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City council approves new budget by 5-2 vote

By THOMAS JENKINS

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Staff Writer

Taxpayers in the city of Big Spring can breathe a collective sigh of relief, as the Big Spring City Council completed the first of two public hearings Tuesday night to leave the municipal tax rate the same as last year.

The council presented the tax rate at 71.63 cents per \$100 valuation during an open and shut public hearing that yielded no comments from the public. The hearing was the first of two that City Secretary Peggy Walker explained to the council is now law.

"If a governing body intends to adopt a rate that is higher than the effective tax rate," Walker explained to the council, "it must have

"It's like I've said before: The most important thing we do each year is our budget. I think we've put together a good one and now it's time to move on."

—Mayor Russ McEwen

two public hearings. This is the first of those hearings. This is an opportunity for the citizens to address the council."

McEwen said the lack of public response didn't surprise him at all.

"It's reasonable," said McEwen. "We didn't raise the tax rate. Because the value in our community went up somewhat, there are going to be some people that have appraised values that are higher than they were last year and will have to pay See CITY, Page 2A

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somewhat more. But if you have the same appraised value, you're going to pay exactly the same amount. I really didn't anticipate any comment on it because of that.'

Although the tax rate will remain static. McEwen said skyrocketing fuel and energy prices are definitely going to have a negative impact on the city's budget.

"It's obviously going to



Jackie Thomas, left and his uncle Cotton Mize hold an Aug. 24, 1945, edition of the Big Spring Herald that features stories about the conclusion of World War II as well as an obituary for 8-year-old Robert Mize, Cotton's younger brother, who was the first recorded death from polio in Howard County.

60-year-old paper tells of war's end, first polio death in county

By MARSHA STURDIVANT

Features Editor

While residents of Howard County supported World War II as heartily as the rest of country, today marks an infamous day, as the Big Spring Herald reported Aug. 24, 1945, that the first child in Big, Spring had died from

"Robert Mize was the first polio victim in Howard County and was my uncle. I named my son after him. Big Spring is my home, it's where I was born and where I grew up. I graduated from Big Spring High school in 1963," said Janet Thomas Fortune, who now lives in Midland.

"Over-exertion in children should be avoided. Children should not visit homes where there is a sick

Robert Mize was just 8 when he died from infantile paralysis Aug. 23, 1945. His obituary was published on the front page of the Herald Aug. 24, 1945, along with banner headlines concerning a typhoon in the Sea of Japan that was interfering with war-end negotia-

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Local man arrested on charge of aggravated kidnapping

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

A Big Spring man was arrested on a charge of aggravated kidnapping Tuesday night after allegedly forcing an 18year-old female into his car at the Sunset Ridge Apartments.

officially opens at 4 p.m. today and will run through Saturday.

Luis Pena, 30, of 2911 W. Highway 80, was arrested by Big Spring Police officers after he allegedly forced the victim into his car following a domestic dispute.

Mike Reeves, a dairy instructor from Southwest Dairy Center in Sulphur Springs, shows

a Goliad Intermediate class a "cow pill" at the Howard County Fair this morning. The fair

"Officers on the scene made contact with the

victim's two sisters, who tody." said Pena forced the victim into his car," said Big Spring Police Chief Lonnie Smith. "After that he left the apartment complex. Shortly after the officer's arrival, Pena returned with the victim and was taken into cus-

Smith said the victim suffered some bruising. but no serious injuries in the altercation.

"According to witnesses, Pena forced her into the car while she was telling him repeatedly she didn't want to go with

him," said Smith. "Officers determined he had restrained the victim against her will with threats of deadly force, making it aggravated kidnapping instead of just kidnapping. She was in fear of imminent bodily injury."

As of 10:30 this morning, Smith said Pena remained in the custody of the BSPD.

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COMING THIS WEEKEND

Cover Story: When American **Profile** asked readers to tell us about their grandparents, we received a mailbox full

ing letters describing how special these people are in the lives and memories of their grandchildren.

LOVE OUR LAKE

Volunteers are needed for Keep Big. Spring Beautiful's "Love Our Lake Cleanup," set for 9 a.m. Saturday at the tennis building, north of the Dora Roberts Community Center in Comanche Trail Park.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. Bring your own gear if possible. Disposable gloves will be available.

The group could use two or three paddle boats or boats with small motors (10 hp) to assist cleaning on the lake while other volunteers work the shoreline.

For more information, call Pat Simmons at 263-4607 or 213-5444.

COMING THURSDAY



Football Fever, the Herald's annual special publication on local and Crossroads area football, will be presented in Thursday's paper. The 40-

page section also includes all fall sports for Big Spring High School.

Obituaries

Arthur Dennis Powers



Arthur Dennis Powers was born March 20, 1920, to James and Frances Powers in Whitewater, Wis. He died Aug. 23, 2005, in Edmond, Okla.

Art enlisted in the Army in 1937 and trained as a pilot, flying the RAF Spitfire, the RAF twin engine bomber and the P-38 during the invasion of Europe.

For his service during World War II, Art received the Order of the British Empire, Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal,

among others. During his 31 years with the Air Force, Art earned bachelor's and master's degrees and attained the rank of colonel. After retirement Art and his wife, Wilda enjoyed traveling, including a mountain trek in Nepal and a wildlife safari in Kenya.

Art was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters and three brothers.

He is survived by his wife, Wilda (Watts); stepdaughter, Jan Duiker; stepson, Matt Duiker and his wife, Shevaun; and three grandchildren, Ann, Brenna and Chris.

Visitation will be today, Aug 24, 2005, at Baggerley Funeral Home in Edmond, Okla.

Graveside services will be held Thursday, Aug. 25, 2005, at 11 a.m. at Fort Sill National Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Baggerley Funeral Home in Edmond, Okla.

Frank Hodge

Frank Hodge, 76, died Saturday, Aug. 20, 2005, at a local hospital. Military graveside rites are 1 p.m. Thursday Aug., 25, 2005, at the Dallas/Fort Worth National Cemetery.

He was born Jan. 28, 1929, in Mexia. He was a Baptist. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and had served in the Korean War.

