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WIDOW NEEDS HELP

Victim Services is accepting clothing and monetary donations for the widow of a 70-year-old man who was the victim of a violent crime last week.

Mollie Patton, 86, has moved in with a friend since the death of her husband a little more than a week ago.

"He was her only family," said Linda Perez, assistant director for Victim Services. "A friend is taking care of her, but their resources are very limited."

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BSISD BUDGET HEARING PLANNED THURSDAY

Big Spring Independent School District board of trustees will hold a public hearing Thursday on the fiscal 2002-2003 budget.

After two days of study in July, trustees agreed on a budget of \$24,266,422 with an estimated surplus of \$245,421.

Trustees will hold the public hearing during their next scheduled meeting on Thursday at 5:15 p.m. in the board room at Big Spring High School, 707 11th Place. The proposed budget includes local step increase for teachers but excludes any administrative raises.

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16-year-old beating victim positively identified

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer

An identity and cause of death have been determined for a Big Spring teen found dead in a vacant lot Monday.

Lennon Everett Lane, 16, was reportedly killed Sunday night or Monday morning by blunt force

trauma. Big Spring Police released the information at about 10:25 this morning.

According to the police, Lane's dental records had to be used to



LANE

make a positive identification because of the severity of the trauma to his face.

Lt. Terry Chamness said police are investigating the possibility that the death may be the result of a fight over a girl.

"There's a possibility of that, yes," he said.

Police are still awaiting the results of laboratory

tests before releasing further information, including information about the weapon used to kill Lane, Chamness said.

Three people, two juveniles 15 and 16 and an adult 19 years old, were taken into custody in connection with the murder Monday. The two juveniles have been transferred to a juvenile

detention facility in Midland. The adult was questioned and released Tuesday.

Police found the body shortly before 2 p.m. Monday after receiving a tip about a deceased person in a vacant lot in the 1900 block of Donley.

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Rash of violent crimes evoke shock, sadness

Most feel the incidents are not a reflection of Big Spring's young people

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

School officials and volunteers who work with youth express shock and sadness over three separate violent crimes involving local teen-agers but most feel the incidents are not a reflection of the area's young people.

"I think it's very sad," said Rey Villarreal principal at Big Spring Junior High School. "I don't

know what the answer is — I don't know if anybody does — It's bewildering to me. You just want to reach out to these kids and wish they would take advantage of the people available to talk to."

"It's alarming, it's scary," said Forsan Independent School District Superintendent Wayne Rotan. "You think of things like that happening at larger schools but not

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don't think it representative of the kinds of kids in Howard County by any means.

"But to sum it up in one word, it's scary," he said.

Teen Court Supervisor Gail Earls believes the actions of the last few days do not reflect the majority of teen-agers.

"I think it's a very small percentage of teens," Earls said. "Probably if you look within their home life,

it's a pattern. I can't even fathom teen-agers killing someone. The kids I work with in Teen Court and in church are confused on what's going on in the world but I don't think the majority of teen-agers have that thought in mind.

"The majority of the teen-agers are thinking about staying out late or their fight with a boyfriend — natural

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Big Spring still safe, lawmakers assure

Stress importance of parental control

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer

Local government and law enforcement officials say Big Spring is still a safe place to live, despite two murders and a serious assault, all involving teen-agers, in the past two weeks.

Big Spring's Mayor Russ McEwen, Police Chief Lonnie Smith and Municipal Judge Tim Green, as well as Howard County Sheriff Dale Walker said that while the incidents are troubling, they don't represent an upward trend in violent crime in the city.

"I don't think it's a trend at all," McEwen said. "I think it's two isolated circumstances that are absolutely tragic and it's something that's hard to comprehend. They're not related and it's something that we're dealing with and obviously the families are having trouble dealing with those situations right now."

Chief Smith agreed. "My professional belief is that homicides, most of them, are out of passion or

the heat of the moment. So to say that our crime rate is on the rise because we've had the two homicides, I don't believe that that's a fair correlation," he said.

Walker and Green both

"(The recent violence) just tells me the importance of supervising your kids, giving them good guidance and being there for them instead of letting them run the streets unsupervised."

Tim Green, municipal judge

have young children of their own, but say they aren't worried about them.

"At any given time I pretty much know the whereabouts of my kids," Green said. "I'm here at the office and I know my 16-year-old is at his grandmother's house and I know my son is

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HERALD photo/Braden Wegner

Flowers adorn the site where the murdered body of 16-year-old Lennon Everett Lane was discovered Monday afternoon. Lane's parents called the Big Spring Police Monday when he didn't return home after a sleepover. Police discovered the body and sent it to Lubbock for an autopsy, which confirmed his identity and determined blunt force trauma to be the cause of death.

Counselor: The whole community has to help families with problems

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Managing Editor

As a parent, Tony Frazier reads news accounts of two murders involving teen-age suspects occurring within a six-day span in Big Spring and admits he's motivated to be much more protective of his child, wanting to isolate her from what sudden-

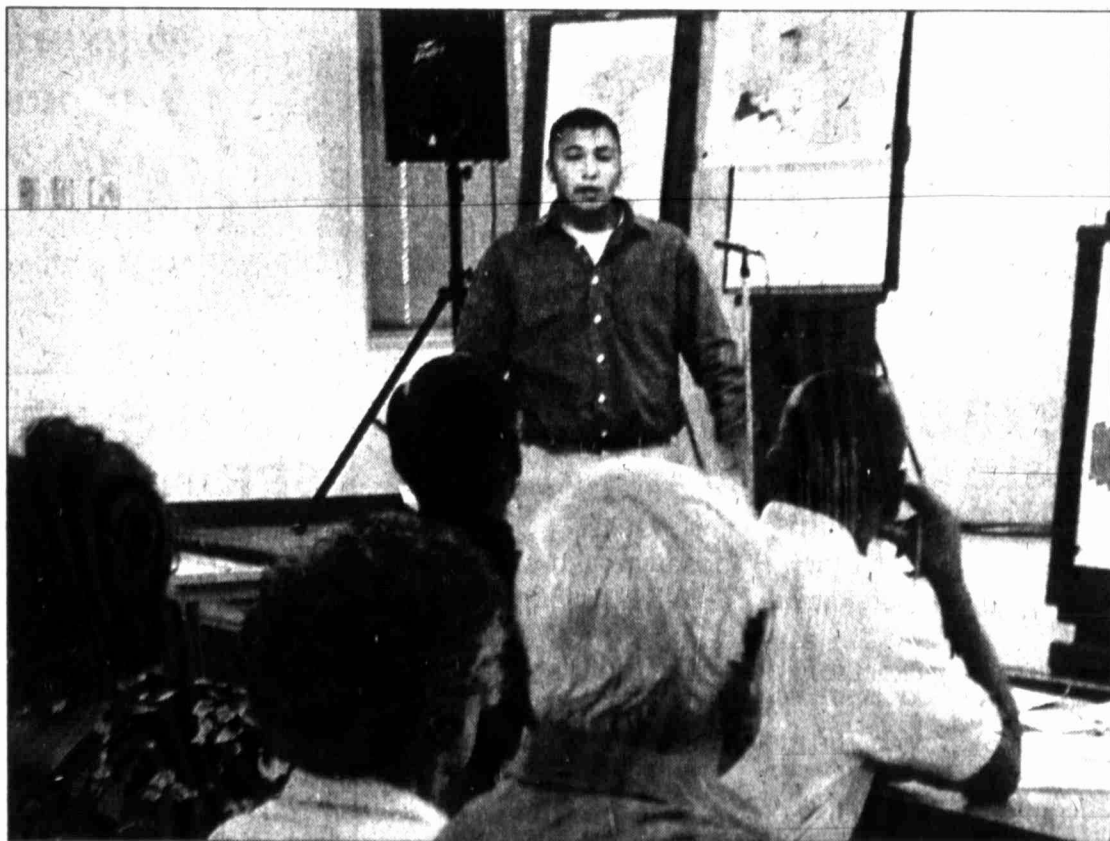
ly seems like a violent world.

But as a mental health professional, Frazier is director of counseling services for the West Texas Centers for MHMR, he stresses that Big Spring doesn't provide the same challenges and violent sur-

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FOR HELP

For more information interested persons can go by the Howard County Mental Health Clinic at 319 Runnels or can call the West Texas Centers for MHMR at 263-0027.



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Twenty-two-year-old Marcos Torres address the board and audience Tuesday night during a public forum to discuss changing the election scheme for the Big Spring Independent School District representation. Almost 100 people attended the forum and several voiced their opinion.

Single-member district proposal draws debate

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Debate flew back and forth Tuesday night on the issue of possibly changing the election scheme for the Big Spring Independent School District board representation.

Almost 100 people attended the forum at Bauer Elementary School and many residents took time to voice their opinion.

At the board's July 20 meeting, Big Spring teacher Pat DeAnda requested trustees consider a community dialogue over adopting a new election scheme of seven single-member districts from the current system in which four board members are elected from set districts and three are elected at-large.

"The Hispanic community is becoming more educated. A lot of the problem is apathy. If we break up into seven single-member districts apathy diminishes."

Marcos Torres, concerned citizen

"I'm confused at what we are hoping to accomplish," Adrian Randle said to the board and audience Tuesday night.

The current election sys-

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BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Obituary

Lennon Everett Lane



Lennon Everett Lane, 16, of Big Spring, died on Monday, August 5, 2002. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 8, 2002, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Graveside service will be 4 p.m. Thursday at Goldthwaite Memorial Cemetery, Goldthwaite. He was born on June 4, 1986, in Dallas.

Lennon had been a resident of Big Spring for two years. He was an avid chess player and loved drawing and art work. He also loved fishing and hunting, skateboarding, fourwheelers, horses, sports, being outdoors and hanging out with friends. He attended the Baptist and Church of Christ churches.

Survivors include his parents, Robert and Oweda Lane of Big Spring; one brother, Bobby Lane of Big Spring; his paternal grandfather, Jim Lane of Sweetwater; his maternal grandfather and grandmother, Ronnie Biggerstaff of Dallas and Ruth Nixon of Lubbock; and aunts and uncles, Judy Banks of Dallas, Bill Lane of Lubbock, Jim Lane of New Mexico and Donald Biggerstaff of New York and Bernard and Darlene Gunn of Little Elm.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. www.npwelch.com
Paid obituary

Support Groups

TODAY

- Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, Open Discussion Meeting 615 Settles 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Noon Open 12 and 12 Study Meeting, 615 Settles 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

THURSDAY

- Open Discussion Meeting 615 Settles, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Noon Women's Meeting 615 Settles 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Non Smoking Closed Discuss Meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Al-Anon support group, 7 p.m. 615 Settles.

FRIDAY

- AA Open discussion Meeting, 615 Settles 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Noon Open Big Book Study Meeting, 615 Settles 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Al-Anon support group, noon, 615 Settles.

SATURDAY

- Open Discussion Meeting, 615 Settles 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Open Podium/Speakers Meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Open Birthday Night No Smoking Meeting Celebrating AA Sobriety Yearly Birthdays, 615 Settles the last Saturday of every month covered dish supper at 7 p.m. Birthday meeting at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY

- Closed discussion meeting, 615 Settles 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Open discussion meeting, 615 Settles 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- NA 8 p.m., St. Mary's Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager).

Note—Closed meeting are for alcoholics only (anyone with a desire to stop drinking). Open meetings are open to anyone. (Friends, relatives, guests, visitors, etc.)

Take Note

- A benefit fund has been set up for Chris (Rocky) Tubb at Wells Fargo Bank to help defray the medical bills and assist his wife and child until his long term disability is in effect. He had no short term disability insurance. He was injured in an accident and is in critical condition in ICU in Austin. He is the son of Cindy and David Tubb of Big Spring and graduated from Big Spring High School in 1991.

To make a donation call the bank at 268-6212 or 267-5513.

- New student orientation at Howard College continues through Aug. 8. Special sessions are planned for families and non-traditional students and special informational meetings in Spanish are scheduled. Call the dean of students at 264-5028 for more information.

- Registration for the fall semester at Howard College is Aug. 19-21. Classes begin Aug. 26 and late registration is Aug. 26-30. A \$10 late fee applies to all students who register late. For more information, call the student assistance center at 264-5083.

