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MONDAY

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WEATHER

Tonight:



PARTLY CLOUDY

TONIGHT 71°-75° TOMORROW 93°-95°

INSIDE TODAY

DUAL COMPLAINTS EYED

Howard County sheriff's deputies are currently investigating a case in which a criminal trespass complaint could well lead to charges of injury to a child being filed.

Deputies were called early this morning by a citizen wanting to report that they were holding juvenile suspects they'd caught trying to break into a vehicle.

When deputies arrives, they found the juveniles had several bruises on their bodies. The juveniles reported the original complainant had injured them in the process of detaining them until officers arrived.

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BRIEFLY

FOSTER FAMILIES NEEDED

Howard and surrounding counties are in critical need of foster families.

Foster parents are the caretakers of the children in the community who have been abused and neglected.

For more information on becoming a foster/adoptive family, please contact the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669 or 1-800-233-3405.

BSHA OFFICE

Big Spring Housing Authority, 711 East Third, will be closed through Friday.

The office is closing to allow employees time to re-enter computer data that had been lost due to the failure of a back-up drive.

The office will open normally on Monday, Aug. 18, or before, if the data can be entered ahead of schedule.

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VA Medical Center to hold CARES forums

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

Officials from the VA Medical Center in Big Spring will begin a series of town hall meetings Tuesday in Abilene to address the latest announcement that the facility faces curtailing of services and possible elimination.

"Our mission is to provide quality health care to our veterans and we want them to know and understand what's going on," said VAMC-Big Spring Community Relations



HANSLIK

Coordinator Iva Jo Hanslik. She said officials are attempting to set up other meetings in San Angelo, Odessa and Big Spring.

The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the jury assembly room on the first floor of the Taylor County Courthouse, 300 Oak Street, in Abilene. It is open to the public.

Cary D. Brown, medical center director for the West Texas VA Health Care System, will give a brief presentation before answering questions from the public. A draft plan by the Department of Veteran Affairs Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES) Commission released last Monday recommends not only closing inpatient surgical care at the Big Spring facility but also a study that would research the possibility of

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closing the facility.

The CARES Commission was set up to assess veterans' health care needs and develop a national plan to meet those needs in the future.

The restructuring plan

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WILDFIRE!

Dry, hot conditions ideal to ignite outdoor blazes

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

As the drought index and temperatures continue to rise in West Texas, the threat of a disaster makes public awareness of wild fires even more critical.

According to Howard County Volunteer Fire Department Chief Tommy Sullivan, the conditions surrounding grass and brush fires in the areas

have changed, but are no less volatile. "The rains we've had this season have lowered the drought index, but they've also made the situation more dangerous," said Sullivan. "While the drought index this time last year was higher, the volume of grass and brush out there in the county was a lot lower.

This year, the drought index may not be as high, but there is a lot more material to burn."

According to the Texas Forest Service, drought indexes have risen to more than 500 in some regions. The Texas Forest Service elevated state fire preparedness to Level 2 this week, indicating moderate to high fire occurrence in West and Central Texas regions.

"People just need to pay close attention to what they're doing and make conscientious decisions."



Tommy Sullivan, volunteer fire chief

Sullivan said the key to preventing these types of fires is solely in the hands of local residents, making it imperative to pay close attention to your surroundings.

"The most common cause of fires we see in the county is people burning trash," said Sullivan.

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Swinging from one of the Kid's Zone ropes, 6-year-old Jamey Day and her family took advantage of the temperate Saturday morning weather to enjoy some time in Comanche Trail Park.

Council to consider tax rate hike

By **ROGER CLINE**
Staff Writer

Big Spring's looking at a tax hike for 2003-2004, the question is, how much?

Big Spring council members will discuss that topic at their meeting at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday. The council meets in its chambers at 307 E. Fourth St.

Despite a slight increase in value of the city's tax base, increased costs and a planned merit-based pay scale which would mean 6 percent raises for city employees will most likely necessitate an ad valorem tax increase.

Currently, the city's property tax rate is 65.630 cents per \$100 valuation. The effective tax rate for 2003-2004 — the rate the city needs to charge to bring in the same amount of money it did this year — will dip slightly to 65.581 cents per \$100.

Nevertheless, the city is pondering at least a three-cent tax hike to fund the merit-based pay system, which take effect halfway through the fiscal year.