Survivors include his stepmother, Katy Hodge of Woodbridge, Va.; and a brother, Baylor Lee Hodge of New York. He is also survived by a niece and a cousin. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

Vona Bingham

Vona Bingham, 76, of Big Spring died Wednesday morning, Aug. 24, 2005, at Mountain View Lodge following a long illness. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Bernetta Gaston

Bernetta Gaston, 61, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Aug. 23, 2005, in a local hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Take note

• HOWARD COUNTY FAIR WEB SITE is www.howardcountvfairoftexas.com

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Tuesday and 8 a.m. today:

• LUIS PENA, 30, of 2911 W. Highway 80, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of aggravated kidnapping.

• LUIS CANALES RIOS III, 21, of 800 Creighton, was arrested Tuesday on eight local warrants, four Howard County warrants and a charge of evading arrest.

• TONY BERNAL JR., 39, of 3612 Hamilton, was arrested Tuesday on charges of possession of marijuana and possession of a controlled substance.

• DEBRA DENISE AUSBIE, 43, of 903 Sgt. Paredez, was arrested Wednesday and held for the HCSO.

• BRANDY NICOLE OLIVAS, 18, of 1211 Wood, was arrested Wednesday and held for the HCSO.

THEFT was reported:

 in the 1700 block of FM 700. - in the 800 block of Third Street.

- in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.

 RESISTING ARREST, SEARCH OR TRANS-**PORTATION** was reported in the 400 block of Main

• EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION was reported in the 400 block of Main Street.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department reported the following activity:

 MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of West 17th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

TRAUMA was reported in the area of North Birdwell Lane. One person was transported to SMMC.

 MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported the VAMC.

 MEDICAL was reported in the 200 block of Marcy. One person was transported to SMMC.

MEDICAL was reported in the 400 block of South

Fifth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

 MEDICAL was reported in the 800 block of West Sixth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

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Lottery

The jackpot in the multistate Mega Millions lottery drawing grew to \$97 million Wednesday.

None of the tickets sold for Tuesday's \$84 million drawing matched all five lotto numbers and the Mega Ball. The next drawing will be Friday.

The winning numbers from Tuesday's drawing were: 6, 7, 8, 13, and 40. The Mega Ball number was 12.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 8-16-22-24-33. Number matching five of five: 1. Prize per winner: \$30,499. Winning tickets sold in: Houston. Matching four of five: 95. Prize: \$145. Matching three of five: 3,160. Prize: \$11. Matching two of five: 31,152. Prize: \$2. Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.

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

Weather

Tonight—Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 60s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday-Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday night-Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s. Southeast winds around 10 mph in the evening becoming light and variable.

Friday-Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 90s. Light and variable winds.

Friday night—Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s. Saturday—Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s. Saturday night-Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper

Sunday-Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s. Sunday night—Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s. Monday—Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s. Monday night—Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s. Tuesday—Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 90s.

Support groups

THURSDAY

· Narcotics Anonymous, non-smoking discussion meeting, 8-9 p.m., at St. Mary's Episcopal Church,

 Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30-7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8-9 p.m.

· Alzheimers Support Group meets at 2 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at The Texas State Veterans Home, 1809 N. Hwy 87. For more information call Orand Carroll 268-8387.

· AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Noon open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

 Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting. 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8-9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the fol-

lowing activity:

· BRANDY CONSWELA-NICO OLIVAS, 18, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

 KATRINA KAY GONZALES, 29, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.

 LANA MARTINEZ, 32, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

 MICHAEL DEAN NALL, 26, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on two motions to revoke probation for

theft. EUGENE G. RODRIGUEZ, 32, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence on a motion to revoke probation for driving while license

• DAVID LEVON HUMPHREY III, 40, was transerred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief.

JERRY DON DUFFER, 18, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.

• JESSICA BLANCO, 23, was transferred to the

county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• MIGUEL O. REYNA, 43, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of a controlled

substance. • HOWARD BRANDON JOHNSON, 21, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of

a controlled substance. JOHN PETER GORDON, 17, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of marijuana -

two ounces or less. • DEBRA AUSBIE, 43, was arrested Tuesday by the

HCSO on a charge of bondsman off bond for theft.



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take a bite out of the budget because we don't see those kinds of increases in our taxes because of the reserves being valued at a higher level," said McEwen. 'We're just talking about property values when it comes to the city of Big Spring. So it's going to be tough on us.

"However, the one thing you have to look at is with the oil economy doing as well as it is, our economy is percolating better. You can see that in the form of sales tax and it positively effects us.'

The second hearing is expected to be held during the

council's next regular meeting, which is slated for Sept. 13.

The council is also held a public hearing concerning the 2005-2006 city budget, which also drew no comment from the audience. The first reading of the budget also passed first read-

ing on a 5-2 vote during the meeting, with council members Joann Staulcup and Greg Biddison voting against the budget without offering any type of explanation.

McEwen said he feels the budget is strong despite the lack of a unanimous vote from the council.

"We had a 5-2 vote on it tonight and it passed by a very strong majority," said McEwen. "I feel like it's a very strong budget. One more reading and we're ready to go on down the road with it. It's like I've said before: The most important thing we do each year is our budget. I think we've put together a good one and now it's time to move on.'

In an effort to cut the current operating deficit proposed for the 2005-2006 budget, which is approximately \$100,000, council members have pored over a number of items — the most prevalent being the municipal $\,$ cemetery fund — during several budget work sessions this summer.

The council also heard final approval of a resolution authorizing the city manager to execute documents relating to the activities authorized by the development agreement with EVOS Homes Inc. for development of the Settles Hotel.

The measure was approved 5-2, with council members Biddison and Staulcup dissenting. Both Staulcup and Biddison voted against the measure when it was first introduced to the council in January, when EVOS Homes requested funding to conduct a structural analysis of the building. The contract puts a total spending limit on study the city will finance at **\$55,000**.

The contract calls for the city to finance a number of studies to determine the viability of turning the aging structure into a home for retail businesses and low income housing.

The council also approved first reading a zone change and specific use permit that would allow a children's day care center in the 1500 block of W. Second. The 5-2 vote — Biddison and Staulcup voted no — came following a public hearing that drew no complaints against the zone change or permit.

