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Citizens group for Fisd bond issue to convene

The Forsan Independent School District Citizens Committee will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the high school library.

Anyone interested in supporting the upcoming bond election is encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact Amy Burchett at 267-5626.

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Forsan All-Class Reunion slated

The Forsan School All-Class Reunion will be held Saturday, Aug. 7, in the Forsan High School cafeteria. All ex-students, spouses, teachers and friends of the school are invited. Dress is casual. Admission is \$15 per person, \$7.50 for students.

The reunion will begin at 9:30 a.m. with lunch to be served at 12:30 p.m. For more information, contact Boyce Hale at 132-267-6957 or e-mail txablo@yahoo.com

Salvation Army taking donations

The Big Spring Salvation Army is accepting donations for its annual "Back to School" program, which provides school supplies for area low-income students. Donations can be made at the Salvation Army office, 811 W. Fifth Street. Corps officials expect to help more than 400 students with their back to school items this year. For more information, call 267-8239.

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Local school districts slate registration dates

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Howard County public school students have only two more brief weeks to enjoy the long days of summer before heading back to classes on Aug. 16, but the school bell is about the ring as many area schools begin the task of registering students this week.

Student registration for the Big Spring Independent School district for grades kindergarten through eighth will be held

Tuesday and Wednesday at the individual campus from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

New Big Spring Junior High School Principal Coby Norman said he's excited about meeting students and their parents at orientation.

"This is an opportunity to meet the new teachers coming in and we also combined this with an open house so students and their parents have a chance to walk around the facilities and reduce the student's apprehensive, especially for those incoming seventh

graders," Norman said. "This will also give an opportunity to go over some policies and procedures including dress code so the students are ready for their first day of school."

Orientation and schedule pick up will be held Thursday, Aug. 12 beginning with seventh grade from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. followed by eighth grade from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Parents must attend orientation sessions.

Big Spring High School will hold registration and schedule pick up Tuesday through Friday,

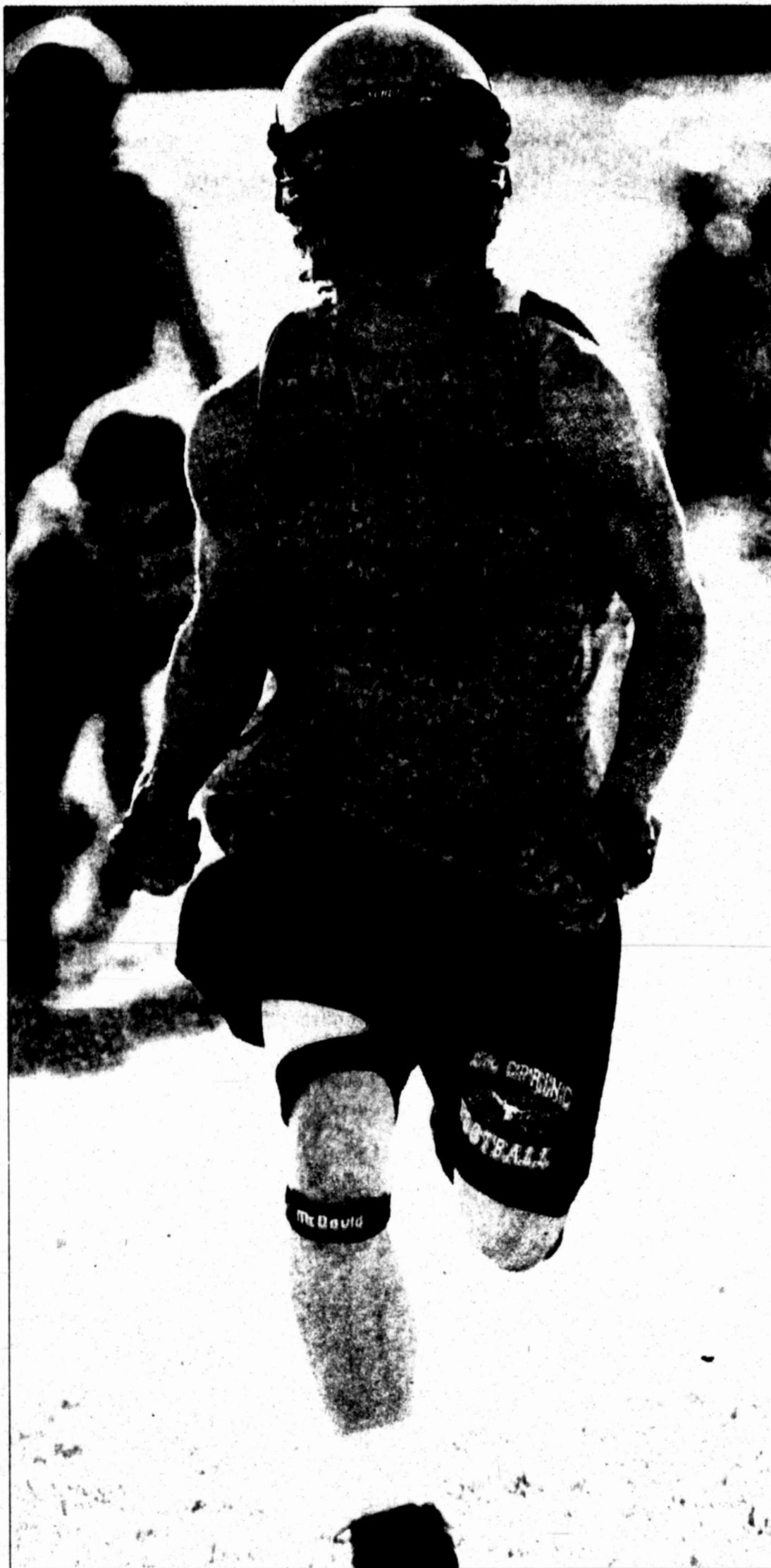
Aug. 10-13, from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the high school office. Students can visit with a counselor to work out a schedule conflict between the hours of 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the day they register.

Seniors register Tuesday, Aug. 10; juniors, Wednesday, Aug. 11; and sophomores, Friday, Aug. 13.

Freshmen orientation and open house will be held Thursday, Aug. 12, at the high school auditorium. Incoming freshmen can pick up their schedules and tour

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Practices begin



Big Spring's Trey Thomas runs through a practice drill during the Steers' opening day of two-a-day workouts. Big Spring opens its regular season Friday, Aug. 27, at Odessa High.

HERALD photo/Troy Hyde

Terror alert

Warning issued for key financial institutions fed by detailed intelligence

By KATHERINE SHRADER

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Federal authorities warned of potential al-Qaida bombing attacks on prominent financial institutions in New York, Washington and Newark, N.J., prompting increased security and concern from the unusually detailed information unearthed on the plot.

"The quality of this intelligence — based on multiple reporting streams — is rarely seen, and it is alarming in both the amount and specificity of the information," Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge said at a hastily arranged news conference Sunday.

A cache of recently obtained information — including photos, drawings and written documents — indicates that al-Qaida operatives have undertaken a meticulous preparations to case five specific buildings: The Citigroup Center building and the New York Stock Exchange in New York, the International Monetary Fund and World Bank buildings in Washington and Prudential Financial Inc.'s headquarters in Newark.

Ridge raised the terror threat level for financial institutions in the three cities to orange, or high alert, the second highest level on the government's five-point spectrum. Elsewhere, he said, the alert would remain at yellow, or elevated.

"Iconic economic targets are at the heart of (the terrorists') interest," Ridge said.

The fresh intelligence did not give crucial details about when, where or how terrorists may strike, Ridge said, but government analysis indicates terrorists may prefer to use car or truck

bombs or other means to physically destroy targets.

Briefing reporters in New York, Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly said that starting Monday, trucks would be banned from the Manhattan-bound side of the Williamsburg Bridge, which connects Brooklyn and lower Manhattan. Commercial vehicles also were banned from the inbound of the Holland Tunnel from New Jersey, among other measures.

In Newark, police set up metal fences surrounding the Prudential Plaza building, blocked off two city streets and toted assault rifles.

And in Washington, Mayor Anthony Williams put the entire city on an orange alert, although the Homeland Security Department has not officially raised the threat level outside financial-sector buildings. Police Chief Charles H. Ramsey said teams of bomb-sniffing dogs would sweep areas around the World Bank and IMF headquarters, and officers will conduct more traffic stops of large vehicles in the area.

Officials have warned that the al-Qaida network, blamed for the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, may launch a large-scale assault in hopes of disrupting the Nov. 2 elections and demonstrating that it remains capable of offensive actions despite international efforts to combat terrorism.

An example of that international cooperation, Sunday's warning stems in large part from Pakistan's capture of an al-Qaida operative several weeks ago. A U.S. counterterrorism official said speaking only anonymously because of the sensitive nature of the information.

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College trustees going to work on three budgets

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Howard College trustees were set to roll up their sleeves and hit the books today when they met for a budget workshop.

"We will take the board through the work we've done so far," said college President Dr. Cheryl Sparks. "We'll present the three working budgets — Big Spring, San Angelo and SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf. We split our budgets up like that so we can look at the different contact hours generated and those kinds of

things. When we're finished with this process, we'll consolidate the Big Spring and San Angelo budgets. The SWCID budget will remain separate."

Trustees met at 10 a.m. in the Dora Roberts Student Union board room, 1001 Birdwell Lane, for budget workshop. They were slated to reconvene at 12:30 p.m. after breaking for lunch to head into their regular monthly meeting.

An update on the multi-million-dollar construction project to build a performance arts hall is also listed on the agenda but trustees will not be considering

sending the project to bid at this time, Sparks said.

"We are still working with our construction manager getting best estimates from them, so we have a pretty good number when we go out for bid," she said. "In the process, it's giving us an opportunity to make some decisions and fine tune the project. We're getting advice from the architect and construction manager during this process. We're also working with a theater consultant."

"From the very beginning, we've been striving to have a state-of-the-art faculty but we're

also trying to stay within our means," Sparks continued.

Sparks said the project may be far enough along by the end of August for trustees to consider sending it out for bid. If this happens, actual construction of the 10-month project may begin as early as October.

In other business, trustees will consider the district organizational chart, appointments of deans, directors, administrative staff and professional staff, other personnel issues, bids for roof work at the SWCID building trades facility and set the budget hearing.

AUGUST 2 2004

Obituaries

Lorraine Horton Fuglaar



Lorraine Horton Fuglaar, of Midland passed away on Aug. 1, 2004. She was born May 16, 1913, to Tom Horton and Ora Dykes Horton in Big Spring and was raised and educated there. Lorraine owned and operated a water well service with her husband C.R. "Dod" Fuglaar. She was a member of Rebecca's Lodge and Eastern Star. Lorraine loved caring for her family, and also enjoyed cooking and reading. She was always an "above and beyond the call of duty" parent, grandparent and great grandparent. No challenge ever deterred her from her dedication to her family and friends.

Her life was not always easy, but she faced all hardships with a steely resolve and a pithy wit and humor. She never met a stranger, and her door was always open. She was preceded in death by her husband, two children, Terry Fuglaar and Vi Jean Fuglaar and her parents.

Lorraine is survived by her daughters, Vi Lea Borland and husband, Mike, of Midland; Colleen Fuglaar of California; two brothers, James Horton and T.F. "Bill" Horton, both of Big Spring; five grandchildren, Misty Phiffer, Crystal Brown, Vileysha Borland, Jason Jeske and Devon Jeske, all of Midland; and six great grandchildren.

Memorials may be directed to Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland 79702 or to Make A Wish Foundation, 3800 W. 42nd St. No. 512, Odessa 79762.

Graveside services have been scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 4, 2004, at 11 a.m. at Mount Olive Cemetery in Big Spring.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home, 801 Andrews Highway, Midland 79701 (432) 683-5555.

Paid obituary

Maria Jesus "Chuma" Olguin



Maria Jesus "Chuma" Olguin, 84, of Big Spring died Saturday, July 31, 2004, at Mountain View Lodge following a long illness. A Bible Talk was given at 8 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel by Eliseo Gamboa. Funeral services will be at 2:30 p.m. today, Aug. 2, 2004, at Myers & Smith Chapel with Marco Arizmendi Jr. officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born April 23, 1920, in Valentine. She married Julian C. Olguin, Feb. 18, 1944, in Big Spring. He died Feb. 10, 2001. Mrs. Olguin lived most of her life in Big Spring except from 1972 until 1996, when she lived in Odessa. She was a homemaker and also worked at the school cafeterias in Odessa and Big Spring. She was a Jehovah's Witness.

She is survived by one daughter, Susie Valdez and her husband, Arthur Valdez Jr. of Big Spring; two sons, Julian G. "Sonny" Olguin Jr. and his wife, Isabel, and Joe L. Olguin and his wife, Yolanda, all of Odessa; one sister, Paz Ovalle of Dallas; one brother, Ramon Garcia and his wife, Lupe, of Waco; five grandchildren, Yvette Martinez and Arthur "Artie" Valdez III, both of Big Spring, Michelle Aguilar, Melissa Stark and Jason D. Olguin, all of Odessa; and seven great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Policarpio Garcia and Cecilia Mendoza Garcia and one sister, Teresa Luna.

Pallbearers will be Arthur "Artie" Valdez III, Jason D. Olguin; Reymundo Martinez Sr., Reymundo Martinez Jr., Daniel Stark, and Simon Aguilar.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

Paid obituary

Wilma Henderson

Wilma Henderson, 63, of Big Spring died Sunday, Aug. 1, 2004, in a local hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Weather

Most of Texas will be sunny on Monday while parts of the state could see rain, according to the National Weather Service.

Central Texas should see highs near 100 with nighttime lows in the upper 70s.