The city would need to add about \$225,000 to monies already budgeted for the program to fund it for the remaining six months of the year.

Other budgetary considerations, such as continuing the seal coat and double-seal coat program to pave and repair local streets, might necessitate more increases.

In other business, the council will:

- Call public hearings on the fiscal year 2003-2004 annual budget and proposed property tax rate.

- Consider the Moore Development for Big Spring Inc. 2003-2004 budget. The Moore Board of Directors approved the budget at its last meeting.
- Consider the final

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Howard Cottage future uncertain

Financial woes, physical location of day care center are problems

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

The future of Howard Cottage is uncertain.

Budget constraints and construction hold ups may necessitate the need to ax the Howard College day care program.

"We run the center at a loss," said Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks. "It is a service to our students

and we want to provide it for them but we have to consider all aspects of the college district during these uncertain economic environment."

For now, the college plans to continue the service through the fall semester and search for avenues to maintain the program, although most likely in a scaled-down version, Sparks said.

Howard College officials plan to meet with parents at 6:30 tonight and Tuesday in the college's student union building to discuss the possibilities.

"We'll talk about the situation and answer questions," Sparks said.

Sparks added that the program's Head Start aspect will also continue through December, at least.

The day care program faces two huge obstacles in its path to stay viable — tough economic times and the location of its facility.

Facing a projected \$112,000 shortfall, Howard College administrators announced Thursday that employee layoffs may be necessary.

According to Sparks, the day care center, which has an enrollment of 55 children and employs eight people, normally runs operates at a deficit. If closed, the center's workers could be forced to find employment elsewhere.

Also costing the college is the hold up of a multi-million dollar, privately funded auditorium construction project.

Trustees learned early this year the location of Howard Cottage facility

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Forsan ISD struggling to overcome shortfall

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

FORSAN — The Forsan Independent School District will most likely take a huge hit in its coffers this year, trying to ride out state cutbacks to education.

Talk of the budget topped the FISD workshop late last week.

Trustees and administrators have trimmed about \$185,000 from a pro-

jected \$4.4 million budget for 2003-2004, but that still leaves a deficit of \$480,000.

"In the last two years we've cut about 15 percent from the budget," said FISD Superintendent Wayne Rotan.

Relief from financial woes won't be coming in the near future.

The district is already at the state cap for the tax

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BSISD to host orientation Tuesday for substitute teacher candidates

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Independent School District will host a substitute teacher orientation for those interested in applying for work during the 2003-2004 school year.

"We're going to go over campus procedures, daily procedures, the dos and don'ts regarding paperwork and anything prin-

The presentation will be held at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday in the junior high school cafeteria.

cipals want us to go over that pertains to their campuses," said BSISD Assistant Superintendent Rey Villarreal.

The presentation will

be held at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Big Spring Junior High School cafeteria, 624 E. Sixth St.

To qualify as a substitute teacher, the person must have 45 hours of college course work and pass a background check.

"They need to come to the personnel office (708 E. 11th Place) and fill out an application."

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Obituaries

Cadet Griffith

Cadet Griffith, 61, of Gulfport, Miss., died Saturday in Gulfport.

A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in the Bradford-O'Keefe Funeral Home in Gulfport. Friends may call one hour before the time of the service. Burial will follow in Biloxi National Cemetery.

A native of Big Spring, Griffith was a graduate of Meridian High School and worked as a flight attendant for American Airlines for three and a half years. She was a real estate agent and broker with ERA Gulf Realty in Gulfport.

Griffith was chapter regent of No. 3023 Mississippi Daughters of the American Revolution and a member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. She served as a volunteer firefighter in Orange Grove, Miss., and was a fire commissioner for Harrison County, Miss.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Neel Glenn Barnaby and Eunice Newby Barnaby and by two sisters, Joy Crownover and Jo Broadrick.

Survivors include her husband of 39 years, Harry Griffith Sr. of Gulfport, Miss.; a daughter, DeAnna Salters of Lafayette, La.; a son, Hank Griffith of Wiggins, Miss.; and two grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Bradford-O'Keefe Funeral Homes Inc. in Gulfport, Miss.

Take note

THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, which delivers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, you are needed.

About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered to recipients within the city limits of Big Spring.