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bigspringherald.com or life@bigspingherald.com.

TODAY

• Howard County Fair opens.

 Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.

· Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room. • Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. in 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. • Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

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Washer pitching coming Saturday to Howard County Fair

anuel Ontiwith some experience playing in and conducting washer tournaments, as the trophies on his desk attest, has added the first washer tournament to this year's Howard County Fair.

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He's hoping it will be an annual event.

As board members prepared the grounds for the fair last weekend, Ontiveros measured and cleared off a 45-foot washer-pitching court for Saturday's tournament. Team entries will be accepted until 1:45 p.m., and the tournament will begin at 2 p.m. Entry fee is \$20 per two-man team. Trophies will be awarded to first, second, and third place winners, along with cash prizes, depending on the number of teams entered.

The Big Spring native veros, a man remarks that pitching with some washers is a hobby he started as a child and has continued for fun and relaxation.

Ontiveros got into running tournaments when Raul Marquez asked him to set one up for a local festival.



Although === some wash-

er pitchers use wooden boxes connected by a rope 21 feet apart, he prefers a dirt court of the 45 foot length with 3-inch sunken PVC pipe sections as the target for the 3-inch metal washers.

"In West Texas, the 45foot court is pretty much regulation for tournaments," he says.

This is a man who

has researched washerpitching and has discovered that the game is older than horseshoe pitching. Apparently it began when horse-drawn wagons broke down and passengers made a contest pitching the wheel washers while waiting for repairs. Such contests likely invited some wagering on the outcome. However, gambling is not allowed in tournament play nowadays.

For the tournament, the rules will be stated at the beginning of play. Each player has three washers. A washer in the hole counts four points; the next closest counts a point. Two tosses of equal distance when measured. called cheevas, are resolved by a toss-off. In the beginning rounds, the teams will keep scores, but Ontiveros says the

knows his washers. He championship round will have judges.

Although he used to take his children to the fair, the Express Medical Supply employee says that he hasn't attended the fair much recently.

"I just thought this tournament would be a way to get more people like me involved in the county fair, give them something different to do," he explained.

"We'd like to have lots of entries and we can always use help putting on a tournament.

He enjoys seeing new events and suggested that the fair might add a greased pig chase for kids.

"I saw one of those at a festival, and it was hilarious — for everybody but the pig,"

Ontiveros is the father of three children. The oldattends Howard



Manuel Ontiveros will be conducting a washer pitching tournament at the Howard County Fair, beginning at 2 p.m. Saturday. To participate, register in the county fair barn

College, a younger son at Intermediate. Big Spring High School plays on the Steer football team and a daughter attends Goliad

before 1:45 p.m. Entry fee is \$20 per team.

Nancy Koger writes a daily column for the Herald during the Howard County Fair.

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World War II ended Aug. 15, 1945, and the official Japanese surrender was signed Sept. 2, 1945, Douglas Gen. McArthur and Admiral Chester Nimitz from a delegation aboard the battleship Missouri in Tokyo

Fortune found the edition of the 1945 newspaper at her family's home on

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Hilltop Road when she was clearing away her uncle, Herman Mize's belongings after his in death **2004**.

According to that edition of the Herald, polio was becom-

other cases of polio reported that same day. The average age of those suffering from the illness was 7.

"Officials from the Big Spring-Howard County division of the Midland-Ector-Howard health unit, city and medical authorities were in conference Thursday evening and Friday concerning steps to reduce possible sources of contagion," the Herald

reported. The story continues advising that spot checks had been conducted to make sure garbage cans were properly closed with "tight-fitting lids and material going into the city dump is being burned and treated against flies and rats."

'A second story in the same edition of the newspaper reports that polio "is reaching epidemic in Big proportions Spring." The story continues with ways residents should store fresh vegetables and fruits and heighten sanitation efforts of "septic tanks, cess pools and outdoor privies.

"Stringent efforts should be made to eliminate the house-fly and to destroy its breeding places. Restaurants with insufficient personnel to maintain approved sanitation should close one or two hours a day so that employees can assist in maintaining cleanliness and high sanitary standards.

At least one church can-

celed Sunday school and protecting children from the disease was the prir lary concern of parents and adults alike, according to the newspa-

per. "Over-exerallke, according to the tion in children should

be avoided. Children reduce to a minimum all human contacts, especially in children during the outbreak of this disease," the newspaper reported.

Howard County recorded several hundred cases of the illness as the epidemic lasted into the late 1950s. The Salk vaccine was available publicly in 1954, which reduced the nation's polio cases from 35,000 in 1953 to about 5,600 in 1957.

Today the illness is nearly eradicated through the use of the Sabin oral vaccine that replaced Salk's vaccine in 1962.

Ironically, when the vaccine was developed that prevented the disease, efforts to learn the cause of the illness halted. Mystery still surrounds how polio is contracted.

Although she was just an infant in 1945, Fortune recalls the family stories told about the polio epidemic and how her family

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Keden Lee Rodriguez, Saturday. Graveside services were at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Coahoma Cemetery. Frank Hodge, 76, died Saturday. Military graveside rites will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Dallas/Fort Worth

National Cemetery.
Vona Bingham, 76,
died Wednesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral



as there were at least 10 should not visit homes The Mize family, Kelly Mize Jr., left, Jane Mize Patton, where there is a sick Bertie Mize holding Shirley Mize Holland, Kelly Mize Sr., Joe child. It is advised to Mize, Herman Mize, Zennula Starr Mize Thomas holding Janet Thomas Fortune, Cotton Mize and in front, Jackie Thomas and Joyce Thomas gathered Aug. 26, 1945, for the funeral of 8-year-old Robert Mize, who was the first polio death in Howard County.

time.

"The family came home for his funeral, including my uncle, Cotton Mize, who was in the U.S. Air Force." Fortune said. referring to former Big Spring Mayor Cotton Mize.

"My mother was the oldest of eight children and had me at the same time as her mother had my Aunt Shirley," she said. Her uncle, Kelly Mize Jr.,

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was quarantined at that retired from the U.S. Navy and her uncle Herman and uncle Cotton are veterans of World War II, she said.