Highs in the upper 90s with lows in the upper 60s were expected in the Panhandle.

North Texas will see highs in the upper 90s with lows in the upper 70s.

There's a 40 percent chance of rain in South Texas with highs in the mid 90s. The rain chance continues at night with lows in the upper 70s.

Far West Texas should be partly cloudy with highs in the mid-90s. A 20 percent chance of rain was predicted before midnight with lows in the lower 70s.

Highs in the upper 90s with nighttime lows in the lower 70s were expected in the Permian Basin.

The Texas Coast has a 30 percent chance of rain with highs in the lower 90s. The chance of rain continues at night with lows in the upper 70s.

Police blotter

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

- JESSICA MICHELLE JIMENEZ, 23, of 1605 Avion was arrested Sunday on traffic warrants.
- DONALD PAUL MITCHELL, 65, of 1600 E. Third St. was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- DONALD WAYNE WILCHER, 45, of 1205 Harding was arrested Sunday on traffic warrants.
- DALLAS INEZ JORDAN, 34, of 620 State was arrested Saturday on city warrants for assault.
- AMANDA ALMAZAN, 28, of 409 Johnson was arrested Saturday on a charge of leaving the scene of an accident and on traffic warrants.
- REBECCA JO BOLTON, 24, of Sand Springs was being held at the city jail Sunday for the Howard County Sheriff's Office.
- BRENDA MICHELLE PUGA, 47, of 509 E. 18th St. was arrested Sunday on a warrant.
- IVAN VELASQUEZ, 20, of Coahoma was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 3800 block of Highway 80 and the 1200 block of Birdwell Lane.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1100 block of Fifth Street.
- RUNAWAY was reported in the 2500 block of Chanute.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 1400 block of Johnson, the 400 block of Armstrong and the 400 block of Fourth Street.
- ASSAULT, FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street.
- THEFT was reported in the 1200 block of 11th Street, the 300 block of Gregg, the 1100 block Lamesa, the 200 block of Marcy, the 4000 block of Alma Circle and the 100 block of South Owens.
- FAILURE TO GIVE NOTICE UPON STRIKING UNATTENDED VEHICLE was reported in the 1800 block of Gregg.
- THEFT OF FIREARM was reported in the 600 block of Tulane.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 2900 block of Old Highway 80, the 1700 block of Yale, the 4100 block of Bilger, the 1800 block of FM 700, the 3200 block of Auburne Drive and the 1800 block of FM 700.

Sheriff's report

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

- MELODY LYNN GAY, 43, was taken to the county jail Friday after being arrested by Big Spring police officers on warrants for contempt of court, disobedience of a court order and on a charge of driving while intoxicated, second offense.
- DAVID CHARLES PATTERSON, 27, was taken to the county jail Friday after being arrested by Big Spring police on a Lamar County warrant for theft by check, more than \$20 but less than \$500; a Bexar County warrant for issuance of a bad check for child support and a Hopkins County warrant for theft by check.
- ROMAN MARTINEZ CISNEROS, 27, was arrested on warrants for bailman-off-bond, driving while license suspended and bailman-off-bond, failure to identify as a fugitive from justice.
- CHARLES JAMES ENDICOTT, 56, was taken to the county-jail Friday after being arrested by the Big Spring police officers on a charge of driving while intoxicated, third offense.
- ANDREW ALCANTAR AGUIRRE, 33, was taken to the county jail Friday after being arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety officers on a charge of driving while intoxicated, third offense.
- ANTHONY HEROLD CHOATE, 43, was taken to the county jail Friday after being arrested by DPS troopers on a charge of driving while licenses suspended, invalid.
- LARA JOE LITTLE, 31, was taken to the county jail after being arrested Friday on a Cass County warrant for driving while intoxicated, second offense.
- BRANDON LEON RAMEY, 24, was arrested Saturday on a warrant for bailman-off-bond, motion to revoke probation, theft.
- DONALD ERVIN DAVIS, 28, was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while licenses suspended, invalid—enhanced.
- REBECCA JOE BOLTON, 24, was taken to the county jail after being arrested by DPS troopers on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than two ounces.
- INTOXICATED DRIVER was reported near 169 mile marker on Interstate 20.
- DISORIENTED WOMAN was reported near east Howard Field Road.
- TRESPASSERS were reported in the 5000 block of Wasson Road.
- LOOSE LIVESTOCK was reported near the 173 exit on Interstate 20 and on north Highway 350.
- PROWLER was reported in the 400 block of south Main.
- RUNAWAY was reported in the 5100 block of Wasson Road. Subject later returned home.
- DUMPED TRASH ON PERSONAL PROPERTY was reported in the 2400 block of south Anderson Road.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 300 block of north Main Street.

Bulletin board

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

TODAY

- District Committee Lone Star of Big Spring meets at noon at 610 Scurry.
- Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.
- Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.
- Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the 11th and Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. A different program is offered every week, and anyone 7 years old or older is welcome to attend. Please enter through the north-west door. Call 263-2786 for more information.
- Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in La Posada Restaurant.
- Big Spring Chapter and Council RAM meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic building at 221 1/2 Main St.
- Howard County ARC meets at 806 E. Third in the Bingo Hall. Call 264-0674 for more information.

TUESDAY

- Intermediate Line Dance classes begin at 9 a.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center. Call 267-1628.
- Coahoma Senior Citizen luncheon is set for 11 a.m. in the Coahoma Community Center.
- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- A Stitchin' Time Club meets at 3:30 p.m. at Primitive Baptist Church, 201 E. 24th St. Everyone is invited to learn and share sewing skills, and portable sewing machines are welcome. Call Kay Sikes at 394-4835 for more information.
- Forsan ISD Citizen's Committee meeting at 7 p.m. in the high school library for anyone interested in supporting the upcoming bond election. Call Amy Burchett at 267-5626.
- VFW Post 2013 meets at 7 p.m. in the VFW Hall, 500 Driver Road.
- Sheriff's Posse meets at 7 p.m. in the clubhouse on the Andrews Highway.
- Alzheimer's Association, the Greater West Texas Chapter meets at 2 p.m. in the Howard County Library conference room, 500 S. Main.
- Gospel Singing in the Kentwood Activity Center at 7 p.m. with special guest singers from Midland and Colorado City. Everyone is welcome.
- Concerned Citizens for Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.
- Big Spring Chapter 67, Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic Lodge, 219 Main St.

WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Senior Circle meets at 11 a.m. in the Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721.
- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. at the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center in the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or 267-1628.
- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
- Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge at 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 21-32-33-41-44. Bonus Ball: 43. Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: \$14 million.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 15-28-30-32-37. Number matching five of five: 0. Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night: 0-7-7

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Staff Writer
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Forsan citizens group slates meeting on bond issue

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

A group of citizens favorable to the upcoming \$4.9 million bond election called by the Forsan Independent School District will meet Tuesday to develop strategies to build public support of the issue.

"The meeting Tuesday night is a gathering of those interested in helping to support the bond and promote voter turnout for the election," said Amy Burchett, a member of Forsan Independent School District Citizens Committee which will meet at 7 p.m. in the high school library, 411 West Sixth St., Forsan.

"The meeting Tuesday night is a gathering of those interested in helping to support the bond and promote voter turnout for the election."



BURCHETT

Called by FSID trustees at their June meeting, the multi-million dollar bond election will fund major renovations and repairs at both the elementary and high school/junior

high campuses if passed.

Specifically, projects include creating a road behind the elementary school for pick up and drop off of students and fixing other safety concerns.

At the high school, the bonds would finance remodeling a science lab and the auditorium, purchasing new air-conditioning units and installation of carpeting.

The package will also fund construction of an athletic facility, a baseball and a softball area, allowing the school to offer both these programs.

The election will take place on Sept. 11 with early voting beginning Aug. 25 through Sept. 7 between 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the administration office.

For more information about the Forsan Independent School District Citizens Committee, contact Burchett at 267-5626.

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

Frequently asked questions, answers about FISD bond proposal

HERALD Staff Report

The following information was submitted by Randy Johnson, Forsan Independent School District superintendent, to answer most frequently asked questions about the district's bond election.

• What is a bond?

A bond is an interest bearing debt instrument issued by a governmental entity following voter approval that is purchased by investors when the governmental entity needs to raise funds for projects beyond its normal operation costs. The entity repays the bond on a set schedule similar to funding for a mortgage or loan.

In common language, a bond is a way for a school district to get a loan for major projects that can not be funded in the regular budget.

• Why does the district need a bond and what will the bond money be used for?

The district needs to address its aging and outdated facilities, but does not have sufficient funds on hand to pay for all the new construction and renovation. The public requests for adding baseball and softball programs required the construction of new fields.

Assuming the Sept. 11 election passes and bonds are issued, the bond proceeds will be used for the purpose of construction, renovation and equipment of school buildings and to acquire school sites and purchase new school buses.

• How broad is this proposal?

The proposed improvements, renovations and construction will impact every child in the Forsan Independent School District. Carpeting and air conditioning alone will touch each child and make for a safer, more comfortable environment in which to learn.

The proposed changes are the closest thing to an economic development package that FISD can come up with. Not only will current children be impacted, but these changes will make our district even more attractive to potential home buyers.

Safety issues such as covered lighting at Elbow, new playground equipment, a new drop off/pick-up drive at Elbow Elementary, and removal of frayed/curled carpeting are all addressed.

Our science labs have plumbing (water and gas) problems that make the lab stations unusable. Air conditioning units are requiring a great deal of repair work which is very expensive.

Current extracurricular concerns include a band hall that is too small to fit our band, a stage on which the lights do not work correctly and the band can not sit will all the students viewable from the audience.

We currently have 14 basketball teams (junior high A and B teams, boys and girls teams, plus six high school teams) trying to use two gyms. And the needs go on. Every student at every grade level will feel the influence of the proposed upgrades.

• Has the district been working to solve problems as they arise?

FISD has been working consistently to maintain and upgrade as possible. Even though there is money in our fund balance (savings account), that money is being depleted each year as we are forced to adopt budgets that are in the red. Education in the state of Texas is under funded. This has been in the news a great deal lately as the state legislature has met in special session a number of times to work on a solution.

There is no solution coming from Austin in the near future. We are looking to address the

needs of this district before there is a major crisis in order to make sure the future of FISD is secure.

If we choose to continue to whittle away at the fund balance year after year, a major crisis will hit us at some point in the future.

By addressing facility needs now, we are working to be responsible with the taxpayer's money and working to assure a bright future for this exemplary district.

• What will be the cost to the home owner?

First, if you are 65 years old or older, your tax rate can not go up on your existing home. Your tax rate is frozen and this bond election will not impact your pocketbook.

Secondly, there is a \$15,000 Homestead Exemption. That means that if the value of your house is \$40,000, you get to take \$15,000 off the value before figuring the tax against it.

Thirdly, FISD gives an optional 20 percent additional Homestead Exemption, so that \$40,000 house has now been dropped to a \$17,000 value when figuring taxes.

Taxes will be levied at a 22.8 cent increase over the current tax rate. This rate is the "worst case scenario." If the length of the bond is stretched out, or the tax values go up from year-to-year, that number will go down.

• How are the home values determined?

The Howard County Tax Appraisal District sets these values for the district.

• How did the district arrive at the \$4.9 million bond proposal?

Internal informal needs assessments began almost two years ago. A facilities committee consisting of local business and community people, parents and district staff met a number of times over the last year to discuss the

needs, tour the campuses and listen to reports from the outside experts.

Recommendations were then made to the Board of Trustees based on cost estimates developed by Grimes and Associates, an architectural/engineering firm experienced with working with schools facing similar types of issues.

The trustees met with Grimes and Associates as well as the finance company, First Southwest Company. The board evaluated the long list of facility needs before setting the amount.

• How much would the annual bond payment be?

The total annual bond payment for the district would be between \$350,000 and \$460,000 depending on the length of the bond. The length of the repayment has not been determined. Options include 15- to 25-year repayment schedules.

• What is the average life expectancy of a new school building and how long will the renovated facilities last?

According to the TASA facility study, the average life span of a school facility is 60 to 65 years, with major renovations needed at 30 to 35 years of service.

Life expectancy of the air conditioning units is about 15 years. The majority of our air conditioners are 20 years old. The auditorium and band hall are too small for our award winning band and One Act Play activities.

The lighting at Elbow Elementary has not been renovated and needs basic safety updates. Between expansion needs to accommodate growing programs like band, and the age of facilities, there are some substantial facility needs.

• When would construction begin and finish?

Remodeling, fixing and replacing will begin as soon as possible after the bonds are issued. Bonds can not be issued until 30 days after the passing of the bond election. Some projects can begin during the school year while others must take place during the summer months

when the building is relatively empty. The estimated completion date is at the end of summer 2006.

• Why is the election set for Sept. 11?

The bond election is scheduled on this date because it is a uniform election date set by the state legislature. There will be early voting at the school's administration office, 411 West Sixth St., Forsan, between 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. from Aug. 25-Sept. 7.

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Carl Whitley, 54, died Thursday. Funeral Service was at 10:00 AM Monday at Faith Temple in Lamesa.

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Student orientation and open house for Goliad Intermediate will be held on Thursday, Aug. 12. Fifth grade orientation will be from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Sixth grade is from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Parent must attend orientation.

Forsan Independent School District

Forsan High School Juniors and seniors can pick up schedules Tuesday and freshmen and sophomores Wednesday at the counselor's office from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. until 4 p.m.

New student registration for Forsan Independent School District will be held

Thursday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., for kindergarten through 12 grade at the individual campuses.

New students must bring proof of residence, birth certificate, social security card, immunization records, withdrawal form and records from their previous school.