If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

Police blotter

- The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from noon Saturday until 8 a.m. today:
- **OTIS JAMES PORTER**, 20, of 1904 East 21st Street was arrested Saturday on city traffic warrants.
 - **SALVADOR GUTIERRES PEREZ**, 32, of 1000 Rannels was arrested Saturday on charges of theft less than \$50 and resisting arrest.
 - **JOHN DOE**, age and address unknown, was arrested Sunday on a charge of failure to identify.
 - **TYRONE DIONE SMITH**, 23, of 1501 Sycamore was arrested Sunday on city traffic warrants.
 - **JESUS CRUZ RODRIQUEZ**, 37, of Lubbock was arrested Sunday on charges of failure to identify/fugitive from justice and disorderly conduct—urinating in public, and on a Garza County warrant.
 - **PAMULA K. MONTEMAYOR**, 42, of 1502 W. Third Street was arrested Sunday on city traffic warrants.
 - **LONNIE RAY GRAY JR.**, 23, of 3304 W. Highway 80 was arrested Sunday on city traffic warrants.
 - **INEZ CHAVARRIA**, 52, of 811 Aylesford was arrested Sunday on city traffic warrants.
 - **APRIL JEANETTE MCGEE**, 22, of 405 Settles was arrested Sunday on city traffic warrants.
 - **STEVEN JOHN ALVAREZ**, 38, of 616 State St. was arrested Sunday on city traffic warrants.
 - **DAVID YANEZ**, 35, of 1202 E. Third St. was arrested Sunday on a charge of assault causing bodily injury/family violence.
 - **JOSEPH RAY BRIM**, 33, of 2523 Dow was arrested Saturday on a Howard County warrant.
 - **DANIEL VERA FLORES**, 35, of 1408 W. Second St. was arrested Saturday on a Howard County warrant.
 - **JOHNNIE JUAN FLORES**, 51, of 602 N.W. Fifth St. was arrested Saturday on a charge of illegal dumping.
 - **JASON LARUE WOODRUFF**, 20, of 307 N.W. Eighth St. was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving under the influence by a minor.
 - **BRIAN EUGENE VANDERBILT**, 23, of 1509 Chanute was arrested Sunday on city traffic warrants.
 - **ASHLEY NICHOLE DEAN**, 18, of 817 Timothy Lane was arrested Sunday on a charge of minor in consumption of alcohol.
 - **ABANDONING OR ENDANGERING A CHILD WITH INTENT TO RETURN** was reported in the 3600 block of Hamilton Street.
 - **ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY** was reported in the 500 block of Northwest 11th Street.
 - **ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 1300 block of Stadium Avenue.
 - **ASSAULT BY THREAT/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 1700 block of South Lancaster Street.
 - **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 1300 block of Stadium Avenue, the 1000 block of North Main Street and in the 500 block of Northwest 11th Street.
 - **ASSAULT CLASS C** and **THEFT** were reported in the 1200 block of East Fourth Street. A Nokia cellular telephone worth \$295 was reported stolen in the incident.
 - **THEFT** and **RESISTING ARREST, SEARCH OR TRANSPORT** was reported in the 1800 block of South Gregg Street. Consumable goods worth \$13.99 were reported stolen and recovered.
 - **THEFT** was reported:

Support groups

MONDAY

- The Military Support Group meets on the first and third Monday of each month at 6 p.m. in Room 219 at the VA Medical Center. If you have a family member serving in the armed forces, or wish to support our troops, please join us. For more information, call Treva Hall at 263-8574 or Holly Moore at 263-8106.
- TOPS Club TX 21 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), weigh-in at 5:30 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m. at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 West Third.
- New Voice Club support group for laryngectomies and families. For more information, call 267-2800.
- Alcoholics Anonymous meets from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Open meeting on fourth floor at VA Medical Center from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

TUESDAY

- The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets the last Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Texas RV Park meeting room. For more information, call 263-4948.
- TOPS Club TX 1756 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 5:30 p.m. weigh-in, 6 p.m. meeting, Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, 11th and Birdwell, Call 263-2786 or 263-1340 for more information.
- Compassionate Friends support group for families who have experienced the death of a child, 7:30 p.m., first Tuesday February, April, June, August and October, in the Family Life Center, First Baptist Church, 705 W. Marcy Drive, east entrance, south end. Our December program is held the same time and address, but in the chapel, north entrance, east end. Call 267-2769.