"I intend to give the paper to the museum. I am very proud to be from Big Spring and for our connections to Howard County," Fortune said.

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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Managing Editor

Bill McClellan

OUR VIEWS

Coahoma area residents, it is time to go vote

t's time, Coahoma area residents, to make a decision about your public school district. Early voting began today in a election to determine whether to finance \$11.9 million in construction and renovation throughout the school system.

It's an expensive undertaking but one that many believe is very necessary. Indeed, a great deal of the work calls for updating fire alarms and other safety systems, electrical upgrades, restroom renovations and new heating and air conditioning units. Those are all "necessary" for the safety and well-being of the students, faculty, administrators and staff.

Like many schools in our area, many campus buildings are 50 or more years old. With that in mind, \$6.8 million is marked for construction at the high school, including a new library and media center, two science labs, 21 new classrooms, expansion of a band hall and ag shop and a sound system in the auditorium. Some \$2.3 million will be put toward the elementary school, \$1.55 million for improvements to athletic facilities, \$950,000 at the junior high and \$300,000 at the administration building.

The public has had two opportunities to look over the plans but there will be another at 6:30 p.m. on Aug. 30 in the high school gym. If you aren't familiar with the renovation and expansion plans and how this will affect your taxes, then it's important you attend this meeting.

Early voting runs through Sept. 6 at the administration building. The hours are from 8 a.m. until noon and 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Election day will be Sept. 10 and voting will be held in the community center from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Whether we agree or disagree that the district's campuses need refurbishing, we believe most of us are aware of the importance of educating children. That fact alone makes this an important consideration. We at the *Herald* are not advocating how you cast your vote, only that you do vote. This issue is too important to let someone else make a decision for you.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

When we invite You to walk with us, Lord, all goes well.

Growing up country: What a life

rlon Anderson was born and raised on a farm west of Sulphur Springs during the 1930's when times were tough. Money was in short supply. There was no electricity, no indoor plumbing, they cut

firewood for the cook stove and got water the best way they could. "We were poor but

didn't know it because everybody else was poor, too. I'm convinced that material possessions and money are not the entire keys to

happiness because we were happy. At night we played eckers, dominoes and a card game called old Maid. We sang and played guitar and fiddle. We parched peanuts for snacks.'

Arlon had a dozen brothers and sisters. "We had a huge table with benches. Papa sat at one end, Mama at the other and us kids sat on those benches. Mama made

some of the best biscuits. We ate fresh vegetables from the garden. Whenever we'd have some meat, like chicken, sausage or bacon, she made delicious gravy to go with it. She was real good on that wood-burning cook stove. She really knew how to maintain an even

"Our house wasn't insulated very well and fireplace didn't put out much heat. It sort of inhaled the wood we put in there. We'd keep circling around the fireplace, taking turns standing in front of it to stay warm. The house was really hot in the summer. We had heating and air conditioning both, but they were just reversed. We'd have heat in the summer and cold in the winter.

'We had 2 bedrooms. One was in the living room where Mama and Papa slept with some of the little kids. Kids slept a lot on pallets then. We'd visit with kinfolks, go over there in a wagon and they'd just throw some quilts on the floor for the kids to sleep on. We did fine. We took a bath once a week whether we needed it or not. It was in a galvanized washtub. You

heated some water in a kettle on the cook stove and poured it in. And more than one person used the same water.

"We shelled corn for the chickens, horses and mules, then took it to a grist mill in Brashear. They'd grind it. We didn't have any money, so this guy took a toll out. He kept part of it for the grinding. We'd take back a sack of corn meal and make cornbread. I loved cornbread and milk mixed in a jar or glass."

Loading up the wagon and going to town on Saturday was a big event. They'd walk around the square and talk to people and go to the movie for a dime. When they wore out their clothes, they were really worn out. There was a saying about that era: Use it up, wear it out. Make it do or do with-

Arlon has kept up with his music. He plays banjo with some local groups and has made a CD. He spent 30 years with the Post Office, then retired. He lives in a substantial home and has been to Europe a few times.

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Your Views

TO THE EDITOR.

Big Spring ISD has a new mentor program called TXBESS. This program involves new teachers and their mentors. The program is designed to help first year teachers. We have a wonderful school district and would like to keep our new teachers here.

WE had our first inservice for the new program on Aug. 12. The mer- To the editor. chants of Big Spring were very generous in donating items for door prizes. We appreciate your generosity and support.

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of the city of Big Spring for their deep and wide support of the Big Spring Open and the pre-pre World Hang Gliding Championships this year and for your support over

U.S. in support of our beloved sport of hang gliding. While in Europe, Australia and Brazil, local communities go all out for the hang gliding competitions held in their areas, Big Spring is the only U.S. city to provide community support for major U.S. hang gliding competitions.

We hope that we bring excitement and entertain- so that we can get to meet ment to the folks in Big more of the folks who live Spring as well as attention for Big Spring from around the world and around the country. We very much appreciate the 50 volunteers from the town who have helped us out every day. We love the past three years. You the airport, the hangars, may not know it, but Big the terminal building, the Spring is unique in the great organization, the

great coverage in your paper and the world class free flying that Big Spring offers. Texans should know that their state is the best area in the world for free flying. We will all be back over

the next two years at least (with many more pilots coming from overseas), and we hope to arrange for a reception next year in Big Spring. We want to support the city of Big Spring and appreciate your fine Texas hospitality in return. We'd love the rest of the world to know how nice you all

> DAVIS STRAUB GROVELAND, FLA.

Texas can do better — and we should

Editor's note: Molly Ivins is on vacation. The following column was first published in June 2000.

y friend Linda Aaker recently visited Europe and came back talking, as Americans so often do, about the great public transportation in this country, the terrific child-care system in that country and the won-

derful public housing in another. "Face it," said Aaker, "the United States is the Texas of the advanced countries."

The Texas. We all know what that means — crude, backward and having miserable social services.