Sixth grade orientation will be held Tuesday, Aug. 10, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the high school/junior high building. Parents are encouraged to attend.

Coahoma Independent School District Student registration for the Coahoma Independent School District will be

held Monday, Aug. 9, on the individual campuses.

High school seniors and juniors will register in the mornings while freshman and sophomores register in the afternoon. Registration packets for students in seventh through 12 grade will be available beginning this Monday.

Elementary students register between 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Meet the Teacher night will be held from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 12.

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OTHER VIEWS

Campaigns going after Latino vote

Everyone seems to be competing for the Latino community's attention these days. In the last week alone, NBC championed its Spanish-language Telemundo channel as the "biggest thing we've got going," and both President Bush and Sen. John Kerry began airing translations of their ads on Spanish-language television and radio.

While many recognize the potential of the Hispanic-American market, it's a lot trickier to ensure that you actually appeal to its members. Since NBC acquired Telemundo in 2001, it has been chasing the success of Univision, which controls 75 percent of the Spanish-language programming market. Univision's popularity derived largely from its rights to air Mexican telenovelas — roughly equivalent to soap operas, except they last for only four months.

NBC finally figured it out, but for years thought its only option was to dip into the other mass producer of telenovelas: Portuguese-speaking Brazil. This fall, Telemundo will change its approach and launch its own telenovelas that are written specifically about the Hispanic-American experience.

On the political front, Bush and Kerry need to adopt the new Telemundo mentality and create pieces specifically for Latinos. Merely translating their campaign ads into Spanish is about as appealing to Latinos as a dubbed Brazilian telenovela.

The campaigns would be wiser to create ads encouraging Latinos to vote and telling them where to vote and how their voice is integral in American politics. The hard truth is that Latinos have not been going to the polls. ...

Some in the Latino population claim politicians do not speak their language or reach out to their communities. But herein lies a Catch-22: in order to get politicians' notice, their community has to go to the polls.

For the Latinos, it comes down to an army of one — each Latino voter making the effort to get to the polls on Nov. 2. The more Latino votes cast on election day, the more politicians — whatever their party or ethnicity — will listen to, court, and help Latinos across America.

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Labor leader says Dems 'stale'

The Democratic Party is a "stale party of ideas." That surprising assessment comes not from a conservative critic but from one of the Democrats' most stalwart supporters, Andrew Stern, the president of the largest union in the AFL-CIO, the 1.6 million-member Service Employees International Union (SEIU). Stern set off a huge controversy when he spoke to the Washington Post's David Broder and Thomas Edsall on the first day of the Democratic convention, and he has since been backtracking on his statements — with some difficulty since they were caught on tape and are readily available on the Post's Website.



LINDA CHAVEZ

But what Stern said should come as a big surprise not just to the Democratic Party but to union members, given the huge amount of their dues that will be directed toward electing Democrats this election. Unions will spend an estimated \$800 million to defeat President Bush and other Republicans in 2004 — \$60 million of which will come from Stern's own SEIU and at least another \$35 million from one local in that union, Local 1199, in New York City.

Stern, who has been speaking out for weeks now about what he seems to believe is a sclerotic labor movement, hit some raw nerves in his comments to the Post. He said, for example, "We

can't talk about education. . . We can't discuss when it is failing our members (children) in public schools in urban areas. You know, we're the experiment. Maybe vouchers aren't the only answer, but then, what is? I'm tired of hearing if we just pay teachers more, you know life will be terrific. It's a huge problem."

Of course he's right. Just as he is when he describes the inability of the government to regulate the U.S. economy, which he admits is "too big. You can't regulate an American economy without markets. . . ." He accurately describes his fellow Democrats' understanding of the economy: "We don't understand markets, we don't understand employers, we don't understand competition; we don't understand globalization; we don't understand how wages are set in an economy."

Stern's solution is a bigger role for unions, which he describes as "a market force" in regulating wages. The problem is, unions have virtually given up their original mission of organizing new members and representing them at the bargaining table. Even though unions have taken in more than \$17 billion every year in members' dues, they spend the lion's share of that treasury on bloated bureaucracies and political action. Union membership has declined precipitously in recent years, from a high of 35 percent of the workforce in the mid-1950s to the current rate of just 13 percent, and only 8.2 percent of private sector workers. Stern's union is one of the few in the AFL-CIO that is growing. Although Stern's union

represent both public and private sector members, the SEIU has actually gained members among janitors and other low-wage workers in recent years — making it a rarity in organized labor circles. But nearly one-in-two union members today works for government at some level: local, state or federal.

Private sector union members are paying higher taxes to fund Big Government, which may benefit public sector unions but does little to help working men and women who don't work for government. Janitors in Stern's unions are paying more out of their paychecks so that already well-paid, college-educated government workers can get even more in theirs. Worse, the services these government workers provide are declining in quality — as Stern suggests when he talks about American education.

Stern has let the cat out of the bag. Big Labor's ties to the Democratic Party aren't exactly helping working men and women. So why do Stern and his fellow union presidents insist on taking union members' dues to fund the Democrats? I wish Andy Stern would answer that question.

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Herding cats at the convention

Every time I like a speaker here at the Democratic National Convention, the delegates are less than enthusiastic.

Teresa Heinz Kerry, I thought, gave a pretty good speech Tuesday night, largely because her story is different and interesting. If she isn't likely to win many converts, I figured, she might snag a few undecided voters for the Kerry/Edwards ticket — and this is a race in which every vote counts.



DEBRA SAUNDERS

Yet as I left Boston's Fleet Center at the end of the would-be first lady's speech, I saw a pretty young woman in a pink dress. Pink is the color of the anti-war group Code Pink, whose followers stand on the convention floor occasionally displaying women's undergarments with the message that voters should "give Bush a pink slip." And the woman in pink was dutifully waving her "We Love Teresa" sign with all the ardor of a slow metronome. She should have had joy on her face, but she didn't.

The delegates, of course, applauded Heinz Kerry but not with the fervor they projected back at, say, Illinois state Sen. Barack Obama.

I asked a convention operative why the crowd wasn't going cheerhead-crazy over Heinz Kerry. He tactfully answered, "I thought the crowd was pretty energetic. It was sort of a lighter crowd than you'd normally find; usually the Tuesday crowd is a lot lighter than the Wednesday and Thursday crowd."

Nice try. But an e-mail memo sent out Tuesday by Tikkun maga-

zine's Rabbi Michael Lerner of San Francisco offered this: Many delegates are anxious, Lerner complained, because, "Though the delegates overwhelmingly oppose the war, speakers have been warned to stay away from critiquing it, and so far, only Sen. Edward Kennedy, kept from prime time by the Kerry people, was willing to make a sharp statement of opposition."

Thus, the Democratic Party is at odds with itself: Its members are hungry to win but not enthusiastic about how they're getting there. Conventions usually fire delegates up, but many here instead have to cool their passions down.

You see, the nominee's support of the war has left his many anti-war supporters in a dicey position. They've had to decide: Are they more anti-war or more anti-Bush?

Code Pink's Medea Benjamin, a Green Party member from San Francisco, doesn't hesitate in her answer: "More anti-Bush." She added, "We've got to join forces now with all those people who want to get rid of Bush. It doesn't mean we don't put pressure on Kerry."

Rabbi Lerner lamented, "The war-makers in both parties should rejoice, but the peace forces are being isolated, all in the name of 'winning.'"

The Democrats have a great saying: Don't let the perfect get in the way of the good.

In that vein, the anti-war Kerrysts must figure it is better to elect a challenger who voted for the war resolution, but then distanced himself from that vote, than to re-elect the incumbent who led America to war because he believed it was the right thing to do. But they can't believe it is really good to work for a candidate who has said he would send

more troops to Iraq. It must be a bitter pill.

P.S.: Kerry running mate John Edwards voted for the war resolution, too. And the most he can offer is a script with the promise that, if elected, John Kerry and John Edwards will fight to make sure that "American soldiers don't have to fight the war in Iraq and on terror alone." (Excuse me, but U.S. troops are not alone now, but that doesn't seem to matter to this crowd.)

Allow me to correct my opening sentence. There was one convention speaker who was an exception: I liked her, and the delegates loved her. They loved her even if she didn't talk against the war in Iraq; she nonetheless enthralled the Fleet Center.

I refer, of course, to Ilana Wexler, the 12-year-old from Oakland who founded Kids for Kerry. As Wexler told the convention, Vice President Dick Cheney used "a really bad word" in the Senate recently, for which, she quipped, "I think he should be put in a timeout."

Wexler may not be aware that there are also Republicans who would like to see Cheney have a timeout — because he's a drag on the GOP ticket.

And there is a downside to her solution: There are many on the left who, as I can attest from the e-mails from angry partisans — and some genius who thinks I'm a liberal — also deserve timeouts. So much for civil discourse.

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By DEB RIECHMAN
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WASHINGTON
President Bush is taking the Sept. 11 commission's recommendation to create a national intelligence director, in the White House panel headed by administration said Monday.

"He will indicate support for a national intelligence director, the establishment of a national counterterrorism center out of executive office president," a administration said.

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Bush to support creating national intelligence chief

By DEB RIECHMANN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — President Bush is backing the Sept. 11. commission's recommendation to create a national intelligence director, but not in the White House as the panel had proposed, administration officials said Monday.

"He will indicate his support for a national intelligence director and the establishment of a national counterterrorism center outside the executive office of the president," a senior administration official said.

Bush's decision to embrace these two recommendations, with some changes, are the first steps the president is taking to revamp the nation's intelligence-gathering system to help thwart terrorist attacks. The commission's report highlighted lapses in intelligence that left America vulnerable to the 2001 attacks.

The subject takes on special currency with the announcement Sunday by authorities that they had uncovered a plot by the al-Qaida terrorist network to attack five prominent financial institutions in New York City, Washington and Newark, N.J.

Currently, the CIA director not only heads his own agency but also oversees the U.S. intelligence community, which has grown to 15 agencies. But the director has neither budgetary authority nor day-to-day operational control of the other agencies, most of which are in the Defense Department. A national intelligence director would oversee all the agencies.

Bush also is embracing

the panel's idea for a National Counterterrorism Center, which the commission envisions as a joint operational planning and intelligence center staffed by personnel from all the spy agencies. But again, he does not want to establish the center inside the White House, the administration official said.

Another senior official, who also demanded anonymity because the president has not yet publicly stated his position, said: "We want to ensure that the intelligence operators and analysts maintain their autonomy," and "that has to be a key consideration at the issue of where you place either of those."

The administration claims it has already taken steps that respond to some of the 40 recommendations the commission outlined in its 567-page report.

The White House has issued its own 20-page report listing actions the administration has taken consistent with the recommendations.

In addition to proposals for the national director of intelligence and the National Counterterrorism Center, it said Bush's senior advisers were preparing recommendations on how best to move forward in the following areas:

- Hire and train more people to collect intelligence.
- Set standards for issuing birth certificates and other forms of identification, such as driver's licenses, to reduce fraud.
- Disclose now-secret parts of the federal budget to let the public know how much money is being spent on intelligence.

TEXAS NEWS BRIEFS

Amtrak gaining in popularity, more on time

FORT WORTH (AP) — The Texas Eagle is on the fast track these days, with officials of the nation's only coast-to-coast passenger rail service reporting many trains on the line are on time and carrying more passengers.

That's making Amtrak officials and customers happy, despite a gloomy forecast for the federally subsidized line.

This year, the Texas Eagle's on-time rate is about 62 percent, Amtrak spokesman Marc Magliari said. That compares with about 22 percent one year ago for the long-distance train that serves North Texas daily.

"One thing I've noticed informally from my office is that the Texas Eagle appears to have been running fairly much on time," Temple businessman Dean Chandler, who frequently rides the train to Chicago, told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram in Monday's editions.

Magliari said freight railroads, which own most of the tracks that Amtrak uses, are doing a better job of dispatching the passenger trains through congested corridors. Railroads have been under pressure from lawmakers to help Amtrak get on time.

Abused boy whose family eluded CPS buried

FORT WORTH (AP) — Friends and relatives gathered over the weekend to say goodbye to 9-year-old Davontae Williams, whose lifeless, emaciated and bruised body was found in his mother's North Texas apartment.

Davontae weighed just 35 pounds, about half the average weight for a child his age, when his body was found July 26. His 23-year-old mother, Marcella Williams, and her partner, Lisa Ann Coleman, 28, remained in the Tarrant County Jail on charges of serious injury to a child.

The 80 people who attended the boy's funeral on Saturday thanked God for allowing him to finally rest and asked God to calm their troubled hearts.

"I'm just happy this day is finally over and he's in a better place," Lisa Coleman's aunt, Connie Coleman, said in Sunday's editions of The Dallas Morning News. "God loves him more than we did."

Child Protective Services investigated Davontae's family six times before he died, but Marcella Williams frequently moved her family to avoid caseworkers.

Cement kiln sues EPA over pollution controls

FORT WORTH (AP) — A showdown is looming between a North Texas cement kiln that wants to cut back on pollution controls and federal regulators who worry that doing so would hamper efforts to improve air quality.

TXI Operations has filed a lawsuit against the federal Environmental Protection Agency to force it to allow TXI to turn off pollution controls at the kiln after ozone season ends in October. The kiln would discharge tons of additional ozone-producing pollutants each year if that were done.

Two years ago, Dallas-based TXI applied to amend its state air permit to increase production at the kiln and reduce pollution controls. State regulators have indicated they plan to approve the request, saying they have determined that the cost the company faces to operate the pollution controls is not "economically reasonable."

But the EPA has suggested that the state's approval could violate federal law because the kiln is in Ellis County — one of nine counties in the region that do not comply with the new ozone standards.