WEDNESDAY

- AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Open 12 and 12 Study meeting, 8 p.m.

- At Wal-Mart. Clothes worth \$9.66 were reported stolen.
- In the 200 block of South Benton Street. Tools worth \$300 were reported stolen.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 2100 block of Grace Street. Recordings worth \$300 and other items worth \$120 were reported stolen.
- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 700 block of West Fourth Street. Computer hardware and software worth \$1,700 was reported stolen.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported: In the 600 block of McEwen Street. \$75 damage was reportedly inflicted on the structure.
- In the 2900 block of Hunter's Glen. A window reportedly sustained \$40 damage, a phone line \$50 damage and a siren \$50 damage. Reported stolen were jewelry worth \$3,800, firearms worth \$1,697 and other items worth \$1,479.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 400 block of Birdwell Lane. Less than \$50 damage was reported in the incident.
- **DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED — THIRD OFFENSE OR MORE** was reported in the 2000 block of South Scurry Street.
- **DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED** was reported in the 700 block of West Third Street.
- **DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE BY A MINOR** was reported in the 1100 block of West Fifth Street.
- **POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE** was reported in the 400 block of East Fourth Street. Drugs and other items were reportedly seized as evidence by police.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 3600 block of Boulder Drive, the 1000 block of Northwest Second Street, the 1400 block of South Nolan Street, the 1300 block of Mesa Drive, the 500 block of Northwest 11th Street, the 1300 block of Stadium Avenue, the 100 block of West 16th Street and the 1000 block of North Main Street.
- **DISTURBANCE OR FIGHT** was reported in the 1200 block of East Fourth Street, the 1000 block of Northwest Second Street and the 500 block of Northwest 11th Street.
- **LOUD PARTY/NOISE** was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road and the 1900 block of East 25th Street.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 600 block of West 15th Street, the 600 block of Abrams Street and the 1100 block of South Gregg Street.

Sheriff's report

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

- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported 10 miles out from Big Spring on Highway 350, the 7900 block of Highway 350, in another location on Highway 350 and on North Birdwell Lane.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 6100 block of Interstate 20 North Service Road and at Rip Griffin's Truck and Travel Center.
- **LOOSE GOATS** were reported in the 2400 block of North Birdwell Lane.

Bulletin board

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

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

Coahoma Lions Club, 6 p.m., Coahoma Community Center on North Avenue.

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

Concerned Citizen, 7 p.m., 610 Main Street.

Big Spring Comandery, No. 31, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple, 221 Main, 6:30 p.m. dinner.

Big Spring Assembly No. 211, Social Order of Beauceant, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple, 221 Main, 6:30 p.m. dinner.

Archeology Society of Howard and Borden County, 7 p.m., Howard County Library, 500-S. Main.

TUESDAY
Intermediate Line Dance classes, 9 a.m., Spring City Senior Center, 1901 Simler, 267-1628.

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

Evening Lions Club, noon, Spring City Senior Center, 1901 Simler.

Big Spring VA Medical Center Town Hall meeting, 6:30 p.m., in the jury assembly room on the first floor of the Taylor County Courthouse, 300 Oak Street, Abilene. Open to the general public.

WEDNESDAY
Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard County Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Senior Circle Stretch & Tone, 10 a.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, 1601 W. 11th Place.

Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Line dancing, 1 p.m., Spring City Senior Center, 1901 Simler, 267-6966 or 267-1628.

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring County Club, Driver Road.

Eagles Lodge Ladies, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 203 W. Third.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 7-13-15-23-37. Bonus Ball: 26.

Number matching five of five; plus Bonus Ball: None. Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: \$9 million.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 7-19-21-22-24. Number matching five of five: none.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night: 7-0-4

Weather

Today...Partly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 90s. Northeast winds 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 10 percent.

Tonight...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows near 70. East winds 5 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 10 percent.

Tuesday...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Tuesday night...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows near 70.

Wednesday...Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs near 90.

Thursday...Partly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. Lows near 70. Highs near 90.

Friday...Partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows near 70. Highs in the lower 90s.

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SUMMER SPECIAL

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includes major mission changes at 13 facilities, including closures of hospitals in Canandaigua, N.Y., Pittsburgh; Lexington, Ky.; Brecksville, Ohio; Gulfport, Miss.; Livermore, Calif.; and Waco.