Having our president be a Texan has put us once again in the national spotlight, and it's not flattering. Texas, where three white guys out looking for a good time decide to drag a black man to death behind a pickup. Where the retarded and the insane are executed to barbaric yowps from drunken frat boys in Huntsville. Where the response to the dirtiest air in the nation is to politely ask polluters if they will please volunteer to quit pol-

MOLLY

IVINS

There's no point in asking the national media to recognize that Texas is full of lovely people who attend the symphony, the opera

luting instead of making them do

and the ballet, and spend the rest of their time discussing birding and Indian literature. You know what draws national attention is the cheerleader's mom who paid someone to off her daughter's rival. The entire state now stands as proxy for Dubya Bush, under attack for political reasons. The rest of the country likes to

look down on Texas as a nest of yahoos, racists and rednecks. It makes them feel superior, especially since they think we're all rich — they never got over "Giant."

It doesn't help that the Bush claimed that there are no hungry people in Texas (where has he been?). Or that our health commissioner is a nutball (a nice man, but a nutball).

And there's nothing any of us can do about the Lege — except maybe point out that no Texas legislator has been convicted for cattle rustling since the 1980s. You know they're going to find Drew Nixon anyway (he being the sitting state senator who did felony time after being charged with soliciting a prostitute and carrying an illegal weapon).

So it's true — our kids don't have health insurance, our air is filthy, and we rank near the bottom in practically every public thing they keep score in. I once suggested that our State Ambition should be, "Up to average!" It's a low-tax, low-service state - so shoot us. The only depressing part is that, unlike Mississippi, we can afford to do better. We just don't.

This is hard cheese when you were taught in school, as I was, that Texas ranks No. 1 in oil, No. 1 in cotton, No. 1 in cattle and No. 1 in football. And that Texas generally is the biggest (let's keep overlooking Alaska), brightest, best, most beautiful state in the whole union.

Texas warts-and-all is fair, but what we're getting is coverage only of our warts. Looking on the bright side (a very Texan thing to do), maybe this spell in the national spotlight will inspire us to fix some things. It is embarrassing (and

unhealthy) not just that we have dirty air but that the guv and the Lege are so dumb that they broke the contract with the company that was supposed to help clean it up, which got us sued for a zillion dollars, and then we had to spend all our clean-air money for the next four years paying off the settlement. Stupid is as stupid does.

We could get our air and our water a lot cleaner — other states have, and under Republican governors, too. We could change the criminal justice system so that poor people get some legal protection and stop stuffing the prisons with nonviolent drug offenders.

To find out more about Molly Ivins and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at www.creators.com.

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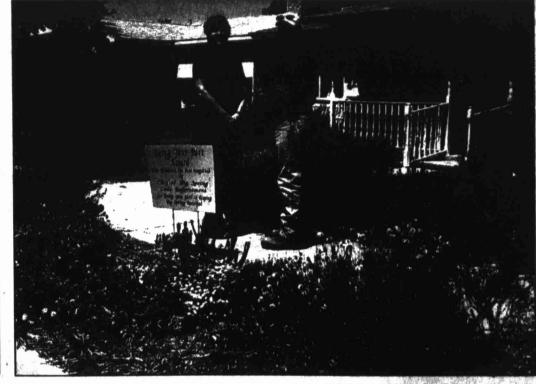
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Doing Your Part





Mark Vassar, left, who, along with his wife Veronda owns The Master's Touch and Jay Phinney, who owns The Karat Patch with his wife, Kim, rec Doing Your Part Award for a business from Code Enforcement for the City of Big Spring for August, presented by Nick Reyna, inspector for the city. Shan Treadway, right, at 402 Hillside, received the Doing Your Part Award for a home, as presented by Reyna. Each will receive \$50 off their water bill for Aug a one-year subscription to the Big Spring Herald, a complete makeover gift certificate from Uptown Salon and Day Spa, and gift certificates from Sky Restaurant, Harris Lumber and Hardware, Johansen Landscape, Higginbotham-Bartlett, Ponderosa Nursery, Wendy's and Blockbuster Video. Treadway's lawn features all xeric, or low water plants, many she planted in the fall of 2003.

Library News

or all of you who enjoy reading westerns. library has received some new ones.

Did you know that Lauran Paine descended from the Revolutionary War patriot, Tom Paine? Paine has written more than 900 books in his 50year-plus writing career and the library has quite

a few of them. New titles in are: "The Bald Hills" by Paine; two by William W. Johnston, Drifter" "The and "Violent Sunday." These are from his Last Gunfighter series.

Also, "The Shadow on the Mesa," by Jackson not. Can you? Do you books by both Reich and Gregory; Peter Dawson's know who the Majority Mills. "The Coal Tattoo," "The Stagline Feud:" Whip is? What is a fili- by Silas House: a signed "Guns of Hell Valley," by John Prescott and "Night Killer," by Chad Merriman.

Some new non-fiction is

Steve Squyres has written "Roving Mars: Spirit, Opportunity and the Exploration of the Red Planet" (629.435 SQU S). Steve was the principal scientist for the Mars Rover project, so he speaks with some authority.

He talks about the highs and lows of the mission and I think it would be an interesting book to read.

Are you trying to teach

yourself simple electrical repairs? Check out "Basic Wiring & Electrical Repairs" (621.319 BLA D) and see how to replace a light switch. It is published by Black and Decker and it shows you several simple repairs to do yourself. For the big jobs, it would be best to seek a professional.

One day last week, while watching one of the news channels, the newsperson stopped people on the street and asked them if they could name the three branches of the federal government.

Four out of five could buster? "The Everything American Government Book," (320.473 RAG N) by Nick Ragone gives a simple overview of the federal government. The three branches of government are the legislative, executive and judicial.

I have read a little bit of the reviews on "The Truth About Hillary," (B CLI H) by Edward Klein. It is sort of a hatchet job, but probably with kernels

of truth. Booklist called it a rehash of other books, articles and interviews. I suppose you will have to make up your own mind.

Rise of Benedict XVI" by John L. Allen Jr. The cover says that it is "the inside story" of the new Pope Benedict XVI.

Lots of new fiction is in. There is a new one by Chris Bohjalian, "Before You Know Kindness;" "Empress Orchid," by Anchee Min; John Irving's "Until I Find You;" and "Fade," by Kyle Mills.

This one is a thriller of immense proportions. Another thriller is Christopher Reich's "The Patriots Club."