In those counties, a company's cost of reducing pol-

lution cannot be the sole reason behind lowering pollution controls. Also, companies cannot increase pollution without reducing emissions elsewhere in the region.

State hospitals running out of room

LUFKIN (AP) — Texas' 10 state hospitals have been running at or near capacity for weeks, forcing counties to pay to transport psychiatric patients hundreds of miles to the nearest available bed, a newspaper reported Sunday.

At one point last week, the hospital in El Paso was the only one with any room, and all new patients had to be sent there, said Kenny Dudley, director of state mental health facilities with the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation.

"We've hit a point where every bed in the system is full. ... The thing that got us in trouble the last couple of weeks is that we've just been full all the time," Dudley said in Sunday's edition of The Lufkin Daily News.

The system usually runs at up to 98 percent of its 2,260-patient statewide capacity, Dudley said.

Department spokesman Don Rogers said the system traditionally sees high numbers of admissions at the end of every summer. But stretching capacity seems to be more than a seasonal problem at some hospitals.

Advocate wants inmate's profits confiscated

HOUSTON (AP) — Sales of a condemned Texas killer's handmade greeting cards and drawings have prompted opposition from a victims' rights advocate who wants to enforce a state law against criminal profiteering.

Inmate James Vernon Allridge III, who is scheduled to die Aug. 26 for the 1985 shooting death of a Fort Worth convenience store clerk, has a Web site that sells his art and a greeting card line in the United States and Europe.

Allridge, who sees his art as a form of rehabilitation, believes his life should be spared and is trying to raise money to overturn his death sentence.

Andy Kahan of Houston, a crime victim advocate, argues that any profits from the inmate's art sales that are inflated by the prisoner's notoriety should be confiscated under a state law adopted three years ago. Kahan wants to use Allridge as the first test case of the law, which has never been enforced.

"It's time to see if this law is more than lip service," Kahan, director of Houston's victims assistance office since 1992, told the Houston Chronicle in Monday's online edition. "It's obvious that Allridge is using his ill-gotten notoriety to make a buck."

Bus offers free rides to clinics, agencies

HOUSTON (AP) — As Yolanda Gilliard boarded the bus, wearing a mishmash of clothes and carrying a plastic bag filled with food and personal belongings, the homeless woman didn't have to worry about unwanted stares.

She joined others like her on the 40-passenger bus — a free service provided in Houston to give some of the city's 12,000 homeless a better chance of making needed trips to clinics, shelters and social service agencies.

"This bus comes in handy. Trust me, we needed it," said Gilliard, who's lived on the city's streets or at shelters for several years. "There's nothing but love on this bus."

Dubbed Project Access, the program — one of the few like it in the country — marks its first year in August. It was developed by Healthcare for the Homeless-Houston, a consortium of 28 area agencies and organizations, after its annual survey of the homeless showed one of the top barriers to them getting health care was transportation.

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The CIA provided information that led to the arrest; officials would not identify the operative.

That detention led to the discovery of the documentary information — obtained during a successful CIA counterterrorism operation — about the extensive surveillance of the five buildings, the counterterrorism official

said. Based on clues found within the information, the official said the scouting was going on before and after 9/11, but it's unclear how recently it took place.

That information was also discovered in Pakistan. Ridge would not comment on specific sources of the intelligence, but he credited strong partnerships with allies around the world, specifically citing Pakistan.

Pakistan's information minister, Sheikh Rashid Ahmed, told The Associated Press on Monday that Pakistani intelligence agents discovered plans for new attacks on the United States and Britain on a computer seized during the arrest of a high-ranking al-Qaida operative.

He said the plans were in e-mails on the computer of Ahmed Khalfan Ghailani, a Tanzanian arrested July 25 after a

gunbattle in the eastern city of Gujrat. The Pakistani official would not confirm whether the information prompted Sunday's terror warnings.

Authorities have also arrested another top al-Qaida suspect believed to be a computer and communications expert, and that that man was cooperating with investigators, Ahmed said.

A senior intelligence official, also speaking on condition of anonymity,

said the intelligence gathered from several sources indicated scouting had been done to identify security in and around these buildings; the best places for reconnaissance; how to make contact with employees who work in the buildings; traffic patterns; and locations of hospitals and police departments.

Examples of the detail the official cited: mid-week pedestrian traffic counts of 14 people per

minute on each side of the street for a total of 28 people. The official said he had not seen such extraordinary detail in his 24 years in intelligence work.

Officials in New York, New Jersey and Washington encouraged people to continue their normal activities but remain vigilant. The stock exchange and the Washington institutions were to open for business Monday.

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• Are there any other opportunities to vote? There will be three separate voting opportunities held during the early voting period.

First, at the first high school home football game on Aug. 27. The polls will be open at the administration office from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Second, during open houses at both Forsan Junior High/High School and Elbow Elementary.

Voting can take place from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Aug. 21 at the Forsan Junior High/High School building and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sept. 2 at the Elbow Elementary campus.

How and where do I

register to vote?

Only registered voters who live in the district may vote. If you child is a transfer student, you will

not be able to vote and you are not financially impacted by this bond election. If you do live in the district, be sure to

make sure you are registered at your current address. You may register at the Tax Assessor's Office, located at the

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Travel-trailer fans' passion fueled by memories of kitschy classics

By JACK BROOM

The Seattle Times (KRT)
Sitting by a campfire in Northern California last fall, Patty Dobbs of Snohomish, Wash., made a rather frank admission to two men she had just met.

"My husband is a really sick man," she told them. "He has eight travel trailers."

For a moment, the two men just looked at one another, then one of them spoke sheepishly. "Well," he said. "I have 30."

Softly, the other man joined in "I have 22."

Dobbs, 48, responded with the first thought that popped into her head. "Man, a shrink could sure make a killing around here."

Some call it "silver fever." Some call it nostalgia. Some say it mixes a simple desire for inexpensive lodging on the road with the satisfaction of maintaining a piece of American history.

However diagnosed, love of vintage travel trailers, whether an owner has one or 30 of them, is spreading from coast to coast.

"In the last 10 years, interest in vintage RVs has gone from a handful of collectors and, in those days, kooks, to something that involves thousands of people," said Al Hesselbart, a consultant to the RV/Motor Home Heritage Foundation Museum in Elkhart, Ind.

In that same decade, Hesselbart said, rallies of vintage-trailer owners "went from being very rare events to the point that now there's about one a week all summer long someplace in the country."

About 50 restored vintage trailers, up from 35 last year, are expected next month at the fourth annual Majestic Mount Baker Vintage Trailer Rally east of Bellingham, Wash.

Organizer Pat Ewing, who owns seven trailers, said nostalgia is a key factor, particularly for Baby Boomers like himself.

"My earliest memories are of trailer trips we took when I was a kid ... to Mexico, Florida, Washington, D.C., and a lot of places in between," said Ewing, 52.

FOLLOW THESE TRAILER TRAILS

Do you want a canned ham, or maybe a bread loaf? No, we're not talking sandwiches here; those are nicknames for a couple of common shapes for vintage trailers.

Whether you want to find the trailer of your dreams, figure out what to pay for it, learn how to fix its leaky toilet seal or buff it to an eye-piercing sheen, the Web offers a wealth of information. Here are a few sites to get you started:

www.tincantourists.com Tin Can Tourists, the revival of a travel-trailer club dating back to 1919, is "dedicated to the enjoyment, preservation, and promotion of vintage trailers and motor coaches." The site lists upcoming vintage-trailer events and offers memberships (\$25 a year), which include a quarterly newsletter.

www.vintage-vacations.com This site of an Anaheim, Calif., shop has information on some upcoming rallies and detailed depictions of trailer-restoration jobs, including a 1946 Spartan Manor.

See TRAILERS PAGE 7A



One of Patty and Eric Dobbs' favorite trailers is this gleaming 22-foot 1957 Airstream Caravanner. Eric has paid as little as \$150 and as much as \$5,000 for his eight trailers, which he started collecting and restoring about three years ago. (nk) 2004

As soon as automobiles were within the average person's reach in the early 20th century, Americans started looking for ways to stay overnight in or alongside them. Beds were made to fit in various car models; awnings and tents were rigged to hook up beside or behind them.

The motor-home museum in Indiana has what it believes to be the oldest non-tent trailer made in America, a wood-framed, 10-foot, 1913 "Earl" made in the Los Angeles area. Inside, two benches flanking a fold-up table convert into beds.

People who enjoy vintage trailers — a trailer has to be at least 25 years old to qualify — are a smaller and separate breed from those hitting the highway in today's mega-RVs.

In fact, the two groups are almost impossible to compare. While 50 rigs make a decent-sized vintage-trailer event, rallies of current-day RVs regularly draw hundreds. The "Grand National Rally" of Winnebago owners at Forest City, Iowa, draws more than 1,500.

Ewing has no interest in modern RVs. "It's gone from camping to bringing along a deluxe condominium on wheels," he said. "We just want to go camping."

Vintage trailers, with their shiny metal on the

outside and warm tones of birch or mahogany on the inside, carry a coziness irresistible to their admirers. Trailer-travel in Ewing's youth was different from today, he said. "We'd just park alongside a road or by a fishing lake." If a storm was brewing, his father would seek permission to park behind a building for shelter.

"My dad didn't see much point in paying for a campsite," Ewing said. "His idea was, why have a trailer if you had to do that? But there's a lot fewer places you can just pull over like that now."

Ewing got his first trailer when he moved to Florida to attend college in the mid-70s. "I hated dorm life; I went down there to learn, not party, so I bought a 24-foot, 1966 Fan and put it in a park near the college so I'd have someplace quiet."

He's had trailers all through his career as an auto-parts manager, Puget Power worker and real-estate agent. He and his wife, Joanne, also in her early 50s, live on 1.3 acres outside the town of Everson, Wash., where their small fleet, in various stages of restoration, sits under tall carports amid stately cedars.

Although he has trailers up to 31 feet long, Ewing's sentimental favorite is his shiny, 16-foot, 1961 Airstream Bambi. "When

I go camping, I go way up into the outback, and this will fit in a little tent site."

His Bambi is also a pin-up girl of sorts. Posing next to Ewing's 1931 Ford Model A, it's the July photo in a 2004 calendar of vintage trailers by photographer Douglas Keister, whose work also includes photos for the book "Ready to Roll: A Celebration of the Classic American Travel Trailer." (Viking Studio \$32.95)

Also in the calendar is a 1962 Shasta, a classic "canned ham"-shaped trailer, owned and renovated by Luke Hinman, 44, a laid-off Boeing worker now living near Deming, Wash., and studying computer engineering.

Hinman, who is also rebuilding a 1958 Serro Scotty Sportsman trailer, is drawn to the refurbishing because of the detailed, technical work combined with the down-home charm of vintage trailers. "It's part Spaceship One and part Jethro Bodine," he said.

Figuring out what a vintage trailer is worth is an inexact science; there's no Blue Book listing their value. Even for a particular model, prices can vary widely depending on its condition, not to mention how badly someone wants it — or wants to get rid of it.

Take that 16-foot Bambi of Ewing's, for example. According to a price guide on www.vintageairstream.com, one of those would be worth \$800 to \$1,900 in an "as-found" condition, meaning it would likely have numerous dents and miscellaneous damage inside and out.

But, boost it up to "average" condition and the price range jumps to \$4,500 to \$8,500. Take the painstaking steps to bring it to "restored" condition, faithful to its original style and materials, and the price range leaps to \$11,000 to \$19,000.

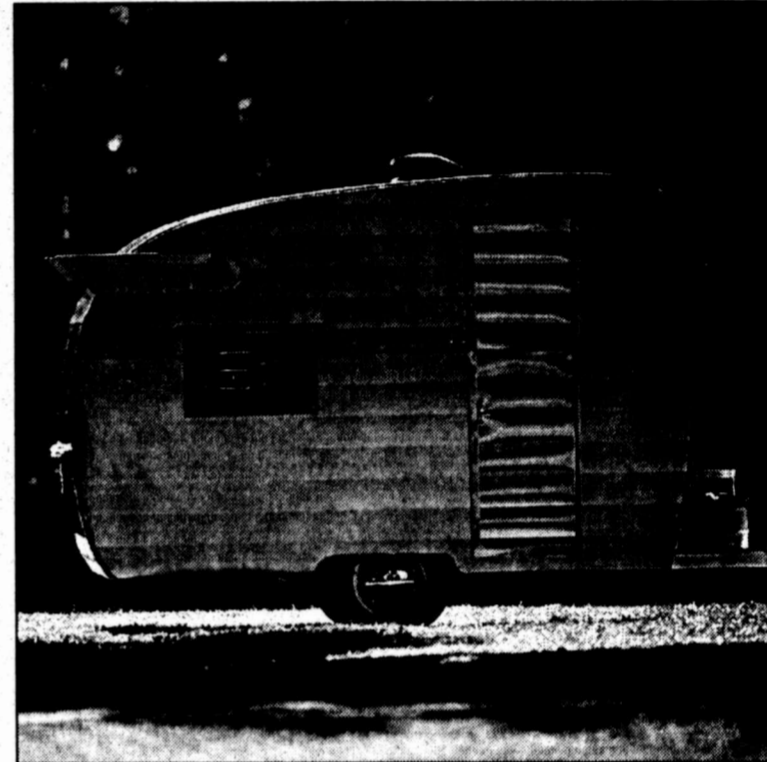
Eric Dobbs, 54, the Snohomish man whose wife tattled on him for having eight trailers, has paid as little as \$150 and as much as \$5,000 for his trailers, which he started collecting about three years ago.

"When you get one home and you see how

even uses a small, "teardrop" trailer, a replica of a style popular in the 1950s, to haul around the equipment for his carpet/upholstery dry-cleaning business.