The public can also view the CARES draft plan in its entirety, as well as make comments, at the Web site www.va.gov/cares. Comments can also be sent to the CARES Commission e-mail

address at commission@mail.va.gov or send by mail to the Department of Veterans Affairs (OOCARES), 810 Vermont Ave., NW., Washington, D.C. 20420

Local question or comment can be made to Hanslik at 1-800-0427-1365, ext. 4828, or by e-mail at iva.jo.hanslik@med.va.gov or by mail to the West Texas VA Health Care System, attn: Iva Jo Hanslik, 300 Veterans Boulevard, Big Spring 79720.

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Where to make comments concerning CARES report

HERALD Staff Report

Comments and concerns about a restructuring draft plan of the Department of Veterans Affairs that includes recommending the curtailment of services at the Big Spring VA Medical Center and its possible elimination can be addressed to the following U.S. Congress representatives.

United States Senate:

Honorable Kay Bailey Hutchison
500 Chestnut, Suite 1570
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E-mail: http://hutchison.senate.gov/

Honorable John Cornyn
1205 Texas Avenue, Suite 812
Lubbock 79401
Fax: 806-472-7535
E-mail:
<http://cornyn.senate.gov/>

United States Congress:

Honorable Randy Neugebauer
3800 East 42nd Street, Suite 605
Odessa 79762-5941
Fax: 432-550-0852
E-mail:
<http://www.house.gov/wr>

Honorable Charles Stenholm
P.O. Box 1237
Stamford 79553
Fax: 325-773-2833
E-mail:
<http://www.house.gov/writer/>

The plan developed by the Department of Veteran's Affairs Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES) Commission can be viewed in its entirety at its Web-site www.va.gov/cares and comments can be left on that site.

The public has a 60-day window in which to address comments on the plan at the CARES Web-site, e-mail address commission@mail.va.gov or send by mail to the Department of Veterans Affairs (OOCARES), 810 Vermont Ave., NW., Washington, D.C. 20420

Local questions or comment can be made to Iva Jo Hanslik at 1-800-0427-1365, ext. 4828, or by e-mail at iva.jo.hanslik@med.va.gov or by mail to the West Texas VA Health Care System, attn: Iva Jo Hanslik, 300 Veterans Boulevard, Big Spring 79720.

WILDFIRE

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"The wind can really cause a fire to get out of control and spread quickly, especially with so much brush and grass out there now."

Sullivan said the best way to avoid this sort of danger is to not burn garbage at all. If you must burn, however, there are some simple rules to follow.

"Always burn in a container of some sort," said Sullivan. "Make sure you use some sort of mesh to cover it and keep pieces from flying out. Make sure you don't burn any aerosol cans, as they can explode and help the fire spread. Also make sure you have a water hose or bucket nearby, and keep a close eye on the fire until it's fully extinguished."

Also among the list of most common causes is something many motorists may have never considered.

"The catalytic converter on your car gets incredibly hot," said Sullivan. "We don't really think about it, but when we pull over to the side of the road, and the grass is fairly high, they can come in contact with each other and easily spark a fire."