We have several more copy of Katherine Stone's "The Cinderella Hour;" "Singer of Souls," by Adam Stemple; "Crossing the Line," by Lauran Baratz-Logsted; and another from Sophie Kinsella: "The

Undomestic Goddess." While at a bookstore on vacation (imagine that), I found a neat mystery.

It takes place during the times of Elizabeth I. The main character is Ursula Blanchard and she is a Lady of the Court and a spy for Sir William Cecil,

the secretary of state. She is sent to Cambridge to wrinkle out

Another biography we a plot against the Queen, have received is "The or is it just a joke? You must remember your English history Elizabeth I ascended the throne in 1558 at the age

of 25. She has been on the throne for only a few years and the conversion of England from a mainly Catholic nation to a Protestant one is in full flower.

She is the center of numerous plots to remove her from the throne and place a Catholic (Mary, Queen of Scots) onto the throne. The title of the book is "Queen of Ambition" (M BUC F) by

Fiona Buckley. Red Dress Ink is a publisher that does contemporary fiction. They are

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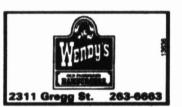
"Sex in the City" person and recently they have branched out into myster-

Two books just in are "Dating Can Be Deadly," by Wendy Roberts and "Sex, Murder and a Double Latte," by Kyra

Davis. The protagonists

are usually young and hip, living in an urban environment. They are cute books, something to read when you don't want something really heavy. This will age you: Who

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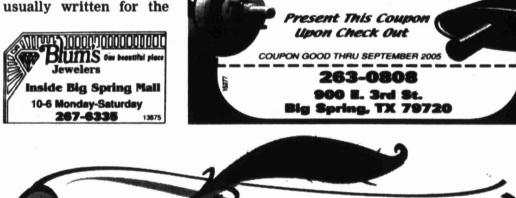


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of out there remembers Woodstock? Hendrix? "Purple Haze"? Published on the 35th anniversary of Jimi's death in 1970, "Room Full of Mirrors," (B HEN J) by Charles R. Cross is the definitive account of Hendrix.

Meticulously researched, Cross spoke to hundred of Hendrix's

friends who had never spoke out before. Hendrix entire life is recounted, from his life in the Seattle projects to his ascent in the rock scene.

Something I didn't know: three days after Jimi's death, Janis Joplin died of a heroin overdose and nine months later. Jim Morrison died of a heart attack in Paris.

The Howard County Library is open from 9 Howard County librarian. a.m. until to 6 p.m.,

Monday through Friday. The internet/video room closes one-half hour earlier. The library is located at 500 S. Main St. The phone number is 264-2260. The library is closed Saturdays during August. Beginning Sept. 10, the library will be open from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. every Saturday during the school year.

Hollis McCright is the

Martin County library book sale continues

The Friends of the Martin County Library have announced a special sale on fiction paper back books at the library's new location.

The Friends have been conducting a used book sale every Thursday — and during the Old Sorehead Trade Days for several months, but 10 for \$1 is a special "employee" price sale.

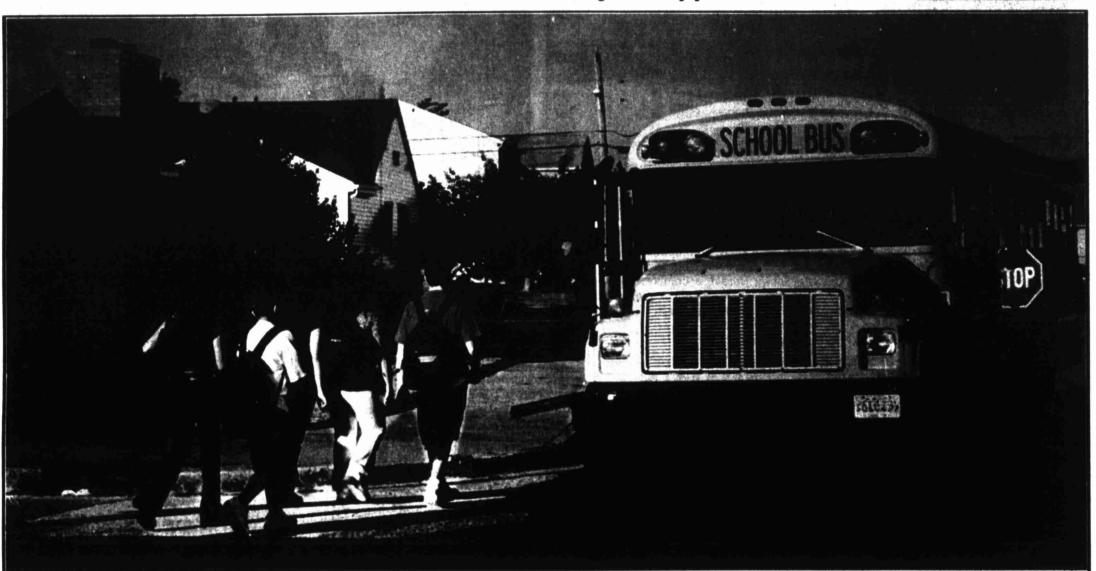
During this sale paper

back, fiction books that normally sell for one dollar each will be on special for ten for a dollar. Fiction and nonfiction hardback books remain at \$3 and nonfiction paperbacks are \$1 each. The used book facility has a wide variety of books including complete sets of atlases and reference

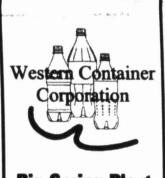
Hours of operation each Thursday are 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Boxes or sacks are provided for

customers who wish to take advantage of this sale and acquire plenty of good reading material to last all winter.

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Lady Steers continue to struggle in split

 Big Spring drops Snyder, loses to Odessa High in three

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

The Big Spring volleyball team moved to 4-7 on the season Tuesday after defeating Snyder and losing to Odessa High, but head coach Jason McAden was not happy with their performance on the night.

"We came out flat in both games and to be honest didn't really look that good at all," he said. "We are too inconsistent in that we are either really good or really bad. We never just play OK."