Police Blotter

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

- **JOHNNY RAY DUPRE**, 33, of 302 Settles was arrested on two local warrants.
- **ANNETTE GLORIA TORRES**, 20, of 1408 Oriole was arrested on a charge of criminal mischief \$50 to \$500.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C** was reported in the 400 block of Armstrong Street
- **ASSAULT BY THREAT** was reported in person at the police station, in the 400 block of South Lancaster Street and in the 1500 block of South Gregg Street
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 600 block of West Interstate 20, twice in the 1600 block of East Fifth Street, in the 2200 block of East 25th Street and the 1300 block of Robin Street
- **DISTURBANCE OR FIGHT** was reported in the 400 block of Armstrong Street.
- **NEIGHBOR DISPUTE** was reported in the 1700 block of Jennings Street.
- **LOUD PARTY/NOISE** was reported in the 1200 block of East Third Street.
- **COUNTERFEIT CURRENCY** was reported at H-E-B. Someone reportedly passed a phony \$20 bill at the grocery store.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported:
 - In person at the police station, Someone reportedly entered a home through an unlocked rear window and caused \$80 damage before stealing home electronic equipment worth \$50 and other items worth \$120.
 - In the 800 block of West FM 700. Someone reportedly entered the home through an unlocked front door and stole items worth \$60.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 200 block of Algeria Street. Someone reportedly entered the blue 1999 Dodge through an unlocked door and stole a watermelon worth \$4.
- **THEFT and CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** were reported in the 300 block of Northeast Eighth Street. Damage estimated at \$30 was reported at the home and \$150 worth of items were reported stolen.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was also reported:
 - In the 1300 block of Lincoln Avenue. Someone reportedly inflicted \$180 damage on the property.
 - In the 1700 block of South Johnson Street. Home electronic equipment reportedly sustained \$80 damage and the home reportedly sustained \$50 damage in the incident.
 - In the 1300 block of Princeton Avenue. Someone reportedly entered the home through a rear door before causing \$3,000 damage to the home.
- **THEFT** was also reported in the 3200 block of Cornell. Computer equipment worth \$2,000 was reportedly stolen from the home.
- **UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 600 block of East Third Street. Someone reportedly stole a red 1996 Chevrolet worth \$8,000 and electronic entertainment equipment, and caused \$800 damage to the vehicle.

Records

Tuesday's high 92	Precip. Tuesday 0.00
Tuesday's low 71	Month to date 0.02
Average high 96	Year to date 8.16
Average low 70	Sunrise Thursday 7:06a.m.
Record high 105 in 1962	Sunset Thursday 8:37p.m.
Record low 58 in 1989	

EMS

The following is a summary of the EMS and Fire Department:

TUESDAY

1:27 p.m. — 2000 block of Virginia, trauma call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

6:40 p.m. — 100 block of NW Ninth, trauma call, one patient transported to SMMC.

3:54 p.m. — 1300 block of Kindle, rubbish fire, extinguished.

Texas lottery

Tuesday's Texas Lottery game results:
Texas Two Step drawing Tuesday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 15-23-25-35. Bonus Ball: 18.

Estimated jackpot for Friday night drawing: \$300,000.

Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 7-8-15-25-33.

Number matching five of five: 1 ticket, prize \$57,373, sold in Lubbock.

Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night: 1-7-2

Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday afternoon: 0-8-8

Bulletin board

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

TODAY

- Fraternal Order of Eagles meets at 7 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge located at 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY

- Gideons International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at Herman's Restaurant at 7 a.m.
- Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. at Gale's Sweet Shoppe located at 1706 East FM 700.
- Kiwanis Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Christmas in April meets at noon at Bob's Custom Woodwork located at 409 E. Third.
- Big Spring Main Street meets at noon at Railroad Museum located at Second and Third.
- American Legion Auxiliary 506 meets at 6 p.m. Call 263-2084 for more information.
- Masonic Lodge 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.
- Masonic Lodge 598 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 219 Main.

FRIDAY

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281. Bring a lunch.
- AMBUCS meets at noon at the Brandin' Iron.
- ABC Club meets at noon at the Brandin' Iron.
- The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Spring City Senior Citizens Country and Western Dance will be 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. All area seniors are invited.

SATURDAY

- Free used eyeglasses for adults 9 a.m. to noon at Bob's Custom Woodwork located at 409 E. Third, c/o Big Spring Lion's Club.
- Texas A&M Scholarship Auction will be 5 p.m. Saturday at the Dora Roberts Community Center.
- The Heritage Museum at 510 Scurry is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- The Potton House located at 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 to 5 p.m. A one-time admission fee of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens is encouraged.
- There will be a dance at 8:30 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge located at 703 W. Third. Members and guests are welcome.

To place an obituary in the Herald request information be sent from the funeral home either by fax or e-mail. Herald fax number is 264-7205. E-mail address is johnmoseley@bigspringherald.com For more details call 263-7331.

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tem is a result from a settlement from a LULAC suit and Randle asked what would be the benefit to the community of losing the ability to vote for four trustees to gain the ability to vote for just one.

College student Marco Torres believes the transition to a seven-member district will help with voter apathy.

"This community is changing," Torres said. "The Hispanic community is becoming more educated. A lot of the problem is apathy. If we break up into seven single-member districts apathy diminishes. I am here to support Mrs. Pat DeAnda not just here for us but for the whole community."

DeAnda said the demographics of the community are changing with the expanding growth of the Hispanic community. Hispanics live in all parts of the city, she said.

"There is a lot of fear, fear that we are going to take over," DeAnda said. "Why should that be a question when a minority puts up a proposal?"

DeAnda said minorities have a disadvantage in at-large elections.

"Politics have polarization," she said. "The anglo will vote for the anglo, the black will vote for the black and the Hispanic will vote for the Hispanic. If we run at large we would not win."

John Currie worried that a single-member district scheme would reduce the pool of qualified candidates to those from to serve on the board.

"You may be combing two very qualified people who could serve as trustee," he said.

Currie was one of many of the speakers who expressed concern about not hearing

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the board's point of view on this issue.

"I would like to get the board's impression and not just the professionals," he said.

Board President Frank Long and Judy Brown, the district's attorney, repeatedly insisted the forum was simply to solicit the public's opinion on the scheme.

"We'll have discussion in the open," said trustee Phil Furquerson. "This is just too big a decision to make without tempering it with public opinion and that's why we're not talking during the forum. We need to listen. We'll get to speak soon enough."

Long suggested that those interested in trustees' opinions on the issue are welcomed to call the administration office, 264-3600, and request the member's home phone number.

"I'm sure we will have some answers for it," he said.

Another public forum is tentatively set for Sept. 26 at the Big Spring Junior High School Cafeteria, 624 E. Sixth St.

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SAFE

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in his room right now playing Nintendo. During the day I call and check up on them. Parents just need to know the whereabouts of their kids."

Walker echoed Green's advice.

"(The recent violence) just tells me the importance of supervising your kids, giving them good guidance and being there for them instead of letting them run the streets unsupervised," he said. "I think that's where a lot of them go wrong. They don't have a lot of supervision and direction."

Smith said it's a shame that young people are choosing to throw their lives away.

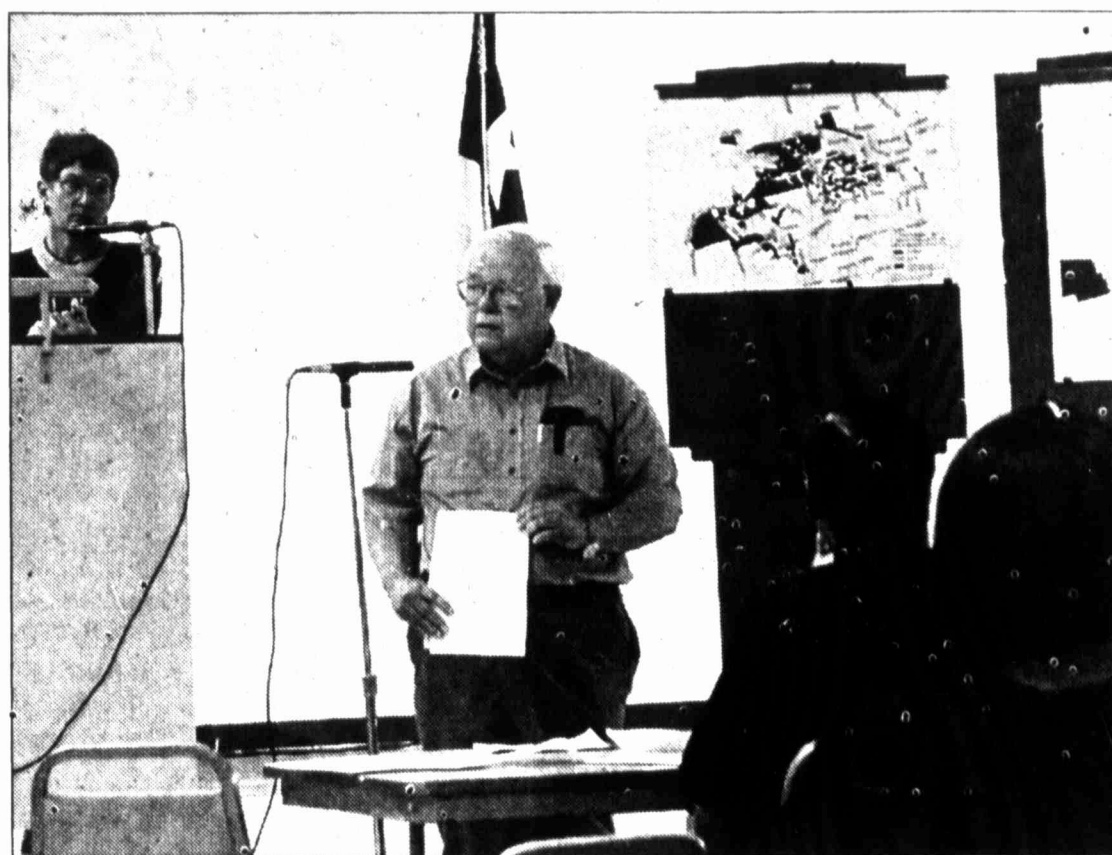
"Unfortunately (the violence has) involved some of our young citizens that we have here in our community. That's the sad part of it on account of their age. Basically they have ruined the rest of their lives," he said. "What concerns me with the youth, what we're dealing with a lot with the juveniles, is the lack of remorse and lack of respect that they have for themselves and others."

McEwen said he's more worried about his young grandson than he was raising his now-grown children.

"I've got a grandson who's 3 1/2, and I'm much more concerned about him than I was about our children because he will face things that our children and we never had to face," he said. "I think it points out the fact that teenagers today are facing more than teenagers 10 or 20 or 30 years ago. We live in a different environment than we did years ago."

Parents need to develop a relationship with their children in order to protect them, the officials said.

"What happens is that kids get in bad environments sometimes outside the home that contribute mightily," McEwen said. "It just points out the fact that we need to know what our children are doing at all times and give them the



John Currie poses a series of questions to the Big Spring Independent School Board trustees during the public forum held Tuesday regarding a possible change in the district's trustee election scheme.

right direction. We as parents must always be vigilant to make sure we're providing the right environment for our children."

Walker suggests keeping teens busy with positive activities.

"They need to know who they're running around with, where they're at and what they're doing," Walker said. "That's probably the main thing. Just know who you're kids' friends are, know what their activities are and what their involvements are. Keep your kids involved in different activities, school- or church-related. Keep them busy so they don't have time to get in trouble. That would be my advice."

Green said parents should let kids know what's expected of them.

"I think when you don't have any expectations of your kids, kids tend to do what they think," he said. "I

try to think, 'What if my kids had been in the same situation?' I think if it had been my kids, it wouldn't have gotten that far. My kids after a while, if they see it's getting a little heated, they say, 'My dad's going to hear about this, I need to get out of here.'"

Parental involvement needs to start early, Smith added.

"They need to be more involved with them. If they don't have a family life, they need to develop one," he said. "You look at the kids that are involved with this today, they're too big to spank. So if they haven't gotten their morals or their view of what society deems is acceptable instilled in them by this age, it's a little late to be getting started."

Big Spring is still a safe place to live, according to the officials.

"I feel completely safe and would recommend our com-

munity to anybody, absolutely, as safe," McEwen said.

Compared with other times in its history, Big Spring is very safe and secure, Smith said.

"I think it's a safe community to live in," he said. "I was born and raised here and there have been years when we had upwards of 15 homicides in a year, but that was back when we had a bar on every corner."

Big Spring's parents are the key to the future of the city's youth, Green said.

"I challenge anybody to go to any other town and find better parents than here in Big Spring," he said. "I think overall that I wouldn't want to raise my kids anywhere other than Big Spring."

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Man acquitted on wording of indictment

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

A carpet cleaner accused of stealing jewelry from a client was acquitted after a trial Tuesday due to a poorly written indictment.

Juan Gilbert Hinojosa, 29, of Stanton was found not guilty of state jail felony theft in Big Spring's 118th District Court after a directed verdict by Judge Robert Moore III.

Hinojosa was charged with stealing an anniversary ring appraised at \$4,600 from the home of a Big Spring woman in November of 2000 and then attempting to pawn the ring for cash.

"The judge granted the defense's motion for instructed verdict, alleging that the proof offered at the trial didn't match what was the elements as set out in the indictment," said Assistant District Attorney Robin Orr, lead prosecutor in the case. "There was some language in the indictment that probably shouldn't have been there."

Judge Moore explained the problem further.

"The indictment said that the property was obtained without the effective consent of the victim, and then for some reason or other — unbeknownst to, I suppose anyone right now — it contained the additional wordage 'without effective consent, namely by deception,'" Moore said. "In fact this was not by deception, it was simply a non-consensual taking."

Moore said his initial reaction was simply to ignore the extra phrase in the indictment.

"Frankly my first reaction was it just said more than it needed to and we can ignore 'namely by deception' as just being surplusage and go on," he said.

But Hinojosa's defense attorney, Wayne Frost of Midland, had precedent on his side.

"The defense lawyer had

an appeals court case that dealt right on point — it's what we call a 'white horse case' — that said under those circumstances, unless the state has proved that the taking was by deception, then there's insufficient evidence to support a verdict because the evidence has to conform to the indictment," he said. "In other words, you can't charge someone with one thing and then prove something else. You have to prove what you charge."

