------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>ACROSS</b>           | 54 Nautical position   | 9 Suit material                  | 33 Orangs, for example     |
| 1 Weaver's apparatus    | 55 Greek war god       | 10 Roused from sleep             | 34 Plover's pad            |
| 5 Where it's at         | 56 Wild time           | 11 New Delhi's land              | 36 Enthusiasm              |
| 9 Moan                  | 57 Demeanor            | 12 Sly glances                   | 37 Jedi master             |
| 13 Singer Fitzgerald    | 58 Tiny insect         | 16 Lavish attention              | 39 Predict                 |
| 14 Roll of stamps       | 59 Brontë governess    | 21 Cut and ran                   | 40 Service-station job     |
| 15 Had possession of    | 60 Fur piece           | 22 Letterman and Brubeck         | 41 More snugly             |
| 17 Flits (about)        | 61 Fjord city          | 24 Mishmash                      | 42 University official     |
| 18 Western Indians      | <b>DOWN</b>            | 26 "___ there?" (knock response) | 43 Subsidies               |
| 19 Wild West show       | 1 Toy block name       | 27 Luau dance                    | 44 Incline                 |
| 20 Take the day ___     | 2 Norwegian name       | 28 Ice-cream holders             | 45 Keep on hand            |
| 21 Square dancer's wear | 3 Former sweeties      | 29 Change for a five             | 46 Pay homage              |
| 23 Takes it easy        | 4 More, to Pablo       | 31 Enthusiasm                    | 48 Highway entrance        |
| 25 Boot-camp command    | 5 Racing boats         | 32 Some whiskers                 | 49 Tell ___ (be deceitful) |
| 26 Beluga and humpback  | 6 Greek letters        |                                  | 51 Brunch, for one         |
| 28 Group of witches     | 7 Wedding-cake section |                                  | 52 Apropos of              |
| 30 Clammy               | 8 Ultimatum ender      |                                  | 55 In the past             |
| 31 Divided, as a map    |                        |                                  |                            |
| 32 ___ Fernando Valley  |                        |                                  |                            |
| 35 Dairy-case buy       |                        |                                  |                            |
| 36 Chromosome units     |                        |                                  |                            |
| 37 "Uh-oh!"             |                        |                                  |                            |
| 38 Airline to Stockholm |                        |                                  |                            |
| 39 Melts together       |                        |                                  |                            |
| 40 Ore deposits         |                        |                                  |                            |
| 41 Is expensive         |                        |                                  |                            |
| 42 Least tactful        |                        |                                  |                            |
| 43 Accompany            |                        |                                  |                            |
| 46 Shish ___            |                        |                                  |                            |
| 47 Hunting jacket color |                        |                                  |                            |
| 50 Actress Thurman      |                        |                                  |                            |
| 53 Becker or Karloff    |                        |                                  |                            |