The Lady Steers defeated Snyder in Game 1 in straight sets 25-21, 25-21 and 25-16. Senior Krista Chesworth led the team with 12 kills and 12 digs. while senior Raegan Ritchey contributed eight kills and 15 blocks. Senior Carmen Lewis pitched in with 10 kills and 11 digs and senior Heather Policky and junior Katy Abner added nine kills while sophomore Amanda Caskey added eight blocks. Junior Mallory Dunn led the team in assists, as well.

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Big Spring also played Odessa High but had real problems early against the Class 5A team. They lost the first game 25-9 and then got down in Game 2 8-0 before losing 25-23. They battled back behind kills from Ritchey, Lewis, Chesworth and senior Brenn Swinney and freshman Shelbi Stewart provided some much needed help defensively off the bench, but it was still not enough to grab a win.

Big Spring jumped out fast in Game 3 as they took a 10-3 lead behind several kills by Lewis. Odessa High came back though and eventually tied the score at 15-15 before jumping on top by one later. The game was tied at 20-20 before the Lady Bronchos scored the final five points of the game and won 25-20 and three games to zero.

"I think we were just tired because we couldn't find it," said McAden. The girls quit on balls and fell to the floor way too many times. We are just not playing smart."

Ritchey led the Lady Steers with six kills and six blocks. Lewis added five kills and five digs, while Chesworth and Abner each had four digs apiece.

In her first year of high school, Stewart is working herself into the lineup on a consistent basis and really showing she might be a star in the making. She had a team-high eight blocks against the Lady Bronchos.

"Shelbi is a phenom," said McAden. "There is no way she should have that much coordination at her age. She makes mistakes like the rest of the girls at times, but she is young and those are things I can forgive her far easier than I can forgive an upperclassmen

The record for the Lady Steers isn't impressive at 4-7, but McAden isn't really concerned yet with that particular stat.

"The record doesn't bother me, but we are making the same mistakes and that is what is bothering me," McAden said.

And McAden to make much adjustments to his lineup at this point either.

"I want to try use more kids, but I don't think the ones that are playing are going to stop playing,' said McAden. "Our problem is not the lineup. We just need to play."



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde Big Spring freshman Shelbi Stewart goes up for a block against Odessa High Tuesday at the Steer Gym. Stewart had a team-high eight blocks as Big Spring lost to Odessa High in three games. The Lady Steers did defeat Snyder earlier in the evening and their overall record moved to 4-7.

Young helps Texas break slump

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON (AP) -Rookie pitcher Chris Young has become a much-needed streak buster for the slumping Texas Rangers.

Young, who got the only victory on Texas' just-completed 13-game road trip, limited Seattle to one run over five innings in a 6-4 victory Tuesday night that started the Rangers' 10-game homestand. Young won his third straight decision over four starts.

The Rangers had lost four straight games since Young's eight scoreless innings last Wednesday against Cleveland snapped the Rangers' season-worst eight-game losing streak.

Ichiro Suzuki homered on the second pitch of the game, but that was the only run allowed by

Young (11-7). The right- history, the Rangers are hander gave up three more hits and struck out

"I struggled a little bit the first inning, and after that found my rhythm and felt pretty good the next four innings," Young said.

"He gives up a leadoff home run, then he settles in," Rangers manager Buck Showalter said. "With Chris going out and putting up zeros after the first inning, it gave us the comfort zone to take it to them a little bit."

Mark Teixeira and Kevin Mench hit solo homers for Texas.

Teixeira's 32nd homer in the seventh was his 99th RBI and gave the Rangers a 5-3 lead. The Rangers were ahead to stay after Mench's 21st homer in the fourth made it 2-1.

After the 1-12 trip that was the worst in team trying to stay out of last place in the AL West for the fourth time in five seasons. Texas (58-66) is five games ahead of the last-place Mariners.

"We had a lot of losses on that road trip but the effort is always there,' shortstop Michael Young said. "It feels good to get back home."

Francisco Cordero got the final five outs for his 28th save. Cordero took over after Brian Shouse retired the only batter he faced on a comebacker with two runners on and a run already in for Seattle in the eighth.

Chris Young left after throwing 100 pitches on a night when the temperature was in the upper 90s. Suzuki drew a walk on the 15th pitch of his at-bat with two outs in the fifth.

The at-bat by Ichiro

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The Angels' Vladimir Guerrero gets hit by a pitch from the Orioles' Eric DuBose with the bases loaded in the top of the third inning at Oriole Park at Camden Yards Tuesday. The Angels won the game by one run.

RANGERS

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kind of ran my pitch count up, or else I think I could have probably gone out for another inning,' Young said.

"Ichiro got him out of the game almost by himself," Showalter said.

Mench went 3-for-4, also scoring one of the two Texas runs in the sixth that chased Jamie Moyer (10-5).

"I made some pitches when I needed to, but not enough," said Moyer, who was 14-5 in 33 career appearance against Texas before Tuesday night. "I didn't have good location down and away. I was

count and then had to pitch to the bigger part of the plate."

The 42-year-old left-hander allowed four runs and 10 hits, matching a season

Alfonso Soriano and Mench had singles to start the sixth before Phil Nevin snapped a 4-for-36 slump with a two-run double into the right-center field gap. That was the last batter Moyer faced.

Mench is 7-for-9 with three walks over the last three games. He is among five players with at least homers for the Rangers, who lead the majors with 205.

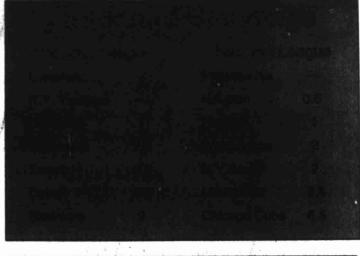
Suzuki's homer was his 12th this season, his fourth leadoff homer -

missing early in the the 16th of his career. Adrian Beltre had a

leadoff double in the seventh and scored on a double by Greg Dobbs, who came home on a throwing error by shortstop Michael Young. Beltre added an RBI double in the eighth to get the Mariners within 5-4 before Shouse retired Jeremy Reed and Cordero struck out consecutive batters.

"If we had scored those two runs, I think it would have been far different," Mariners manager Mike Hargrove said.