Hinojosa cannot be charged for the theft under a corrected indictment because of double-jeopardy laws which prohibit trying a defendant twice for the same crime.

Frost said he believes justice was done in this case because he feels Hinojosa was innocent of the theft.

"My client was not guilty," he said. "The testimony revealed that the ring and the pendant that were involved in the pawning,

one of the other individuals that was there doing work had asked my client, 'Hey, would you pawn this because I don't have an ID?' My client didn't steal this. He didn't even know it was stolen."

Frost said Hinojosa believed he was doing a favor for a friend.

"The testimony revealed that the investigators in the case never even tried to locate the other individuals that were there in the house," Frost said. "They never even talked to my client. The next thing he knew, he was arrested pursuant to the indictment."

The fact that the indictment was written wrong was a happy coincidence.

Frost said.

"I guess you could say it was a technicality, but the state always has the burden of proof in a criminal case, and if they can't prove what they charge, then any defendant is entitled to be free," he said. "It just so happened in this particular case that there were some other things involved, namely that my client never stole the jewelry. In this case I definitely feel like justice was done, because an innocent man walked out of that courtroom a free man."

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BSISD to hold hearing on proposed budget

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District board of trustees will hold a public hearing Thursday on the fiscal 2002-2003 budget.

After two days of study in July, trustees agreed on a budget of \$24,266,422 with an estimated surplus of \$245,421.

Trustees will hold the public hearing during their next scheduled meeting on Thursday at 5:15 p.m. in the board room at Big Spring High School, 707 11th Place.

The proposed budget includes local step increase for teachers but excludes any administrative raises.

Trustees also included \$30,000 for auxiliary and paraprofessional raises in hopes to improve salaries and reward long-term employment commitment in those areas. The budget also includes a 6 percent across the board cut in instruction and curriculum which is estimated to save approxi-

mately \$120,000.

In other business, Big Spring High School Principal Mike Ritchey and Goliad Intermediate Principal Brenda Gainey will present recommendations to fill the assistant principal positions.

"I believe we have a local recommendation and one out of the district recommendation," said Superintendent Murray

Murphy.

The Family of Terry Fortson would like to thank all who participated in BBQ/Dance Benefit. We are truly grateful for all the monetary support. We pray that your families will be blessed like you all have blessed us. Thanks to all the friends who traveled long distances to be with us. We truly appreciate all of your kindness. We would especially like to give thanks for the following friends and families for sponsoring: Lonnie (Thames) and Gary Porter, Janet Ivery, Allan and Della Partee and Family, Shannon Mullen Nabors, Steve Merrick, Lynde Thames, Henry and Nell Thames, Cindy and Keith McGuire, Steve and Joni (Jones) Hodges, Marty and Suzanne Herron, John and Cindy (Butler) Yater, Sonya Worthan Metcalif and the Eagles Band. Thanks is not enough.

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OUR VIEWS

Violent acts
are far cry
from typical

Two murders involving teen-age suspects occurring in a six-day period have clearly shocked residents of Big Spring. And with another teen-ager listed in serious condition at a Lubbock hospital after suffering head injuries in what authorities believe was a fight in which youths were armed with baseball bats, our community is reeling from a violent week that can only be termed inconceivable.

It doesn't seem possible such acts could occur in our midst. Certainly not in a week's time.

Simply put, all three incidents are an aberration.

This is a community that prides itself on knowing one's neighbors, caring for and looking out for one another, responding to needs and helping those less fortunate than ourselves.

How then, can such abominable acts of violence take place?

If crimes such as these can take place here, clearly, no community is immune.

But it should be stressed that while these acts took place here, they aren't Big Spring.

Big Spring and Howard County are something much, much different.

We are fund-raising efforts like Relay for Life, the MS Walk and benefits like those that benefited the Marvin Wynn family in recent months. A community that proudly participates in the National Day of Prayer. One that fosters volunteer organizations that produce events like the Festival of Lights at Christmas and Pops in the Park on July 4 each year.

No, this is not a mean-spirited community. Today and every day we need to remember that.

OTHER VIEWS

The Herald is always interested in our readers' opinions.

In order that we might better serve your needs, we offer several ways in which you may contact us:

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Our correspondence with you, Lord, can be just as easy as talking with an earthly friend. Help us come to you with our concerns. Amen

Mine eyes shall see the glory

A friend of mine is losing his sight to retinitis pigmentosa, a hereditary disease that eventually causes blindness. There is no cure. Lately he has a yen to see old things — old town squares, courthouses, churches.

His most recent craving and his plight have left me wondering what I'd most want to see if I knew the darkness was coming. What visual delights would I want to savor, to see again or see for the first, the last, time?

There are the obvious things, of course. The faces of family and friends. I'd want to memorize those down to a freckle and an eyelash.

And there are the spectacular things, the sunflower fields in Southwest France, for instance. I'd like to travel again to the agricultural, unspoiled region of that most beautiful country, the perfect vistas

around Bergerac and Cadillac. The flowers each July bow to the sun against a Windex-blue sky. They are nature at attention, in uniform, pretending to be tame.

While in France, I wouldn't mind staring for hours into a chocolate-shop window in the Marais area of Paris, because chocolate in France is a visual delicacy, not just an edible one. And since I'm there, I might as well watch the city children push their boats in the lake at the Tuileries, a storybook sight straight out of the movies.

I'd want to see my neighbor's garden, too. Annie Louise's four-o'clocks ripen at the namesake hour in her bed along the branch and are as spectacular in their way as the French sunflower fields. I'd want an imprint of those rosy, lazy blooms on my brain.

I'd want to see the Mississippi River one more time, particularly from a certain bluff in Natchez where sunset is the Cracker Jack prize. But I'd settle for seeing the river from any point, even in the smelly vicinity of Baton Rouge. The Mississippi is life.

I'd want to see a printed

page before I lost my sight forever, in a newspaper or a book. A computer screen doesn't count. I'd want to remember how the words in a new book pull you into a fantastic world that you have never known before, how they come together in a waltz or a tango, as history or poetry or humor.

I'd like to see one more tabloid headline that shouts the impossible: MADONNA GIVES BIRTH TO ELVIS' LOVE CHILD.

The printed page is a beautiful sight.

I'd like to see a girl on her first day of school, shoes shiny, hair combed, ribbons tied. I'd want to see her hug her mom and climb the steps of a yellow Bluebird bus, tentative and brave.

I'd want to watch a campfire blaze beneath a Mississippi October moon, or see the egrets roost in a Louisiana swamp. I'd certainly want to remember those.

It would be nice to catch another glimpse of the blue porch ceilings of Charleston, the brick streets of Savannah, the endless beach of Sapelo Island.

And before I forget, give me another look at a home-

ly cow, its sad eyes so beseeching, its habits so utterly disgusting.

I'd want to see my mother's table set for Christmas, my father's vegetable garden, the street where I lived in 1974. I'd rush to see all of that once again.

I wouldn't care a fig about art museums, landmark architecture or the view from an airplane. Don't ask me why.

I'd certainly have to have another long look at the ocean, preferably along a deserted beach, if there's one left.

I'd want to sit seaside all day, from the early morning until the sun drops into the distant waves and fizzes.

Most of all, though, I think I might stay close to the house, to the clothesline that's held the same sock all summer, and the brush pile with its rosebush clippings, and the old pot that holds my dog's food. I'd want to see the clean sheets on the old iron bed, the blue rabbit on the bookshelf, the photos on the wall.

I'd want to see as many times as possible, for as long as it was possible, the porch lights of my home.

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--C. L. SANDBURG



Taking kids back in time

Kids get to experience the old-fashioned western way of life at Time

Walkers Ranch, located near the community of Hobson, 50 miles south of San Antonio.

"We have an 1800s summer camp for kids," says Cassie Gotthardt, the owner and director of the camp. "Our campers actually get to experience life in the 1800s either for a one- or two-week camp session."

The camp started last year as a family project. "We were looking for a new way to make a living on our ranch. We also have a love and interest in Texas history. It just seemed a perfect match."

Cassie was a teacher before she decided to become a stay at home Mom.

"I was looking for something to use my education

and all of those things came together to start Time Walkers Ranch."

Camp sessions are for boys and girls ages 9 through 15. Boys, ages 12 through 15, can attend a two-week session called Trail Driver Camp. Girls ages 9 through 13 can attend a week-long Pioneer Camp where they join a pioneer wagon train and live like early settlers of South Texas. Boys ages 9 through 12 may attend a one-week Settler Camp where each boy will re-live settling one of Stephen F. Austin's first colonies.

"The boys do everything from archery to knife and tomahawk throwing, camp fire and Dutch oven cooking, riding horses and driving wagons. At our girls' camp, they make rag dolls, do some knitting and quilting. At Trail Drivers' Camp they learn to ride and rope and move cattle. They actually go on a two-day cattle drive where they sleep under the stars at night just like the old cowboys did."

Campers do chores and learn to identify plants and animals. The ranch has

lush pastures.

"It has two creeks that run through it. There's nice tree cover and things like that."

The kids get to use items from the 1800s. They wear period clothing at the end of camp.

"The boys when they come get an 1800s style shirt that they get to wear on Saturday when their families come. We do all our photos and everything like that while they're wearing 1800s shirts along with their blue jeans and boots and hats. For the girls, we actually have skirts and things they can put on with their long sleeve shirts and we take pictures of them in those."

The camp is limited to 18 youngsters.

"That way, everybody gets to participate in all the activities. It's just great being able to develop that personal relationship with everybody who comes into the camp."

Time Walkers Ranch is properly named.

"We thought about what we were doing was taking people in a walk back in time."



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Upon investigation, investigators found the young white male of the Peace Baptist Church pronounced the at the scene and autopsy.

A funeral service will be held Thursday at Pickle & Weld Chapel. Graves will be at 4 p.m. Goldthwaite Cemetery in Goldthwaite.

The case is under investigation. A information about the crime should be sent to Big Spring Police at

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The teen-age victim, Earls said, but youths to find guidance.

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Upon investigation, officers found the body of a young white male. Justice of the Peace Bennie Green pronounced the victim dead at the scene and ordered the autopsy.

A funeral service for Lane will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Graveside services will be at 4 p.m. Thursday at Goldthwaite Memorial Cemetery in Goldthwaite.

The case is still under investigation. Anyone with information about this crime should call the Big Spring Police at 264-2550.

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things. They are just going through an ornery stage. These teens that have done this (violent crime) need to be dealt with severely."

The teen-age years are difficult, Earls and Villarreal said, but youths have places to find guidance and help.

"There are people who will help them, starting with school or church or a significant adult in their life," he said. "I wish they would reach out."

The junior high school offers a program where a peer trained in mediation helps to resolve disputes between two parties without adults intervening.

"This is a way for both parties to save face and mediate," Villarreal said.

Also, the junior high works with other agencies such as Victim Services.

"Teen-agers are under a lot of peer pressure," said Linda Perez of Victim Services. "Peer pressure is one of the things that drives a teen-ager to do things without thinking of consequences. They want to fit in."

Perez said in the almost three years she has worked with the agency, she has not seen many violent crimes involving teens.

"As a parent, you really need to know who your kids are hanging around with. You need to know your kids' friends," Perez said.

Violent crimes impact more than just the victim, Perez said.

"When a crime like that happens, more than one family is victimized — the family of the victim plus the family of the perpetrators," said Perez. "Two lives are altered completely in seconds. Violent crimes affects not only the family but also

the community."

Earls believes the teen-agers need guidance and strict rules.

"I'm not saying every parent is not taking on the responsibility but the kids' role mode is their parents. We can't just blame it on the parent, the school, the kids it takes everybody, but I think each one of us needs to be responsible."

Perez said teens seeking help can call the Victims Services' 24-hour hotline at 263-3312.

The agency works closely with law enforcement but offers confidentially counseling.

"The only time we break confidentiality is if there is a life-threatening situation," Perez said.

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HELP

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roundings that children face in inner cities.

In fact, Frazier says he's not willing to say there's more teen-age violence prevalent in our community than there was 20, 30 or 40 years ago. Rather the nature of that violence has changed.

"This isn't South Oak Cliff, though," Frazier said Tuesday afternoon when asked whether local mental health officials are being contacted more often in response to violent children in our community. "This is Big Spring. So what's happened in the last few days is really shocking. It seems almost unbelievable. It certainly isn't the norm."

What he will admit, however, is that in the United States violent acts and aggressiveness by girls has statistically increased. And, furthermore, the severity of violent acts committed by young people today seems to have intensified.

"Of course, what we're seeing virtually everywhere is that instead of kids resolving conflicts with a relatively minor fistfight, the intensity of the methods kids are using to express aggression is increasing," Frazier explained. "That's why you see kids fighting with baseball bats or retaliating against someone with a gun or knife."

"I think there's a desensitization of the value of life in some young people these days," he continued, adding that there is considerable debate as to whether teens realize the finality of death.

Teen-age violence, Frazier noted, is first and foremost a family issue, but cannot be that limited. The whole community — law enforce-

ment, educators and school officials, as well as mental health professionals — have to work together to help families confronted by the problem, he said.

Perhaps the first consideration parents, educators and other professionals must have when dealing with children who exhibit aggressive or violent behavior is the presence of "negative peer groups."