"The easiest way to avoid this sort of situa-

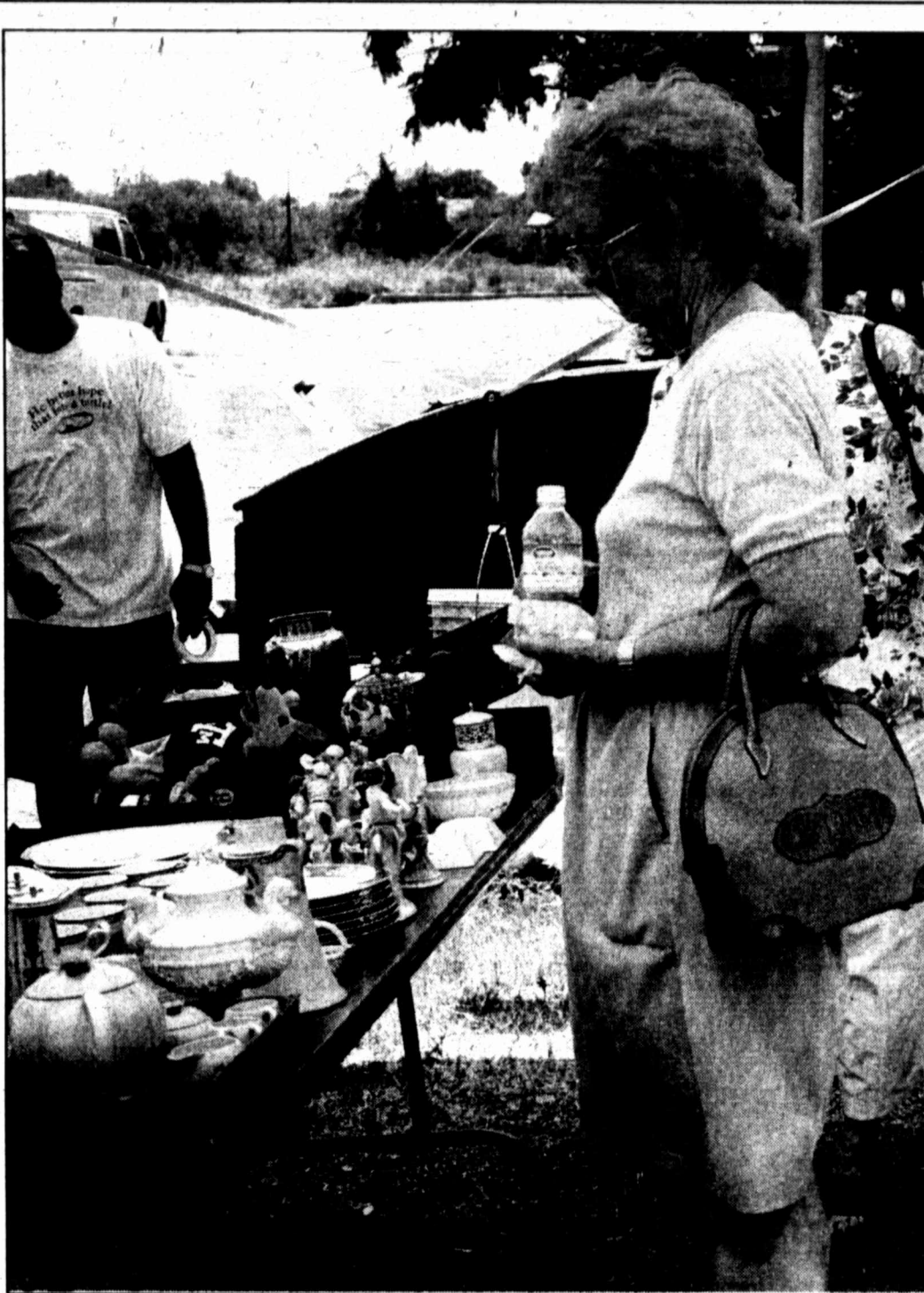
tion, obviously, is to stay on the roadways. If you have to pull over, try to keep an eye out, just in case."

The third most commonly seen cause of wild fires in the Howard County area is also the most careless, according to Sullivan.

"People pitch their smoking material out the window of their car, and you wouldn't believe how many fires this causes each year," said Sullivan. "A lot of people don't know it, but most major brands of cigarettes contain a gunpowder-like substance to help them ignite and keep burning. That makes the idea of one being thrown out of a vehicle window to the side of the road even more dangerous."

Sullivan said this can be a major problem along Interstate 20 and its side roads.

"People just need to pay close attention to what they're doing and make conscientious decisions," he said. "Some causes are just no-brainers."



Betty Ray Coffee of Big Spring views some of the items available in the Don Newsom estate auction on Saturday. The auction was conducted by Spring City Auction and drew a large crowd for most of the day.

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rate of \$1.50 per \$100 valuation, and is facing an estimated \$245,000 drop in tax revenue — the result of a \$17 million decline in the district's taxable values. Certified figures from the county appraisal district saw values fall from \$232 million to \$215 million.

"This year is tighter than it's ever been," Rotan said. "We're still going to take care of the kids the best we can and provide the kids with the best education possible. We're taking a team approach to this — to pitch in and do what we can to save costs in areas and get it done. Hopefully in two years after the state special session on school financing we'll be able to add some things back in the budget."

Conservative belt tightening helped the district end with a surplus this year after beginning with a \$440,000 projected shortfall.

Rotan said that even with cost-cutting in mind this year, the district will still take a hit in its fund balance of \$2.8 million, but not as large as the projected shortfall.