Michael Young had two hits, increasing his ALleading total to 167. He is hitting .322, second in the AL to Boston's Johnny Damon (.331).



In Sunday's Big Spring Herald



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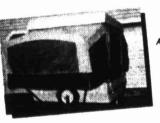
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The Taurus moon and Virgo sun are like a couple who has been happily

married for 30 years there's not a lot of fuss. and somehow, it just works. Emotions and intentions are in agreement. The business of life is handled



with efficiency. Very little time is spent wondering or waiting. There's simply too much to do.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Something you've given up on could come through simply because you're feeling more hopeful. Design a routine that helps you remember the big goal. Working and saving is one way to get wealthy, but it's not the only way.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Tasks that you're responsible for can be done faster, cheaper and better. Libra and Scorpio have terrific solutions. Your personal life sparks when you listen carefully to the signals you're getting and respond quickly.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It's not enough to think of a plan — you have to write it down, too! You can have fear and reservations and still go forward. Other people believe in you, and you should take their lead.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Learn more about smart investing. Someone who builds a fortune out of almost nothing will give you hope. However, don't wait for others to educate you. Read up.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Someone you think is totally crazy actually has something to offer — just not to you. Move on, and don't talk about this perbe tainted by your opin-

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're nice — maybe too nice. Think about how things would be different if you were willing to be outspoken — and risk being mean — about the situation that matters so much to you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Take back your power. A positive thought leads to another positive thought, and soon, you are on a different plane - emotionally, mentally and physically — than the problem you were dealing with yesterday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When things don't go right, take the lesson, and then, get over it. You're learning, little by little, to shake free of life's sticky residue. There's no time to waste on feeling bad.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Socially, you're a big hit. Though you're an expert at keeping things light, you know instantly what isn't safe to laugh at. This sense of appropriateness makes you the best pick to lead the pack.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-

Jan. 19). Drama takes too much energy, but strangely enough, it's not easy to focus on living a life of ease. Libra and Aquarius give you inspiration and encouragement. It's lucky to make those phone calls you've put off.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-

Feb. 18). You're expecting so much of yourself these days — too much really. Make a few changes gradually. Listen to strong feelings and hunches. Your taste for irony is satisfied tonight.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). This is a day of simple pleasures. People who don't call you back are truly overwhelmed. Don't take it personally. Skip going out of your way. and allow others to come to you. Visitors are definitely in the picture.

ASTROLOGICAL QUES-TIONS: "I went to a psychic who told me that someone put a spell on me and my family and that I have to pay her \$1,000-\$3,000 to undo it, or I will have bad luck and never be happy. Soon after, I lost my boyfriend to my close friend. I'm currently seeing a spiritualist who said that she could help me to get my ex-boyfriend to come back to me for \$1,000. Holiday, I'm in debt and I'm only 18. Help!

Do not pay anyone to lift a curse. The people you speak of are extortionists and criminals. Run don't walk away. That said, the thing about curses is that the "cursed" has to agree on some level to be the victim in the scenario. No one can ever curse you unless you agree to take it on. Since you seem to have given your agreement, you now must decide to empower yourself and be a victim no more. Create your own ritual to set things right. Nothing fancy is needed. You can light a candle and talk to the moon son, lest the next person about the new romance you'll have with someone who really loves you. A curse can be undone with a simple intention on your part. You are more powerful than you think!

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Red-headed Rupert Grint plays Ron Weasley in the film versions of J.K. Rowling's "Harry Potter" books. Virgo natives are usually quite organized, methodical and not easily fooled. These characteristics make Grint unlike his character. Judging from his natal chart, I vote Grint Most Likely to Wind up a Billionaire. A few well-placed investments of his acting income will, over time, make him a wealthy man.

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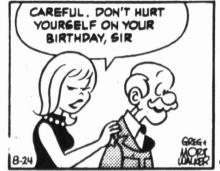
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Aug. 24, the 236th day of 2005. There are 129 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Aug. 24, 1992, Hurricane Andrew smashed into Florida, causing record damage; 55 deaths in Florida, Louisiana and the

Bahamas were blamed on the storm.

On this date: In A.D. 79, long-dormant Mount Vesuvius erupted, burying the Roman cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum in volcanic ash. An estimated 20,000 people died.

In 1572, the slaughter of French Protestants at the hands of Catholics began in

Paris. In 1814, British forces invaded Washington D.C., setting fire to the Capitol and the White House.

In 1932, Amelia Earhart became the first woman to fly non-stop across the United States, traveling from Los Angeles to Newark, N.J., in just over 19 hours.

In 1949, the North Atlantic Treaty went into effect.

In 1954, the Communist Control Act went into effect, virtually outlawing the Communist Party in the United States.

In 1968, France became the world's fifth thermonuclear power as it exploded a hydrogen bomb in the South Pacific. In 1970, a bomb planted by

anti-war extremists exploded at the University of Wisconsin's Army Math Research Center Madison, killing 33-year-old researcher Robert Fassnacht.

In 1981, Mark David Chapman was sentenced in New York to 20 years to life in prison for slaying rock star John Lennon. Baseball 1989, In

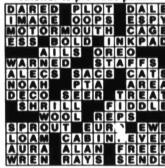
Commissioner A. Bartlett Giamatti banned Pete Rose from the game for gambling. Today's Birthdays: Former

education secretary Shirley Hufstedler is 80. Actor Kenny Baker ("Star Wars") is 71. Composer-musician Williams is 67. Mason

Rhythm-and-blues Marshall Thompson (The Chi-Lites) is 63. Actor-writer Stephen Fry is 48. Baseball star Cal Ripken Jr. is 45. Talk show host Craig Kilborn is 43. Rock singer John Bush is 42. Actress Marlee Matlin is 40. Country singer Kristyn Osborn (SheDaisy) is 35. Actor-comedian Dave Chappelle is 32. Actor Carmine Giovinazzo is 32. Actor Chad

Michael Murray is 24. Actor Rupert Grint ("Harry Potter" films) is 17. Thought for Today: "No one knows his true charac-

ter until he has run out of gas, purchased something on the installment plan and raised an adolescent." Marcelene Cox, American writer.



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