One of the most serious concerns in that realm, Frazier noted, would be gang involvement.

"Parents should always ask questions about what's going on in their children's lives," he said. "Teen-agers tend to be more impulsive and we need to know who they're spending their time with. We need to not only know where they're going, but who they identify with."

Sadly, the most dangerous of negative peer groups can be the family itself.

"You have to look at the family environment," Frazier continued. "Look at family expressiveness. How do parents and other adults in the home handle their conflicts? If parents resolve conflicts with anger and violence, their children tend to do so."

"The family's adaptability is also a question," he added. "How does the family respond to stress? Are things always someone else's fault or can the father and mother see the roles they've played in problems like losing a job."

As a counselor with years of experience in working with teen-agers coping with "anger issues," Frazier said there are characteristics common in children at risk to be aggressive or violent.

"First, you have to deter-

mine if the child is making threats," he explained. "Second, do they have a means to carry out a threat? And the next level is do they have an appetite for weapons? And then you have to ask if they're easily agitated."

If the answers to those questions are yes, a parent that has guns or a knife collection at home has a reason to be really concerned," Frazier added. "But as we've seen in the last few days here in Big Spring, guns and knives aren't the only problem in such cases. All sorts of things can be a weapon."

And if negative peer pressure coincides with alcohol or substance abuse, Frazier added, what little inhibitions a teen-ager has will be lessened. "It just adds fuel to the fire," he said.

But conflict and teen violence can and does occur in even the most stable, nurturing families. Quite often in such cases, parents can feel overwhelmed and depressed.

"What really concerns me are those severe situations of learned helplessness ... where the parents have tried everything they know how and have given up," Frazier explained. "It's not all about the parents ... not all their fault."

"When a parent repeatedly doesn't know what to do, they feel trapped by the situation," he added. "And the more we ask them what they're going to do about a situation, the more powerlessness they feel, the more trapped they feel."

"In situations like that, you can't just focus on the child or the parent. In fact, in most cases, you need to be able to help the entire

Widow of 70-year-old crime victim in need of financial assistance

By BILL MCCLELLAN

News Editor
Victim Services is accepting clothing and monetary donations for the widow of a 70-year-old man who was the victim of a violent crime last week.

Mollie Patton, 86, has moved in with a friend since the death of her husband a little more than a week ago.

"He was her only family," said Linda Perez, assistant director for Victim Services. "A friend is taking care of her, but their resources are very limited."

Monetary donations, and gifts of clothing, bedding, towels, wash cloths and other items are needed.

family. If you further isolate the family, they're gone. They'll never be able to help these teen-agers."

Frazier said West Texas Centers for MHMR offers help to families dealing with such issues.

"We have counselors to work with the child and adults to provide individual and family therapy," he noted. "We also have rehabilitative skills providers, teachers that work with parents and their children to coach stress management and anger management skills, teaching them con-

Ideal donations would include gift cards from Wal-Mart and H-E-B or other stores, Perez said.

Harlen "Jene" Patton's body was discovered by a motorist on July 30 in a brushy area off Rock House Road. A preliminary autopsy found that he died of asphyxiation by strangulation. Two teen-agers, 17-year-old Melanie Castenada and a 15-year-old male, have been charged with capital murder.

Sheriff's investigators have said that they believe the motive for the murder was theft of the Mr. Patton's vehicle.

Those who would like to help Mrs. Patton are encouraged to call Victim Services at 263-3312.

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All of us are sad
Now that it's done!
Please indulge me, as my "review" this week will be about the Summer Reading Program. I need to thank so many people and let all of you know just what we did.

June 3 was our Kick-Off Day and we started with a bang. Over 90 children and their parents showed up to register, decorate boots, have refreshments and watch a movie. By the end of two weeks there were 208 children signed up and we were really rolling.

Each Monday we watched movies. Lots of Disney classics like "Dumbo" and "Bambi." Some days we had cookies, some days we had juice and on the days the air conditioner died we had ice pops!

Tuesdays found us surrounded by the MARKS (Mighty Awesome Reading Kids). These were boys and girls going into the second grade and older. Each week we had a speaker and the things they taught us were incredible.

David Knight and the Extension Office started us with a beekeeping lesson. A video showed us all kinds of interesting facts about these beneficial "stingers." The next week Quail Dobbs and friends rode in to talk about the rodeo and sign autographs. Clarence Hartfield, who gave us a terrific history lesson on Juneteenth, followed them.

Melanie Gambrell ended June for us with a lesson on animal rehabilitation. July started slowly, when Bram Michaelz got the time just a little wrong (!), but once he got here we learned about the radio business. Jack Harrison took us for a ride on the

railroad. Theodore and his sidekick John McIntyre gave us a glimpse of the Buffalo Soldier.

July 23 was for the birds, as Bebe McCasland flew us around with some Texas birds. Ranger Ron Alton was our final speaker and he told us all about the trees and plants around our area. Every year I search for speakers and every year I seem to find just the right ones.

They give their time and their knowledge so graciously that a mere thank you from me doesn't seem to be enough, so I'd like to ask all of you: if you see any of these people please take the time to give them a great big THANK YOU!!

Wednesdays the participants were smaller as the STARS (Sit Together And Read) marched, danced, sang and tiptoed their way into the library. The children in this group were first grade and younger, some readers some not, but all with great listening ears! Stories were read, songs were sung, finger plays were performed and lots of laughter was shared. We shook out our sillies, sailed the sea with Princess Pat and let everyone know we were happy!

Both groups did a craft every week. From cabins to piñatas, sunflowers to birds, Texas mobiles to jack rabbit stick puppets the library was adorned with great artwork. Of course, I can't forget the recycled Texas critters! If you missed them, you missed a rare treat. In fact now that it is all gone it looks a little sad. Anyone out there have a picture for Miss Karen?



KAREN MCINTYRE

A new and different day was added this year, "Topsy-Turvy" Thursday. Just like its name implies we never knew what would happen. One week we had a visit from Ginger Anderson with the Master Gardener's Program and we planted tomato plants in baggies. Another week we got a special tour of the Heritage Museum. We made and flew airplanes, played Texas games, designed whistling yoyos (that really whistled!) and generally had a ball. This will definitely stay in the program for next year.

Overall this program was a success but there was a downside. Of the 208 registered only 61 children read the ten books required for attendance at the closing party. No matter how much I enjoy the speakers, the games and the children, this number truly saddens me. I realize vacations and other things happen during the summer, but what better time to read with your children? Sitting in the yard on a summer's evening reading with my grandmother is one of my most treasured memories. Please think about making some of those memories with your family.

Special thanks to Herb Marlow who entertained our winning readers and their parents at the closing party. As usual, he was great fun and very informative. Again a big thank you to all involved with the program and to you for your patience in letting me ramble. I'm Karen McIntyre AKA the "Book Pusher!"

The Howard County Library hours are: Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. The library is located at 500 Main Street and the phone number is 264-2260.

Karen McIntyre is the children's librarian at the Howard County Library.

Local youth places in All Star Kids Pageant

Herald Staff Report

Preslie Smithie participated in the 2002 All Star Kids Pageant in February and placed in three areas of the age 2 division of the competition. Smithie won Most Photogenic, Best Dressed and was third alternate overall.

She is the daughter of Shannon and Angela Smithie and the granddaughter of Buddy and Beverly Smithie, James and Carla Collinsworth, and William and Pat McNew, all of Big Spring; and Bobby and Wilma Dennis of Fritch.

She is the niece of Rob Dennis of Nashville, Tenn. and Tony and Brandi Jetton also of Big Spring.



Courtesy photo
Two-year-old Preslie Smithie poses with the two trophies she won at the 2002 All Star Kids Pageant. She was voted Most Photogenic, Best Dressed and was third alternate overall.

Returning to flight after seven years of keeping feet on the ground

Herald Staff Report

Robert (Bob) L. Felts received recertification as a pilot after seven years of not flying on July 30, 2002.

Felts is a Physical Therapist at Scenic Mountain Medical Center in Big Spring, and received his recertification as a pilot from Senior Instructor Jarle Boe at the U.S. Flight Academy at the McMahon-

Wrinkle Airpark.

Felts as been a Big Spring resident since March of 1996. He attended Texas A & M University in 1973. He



FELTS

had worked in Monahans, Kermit, and Fort Stockton before residing in Big Spring.

He is married to Debbie and they have two girls together.

He owns a Bellanca airplane and, after being recertified, is looking forward to more flying (and with wife's approval; maybe another Bellanca down the line.)

Garden City



Courtesy photo

The Garden City High School Cheerleaders attended a UCA summer camp bringing home many honors. In addition to being named as a Superior squad, five girls were named to the All Star team.

Pictured from left to right are, Erica, UCA Instructor, Brecklyn Hughes-Junior All Star Captain; Allison Jansa-Junior All Star; Morgan Knight-Junior; Amanda Hirt-Sophomore; Chelsea Schwartz-Senior All Star; Bonnie Pelzel-Senior All Star.

In front is Senior All Star Mascot Marianne Halfmann. The squad's coach is Micki Wesley.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS

BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Forsan Independent School District (Forsan ISD) will hold a public meeting at 6:30 p.m. on August 19, 2002 in the Superintendent's office located at the Forsan ISD Junior High/High School campus in Forsan, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

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Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rate

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.50	\$0.00 *	\$1.50	\$5,512	\$1,554
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.76	\$0.00 *	\$1.76	\$6,532	\$901
Proposed Rate	\$1.50	\$0.00 *	\$1.50	\$5,411	\$802

*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	\$45,207	\$42,822
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$21,166	\$19,258
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.50	\$1.50
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$317.49	\$288.87
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes	-	(\$28.62)

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

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.82384. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate 1.82384.

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)	\$980,774.44
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ -0-

Cancer similar

WASHINGTON
While blacks face higher rates of cancer, a new study shows that both groups get similar treatment for the disease.

The study, published in the Journal of the American Medical Association, found that black patients with colon cancer were more likely to receive surgery than white patients.

Physicians at Farber Cancer Institute in Boston reported that black patients with colon cancer were more likely to receive surgery than white patients.

Yet when they received surgery, the results were similar. In addition, the study found that black patients generally have fewer related side effects than white patients.

That was unexpected, said Dr. Charles F. Seder, lead author of the study. "It shows that, in general, we have an equal view of the disease," he said.

Dr. Alan R. Nease, of the American Cancer Society, said the study "finds that the results of treatment are similar in both groups."

Simple steps to help prevent cancer

Texas Department of Health

A common cause of cancer is in almost all types of cancer, an extremely rare disease called meningitis. However, some simple safety precautions can help prevent health problems for people to on rivers, streams or ponds.

The combination of lower water levels, temperature and or slow-moving water produces higher concentrations of the amoeba, which causes primary amebic meningoencephalitis, according to Neil a Texas Department of Health (TDH) epidemiologist.

"This infection, known as PAM, is extremely rare," said. "On average, about one to three are detected in Texas each year." For those who have, however, death occurs within a few days. Three fatal cases were reported in last year, and 32 have been recorded since 1972.

During drought conditions, high temperatures, concentrations of the amoeba increase in the organisms that fresh water where temperatures are high, above 80 degrees said.

The PAM infection occurs when water containing the organism is forcefully inhaled through nasal passages — from diving, jumping, water skiing. Then make their way to the brain and spinal cord. PAM is not spread from person to person.

Symptoms of the infection include severe headache, high fever,



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Cancer treatment outcomes similar for blacks and whites

WASHINGTON (AP) — While blacks facing serious illnesses often do not fare as well as whites due to differences in their medical care, a study shows that when both groups get the same treatment the outcomes are similar.

The study focused on advanced colorectal cancer. Physicians at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston reported their findings in Wednesday's issue of the Journal of the National Cancer Institute.

"When you look at national statistics, African-American patients with colon cancer do worse than Caucasians. Although one would assume they ought to do the same, they don't," said Dr. Charles S. Fuchs, lead author of the study.

Yet when they get equal access to state-of-the-art oncology care, the outcome is equivalent, he said.

In addition, Fuchs said, the study found blacks generally have fewer treatment-related side effects than whites.

That was unexpected, he said, "but certainly bolsters the idea that African-Americans should get the same access to chemotherapy as Caucasian Americans."

Dr. Alan R. Nelson, head of the American Society of Internal Medicine, said the finding that equal treatment results in equal outcomes is "an important study."

"It shows that, in my view, we have an obligation

to make sure our medical care is color blind," he said.

Nelson, who was not part of the research team, was chairman of an Institute of Medicine panel that earlier this year issued a report detailing unequal treatment of minorities in the health care system.

The cancer research team led by Fuchs and Dr. A. David McCollum looked at survival outcomes and toxicity for 344 blacks and 3,036 whites in chemotherapy trials for colorectal cancer.

Five-year disease-free survival was 57 percent for blacks and 58 percent for whites and overall survival was 65 percent for blacks and 66 percent for whites, rates which were considered statistically the same.

The researchers found that during treatment, nausea was reported in 47 percent of blacks and 61 percent of whites; vomiting in 24 percent of blacks and 31 percent of whites and diarrhea in 51 percent of blacks and 75 percent of whites.

On the other hand, 56 percent of blacks experienced anemia compared with 41 percent of whites.