And although Patty Dobbs teases her husband about his collecting ways, she's got the vintage bug, too, and calls herself "the tacky flamingo lady." She spent \$800 outfitting the Caravanner with a pink flamingo theme, including flamingo shower curtain, dishes, coffee cups, statuettes, salt-and-pepper set and window curtains she made herself.

The Dobbses plan to explore renting their restored trailers out as movie props, and have no end of projects in mind for the ones that fill their carports and sheds, spread out around a small pond in the back yard and stand in the tall grass near a row of short pine trees. (And because we



Luke Hinman's 1962 Shasta is a type of trailer nicknamed "canned hams" because of their body styles. (nk) 2004

much work it needs, you get a little buyer's remorse. But then they kind of grow on you," said Dobbs, who calls the bullet holes in one of his trailers "beauty marks."

The Dobbses' two favorites, which they have put countless hours into restoring, are their light blue, bread-loaf-shaped, 20-foot, 1941 Kozy Coach, and a gleaming 22-foot 1957 Airstream Caravanner. Eric Dobbs

can hear you asking: Only one is covered with a blue tarp.)

Eric Dobbs, who has found trailers on the Internet, in classified ads and in old barns, fields and alleys, says he's still looking for more diamonds in the rough.

"But I made him a deal now," said his wife. "If he brings one home, one of these has to go." © 2004, The Seattle Times.

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Working on the language of love

By ALINE MCKENZIE

The Dallas Morning News DALLAS (KRT) — The hotel is full of dreamers.

Their heads are full of heroines and heroes that demand to have their stories told. Scenes and dialogue come unbidden.

And then there's the big dream for romance writers — to become published.

At the 24th annual conference of the Romance Writers of America July 28-31 at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Dallas, there's schmoozing and support, writing workshops and business brainstorming designed to help the writers perfect their craft.

"We read so much of them, good or bad, but you want someone to write the perfect story," says Michella Chappell, 28, a Dallas teacher. "And you think, 'I could write the perfect story,' but it turns out you can't."

Romance writing has been around for centuries, and these days it fulfills women's ideals of intelligent, strong characters, says best-selling novelist Nora Roberts, who lives in rural Maryland.

"I gain great personal satisfaction from a hero who grovels," she says.

Roberts sniffs at studies that dismiss romance novels as being bad for women.

"I wonder why, in the third millennium, women as a group, as a species, would be considered so weak-minded, so foolish, so ineffectual and so easily influenced that they are perceived as being unable to understand the difference between reality and fiction," she says.

She knows of romance novels that have inspired an illiterate woman and one with dyslexia to learn to read and lifted the spirits of one hospitalized for breast cancer.

Ann Major, a founding member from Corpus Christi, working on her 51st book, says the group was born because authors were often shuttled to the side in other writers' organizations.

"I was all alone in Orange, Texas, and I didn't even know another writer," she says. Within



Nora Roberts' image is reflected in mirrors during a question and answer period at the Adams Mark Hotel in Dallas, Texas. The famous romance writer spoke Wednesday morning, July 27, at a Romance Writers Conference at the hotel.

a year, Romance Writers of America had 1,000 members. It now has about 8,600.

Here Chappell gets the support and suggestions she needs.

She's working on a story with an overweight heroine. "I get sick of listening to the news telling me everyone is fat," she says.

It turns out Chappell is good at funny one-liners, but not so hot at constructing a whole scene.

As she describes her book-in-progress, others around her immediately recommend an editor that they think would be great for that type of book. It's the kind of information attendees hope for.

So what is a romance novel? A sickly sweet love story? Soft-core porn for women? A historical "bodice-ripper" that fans read on the sly?

The association defines it as a story that has a central love story and winds up with an "emotionally satisfying" ending.

"I believe in happily ever after," says Mae Harless, 51, an unpublished writer whose day job is as a police records clerk from Irving.

"I believe that there's a soul mate that you can live happily ever after with. I can't see writing slasher movies."

"Even though it can be very steamy, it can be very hot — oh yummy,

site tells about gatherings of people who own Airstream trailers that are at least 25 years old.

www.airstreamtrailers.com A great starting point for an exploration of everything related to old Airstream trailers, with some 200 links to clubs, how-to projects, restoration companies, dealers and more.

www.ebay.com Follow the link to "eBay motors" and then click on "RVs and campers." Although the site primarily offers newer units, some vintage trailers are included.

www.rv-mh-hall-of-fame.org Recreational Vehicle/Motor Home Heritage Foundation. Backers of this 11-year-old library and museum in Elkhart, Ind., plan to break ground in 2005 on a new building that would more than triple its size. © 2004, The Seattle Times.

yummy, yummy, Mommy — it has to have romance there," says Sandra Crowley, 51, an unpublished writer from Grand Junction, Colo. "It has to have overcoming obstacles, and porn doesn't have that."

Think it's just light-weight reading? Well, the romance fiction industry is a heavyweight. It generates \$1.63 billion annu-

ally and represents more than half the paperback fiction sold in the United States.

The nearly 2,000 published and unpublished writers at the conference are driven, and optimistic, storytellers.

Through Saturday, they attended workshops on such topics as how to pace a novel, whether study groups are "Pods of

Destruction or Allies for Success" and how Texas drug smuggling can fit into a romance story.

But it's all about the networking. Although it's a competitive field, the women — and it's almost all women — support one another and are happy when someone succeeds.

"We're sisters at heart," Harless says. "Yes, there's competition, but I don't think we're upset when anyone publishes."

Crowley compares it to NASCAR racing, when one team needs a part, another team will lend it.

And in recent decades, as papers such as the New York Times and the Washington Post have begun keeping track, romance sales have climbed to the top of the charts.

"Whatever I write, I write about people," Roberts says. "Character is tops because whatever might happen, no matter how exciting, poignant, touching or horrifying, it only matters if I care who it happens to."

"I don't want Anna Karenina," she says. "I want Ripley. I want Buffy

the Vampire Slayer, the blonde who goes into the dark alley and instead of screaming for help, kicks ass."

There's no one formula anymore, from the virginal heroines of years ago, or the now-embarassing historical rape novels of the 70s, romance novels encompass many different historical periods, the future, science fiction, time travel, Christian themes, "chick lit" of twentysomething women who may go through more than one man, and suspense.

"Romance is very responsive to what is happening at the time," says Ohio-based Jennifer Crusie, who broke out of the "category" series of short paperbacks into mainstream hardback books.

"There is nothing unrealistic about love. It is so much easier to be snarky than to be sincere. If I didn't believe in that absolutely, if I didn't believe it was true, I had no business writing it."

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The Big Spring Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 5:15 P.M., August 12, 2004, in the Big Spring High School Board Room, 707 East 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

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

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates					
	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.500000	\$0.076300 *	\$1.576300	\$2,671	\$3,062
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.543558	\$0.088115 *	\$1.631713	\$2,742	\$3,002
Proposed Rate	\$1.500000	\$0.076300 *	\$1.576300	\$2,663	\$3,002

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

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence		
	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$32,080	\$31,073
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$10,664	\$9,858
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.576300	\$1.576300
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Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.685162. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.685162.

Fund Balances

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

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$3,239,843
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$120,940

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www.birchwoodbeauties.com Scott Lockwood, a former commercial photographer and graphic designer in California, now specializes in restoring old trailers.

www.vintagecampers.com This Indiana-based business sells vintage trailers from the 1940s, '50s and '60s. The Web site also has a fun collection of old camper ads; check out the one for a 1938 Fleetwheels, which looks like a pickup truck giving birth to an elephant.

www.vintagetrailerlinks.com An excellent entry point with dozens of links to different trailer makes, styles, specialists, parts and more.

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Harrowing online story raises questions about terror probes

By **LESLIE MILLER**

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — New concerns about airline security follow a writer's harrowing account of the odd actions of 14 Middle Eastern men aboard a Detroit-to-Los Angeles flight in June.

Traveling together on the Northwest flight, the men lingered in the bathroom, congregated in the aisles and signaled each other during the trip, according to the account. Passengers and the crew feared the men planned a hijacking, said the writer, Annie Jacobsen.

The men were met by agents of the FBI, the Los Angeles Police Department and the Transportation Security Administration when Flight 327 landed on June 29.

Government officials confirm her account of the flight and the arrival scene. But they say none of the men posed a threat. In fact, they were members of a backup band for a singer, Nour Mehana, who is described as "the Syrian Wayne Newton" and were heading to a show near San Diego.

However, the online story created a furor.

Jacobsen was interviewed on network television and by newspapers. She received dozens of e-mails from flight attendants and pilots who said they had experienced similar incidents. Members of Congress asked Homeland Security Department and FBI officials to brief their staffs about the incident.

In the month since Jacobsen's frightening flight, it has become clear that in some ways the airline security system worked well.

An alert passenger — Jacobsen — notified the flight crew of her suspicions. Air marshals on board kept tabs on the men during the flight, even inspecting the lavatory to make sure they had not left anything that might endanger the plane. Law enforcement officials met the musicians at the airport, questioned them extensively and checked their names against terrorist watch lists.

Not all well as it should have. Passengers are not supposed to congregate in groups on airliners, according to a government advisory issued in December.

Jacobsen said seven of the men stood up and went to the lavatories as the plane was preparing to land and the flight attendants were strapped in their seats.

"They seemed to be more in charge of the aircraft than the flight attendants," Jacobsen said.

Northwest declined comment on the flight attendants' actions.

Congress focused on a different potential problem: When the FBI questioned the men after the plane landed, it is not clear the agent examined the musicians' immigration status or checked whether their visas had expired.

Homeland Security spokesman Dennis Murphy said stamps on the men's passports indicated they might have been in the country illegally. Murphy said visas are so complicated that "it does take a trained eye to know what to look for and how to look for it."

No one from the Immigration and Customs Enforcement bureau questioned the men, which the Homeland Security Department now acknowledges was a mistake.

Murphy said the law enforcement officials were simply concerned whether the men were a threat. "The bottom line is there was no threat," he said. "Everyone was here legally. Can the system do better? Sure."

Last week, congressional aides questioned air marshals and the FBI about why immigration officials had not checked

the musicians' status at the airport; A second briefing is planned.

Some pilots and flight attendants say the incident was just one of many that played on fears that terrorists might be conducting dry runs for another attack.

American Airlines Capt. Gary Boettcher told The Dallas Morning News in Monday's editions that he

knows airline crews have found razor blades, knives and other potential weapons secreted under passenger seats.

"We've heard of people standing up all at once, looking at PDAs (personal digital assistants), and trying to identify the federal air marshals," said Capt. Dennis Breslin of Fort Worth, Texas-based American. "There have

been reports of that in pilot chat rooms."

Dave Mackett, president of the Airline Pilot Security Alliance, a group of pilots that works to improve aviation security, said reports of possible terrorist probes have been on the increase.

He said he has been told of passengers' suddenly walking toward the cockpit, perhaps to check the

crew's reaction; of people using lavatory in rapid succession; of passengers noting flight numbers in notebooks.

Murphy, the Homeland Security spokesman, said air marshals collect reports of suspicious activity and forward them to the TSA's intelligence unit for analysis.

"All have been checked and resolved," he said.



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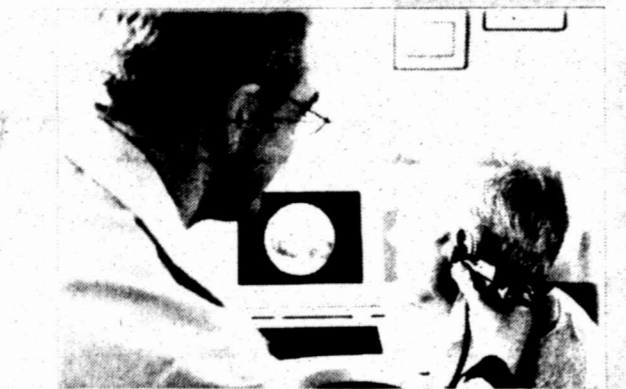
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BSISD set season tick

Big Spring scheduled its football season sales.

Previous season ticket holders chase 2004 season tickets starting through August 2, 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Training Center.

The general public may purchase tickets from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. noon to 4 p.m. However, sales are for noon only. For questions, call Kay Cook at 432-263-6181.

Crossroads sign-up date

The Youth Association announced dates for the sign-up season. Sign-ups will be at the Mall. Football can sign up Aug. 21 (5:30 p.m.) and Saturday (6 p.m.). For more information, call Robert at 432-263-6181.

YMCA to host skateboard

Big Spring will host a contest at 6 p.m. The park will be open to all ages. The event will be held at the YMCA. There will be a trick contest for ages 1 and 13-and-over. The event is sponsored by the YMCA. Big Spring.

BSYFL to host contest

The Big Spring Youth Football and Soccer League will host a contest at 6 p.m. The contest is for boys and girls. For more information, call George at 264-7313 or BSYFL@n.

Howard cheer car

Howard cheer car through the city will be held at the Doro Museum.

Registration for the event will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and cheerleaders will be at 9 a.m.

The cheerleaders will be at the event.

To help with the event, cheerleaders will perform at the college annual. Cheerleaders will be at the Howard Fairground. For more information, call Berry at 432-263-6181.

IN BRIEF

BSISD sets football season ticket dates

Big Spring ISD has scheduled its dates for football season ticket sales.

Previous season ticket holders may purchase 2004 season tickets starting today through Aug. 6 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (closed 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.) at the Athletic Training Center.

The general public may purchase season tickets from Aug. 9 through Aug. 20 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (closed noon to 1 p.m.). However, all Friday sales are from 8 a.m. to noon only.