"I think we will actually end in about a \$300,000 to \$350,000 deficit," he said.

Trustees have set date for the public hearing on the budget at 6:30 p.m. on Aug. 25, in the board room, 411 West Sixth in Forsan.

In other business, trustees approved several routine matters including

service programs with Region 18 Service Center.

"We didn't contract as much with Region 18 as we have in the past," Rotan said. "We've scaled back some. Region 18 has increased prices for some of its services because it's under budget cuts, too. We've tried to keep only services FISD needs."

Trustees also:
• Approved bids by several vendors for the equipment to be used in the school's fitness plan. The purchase is being funded through a grant

from the National School of Fitness Foundation.

• An almost \$78,000 bid by the Texas Association of School Boards for property/casualty insurance. The district was faced with a 50 percent hike in insurance this year. Only one company out of the 10 that received bid packets returned a bid, Rotan said.

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Stanton council set to convene at 7 this evening

HERALD Staff Report

The Stanton City Council will meet at 7 p.m. today in council chambers at City Hall, 102 W. School.

Items on the agenda include:

- Consideration of reports from the city administrator and the chief of police.
- Consideration of the 2003-2004 budget.
- Discuss the Texas Municipal League convention.
- Hear public comment.

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Villarreal explained. "Bringing their college transcripts with them will be very helpful. We need that on file. Part of the paperwork is signing off on a background check. Although the check is done pretty quickly, we do encourage people to come as quickly as possible so they can get on that first substitute list."

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Job performance will be the determining factor on how many times a substitute teacher is called back for work.

"The teachers are the ones who many times will request a certain person when the teacher has gotten someone who really has helped him or her out," Villarreal said. "The main thing is time on task. Our goal is for the students to continue their work during the day even when their teacher is absent."

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OUR VIEWS

Everyone needs to help protect us from West Nile

With the revelation that two animals — first a bird, and then a horse — tested positive for the West Nile virus in Howard County recently, it behooves all of us not to think that just because we live in West Texas that we could be immune to a mosquito-borne disease.

The virus, which has accounted for two human deaths in Texas so far this summer, is something we all need to take seriously.

While officials admit our area doesn't have a major problem at the moment, thanks to the scarcity of mosquitos, we need to try and do our part to keep it that way.

According to the Texas Department of Health, the process of protecting yourself and your family from the disease boils down to the "Four Ds."

They are: Stay inside during the hours of darkness between dusk and dawn, when mosquitoes are most active; if you are in a situation in which you fear mosquitos may be present, dress appropriately with long sleeves and long pants; repel mosquitos with an insect repellent containing the chemical DEET; and finally, drain standing and stagnant water on your property, such as birdbaths, clogged gutters, old tires and garden hoses.

The bottom line, of course, is an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

I am an active hang glider pilot and resident physician from California, and have been reading the news about the Big Spring National Hang Gliding Championships with great interest.

There has been much praise for the city of Big Spring and its great reception of our sport among those reporting on events there, and it made me envious of the lucky pilots who are getting to fly in great conditions during the day and then enjoy the hospitality of your town in the evening.

The last several days have reported two car break-ins and a stolen car from constestants, in some cases jeopardizing

their participation in the championships.

My enthusiasm for perhaps someday joining in the fun is markedly damped by such news. It is unfortunate to hear that the welcome enthusiastically reported earlier is being spoiled by what is undoubtedly a very small minority of bad eggs.

It should be relatively difficult to hide ill-gotten gains in a place like I imagine Big Spring to be, where everyone knows everyone else, and I hope that the town and its defenders are able to bring the perpetrators to justice soon.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May all of our experiences include you, Lord.

Amen

Gephardt straddles the war divide

Of course Democratic presidential hopeful Dick Gephardt was a hit. He was bashing President Bush in San Francisco — better yet, in front of the city's bar association. He spoke in his usual gentlemanly, authoritative tone. No surprise that a number of those in the audience gave him a standing ovation.

But I don't think Gephardt really believed his own speech.

I particularly question his statement that got the most ink in news reports: "I'm running for president because I believe George Bush has left us less safe and less secure than we were four years ago."

As Weekly Standard editor William Kristol wrote in The Washington Post, "Is this the case? Were we safer and more secure when Osama bin Laden was unimpeded in assembling his terror network in Afghanistan? ... When Saddam Hussein ruled Iraq?"