The researchers attributed the different outcomes between blacks and whites in earlier studies to differences in access to high-quality health care. That lack of access results in reduced likelihood of screening, delays in detecting the disease and more advanced disease when treatment begins.

Immunization rates increase for Texas children

AUSTIN (AP) — Nearly 75 percent of young Texas children were fully immunized against seven diseases in 2001, according to a new Centers for Disease Control and Prevention study.

The 2001 figure is up from 69.5 percent the previous year, moving Texas out of last place to 43rd in the nation for the number of children ages 19 months to 35 months who have received the vaccinations.

The vaccination series in the study includes four doses of diphtheria-tetanus-acellular pertussis (DTaP), three doses of polio and one dose of measles-mumps-rubella (MMR).

"It is very good news that we are coming up in our immunization levels," said Linda Linville, chief of the Texas Department of Health Bureau of Immunization and Pharmacy Support. "Having been ranked last, it's good to move up some points."

The national immunization rate was 78.6 percent, up from 77.6 percent in 2000.

Linville said Tuesday that the department's goal for next year is to at least meet the national average.

Dr. Eduardo Sanchez, the Texas

Foundation wants to expand insurance coverage for children

HOUSTON (AP) — A four-week program to spread the news about free or low-cost health insurance for children has been launched in Houston.

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation chose Houston and Los Angeles for a four-week paid advertising and outreach campaign to bridge the information gap keeping parents from accessing Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program for their children.

The Gulf Coast CHIP Coalition launched the program on Tuesday.

Television and radio advertisements funded by the foundation were to begin running in Houston on Wednesday in English and Spanish, the Houston Chronicle reported in Wednesday's editions.

Many families are unaware they qualify for state and federal health insurance programs, officials said.

Of an estimated 8.2 million children nationwide who lack health insurance, nearly one

million are said to live in Texas.

"Children in Texas are starting their day at a disadvantage compared to other children because they have no health insurance," said Barbara Best, health project manager for the

Children's Defense Fund of Texas and coalition chairwoman.

Dozens of outreach and enrollment events will continue through September, officials said.

"Research shows that families with uninsured children are forced to make hard choices about caring for their kids," Harris County Judge Robert Eckels said.

When children don't receive medical treatment for colds or chronic conditions, they are ill-equipped to perform well in the classroom, Best said.

"Children who cannot see the blackboard or hear the teacher don't go to school ready to learn or to succeed," she added.

Commissioner of Health, said some factors that led to the increased number were the department's enhanced

involvement with local immunization coalitions, an additional 200 clinics in the Texas Vaccines for Children Program and an increase in awareness of the importance of immunizations.

Gov. Rick Perry said Texas has made improving the immunization rates a priority and the numbers show the state is making progress.

"While the improved numbers are welcomed news, our efforts must continue," Perry said.

By 2010, the goal is to have 90 percent of the state's children fully immunized, Linville said.

Linville said the goal could be met as long as there are enough vaccines, federal and state funds are available for education, and outreach programs are not reduced.

A shortage of vaccines starting in spring 2001 may have slowed some progress.

"It got really bad when almost all of our vaccines at one time or another were in short supply or not available at all," Linville said.

"The vaccine shortages may have slowed us down a little bit. Right now, we don't know what effect that has had."

Linville said the vaccine supply now is about at normal levels.

Simple safety precautions help prevent PAM infection

Texas Department of Health

A common amoeba found in almost all untreated surface water can cause an extremely rare form of meningitis. However, some simple safety precautions can help prevent potential health problems for people to on lakes, rivers, streams or stock ponds.

The combination of lower water levels, high temperature and stagnant or slow-moving water produces higher concentrations of the amoeba that causes primary amoebic meningoencephalitis, according to Neil Pascoe, a Texas Department of Health (TDH) epidemiologist.

"This infection, also known as PAM, is extremely rare," Pascoe said. "On average, only about one to three cases are detected in Texas a year." For those infected, however, death usually occurs within a week. Three fatal cases of PAM were reported in Texas last year, and 32 cases have been recorded since 1972.

During drought and high temperature conditions, concentrations of the amoeba increase as the organisms thrive in fresh water when temperatures are high, usually above 80 degrees F, Pascoe said.

The PAM infection occurs when water containing the organisms is forcefully inhaled into the nasal passages — usually from diving, jumping or water skiing. The amoebae then make their way into the brain and spinal cord. PAM is not spread from person to person.

Symptoms of the infection include severe headache, high fever, stiff

neck, nausea, vomiting, seizures and hallucinations.

Swimming pools that are properly cleaned, maintained and treated with chlorine generally are safe, as is salt water.

TDH offers these recommendations to reduce the likelihood of PAM or other infections —

Never swim in stagnant or polluted water. Treat "No Swimming" signs seriously.

Hold your nose or use plugs when jumping or diving into water.

Swim in properly maintained pools when possible.

Keep wading pools clean and change the water daily.

Wash open skin cuts and scrapes with clean water and soap.

Avoid swallowing water from rivers, lakes, streams or stock ponds.

Use ear plugs, swim goggles or masks if you tend to get ear or eye infections.

To help keep potential sources of infection out of recreational water — Shower before swimming.

Take young children to the restroom frequently.

Children who are not toilet trained should wear a swimsuit or rubber pants over diapers designed to prevent leaks. Check diapers frequently.

More common dangers associated with lakes and rivers include injuries from diving into water that hides rocks and debris or into waters that are too shallow, using alcohol or drugs and leaving children unattended.

For more information contact the Texas Department of Health at 512-458-7400.

FDA advisers recommend new hepatitis B drug for sale

WASHINGTON (AP) — A failed HIV therapy should be sold instead to treat the liver-destroying hepatitis B virus, advisers to the Food and Drug Administration ruled Tuesday.

If the FDA agrees, Gilead Sciences' adefovir would become the first new treatment in years for the estimated 1.2 million Americans struggling with the potentially deadly infection.

The FDA isn't bound by its advisers' recommendations but typically follows them.

Hepatitis B, which can lead to cirrhosis and liver cancer, is transmitted through blood, bodily fluids, shared needles, and from mother to child. Children are routinely vaccinated against hepatitis B, and it's recommended that adults at risk for hepatitis B get the inoculation, too. Despite all the work at preventing hepatitis infection, the gov-

ernment estimates about 4,000 people a year die of the virus.

There are two other treatments, but patients can become resistant to one of the drugs and many can't tolerate the side effects of the other medicine. So doctors have longed for another option.

Adefovir originally was tested as a potential treatment for the AIDS virus, but the FDA rejected that use because the high doses required proved toxic to patients' kidneys.

So Gilead tested far lower doses as a hepatitis B treatment. It didn't cure the chronic infection — but studies concluded that liver cirrhosis, as measured by

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biopsies, improved in between 56 percent and 66 percent of patients testing the drug, said company vice president John Milligan.

Taking 10 milligrams once a day didn't appear to cause outright kidney damage, Milligan said.

But it is still a potential side effect: By a more conservative measurement, up to 5 percent of patients who used adefovir for a year showed early signs of some toxicity, he said.

And the risk appears to increase as patients take the

drug for longer than a year, said FDA antiviral drugs chief Dr. Debra Birnkrant.

So while the FDA panel said adefovir's benefit means it should be sold, the advisers recommended that all patients get a blood test to check for kidney damage every month or two for as long as they take the drug, she said.

Stopping adefovir at the first sign of kidney damage allows most people to recover, she said, but the risk proved greater for more advanced hepatitis patients.

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Artist vows to paint all victims of Sept. 11

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — The features of New York City firefighter Joseph Agnello are beginning to emerge, sketched roughly in charcoal by an artist who has never met Agnello but is determined to bring him back to life on canvas.

Michael DeMinico — working from a photograph published in The New York Times — will soon dab oil paint on the 9-inch-by-12-inch canvas to flesh out the mustached visage of the 35-year-old Agnello, one of the more than 3,000 people killed in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Then DeMinico will move on to the next photo and then the next, until he has captured on canvas all Sept. 11 victims as they were in life.

He works alone, usually, in the garage studio at his home, but the project has evolved into something much bigger than one man's response to a national tragedy.

DeMinico, a 50-year-old trial lawyer, is an accomplished painter who sells other works for thousands of dollars.

To him, creating the portraits seemed a logical step in his own struggle to comprehend what had happened.

"At least in personal terms it would give me some kind of sense ... of the real scale of this," he says. "There would be plenty of slabs going up to commemorate the event. I thought the measure of this thing was in the individual, and not just some name carved on a stone somewhere."

What began as a private, self-help exercise has turned into a public art project over the past few months as word has spread. People have responded with letters, phone calls and donations, and a nonprofit foundation has been set up to support the effort.

DeMinico, who is married with two children, has scaled back his law practice to pursue the project. He is now spending 25 to 30 hours a week on it, preparing to put oil to the initial group of 15 portraits. He figures it will take several years to finish them all.

The idea arose from his reflections on the six-month anniversary of the attacks in March. In April, he took out a notice in the Times announcing his intentions and seeking comment from victims' families and others. He printed his phone number and the address of his Web site.

People who saw the ad called and wrote. About a dozen families sent along alternate pictures of their loved ones from which he will now work.

New York Gov. George Pataki's office called about possibly incorporating his project into a larger plan to commemorate the victims. A documentary film crew also has begun chronicling his work and will follow him to Fairhope, Ala., next month where he will sell some of his other paintings in a fund-raiser for the Sept. 11 project.

Jack Lynch, vice president of the 9-11 Widows' and Victims' Families Association, which represents about 720 families, says he welcomes anything that will keep the face of his son, Michael, a New York

city firefighter, in the public consciousness.

"Obviously, we want to have this memorialized in every fashion we can," Lynch says. "We want this to be fresh in everyone's mind and throughout history, and anything that contributes to that effort is acceptable to us."

DeMinico thinks and talks fast, picking subjects randomly from his thoughts. He tends to attack painting the same way, which is one of the reasons longtime friend and art colleague Jack

Casey got involved as conservator for the project.

Casey is the detail man, enlarging and manipulating photographs from which DeMinico works, and concerning himself with how the finished work will be framed, preserved and stored.

"I'm always amazed by his intensity," Casey says of his friend. "This isn't a matter of painting a few portraits. ... I've never seen him happier — that he can make this kind of contribution and have such a positive response."

DeMinico has plenty of ideas about how and where the portraits might be displayed.

Gallery space in New York or Washington might be logical, he says, but ultimately he sees the decision being made by the families. "This is resonating, and that's gratifying as an artist, to feel as if what you're doing is making that connection, bridging that gap. That's what I think art is about."

Family says Dear Abby creator, Pauline Phillips, has Alzheimer's disease

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Pauline Phillips, the creator of the Dear Abby advice column, has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease, family members revealed Tuesday.

Pauline Phillips began writing the column after her twin sister, Esther Lederer, started writing a similar one for the Chicago Sun-Times in 1955. Lederer, who wrote as Ann Landers, died in June.

Phillips' daughter, Jeanne Phillips, now writes the Dear Abby column.

Press Syndicate, the family said the deterioration of Pauline Phillips' memory has been slow.

Kathie Kerr, a spokeswoman for Kansas City-based Universal Press Syndicate, said she didn't know when Phillips had been diagnosed with Alzheimer's.

"I do know that she's in good spirits and physically is in good shape," Kerr said.

The column's distributor released the statement following media inquiries about Phillips' health, Kerr said.

Phillips, 84, has not been involved in the day-to-day business of the column for a couple of years, Kerr said.

"I do know that she's in good spirits and physically is in good shape," — Kathie Kerr, spokeswoman for United Press Syndicate

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

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Last Year's Rate	\$1.4600	\$0.00 *	\$1.4600	\$3.687	\$3.862
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$2.2235	\$0.00 *	\$2.2235	\$5.466	\$2.082
Proposed Rate	\$1.5000	\$0.00 *	\$1.5000	\$3.586	\$3.111

*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	\$37,746	\$35,779
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$15,197	\$13,624
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.4600	\$1.5000
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$221.88	\$204.38
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		(\$17.50)

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

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$2.28325. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate \$2.28325.

Fund Balances

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

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$1,750,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 0.00

IN BR

Boosters will

soccer clinic

The Big Spring Basketball Boosters will be sponsoring a soccer clinic for area youths on Tuesday, Aug. 13. The clinic, tentatively set for 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., will be open to students in grades 4 through 8. The clinic will be held at the Big Spring High School. For more information, contact a member of the Big Spring Basketball Boosters Club.

Herald searches

fall sports

The Big Spring Herald is searching for stringers and photographers for the fall seasons.

Stringers and photographers are needed for communities of Stanton, Ackerman, Spring to cover athletic events at school year.

For more information, contact a member of the Big Spring Herald Management Team. John Moseley at 7331.

Class E tournament

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The men's (state softball) tournament is scheduled for in Snyder.

Entry fee for \$175 per squad. Line to enter is \$175 per squad.

All games played at Winston Field. For more information, contact Chris Moseley at (915) 573-6862 or 4332.

Birds 1st Tournament

searching for

Birds 1st Tournament is now taking entries from teams in playing upcoming soft- ball tournament.

First and second individuals will receive shirts.

Registration for tournament is \$10 per team.

For more information, contact Amado Moseley at (915) 264-6632 or 1391.