For questions, call Kay Cook at 264-3662.

Crossroads football sign-up dates set

The Crossroads Youth Football Association has announced the sign-up dates for the upcoming season. Football sign-ups will take place at the Big Spring Mall. Football players can sign up through Aug. 21 on Fridays (5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.) and Saturdays (9 a.m. to 6 p.m.) only.

For more information, call Stacie or Robert at 432-268-9634.

YMCA to host skateboard contest

Big Spring's YMCA will host a skateboard contest at 7 p.m. Aug. 6. The park opens at 6 p.m. and the cost is \$5 per person.

The event will have two contests for two different age groups. There will be a best trick contest and an age group competition for ages 12-and-under and 13-and-over.

The event is sponsored by Skate Zone, which is located in the Big Spring Mall.

BSYFL and Cowboys to host competition

The Big Spring Youth Football League and the Dallas Cowboys will be hosting the local Pepsi/NFL punt, pass and kick competition Aug. 21, at the field north of the ATC.

The registration starts at 8 a.m. and the contest is free to boys and girls 8-15.

For more info, contact George Lopez at 264-7313 or by e-mail at BSYFL@msn.com.

Howard College sets cheer camp dates

Howard College's cheer camp for first through sixth graders will be held Aug. 28 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Registration for the event will begin at 8 a.m. and the Dance and Cheer class starts at 9 a.m.

The cost is \$25. Bring a lunch and wear tennis shoes.

To highlight the event, cheer campers will perform for the college sponsored annual Battle of the Cheerleaders held on the Howard County Fairgrounds.

For more information, contact Linda Berry at 264-5024.

Ward, Hernandez win city championships

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

Steve Ward and Susie Hernandez won the men's and women's city golf championships, respectively, at this year's Big Spring Herald City Golf Championships at Comanche Trail Golf Course Saturday and Sunday.

Ward, who is the head golf coach at Big Spring ISD, shot a tournament best 133, which was six shots better than second place Jimmy Newsom Jr. and nine strokes better than 2004 Big Spring graduate Ryan Rodriguez. Flea Martinez was crowned senior champion and fourth overall after shooting a 143.

Hernandez also easily won the women's championship. She finished with a 155, which was 10 shots

better than second place Debra Lusk. However, Lusk's 165 was good enough for the senior championship.

Jack Birdwell won the men's president flight after shooting a 146 and Jerry Dudley came in second with a 148. Tommy Billalba and Mike McCormick each shot a 149 in the president flight, as well.

Randy Crockett was the overall leader in the men's first flight after shooting 153. Coahoma's Blake Nichols took second with a 155 and Steve Hedge and Luven Flores were third and fourth, respectively.

Connie Fowler was the women's first flight gross winner, while Patsy Sharpnack took home the best net score among first flight golfers.



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From left: Flea Martinez, Steve Ward, Jimmy Newsom and Ryan Rodriguez pose for the camera after placing first through fourth at the Big Spring Herald City Golf Championships, which was held at Comanche Trail Golf Course during the weekend. Ward won the event with a 133. Newsom, Rodriguez and Martinez placed second, third and fourth, respectively. Martinez did take home first place as the top senior.

The Big Spring Herald City Golf Championships

Final Results

Championship Flight — Men

1. Steve Ward, 133
2. Jimmy Newsom Jr., 139
3. Ryan Rodriguez, 142
4. Flea Martinez, 143 (was first among seniors)

President Flight — Men

1. Jack Birdwell, 146
2. Jerry Dudley, 148
3. Tommy Billalba, 149
4. Mike McCormick, 149

First Flight — Men

1. Randy Crockett, 153
2. Blake Nichols, 155
3. Steve Hedge, 156
4. Luven Flores, 157

Second Flight — Men

1. Chad Wash, 159 (gross)

Second Flight — Men

1. Bryan Beal, 143 (net)

Third Flight — Men

1. Ronnie Black, 151 (gross)

Third Flight — Men

1. Carl Newell (net)

Championship Flight — Women

1. Susie Hernandez, 155
2. Debra Lusk, 165 (was first among seniors)

First Flight — Women

1. Connie Fowler, 137 (gross)

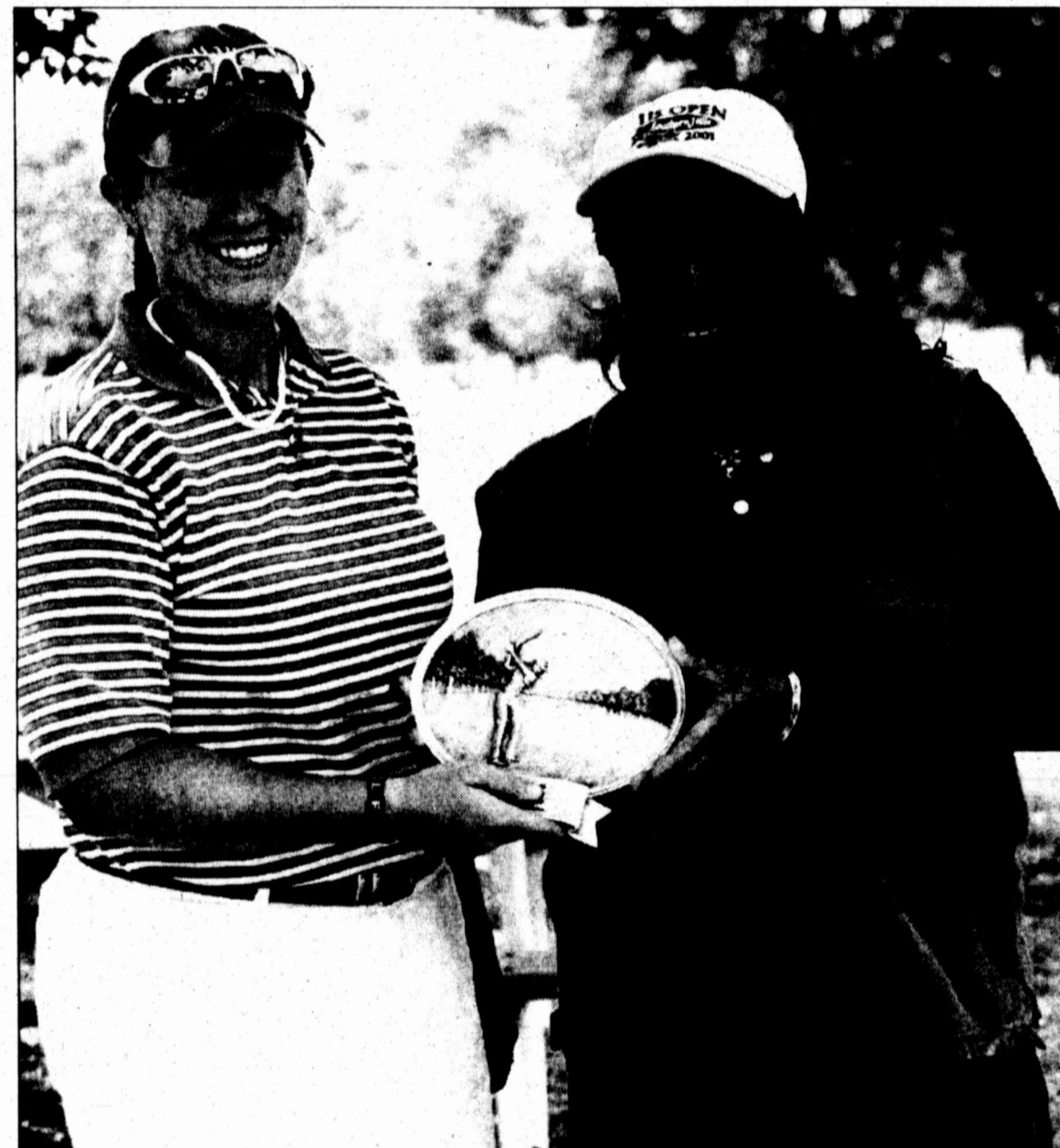
First Flight — Women

1. Patsy Sharpnack, 141 (net)



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Blake Nichols of Coahoma hits a chip shot onto the green during the front-nine at the Big Spring Herald City Golf Championships at Comanche Trail Golf Course Sunday. Nichols took second place among first flight competitors after shooting a 155. Steve Ward, Big Spring High School's head golf coach, won the overall championship with a 133.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde

Ashlie Simmons, left, hands this year's Big Spring Herald City Golf Championship trophy to Susie Hernandez after Hernandez shot 155 over the weekend at Comanche Trail Golf Course. Simmons was the 2003 winner.

Houston rallies to knock Cincinnati

CINCINNATI (AP) — Adam Everett's eighth-inning suicide squeeze drove in the go-ahead run, Roy Oswalt beat the Cincinnati Reds again, and the Houston Astros came from behind to win 7-5 Sunday.

Morgan Ensberg had three RBIs for the Astros, including a sacrifice fly in the eighth that cut their deficit to 5-4. After Jeff Kent scored the tying run on John Riedling's bases-loaded walk to Craig Biggio, Everett laid down a terrific bunt just beyond the reach of reliever Todd Van Poppel for a base hit that allowed Jeff Bagwell to score from third.

Ensberg added an RBI double in the ninth to make it 7-5, sending slumping Cincinnati to its 10th loss in 11 games. Jacob Cruz hit a two-run homer for the Reds, and Wily Mo Pena had a two-run double.

Riedling (4-3) gave up three hits, two walks and three runs in two-thirds of an inning. He was ejected by plate umpire Andy Fletcher as he walked off the field after being relieved.

Oswalt (11-8) improved to 9-0 in 13 career appearances against the Reds,

giving up five runs, four earned, and 10 hits in seven innings. He struck out eight and walked two.

The right-hander allowed four runs in the fourth before settling down and yielding just one hit in his final three innings.

Dan Miceli worked a scoreless eighth, and Brad Lidge got three outs for his 11th save in 13 opportunities. He got D'Angelo Jimenez to ground into a game-ending double play.

Cincinnati's Paul Wilson wound up with his fourth no-decision in four starts since the All-Star break. He allowed six hits and three runs with four walks and four strikeouts in seven

innings. Ensberg and Raul Chavez hit consecutive run-scoring singles to give Houston a 2-0 lead in the second.

The Reds, who had scored one run in their previous 17 innings, needed help from Biggio to get on the board in the third. Felipe Lopez was on second with one out when Ryan Freel singled to left. Lopez stopped at third, then kept going when the ball slipped under Biggio's glove for an error.

Houston started its comeback with a run in the fifth when Everett scored from second on Mike Lamb's two-out single.

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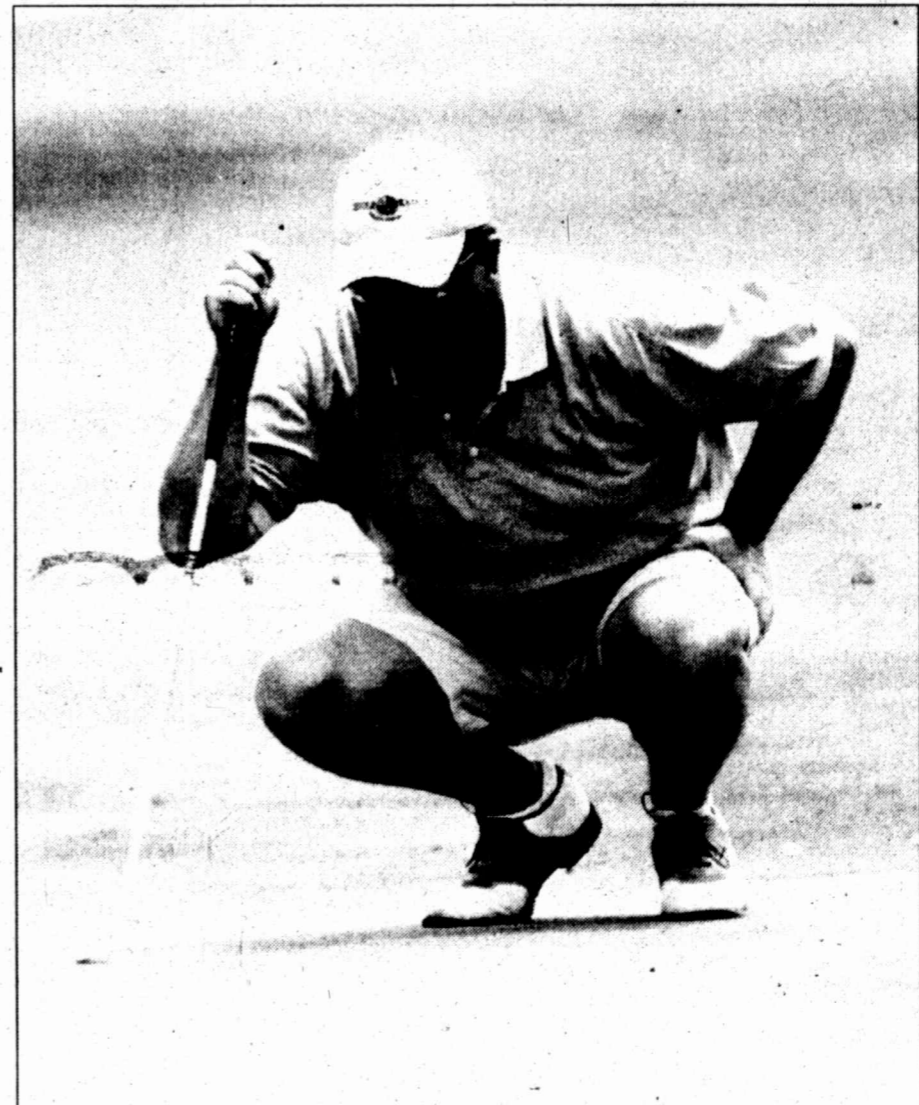
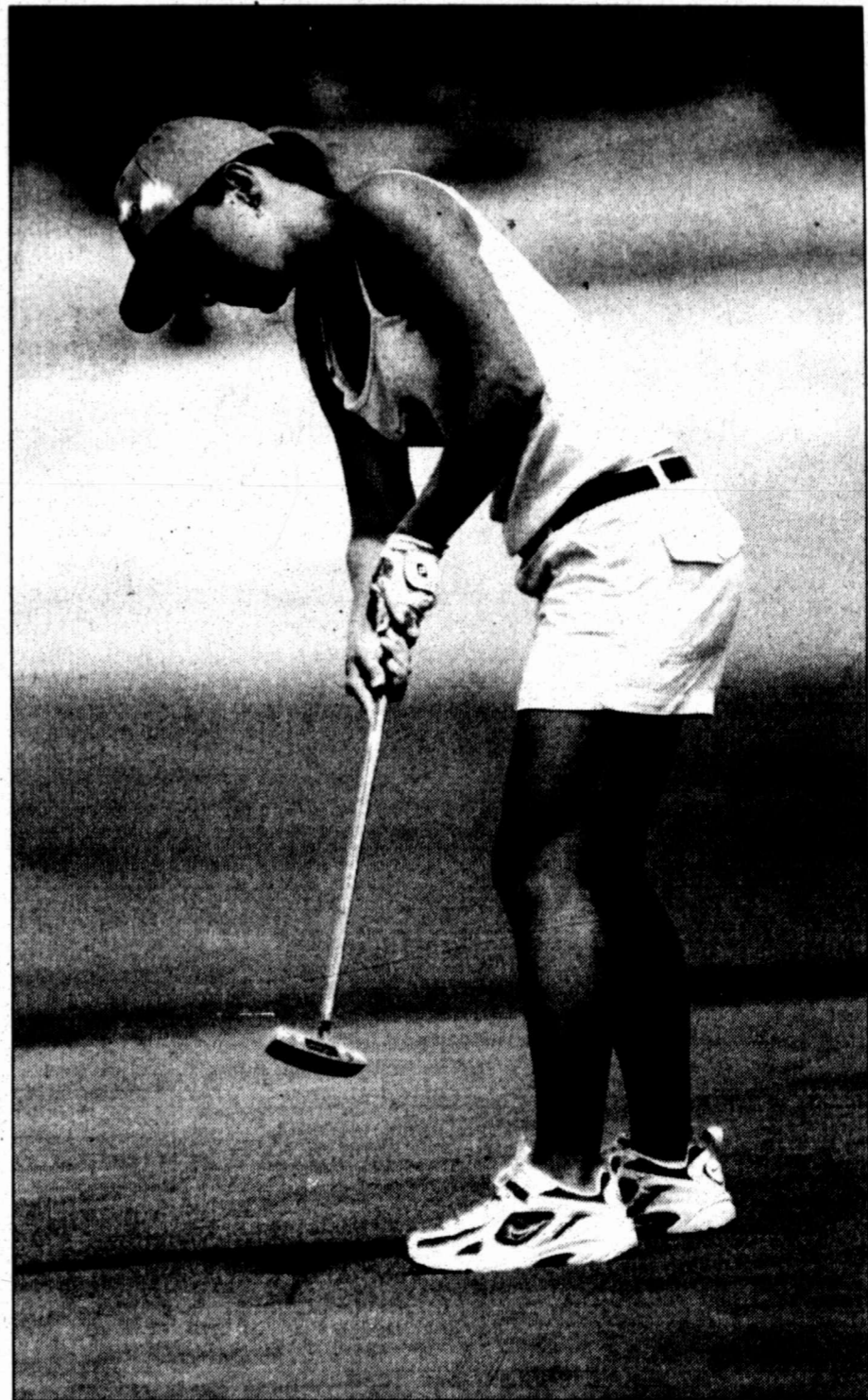
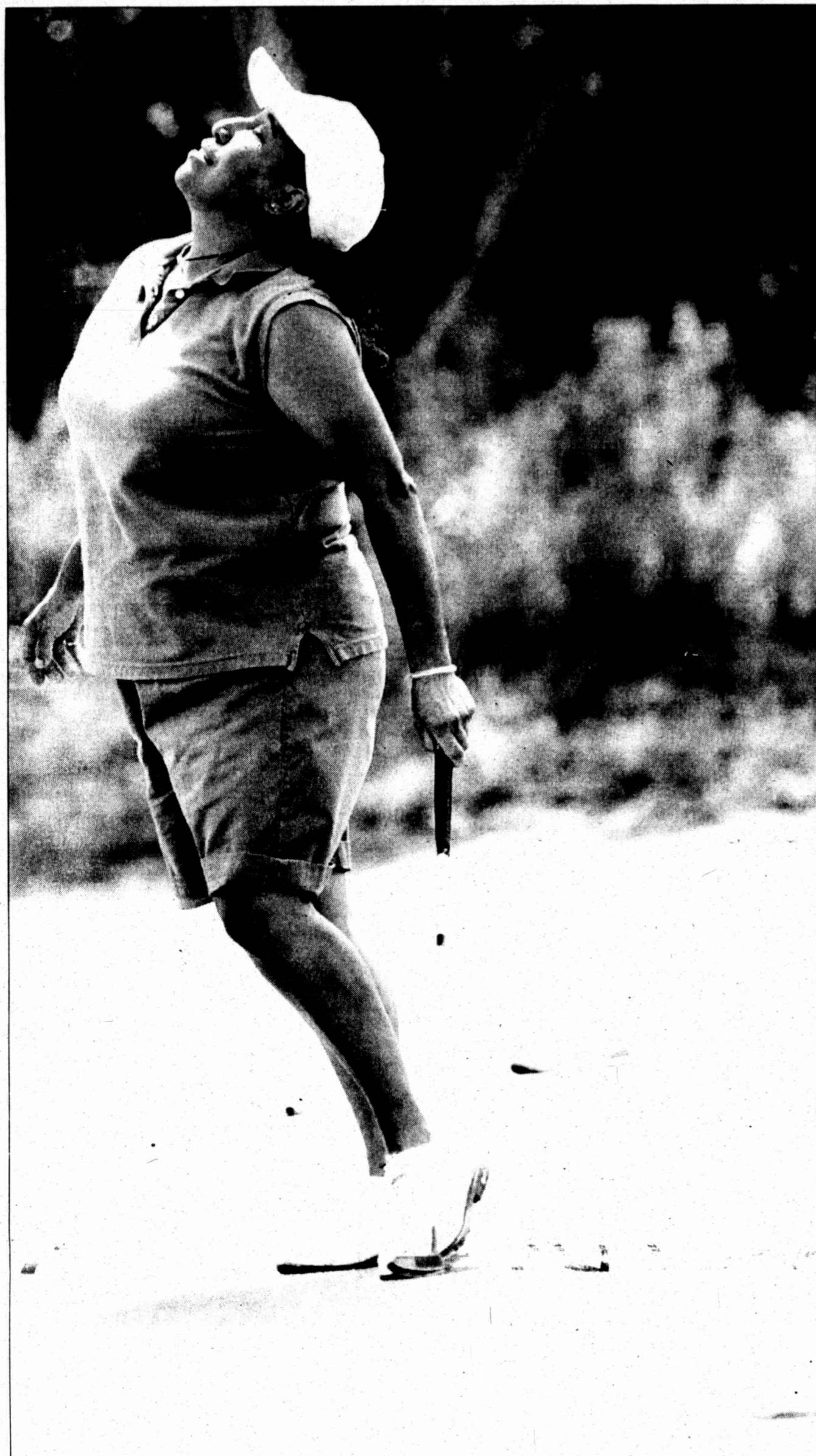
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Several golfers competed in the Big Spring Herald City Golf Championships over the weekend at Comanche Trail Golf Course. Clockwise from above: 1) Susie Hernandez reacts to her putt that just missed the cup during Sunday's round of 18. Hernandez won the women's championship after shooting a two-round total of 155. 2) Tonya Sparks watches her ball as it approaches the hole on one of the greens Sunday. 3) Bryan Beal measures up one of his putting attempts on the back-nine at Comanche Sunday. Big Spring head golf coach Steve Ward won the men's tournament with a 133.

Johnson sweeps Pocono, Gordon moves to second in standings

By DAN GELSTON

AP Sports Writer
LONG POND, Pa. — Jimmie Johnson pulled off a clean sweep at Pocono Raceway.

Johnson dominated at the track for the second time in seven weeks, building on his NASCAR Nextel Cup points lead and winning the Pennsylvania 500 on Sunday in a race that further shuffled the rest of the standings.

"That race car was incredible," said Johnson, who's the first driver to win the Pocono 500 and Pennsylvania 500 in the same year since Bobby Labonte in 1999.

Under the old points system, Johnson probably could have cruised toward his first career points title. Instead, he'll be lumped with the rest of

the drivers in the top 10, along with any others within 400 points of the lead after the 26th race, to compete for the championship over the last 10 races of the season.

The "Chase for the Cup" begins at New Hampshire International Speedway on Sept. 19.

Mark Martin continued a recent string of solid finishes by placing second, and Kasey Kahne was third. Greg Biffle and Jeff Gordon rounded out the top five.

"I don't know if anyone can beat Jimmie Johnson here right now," said Gordon, who moved to second in the standings.

While Johnson cruised, some of the big names in the top 10 struggled. Tony Stewart, Kevin Harvick, Bobby Labonte and Kurt Busch all failed to finish

while Ryan Newman was 13th.

Harvick fell from ninth overall to 10th after failing to finish a race for the first time since October 2002 in Atlanta.

Labonte dropped from seventh to ninth overall, while Newman jumped from 10th to eighth.

Jeremy Mayfield, Kahne and Martin all got closer to that 10th and final spot.

"That fact is a miracle," Martin said. "Now can we make it to the top 10? We all need to go win the Brickyard. That would make up for all the heartbreak we experienced this year."

Dale Earnhardt Jr., with second-degree burns on his legs, neck and chin from a crash two weeks ago during a sports car event, started the race to get the championship

points but gave up the seat after completing 52 laps to John Andretti.

Andretti made another quick pit stop to readjust, but finished 25th after the car was black-flagged by NASCAR for not maintaining the minimum speed.

"I could have run the rest of the way, but the car was so bad, there was no use in me being in there wasting my time," Earnhardt said. "I should be out of the car trying to get better."

Earnhardt said he would be ready for this week's Brickyard 400, perhaps the marquee event outside of Daytona on the NASCAR schedule.

Stewart was knocked out when he wrecked on lap 108. Sandwiched between Kahne and Kyle Busch, Stewart's No. 20

Chevrolet got loose and the nose slammed the wall. The car rolled backward just narrowly avoiding a rush of cars — and came to rest in the infield.

Stewart looked angry and had his hands on his hips as he looked at his mangled car back in the garage area, but NASCAR's reigning bad boy kept his cool.

They probably would have all needed a near-flawless performance anyway to catch Johnson, who won his fourth race this year and his 12th top-10 finish in the last 14 races.

Johnson, who has expressed his disdain for the first-year points system, started 14th and earned a \$90,000 bonus from NASCAR for winning the race as the

points leader.

He's the first points leader to win the race in Pocono since Jeff Gordon in 1998.

It was brutal day for the contenders on the demanding 2 1/2-mile triangular track that boasts the longest straightaway in NASCAR at seven-tenths of a mile.

It didn't help that rain wiped out a practice session Saturday and shortened one Friday.

That left qualifying as the only significant time for teams on the track. Several drivers, including Gordon and Newman, complained their cars were too tight early in the race.

Johnson was the only driver to turn a lap time under 55 seconds.

Pole-sitter Casey Mears finished 18th.

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#4284 July 30 & August 1, 2, 2004

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Beginning on September 1, 2004, Cox Communications will be adding the KOCV (PBS) to the High Definition Tier in the Big Spring Channel Lineup on Channel 704. Inquires concerning this change or any other cable-related issue can be made at Cox Communications, 2006 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720 or call 432-267-3821. #4285 August 1, 2, 3, 2004

PUBLIC NOTICE

Advertisement for Bids The Howard County Junior College District is now accepting bids for the following:

RFB# 04-018 Athletic Equipment and Supply Catalog Bid

Specifications may be obtained from Mr. Dennis Churchwell, Director of Purchasing, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, (432)264-5167, e-mail: dchurchwell@howardcollege.edu. Sealed bids will be accepted through 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 17, 2004 in the Howard College, Administration Building, A2, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, at which time they will be opened and read aloud. The bids will then be tabulated and final determination of bid award will be made at a future board meeting.

All bidding questions are directed to Mr. Dennis Churchwell, Director of Purchasing, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, (432)264-5167, e-mail: dchurchwell@howardcollege.edu. Howard County Junior College District reserves the right to reject any and all bids. #4286 August 1 & 2, 2004.

The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations will conduct an accreditation survey of American Medical Equipment Company on August 24-25, 2004. The purpose of this survey will be to evaluate the organization's compliance with nationally established Joint Commission standards. The survey results will be used to determine whether, and the conditions under which accreditation should be awarded the organization.

Joint Commission standards deal with organizational quality of care issues and the safety of the environment in which care is provided. Anyone believing that he or she has pertinent and valid information about such matters may request a public information interview with the Joint Commission's field representatives at the time of the survey. Information presented at the interview will be carefully evaluated for relevance to the accreditation process. Requests for a public information interview must be made in writing and should be sent to the Joint Commission no later than five working days before the survey begins. The request must also indicate the nature of the information to be provided at the interview. Such requests should be addressed to:

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#4289 August 2, 2004

BY JOYCE JILLSON

The wise Pisces moon gives a moody glow to this high-energy, unpredictable day — when surprising events happen, it's as though they're occurring in a mystical fog that makes them all the more dramatic. The Leo sun seems to design the picturesque scenarios so they'll fit nicely into the storytelling session that goes on tonight.