New Breed tournament

slated for Aug

The New Breed Tournament will be held Aug. 23-25 at the Mize Softball Field. The tournament is for the 2002 LULU set for later this year.

Entry fee for \$100 per team.

For more information, contact Amado Moseley at (915) 264-6632 or 1391.

BS Quarterback sets pair of

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The Big Spring Quarterback Club announced that it will hold a golf tournament on Aug. 10. The tournament is for the 2002 LULU set for later this year.

The event is to be a 4-man stroke play.

In addition to the tournament, Quarterback Club will hold a community rally at 8 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 10.

Comanche Theatre Course.

The event is to be a 4-man stroke play.

For more information, contact Amado Moseley at (915) 264-6632 or 1391.

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IN BRIEF

Boosters will hold soccer clinic Sept. 7

The Big Spring Boys Basketball Booster Club will be sponsoring a soccer clinic for Big Spring area youths on Sept. 7.

The clinic, which is tentatively set for one week prior to the start of the soccer season locally, will be open to all students in grades K-3. Local soccer players will serve as instructors. The camp will run from 8 a.m. until noon.

For more information contact a member of the Big Spring Boys Basketball Booster Club.

Herald searching for fall sports help

The Big Spring Herald is searching for reliable stringers and photographers for the fall athletic seasons.

Stringers and photographers are needed in the communities of Forsan, Stanton, Ackerly and Big Spring to cover local athletic events during the school year.

For more information about serving as a stringer or photographer contact Big Spring Herald Managing Editor John Moseley at (915) 263-7331.

Class E tournament slated for Snyder

The men's Class "E" state softball tournament is scheduled for Aug. 9-11 in Snyder.

Entry fee for teams is \$175 per squad. The deadline to enter is Thursday, Aug. 8.

All games will be played at Snyder's Winston Field.

For more information contact Chris Maxfield at (915) 573-6862 or (915) 573-4332.

Birds 1st Tournament searching for teams

Birds 1st Tournament is now taking registration from teams interested in playing in the upcoming softball tournament.

First and second place individuals will receive t-shirts.

Registration for the tournament is set at \$115 per team.

For more information contact Amador Rios at (915) 264-6632 or (915) 263-1391.

New Breed tourney slated for Aug. 23

The New Breed Softball Tournament will be held Aug. 23-25 at the Cotton Mize Softball Field. The tournament is a tune-up for the 2002 LULAC event set for later this year.

Entry fee for the New Breed tourney is \$115.

For more information contact Amador Rios at (915) 264-6632 or (915) 263-1391.

BS Quarterback Club sets pair of events

The Big Spring Quarterback Club has announced that it will hold a golf tournament on Aug. 10 at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

The event is scheduled to be a 4-man scramble.

In addition to the golf tournament, the BS Quarterback Club will be holding a community pep rally at 8 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 26, at the Comanche Trail Amphitheater. The pep rally will recognize all Big Spring fall sports athletes.

For more information about the Quarterback Club or its upcoming events contact Jim Clements at 267-1069 or Randy Phillips at 263-5314.

Villarreal cruises to Major Zone crown

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Veronica Villarreal should probably be in the fourth installment of Steven Spielberg's Star Wars series. She did, after all, show she more than had enough "force" with her to win the 2002 Whittens Inns Major Zone Tennis Tournament this past weekend in Abilene.

Villarreal powered her way through the first three rounds of the girls' 16-year-old division before totally dismantling Rebecca Lange of Denton in the finals. During the tournament, she lost just one game.

Villarreal wasted no time in setting the tone for the tournament.

Big Spring standout loses one game in meet

She ousted Nicole Veillette in straight sets in her opener, winning 6-2, 6-0.

With the win over Veillette, the unseeded Big Spring standout advanced to a second round match against Elizabeth Carlson, who had earlier drawn a bye.

Carlson probably wished the bye had come a bit later. She managed just two service points against Villarreal before exiting the meet with a 6-2, 6-0 loss on her resume.

The win over Carlson propelled Villarreal into a showdown with top-seeded Shelby Gnepper of Bedford. She upset the top seeded

player by a 6-2, 6-0 margin.

She followed up her win over Gnepper with a semifinal matchup against Blair Hunter, the tournament's No. 3 seed.

Hunter, who had dispatched her second-round opponent with ease, managed to grab the upper hand early by pounding out a 7-6 win in the first game.

Villarreal bounced back in the second set. Armed with a strong serve and solid play from the baseline, she reeled off a 6-4 victory to even the score at 1-1.

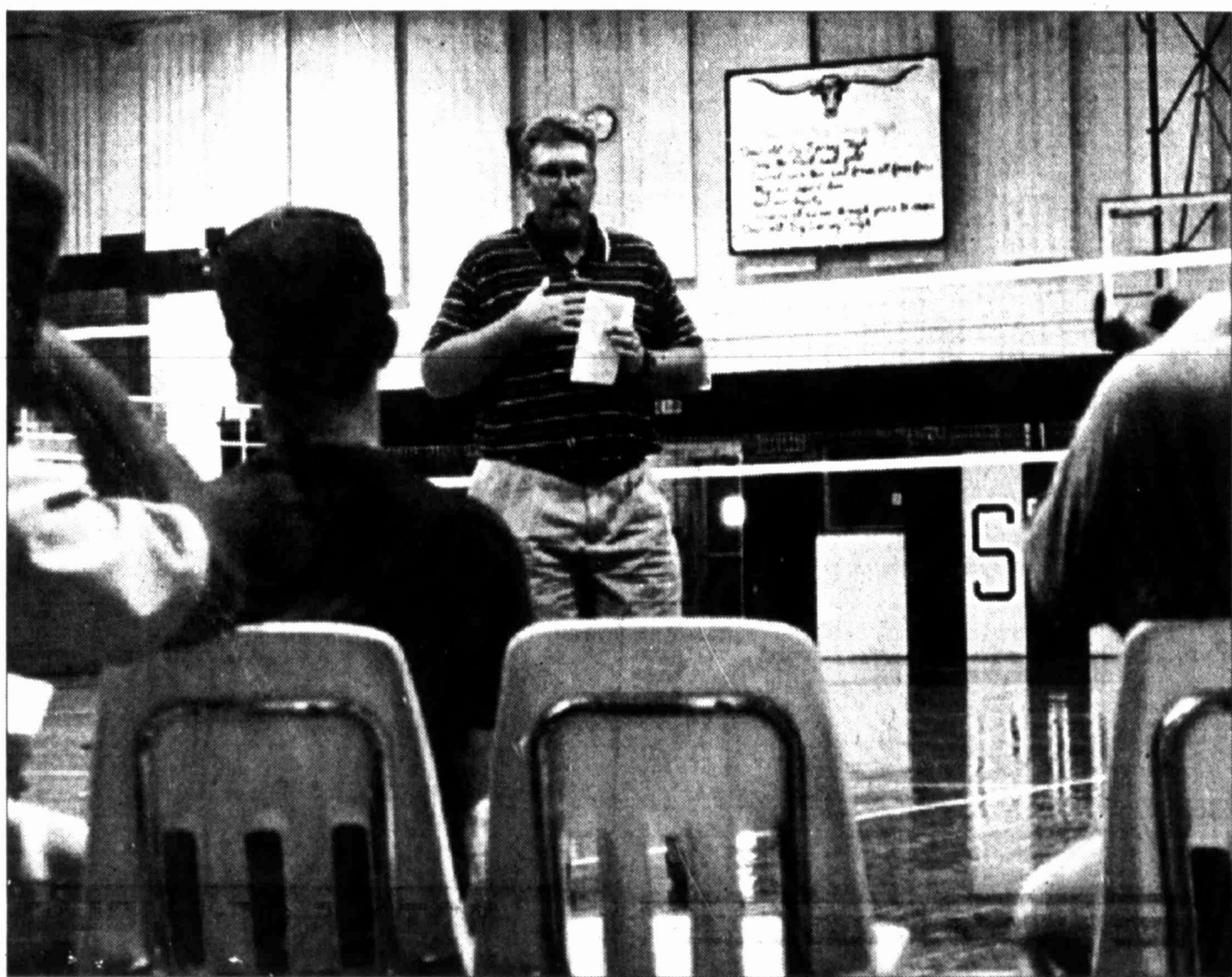
Villarreal shifted into high gear from there. She hammered out a 6-1

win in the final game and earned a spot in the finals opposite Lange.

The Big Spring netter got off to a quick start in the championship game. She opened up a quick lead and rolled to a 6-3 win in the first game.

She followed up the opening game with a devastating performance in the second. She continually frustrated Lange with several key shots down the lines and streaked to a 6-0 performance that etched her name into the tournament's history books.

Contact Herald sports editor Tommy Wells at 263-7331, Ext. 237 or tpwells@crcom.net.



New Big Spring head boys basketball coach Jim Kinnear speaks with members of the Big Spring Boys Basketball Booster Club during its meeting Tuesday evening in the BSHS gymnasium. Kinnear, who led Klondike to three trips to the regional tournaments in seven years, said he would install an up-tempo game this season.

Kinnear ready to get started as Steers' basketball coach

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Jim Kinnear is right up front about his plans for the Big Spring Steers' varsity boys basketball goals. He expects three things from his players: Work, weights and success.

Kinnear began implementing his philosophy almost immediately when he stepped onto the gymnasium floor Tuesday night as the guest speaker at the Big Spring Boys Basketball Booster Club meeting. He told prospective players and parents to be prepared to plenty of all three.

"I'm excited to be here," said Kinnear, a 20-year veteran of the coaching trade. "I'm really looking forward to this."

Kinnear, a former Colorado schoolboy standout, has compiled an 186-67 career record in stops at Anson, Klondike and Wellington high schools.

One of the major things Kinnear stressed was his plan to work hard in practice to prepare for any situation.

"I will tell you right now, I believe in working hard and discipline," he said. "I expect the players to come and work hard for two hours and know that we're working toward a goal as team."

Kinnear, who guided Klondike to either first or second place in its district in each of his seven seasons there, also said his team would make a point to getting into the weight room in an effort to gain strength and speed.

"It used to be an old basketball philosophy that you didn't need to be strong to play basketball because it isn't a contact sport. I'm here to tell you that idea is gone. It is a contact sport and you need to be strong and fast to play."

"We want to prepare to win," he added.

Kinnear, who spent 10 seasons as an assistant to Wayne Roberts in Lamesa before moving into the head coaching role at Klondike, indicated BSHS players would lift weights three times a week.

During his stay in Klondike, he led

the Cougars to the regional tournament on three occasions.

Any strength and speed Kinnear's weight program can add will be well served in Kinnear's game plan. He told team supporters that he planned to install an up-tempo game this coming year, complete with a pressure-oriented defense.

"I'm not going to call it a run-and-gun type of game, but we will get up and down the court. I like to pressure the ball... it's not hully-gully by any means, but we will be in shape and able to push the ball."

Prior to arriving in Big Spring, Kinnear spent two seasons as the head coach at Wellington High School in the panhandle. He took over a team that had gone winless in 1999 and turned them into a 20-5 squad two seasons later.

"We're going to work hard and be in shape," said Kinnear. "If we do that we're going to have some success, I promise."

Contact Herald sports editor Tommy Wells at 263-7331, Ext. 237 or tpwells@crcom.net.

MLB union could set strike date Monday

NEW YORK (AP) — Baseball's union could set a strike date Monday when its executive board meets in Chicago to evaluate the progress of labor talks.

The board held a telephone conference call Tuesday to discuss negotiations, where slow-but-steady progress is being made. It also prepared a response Wednesday to the owners' proposal for mandatory drug testing.

Players seem reluctant to set a deadline that could trigger baseball's ninth work stoppage since 1972. But depending on negotiations the rest of this week, a strike date could be set at the Chicago meeting, according to a pair of lawyers familiar with the union's deliberations, both speaking on condition of anonymity.

"It's hard for me to believe that we're going to get anything done without having a deadline," NL player representative Tom Glavine said. "It's almost like the threat of a strike date has kind of become the deadline of this thing. If that spurs things on, great."

On the drug issue, it appears players will agree to some level of tests for steroids and performance-enhancing drugs.

"Everyone's going to test for illegal steroids," Chicago White Sox infielder Jeff Liefer said after the conference call.

Glavine said players want to prove "our sport is clean and if it's not, we'll do something to clean it up."

Baseball has been without a drug agreement since 1985. Owners have proposed testing all players three times a year for performance-enhancing drugs and once a year for illegal drugs such as cocaine and marijuana.

Negotiators for players and owners met twice Tuesday, spending most of their time discussing the owners' proposals for debt regulation and new rules regarding the funding of deferred compensation. They did not discuss the central issues: management's proposals for increased revenue sharing and for a luxury tax.

Russian mob leader will fight extradition to the United States

VENICE, Italy (AP) — In a move that could add weeks of legal wrangling to an already complex case, a reputed Russian mobster charged with trying to fix two Olympic figure skating events will fight extradition to the United States.

Alimzhan Tokhtakhounov said "no" Tuesday when asked at a closed hearing if he would consent to extradition, according to Judge Giannicolò Rodighiero.

"The judge explained the conditions of the New York court request to Mr. Tokhtakhounov," defense lawyer Luca Saldarelli said. "Then the judge asked him

if he would consent to the extradition process and he said: 'No, I want to have the complete procedure under the Italian law.'"

By refusing voluntary extradition, Tokhtakhounov is guaranteed a lengthy series of legal procedures.

"He said he's absolutely not guilty of having anything to do with the Olympics," Saldarelli said.

Saldarelli said he asked the court to release Tokhtakhounov to house arrest, and the judge promised a ruling within a few days.

The United States must file a request for extradition within 40 days of Tokhtakhounov's July 31 arrest. No U.S. demand had arrived by Tuesday, Rodighiero said.

Under Italian law, within a few days of being arrested, a suspect must appear before a judge, who then decides whether to validate the charges on the warrant.

The judge at Tuesday's hearing upheld Italian charges of criminal association, fraud and corruption. Tokhtakhounov also was arrested on a U.S. criminal complaint, filed in Manhattan, that accused him of fixing the results of the pairs and ice dancing competitions at the Salt Lake City Olympics.

Bonds moves to within one homer of 600 club

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Barry Bonds hit his 599th homer on Tuesday night, a 432-foot three-run shot into right-center field at Pacific Bell Park.

With his 32nd homer of the season, Bonds moved within one homer of joining Hank Aaron, Babe Ruth and Willie Mays as the only players with 600 or more homers.

With Rich Aurilia and Jeff Kent on base, Bonds crushed a 1-2 pitch into one of the park's farthest reaches. Bonds stood in the batter's box to admire his hit, then slowly circled the bases. He gave a cur-

tain call to the sellout crowd moments later.

Bonds' father, Bobby, cheered from the stands. Bobby Bonds had surgery last month to remove a tumor from his kidney.

Bonds' 599th came against Cubs rookie Steve Smyth.

Bonds didn't put his 599th homer into the waters of McCovey Cove beyond the right-field fence, however. Less than 16 months ago, Bonds hit his 500th homer into that water. About six months after that, he hit his 73rd homer of 2001 onto the top of it.

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items.

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last house on dead end
road.

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good stuff.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Aug. 8:

It's no surprise to anyone
that you make friends easily.
You forge ahead, the natural
result of networking.
You're blessed with unusual
creativity. Sometimes others
feel you are driven.
Avoid being myopic, seeing
issues and life from one
point of view. Use your
sense of direction to add to
your work potential. Learn
to be more sensitive. If single,
others will respond as if
you were a magnet. From
your many admirers, several
viable prospects emerge.
You have the potential to
enter a very special relationship
this year. If attached, validate
your partner through listening
and understanding where
he or she comes from. Not
everything is as you see it.
LEO understands you.

The Stars Show the Kind
of Day You'll Have: 5-
Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-
Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult
ARIES (March 21-April
19) ***** A dream or vision
puts you on edge this morning.
You might need to
pinch yourself! Commit 100
percent right now, and
you'll gain. You're blessed
with high creativity and
understanding. Use this
cycle constructively.
Tonight: Romp away.

TAURUS (April 20-May
20) *** Your word choices
impact others' responses.
Sometimes a close friend or
loved one interprets your
words in a way that you
perhaps don't intend.
Become more aware of how
you sound. Express nurtur-
ing rather than bossiness.
Tonight: Pizza anyone?

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
***** Get your head on
straight when dealing with
someone you care about.
You might not be confident
this morning and dealing
with "what if" scenarios.
What happens could be
very dynamic and opening
if you let go of worry. Be
yourself. Tonight: Someone
puts his or her cards on the
table.

CANCER (June 21-July
22) *** Financial doors open

for responsible Moon
Children. You might have
been weighing the pros and
cons of a personal expendi-
ture, not exactly sure what
will work. An indulgence
delights a family member
and might not be as costly
as you think. Tonight:
Bring home flowers.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
***** All signs point to go,
but don't overestimate
someone's capacity. Not
everyone has your energy,
or endurance. Recognize
associates' limits, and
you'll become a better man-
ager. Lead while others fol-
low. Understand your role
right now. Tonight: As you
like it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
*** You might feel OK early
on. You have a more active
dream life than you realize.
Pace yourself, knowing that
you might need to break a
little more often. Home in
on a money matter.
Tonight: Early to bed.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
***** Don't limit yourself.
Seek out other sources and
get feedback. Your willing-
ness to stretch could make
all the difference in which
doors open. Teamwork
stars as your best suit.
Others willingly contribute.
Decide to explore new hori-
zons. Tonight: Find your
friends.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov.
21) *** Take charge at work.
Stop mulling over a personal
matter, even if it is
delightful mind candy.
Emphasize delivering what
others expect. Follow your
sixth sense with a superior
or boss. Promote under-
standing. Don't allow prob-
lems to build. Tonight:
Everyone wants you!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-
Dec. 21) ***** Decide that
there are no problems, and
you'll head in the right
direction. A friend seeks
you out. Call an expert in if
you're unsure of yourself.
Your ability to manage sepa-
rates you from the flock.
Be willing to increase your
knowledge. Tonight:
Consider a course or semi-
nar.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-

Jan. 19) ***** Handle your
work with efficiency. Reach
out for trusted associates,
whether you feel comfort-
able delegating or not. Face
facts: You cannot cover all
bases simultaneously. Run
your work life like a base-
ball team. Let everyone be a
player! Tonight: Go along
with another's wishes.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb.
18) ***** Your strong feel-
ings emerge toward a friend
or associate. If you can, opt
to not react but rather to
respond. Knee-jerk reac-
tions won't get you what
you want. Happiness sur-
rounds those who detach
and don't get locked in emo-
tional patterns. You can do
it! Tonight: Accept an invita-
tion.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March
20) *** All work and no play
might not be OK, but on the
other hand, it allows you to
clear the deck for the week-
end. If you feel over-
whelmed, ask someone you
trust to pitch in. You could
be surprised at how helpful
this person can be. Tonight:
Put your energy where it
counts.

BORN TODAY

Actor Dustin Hoffman
(1937), singer Mel Tillis
(1932), Mexican revolution-
ary Emiliano Zapata (1879)
Jacqueline Bigar is on the
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Beau's true past disturbing to girlfriend

Dear Annie: I am 19 years
old and dating "Roger."
Last night, I asked him to
tell me about his sexual his-
tory. I decided there should
be no secrets between us.
Actually, I assumed he did
n't have much previous
experience. I am friends
with a girl he dated, and
Roger had told me they
were not close and she
meant nothing to him.

Well, last night, I found
out differently. He admitted
he slept with this girl, even
though the relationship was
not serious. I was crushed
and hurt. Roger says I am
more important to him than
any other girl, but I have to
admit, I am confused. We
haven't been intimate yet,
but somehow, the relation-
ship has changed.

Please help me put this
out of my head and feel like
I did before. New York
Nancy

Dear Nancy: People
should tell their partners
about previous marriages
and children and if they
have had a prior sexual
experience, but no one
needs to know every intima-
te detail of every relation-
ship. This can only lead
to trouble. These details are
not "secrets." They are pri-
vate.

Now you need to put this
out of your mind. Roger
had a previous dalliance
that apparently meant little
to him. If you value your
relationship, try not to give
this more weight than it
deserves. If you cannot for-
give Roger for his past, let
him go and move on.
There's no reason for you
to torture yourself.

Dear Annie: I am the
mother of three young chil-
dren. For the past six years,
I have been lucky enough
to be a stay-at-home moth-
er, and I love it. However,
my husband is about to lose
his job, and I will be forced
to go back to work, at least
part-time, until he finds
another position.

I am worried about
putting the kids into day
care. Can you give me some
words of encouragement
and help me feel less
guilty? — Working Mom in
Kentucky

Dear Kentucky: Yes.
Many day-care centers have
staff that will provide your
children with activities and
field trips you might not
have been able to arrange.
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dren are fed, changed and
that they take naps. They
will teach social skills and
comfort the kids when they
cry.

Check out the available
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area. Some are small, pri-



ANNIE'S MAILBOX

vately run businesses out of
people's homes. Others are
large establishments run by
corporations or schools.
Day-care providers should
be licensed by the state.
Don't be afraid to ask ques-
tions, talk to other parents
who use the center, or visit
for a few hours to see how
the place is run.

If your husband is home
during his unemployment, I
hope he will take a more
active role in his children's
lives. Meanwhile, the chil-
dren will adjust better if
you keep a positive atti-
tude.

Dear Annie: My husband
and I are early risers. As
part of our morning rou-
tine, we like to read the
newspaper together over a
cup of coffee. It's part of a
shared moment to start the
day.

Our apartment has only
one bathroom. When the
coffee works its way
through our systems, we
both need to use the facili-
ties — often at the same
time. Whoever gets to the
bathroom first, wins. My
husband's legs are a lot
longer than mine, and I
don't think this is fair. Any
solution for us? — Shorty
in South Dakota

Dear Shorty: Yes. Drink
your coffee 10 minutes ear-
lier. (And it wouldn't hurt
to move your chair closer
to the bathroom door.)

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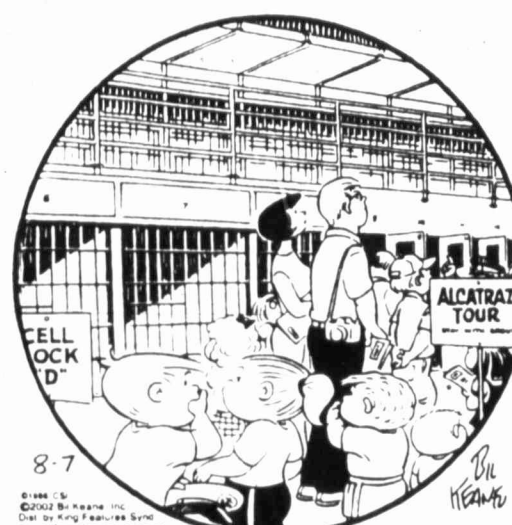
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6 PM	News	King of the Hill	Cyberchase	Home Videos	News	News	News	Friends	El Juego de la Vida	Movie: Alley Cats	Real TV	Movie: The Distinguished	Movie: Our America	Movie: Titan A.E.	Update With John Hagee	Law & Order	Jamu-Orphan Leopard	Law & Order	Stones Bones Tell
7 PM	My Wife Kids	30 Seconds	American Family	Movie: The Cowboy	60 Minutes II	My Wife Kids	Meet My Folks	Ripley's Believe It or Not	Salome (SS)	Movie: Back to the Future Part II	Star Trek: Next Generation	Crocodile Dundee in the City	Wire	Sex and the City	Van Impe Dr. Massey	Biography	Raising the Kurk	Law & Order	Monster Machines
8 PM	Drew Carey	Bernie Mac	Future War	Whose Line? It's Yours	48 Hours	Drew Carey	West Wing	Worst Case Scenario	El Privilegio de Amar	Movie: Back to the Future Part II	Star Trek: Next Generation	Crocodile Dundee in the City	Wire	Sex and the City	Van Impe Dr. Massey	Biography	Raising the Kurk	Law & Order	Monster Machines
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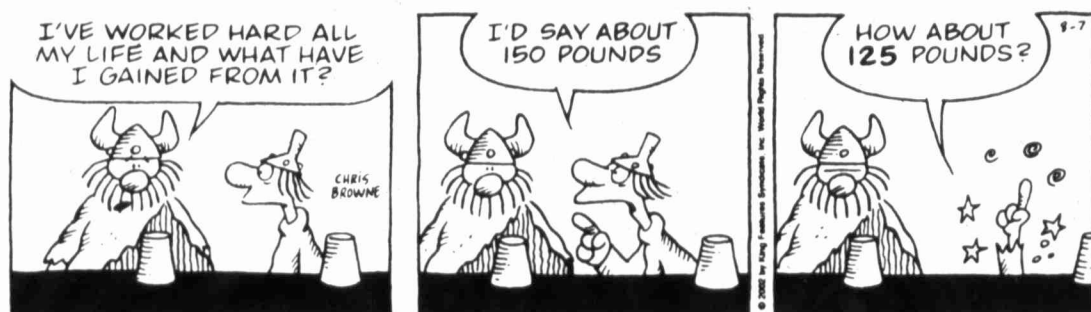
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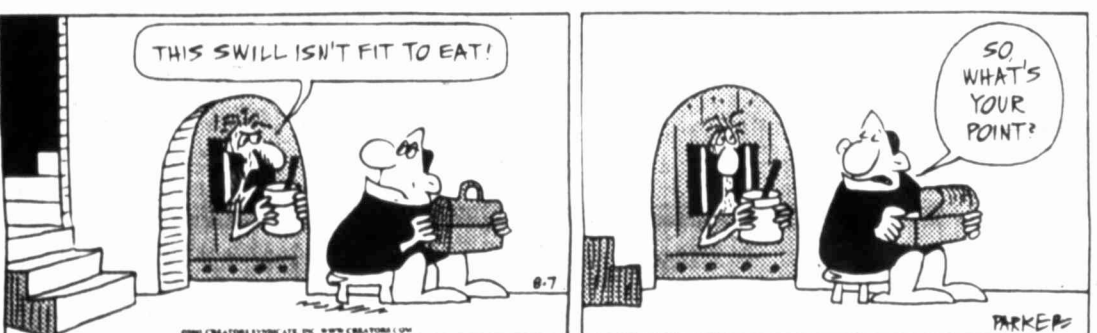
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Today is Wednesday, Aug. 7, the 219th day of 2002. There are 146 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 7, 1942, U.S. forces landed at Guadalcanal, marking the start of the first major allied offensive in the Pacific during World War II.