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ARIES (March 21-April 19). There's a discrepancy between the way you see yourself and the way the rest of the world sees you. You'll be trying to close the gap by getting more objective, more realistic and less concerned about what people think.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). As much as you'd like to go blithely ahead, doubts creep in. At least you can be assured that everybody has them. If you articulate your worries specifically, you'll be able to create clear-cut remedies to oppose your fear.

GEMINI (May 21-June

21). You'll be uniting with friends in a way that brings you financial gain. Work tip: Find out everything that is expected of you. You'll feel confident about your ability to the job because you know what is, and what is not, expected of you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). If energy is on the low side, it's probably because you're getting worn by the characteristics of the modern workplace. Working in a dimly lit office or performing the same task over and over again will finally get on your nerves.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). That reward system you used to create for yourself has been neglected too long — it's time to reinstate it. Having too few rewards in your life has been cited as a cause for depression. Spoiling yourself isn't such a bad idea after all.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Feelings of being overwhelmed are part of the adventure, but you can beat them. Build your confidence, bit by bit. Your problems can't be solved in a day — break them into smaller steps, ones that you can easily succeed at.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You've got the courage to act in spite of your fears.

But try to relax. Chances are, you're making more of this in your mind. Love relationships provide a naive thrill — you'll feel like you did back in grade school.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Taking love to the next level is the main idea, as the stars stir up a need for more intimate connections. Competition only serves to rev your engine! "Bring it on!" you'll say, even though your insides shake like jelly. Good for you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're striving for an elusive ideal today, but you'll get further by not striving. What's missing is a sense of playfulness and fun. Without that, your efforts become draining and meaningless.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It's satisfying to take steps, however small, toward accomplishing dreams but surprisingly unfulfilling to talk about it too much. Keep things close to the vest, and let the tension build.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You exude joviality and go about your day interacting with others a polite and cooperative mood. For this reason, you'll be chosen to receive a shocking privilege. Tonight, zero in on some-

one you like a great deal.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You attract classy people and possessions because you show the world you know how to take care of what is yours. Others also gift you with gems of wisdom, but you only believe what your own experience dictates.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I was born Jan. 31, 1978. I think I'm a good guy, but I've had awful luck with women — like no luck at all. My friends tell me to wait and say it will come with time. But they're all in deep relationships, and I think they've forgotten what it's like to be alone and lonely. What's wrong with me?"

Your friends are dead wrong, dear Aquarius. You can't afford to wait around and let love happen to you in time. Let me guess, women tend to think of you as "just a friend," right? That's a common problem with Aquarius because you are so nice, genial and, as you say, "good." Well, it's time to find your inner bad boy. Use the Leo sun energy going now to break out of your shell. But don't go asking girls out right and left just yet. You need tried-and-true methods for seduction. Do some research in book-

stores and on the Internet. Invest in yourself by asking a female friend to help you shop and get your hair cut and so on. Do what it takes to get into a mind-set where you're not only comfortable with girls but are confident and funny, too.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: All of her life, domestic super-goddess Martha Stewart has been turning lemons into lemonade (with a sprig of mint). I predict that she'll continue doing so, whether or not her latest conviction sticks. Her training program for women in business will become a philanthropic institution that continues into the next century. Leo people are fantastically lucky when they flow with their tendency to be overly generous.

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Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: Our 20-year-old son, "Patrick," lives at home. He has a full-time job that grosses \$25,000 a year. His only monthly expenses are \$146 for his car, \$100 for insurance and \$50 for his computer. Yet he has only \$1,400 in his bank account. He blows the rest of his income on gas, fast food, tattoos, beer, entertainment and his cell phone.

Patrick pays nothing for room and board. His girlfriend does his laundry and cleans his bedroom, which is the largest room in the house (it used to be our garage), and he has a



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private bath. Patrick does nothing to help out with chores. He also has a fish, a ferret, and a dog that is constantly getting out of the fenced backyard and into our living room.

Patrick expects us to pay for any repairs in his room, such as plumbing or painting, and to buy his clothes. He has no plans to marry or move out in the near future. Annie, we love our son, and he is a nice person, but we wonder if we're making it too easy. What do other families charge their grown children who live at home? — Wondering Parents

Dear Wondering: Of course you are making it

too easy, which takes away Patrick's incentive to be more independent. But you already know that.

Here's the rule: Patrick should pay one-quarter of his gross monthly income for rent, which means he should be giving you roughly \$500 a month. Even with the additional \$296 he pays for his car, insurance and computer, it's still a bargain, especially if you are feeding him. It's time to let him know.

Dear Annie: Recently, my sister passed away. This was a sad time for us, but I became even more upset after the funeral service, when I noticed many people plucking the roses out of the casket piece. This is the rudest thing I have ever seen. My family paid nearly \$300 for this beautiful arrangement.

Please let your readers know that those flowers were bought by someone else and are meant to stay at the gravesite. — You Know Who You Are in Ole Miss

Dear Miss: Flowers should not be removed from the casket unless the family has given permis-

sion to take them. It might help you get over this breach by considering that the funeral guests may have wanted a memento because your sister meant so much to them. Our condolences.

Dear Annie: This is in response to "Disgusted in California," the homeowner who was having construction done on her home and saw a crew member zip up after urinating behind her garage.

I am the wife of a contractor. "Disgusted" is right to be concerned about her daughter seeing such a sight, and her response was absolutely appropriate. But often, homeowners forget about the crew's needs and do not let them know it is OK to use the house facilities. Worse, there are homeowners who flatly refuse to let the workers inside the home for a myriad of reasons: germs, fear of theft, fear of attack and having to disinfect the bathroom after each use. My all-time favorite excuse was, "You are in a different class than we are; it would not be appropriate." The crew left, and my husband billed the woman for a wasted day.

How can homeowners expect construction workers to put in eight hours and not use the bathroom? — Heard Them All in the Great Northwest

Dear Heard Them All: We agree that facilities should be available, and if the homeowner does not want the workers inside the house, the construction company should rent portable toilets and tack the cost onto the bill. Fair is fair.

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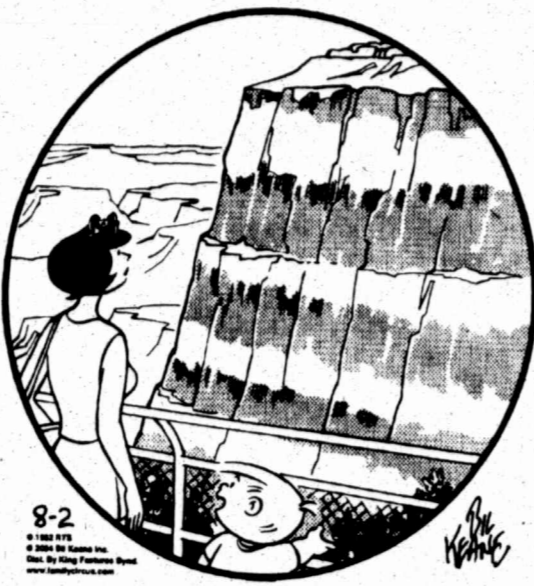
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11 :PM	News (CC)	News Wheel-Fortune	En las Mejores Familias	Becker (CC) Spin City	The Late Late Show (CC)	Al Rop Vivo- Mana Celeste Corte-Familia	Show (CC) Late Night	Comma (CC)	Booker Tommie-	Sign Off	Animal Games	Movie: The Princess Bride	Wildest Police Videos	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	Midnight Love	Boy World Even Stevens	Streetball Streetball	Outside-Lines Baseball	Tangled (CC)
12 :AM	News (CC)	News Wheel-Fortune	Mujeres Enganadas	Blind Date	Street Smarts	Fraser (CC)	45 Movie: Update-Israel N. McBride			American Chopper	Princess Bride	Blind Date	The X-Files (CC)	Club Comic View Presents	Kim Possible Proud Family	EXPN 2Day	SportsCenter (CC)	12:05 Movie: 100 Women	

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"You were right, Mom. My cowboy boots would've been out of place here."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Reminds me of that rainbow layer cake you made for my birthday."

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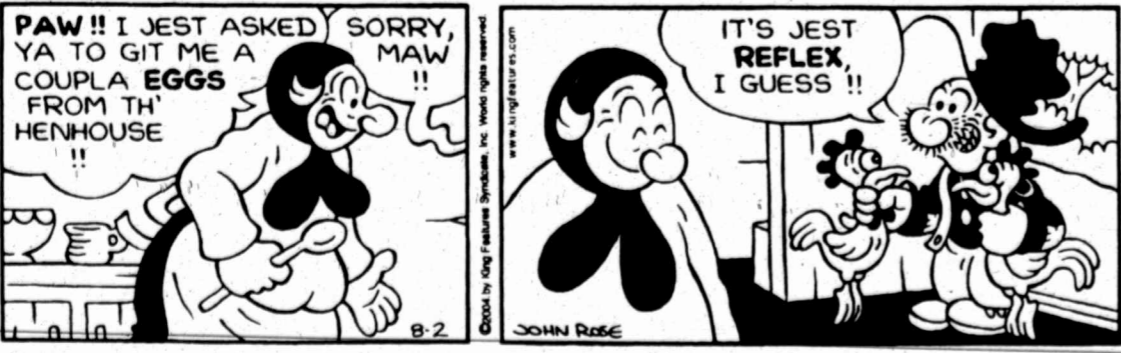
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Aug. 2, the 215th day of 2004. There are 151 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 2, 1943, during World War II, a Navy patrol torpedo boat, PT-109, commanded by Lt. John F. Kennedy, sank after being rammed by the Japanese destroyer Amagiri off the Solomon Islands. (The future president was credited with saving members of the crew; he was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Medal for heroism, and also received the Purple Heart for injuries he'd suffered.)

On this date: In 1776, members of the Continental Congress began attaching their signatures to the Declaration of Independence. In 1876, frontiersman

"Wild Bill" Hickok was shot and killed while playing poker at a saloon in Deadwood, Dakota Territory.

In 1921, opera singer Enrico Caruso died in Naples, Italy.

In 1923, the 29th president of the United States, Warren G. Harding, died in San Francisco.

In 1934, German President Paul von Hindenburg died, paving the way for Adolf Hitler's complete takeover.

In 1939, Albert Einstein signed a letter to President Franklin D. Roosevelt urging creation of an atomic weapons research program.

In 1945, President Truman, Soviet leader Josef Stalin and British Prime Minister Clement Attlee concluded the Potsdam conference.

In 1964, the Pentagon reported the first of two attacks on U.S. destroyers by North Vietnamese torpedo boats in the Gulf of Tonkin.

In 1985, 137 people were killed when a Delta Air Lines jetliner crashed while

attempting to land at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

Today's Birthdays: Former Senator Paul Laxalt, R-Nev., is 82. Actor Peter O'Toole is 72. Country singer Hank Cochran is 69. Rock musician Garth Hudson (The Band) is 67. Movie director Wes Craven is 65. Singer Edward Patten (Gladys Knight & the Pips) is 65. Singer Kathy Lennon (The Lennon Sisters) is 61. Actor Max Wright is 61. Actress Joanna Cassidy is 59. Actress Kathryn Harrold is 54. Singer Andrew Gold is 53. Singer Mojo Nixon is 47.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

BEDDY-BYE by Gail Grabowski
Edited by Stanley Newman

- ACROSS**
- 1 Clean, as a floor spill
 - 6 Marsh bird
 - 11 Ashen
 - 14 Oklahoma city
 - 15 Linen fabric
 - 16 Whitney or Wallach
 - 17 Low-growing shrubbery
 - 19 RN's specialty
 - 20 Breathing room
 - 21 Letterman nickname
 - 22 Stinging insect
 - 23 See 50 Across
 - 25 "To conclude..."
 - 27 Disaster signal
 - 30 Scottish garment
 - 32 Scarlett's home
 - 33 In one piece
 - 35 Currency in Spain
 - 37 Penny-poker
 - 40 Data, for short
 - 41 Measuring stick
 - 42 Saturday Night Live feature
 - 43 Small children
 - 44 "Take from me!"
 - 45 Luster
 - 46 Roadway rig
 - 48 Lima's locale
 - 50 With 23 Across, singing syllables
- DOWN**
- 1 Office conference: Abbr.
 - 2 Yours and mine
 - 3 Raindrop sound
 - 4 Run-of-the-mill
 - 5 Flapjack
 - 6 And so forth: Abbr.
 - 7 Well-behaved
 - 8 Opponent
 - 9 Skyscraper need
 - 10 Singer Brewer
 - 11 Party pooper
 - 12 Bowling lane
 - 13 Pleasant
 - 18 Supermarket section
 - 24 Alaskan native
 - 26 Landfill input
 - 27 Loretta of M*A*S*H
 - 28 Words of dismay
 - 29 Tub margarine, for example
 - 31 Cup-shaped flower
 - 34 Defeated one
 - 36 Force back
 - 38 Stadium level
 - 39 Sicilian peak
 - 41 Waterproof garment
 - 45 "I'm agreeable to that!"
 - 47 Chops, as garlic
 - 49 Thorny flower
 - 51 Warning signal
 - 52 Swan relative
 - 54 Like a perfect game
 - 55 Fully satisfy
 - 57 Distort
 - 59 Gambling mecca
 - 60 Quick-witted
 - 63 Psyche parts
 - 64 NFL scores