On this date: In 1782, George Washington created the Order of the Purple Heart, a decoration to recognize merit in enlisted men and non-commissioned officers.

In 1789, the War Department was established by Congress.

In 1912, the Progressive Party nominated Theodore Roosevelt for president.

In 1927, the Peace Bridge between the United States and Canada was dedicated during ceremonies attended by the Prince of Wales and Vice President Charles

Dawes.

In 1934, the U.S. Court of Appeals upheld a lower court ruling striking down the government's attempt to ban the controversial James Joyce novel "Ulysses."

In 1959, the United States launched Explorer Six, which sent back a picture of the Earth.

In 1964, Congress passed the Gulf of Tonkin resolution, giving President Johnson broad powers in dealing with reported North Vietnamese attacks on U.S. forces.

In 1974, French stuntman Philippe Petit walked a tightrope strung between the two towers of New York's Twin Trade Center.

In 1998, terrorist bombs at U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania killed 224 people, including 12 Americans.

In 2000, Vice President and Democratic presidential candidate Al Gore selected Sen. Joseph Lieberman to be the first Jewish vice-presidential candidate on a major party ticket.

One year ago: Three researchers told a commit-

tee at the National Academy of Sciences they were unsuited by arguments against human cloning and would soon try to clone human beings.

Today's Birthdays:

Songwriter Felice Bryant is 77. Writer-producer Stan Freberg is 76. Bluesman Magic Slim is 65. Actress Verna Bloom is 63. Humorist Garrison Keillor is 60. Singer B.J. Thomas is 60. Singer Lana Cantrell is 59. Actor John Glover is 58. Actor David Rasche is 58. Country singer Rodney Crowell is 52. Actor Wayne Knight is 47. Rock singer Bruce Dickinson is 44. Marathon runner Alberto Salazar is 44. Actor David Duchovny is 42.

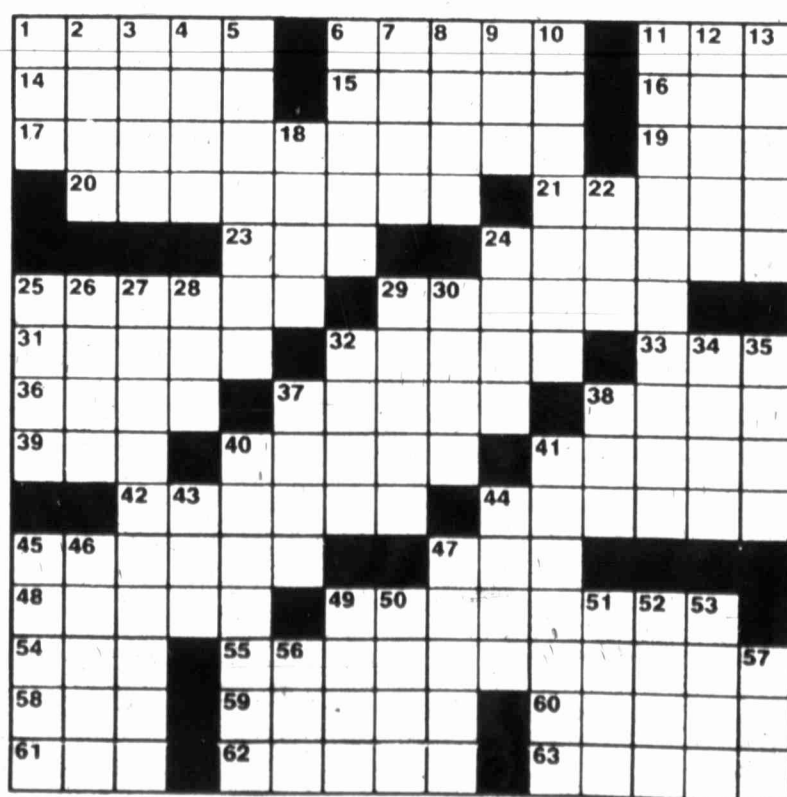
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Newsday Crossword

HAND SET by Fred Piscop
Edited by Stanley Newman

- ACROSS**
- To the left, at sea
 - Ziti or linguini
 - Mi followers
 - Capital of Crete
 - Fall hue
 - Little brat
 - Dolt
 - Shaq's org.
 - Highly regarded
 - Madison's roomie
 - Conscription agcy.
 - Lobbies
 - Says "Aha!"
 - Appraiser
 - Fictional Frome
 - Cuts into cubes
 - Winter ailment
 - Tucked in
 - In pitch
 - Like Aesop's grapes
 - Kiltie's cap
 - Brooklyn's Island
 - In the midst of
 - Order forms
 - Eraser leaving
 - Ridiculous
 - Open-wide word
 - Formal rulings
 - Hitchcock's genre
 - Always, poetically
 - California resort
 - Golfer's dream
- DOWN**
- Bypass the altar
 - Brown ermine
 - Actor Ayres
 - Spot, old-style
 - Lion-colored
 - Comics
 - exclamation
 - Glazier's unit
 - Responsibility
 - Four-sided fig.
 - Watches, as a movie
 - Limericks, e.g.
 - Tummy trouble
 - Toolhouse
 - Crumpets
 - partner
 - Backbreaking
 - Party munchies
 - The color of honey
 - Trains in the ring
 - "we forget"
 - Comic Louis
 - Lammed it
 - Daring exploit
 - Sicilian spewer
 - Tightening gadget
 - Droop
 - Tarzan's transports
 - 30-deucey
 - Dip into coffee
 - Aqua-
 - Hankering
 - Muscular fitness
 - Dallas sch.
 - Some
 - 11 Down
 - Massachusetts college
 - Long. crosser
 - Tampa Bay tackle Warren
 - Perfect
 - Dorothy, to Em
 - Selling point
 - Blackthorn fruit
 - Ballpark arbiters
 - Silents star Naldi
 - TV interference
 - Richard of A Summer Place
 - Draught drink
 - Barnyard home



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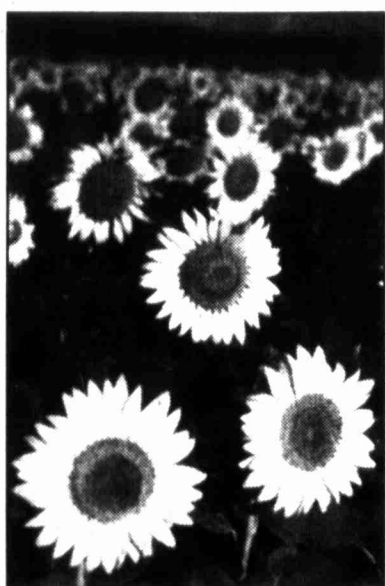


The great fields of wheat in Kansas have earned it the nickname Breadbasket of America. It is also one of the top manufacturers of non-military airplanes in the U.S. It also produces oil and gas.

For hundreds of years Native Americans farmed and hunted buffalo there. The Spanish explored the area but did not settle it. Later the French claimed much of the area and sold it to the U.S. as part of the Louisiana Purchase.

In the years before the Civil War, people called it "Bleeding Kansas" because so many battles were fought between pro- and anti-slavery groups. Kansas voted to enter the Union as a free state where slavery was illegal. It became a state in 1861.

Today it is the 32nd most populated state, with more than 2 1/2 million people.



Kansas is also known as the Sunflower State. Millions of these giant flowers grow throughout many areas. The seeds are often made into cooking oil.

Agriculture is a top industry, with about 90 percent of the land area used for farming. It is one of the main wheat-growing and cattle-raising states in the U.S. Sorghum, hay and corn are also top farm products. Buffalo meat is becoming popular.

Kansas has been called the **Air capital** of the world. Several aircraft companies, such as Cessna, Boeing and Learjet, began there. About 50 companies have built aircraft there.

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Gus Goodsport's Report Supersport: Marquis Grissom

Height: 5-11 **Weight:** 190 **Birthdate:** 4-17-67 **College:** Florida A&M

Marquis Grissom has played major league baseball since 1989. He is in his second year playing center field for the Los Angeles Dodgers. Before joining the Dodgers, he played for the Milwaukee Brewers, the Cleveland Indians, the Atlanta Braves and the Montreal Expos.

His best year was in 1996, when he batted .308 for the Braves. Last year he had 21 home runs.

Marquis was born in Atlanta and is one of 15 children. He and his wife, Daphne, have two sons and a daughter. He donates time to youth baseball teams, the Boys and Girls Clubs, and the YMCA in Atlanta. His hobbies include fishing and drawing.

Meet Toby Keith

While growing up, Toby Keith would listen to musicians perform at a club his grandmother owned. That sparked an interest in country music, and he started playing the guitar when he was 8. Today he is a top country singer.

Toby, 41, was born Toby Keith Covell in Clinton, Okla. Before working on his singing career, he worked in the oil industry and as a pro football player.

He started off by playing in country-rock bands. He then formed his own band. After deciding to become a solo singer, he released his first album in 1993.

Toby and his wife, Tricia, have two daughters, Krystal and Shelley, and a son, Stelen.

More About Kansas

The **Eisenhower Center** in Abilene is at President Eisenhower's boyhood home.

Emporia is the site of the National Teachers Hall of Fame.

The **Flint Hills** contain the only original tallgrass prairie left in the U.S. The Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve is the only national parkland preserving this type of environment.

The **Greyhound Hall of Fame** is in Abilene.

Fort Hays was where Gen. George Custer, Buffalo Bill Cody and Wild Bill Hickok served.

Independence was the site of Laura Ingalls Wilder's book "Little House on the Prairie."

Jayhawks is the nickname for Kansans. Jayhawkers were people who came to Kansas to fight against its becoming a slave state.

Kansa was the name of Native Americans living in the area, and where the state got its name. The name means "People of the South Wind." Other Native Americans include the Iowa, Sac and Fox, Kickapoo, Potawatomie, Wichita, Osage and Pawnee.

Site to see: www.travelKS.com
Look through your newspaper for news of your state.
Next week, The Mini Page is all about fireflies.

Fort Leavenworth is the oldest continuously operating fort west of the Mississippi River. It was built in 1827 and served as headquarters for the Buffalo Soldiers, or African-American cavalry.

Manhattan is the site of the American Museum of Baking. Exhibits include bread baked in Egypt 3,800 years ago.

One of the newest **NASCAR** racetracks in the U.S. opened in 2001 in Kansas City.

Old Cowtown Museum re-creates life as it was when Wichita was a wild cattle town along the Chisholm Trail in the 1870s.

The only unchanged **Pony Express station** still at its original location is the Hollenberg Station near Hanover.

The **Quivira and Cheyenne Bottoms wildlife** refuges, both near Great Bend, are gathering places for hundreds of species of birds, including the bald eagle, whooping crane and peregrine falcon.

Cheyenne Bottoms attracts almost half of the migrating shorebirds in North America.

More **Russian space** objects than anywhere else in the Western world are at the Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center in Hutchinson. It also has the world's biggest collection of spacesuits.

One of the biggest **Salt** deposits in the world is in Hutchinson, with more than 300,000 tons of rock salt mined there each year.

Topeka is the capital. It is famous partly because of the 1954 U.S. Supreme Court decision, Brown v. Topeka Board of Education. This case brought about the desegregation of all U.S. public schools.

The **Underground Railroad**, which helped slaves flee to the north, was strong in Kansas. John Brown, a fierce abolitionist, led some of his earliest bloody battles to free the slaves in Kansas.

Visitors flock to the state for pheasant and quail hunting, and for crappie, bass, walleye and catfish fishing.

Wichita is the largest city, with about 345,000 people. It started as a cattle town in the frontier, and grew to become a center for aviation.

The **Xiphactinus audux** is a fossil of a fish that swam in the oceans covering Kansas about 8 million years ago. It and other fossils can be seen at the Fick Fossil and History Museum in Oakley.

A real **Yellow brick road** goes through Sedan. In the movie "The Wizard of Oz," a cyclone whisks Dorothy away from Kansas to a magical land over the rainbow.

The Sedgwick County **Zoo** in Wichita has more than 2,500 animals in different habitats.

Mighty Funny's Mini Jokes

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

Lucy: What happens when you ask an oyster a personal question?
Larry: It clams up!

Andy: Why couldn't the crab learn to share?
Angela: Because it was shellfish!

Gary: Where did the octopus enlist?
Gina: The armed forces!

KANSAS TRY 'N FIND

Words and names that remind us of Kansas are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: CHISHOLM, EMPORIA, PRAIRIE, GREYHOUND, EISENHOWER, CUSTER, JAYHAWKS, STATE, FORT, NASCAR, COWTOWN, QUIVIRA, KANSAS, TOPEKA, SALT, SEDAN, ZOO.

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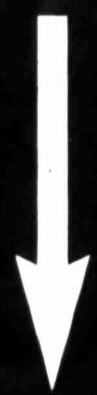
Mini Spy and her friends are in a prairie grass preserve in Kansas. See if you can find: • letter C • question mark • button • fish • strainer • pineapple • spool of thread • three stars

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• elephant head
• letter A
• sock
• duck
• banana
• lips
• alligator
• dolphin
• safety pin
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