Some far-lefties might believe America is worse off, especially if they're among those who root for any mayhem likely to bury Bush in 2004. But Gephardt is too grounded to be among their ranks.

Clearly, the House minority leader has to say something: He voted to authorize the war in Iraq. He made it clear that Hussein was a threat, deserving of regime change. Tuesday he reiterated, "I make no apologies for supporting the war in Iraq."

But Gephardt is running for president in a primary that often favors the Bush-hating left over, the pragmatic center. Rivals — notably former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean — have gained points in states such as California for sniping at Bush about the war (and everything else).

The four Dems who voted for the war — Gephardt and Sens. John Edwards of North Carolina, John Kerry of Massachusetts and Joe Lieberman of Connecticut — have been stuck with the option of largely supporting Bush on the war, or hedging their support of the war with criticism of the way Bush waged it.

Edwards and Kerry cynically and frequently have been straddling the position. On Tuesday, Gephardt joined them. And while his remarks played well to the left-leaning lawyers, his arguments would not work well in a general election.

Gephardt referred to Bush's "chest-beating unilateralism." He charged that the administration was "wrong to short-circuit the world community." And he said of current peacekeeping efforts, "This looming quagmire is on our shoulders alone."

Alone? At a press conference afterward, I asked Gephardt if saying U.S. troops were fighting alone slighted British Prime Minister Tony Blair and Australian Prime Minister John Howard, who both have sent troops to Iraq.

Gephardt answered that Blair agreed with him and had urged Bush to go to the United Nations. "We're happy to have the help of the countries we got the help of, but we didn't get the U.N. resolu-

tion we wanted," he replied.

And, "I don't see any troops on the ground other than Britain." Australia, I offered. (The Australian embassy says there are 1,000 Aussies in the region.)

Gephardt: "And a few Aussies." The U.S. Defense Department later noted that more than a dozen countries have personnel on the ground in or around Iraq.

What's more, what Gephardt called unilateral was an effort that attracted 47 other countries. In the name of multinationalism, Gephardt somehow found fault with the "so-called coalition of the willing."

Obviously, the definition of unilateral in the Democrats' dictionary is: multilateral, but not in lockstep with the United Nations. And U.N. really means: Our Betters in France and Germany, since those countries pummeled dissenting views from Eastern European countries. I'll add, the entrance of Polish and Spanish troops in Iraq escaped Gephardt's notice.

Gephardt's biggest problem is that he knows the war was right, but he feels pressured to carp.

When a reporter voiced skepticism that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction, Gephardt bristled, "I find it a little strange that some of us seem to want to believe Saddam Hussein."

Me, too. But then I'm not running in the Democratic primary.

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Attending debates can be telling

I decided to do something really different at the recent Democratic debate sponsored by the AFL-CIO here: I decided to actually watch the debate in person.

This has fallen so far out of fashion that, at many debates, it is no longer possible.

Reporters, who fly hundreds or thousands of miles to get to the event, go into little press rooms and watch the debates on TV monitors. The picture they see is the same picture that people see at home.

Often, there are no seats for the press in the debate hall, and frankly, few reporters want them. The press room has become our electronic womb. It has everything we need: power lines, phone lines and (sometimes) food.

We hook up our laptops, and we settle back in front of the tube.

In fairness, to a reporter on a tight deadline, staying in the press room is a great advantage.

But most reporters stay in the press room even when they don't have to. In fact, some of them fly thousands of miles and never leave their hotel rooms.

Because as long as you can see the same picture of the debate on any TV, what really is the advantage of the press room? Phone companies charge rapacious fees for phone lines in most press rooms, so why not just stay in your hotel room and pay the semi-rapacious phone fees there?

In fact, why fly to the event at all? Why not just stay home? Several reasons: If you stay home, you can't put a dateline on your story (unless you are Jayson Blair, in which case you can claim you watched the debate from Saturn). If you stay home, you don't get airline frequent flyer miles, hotel frequent guest miles or expense account meals.

But most of all, if you stay home

you miss the entire summer camp atmosphere that is a presidential campaign.

OK, so we've established you've actually got to go to the event. But why shlep out to the press room? Why not stay in your nice mixed-nuts-are-only-\$18-from-the-minibar hotel room?

The death factor. The following conversation actually took place next to me in Chicago, as two reporters argued as to whether it was necessary to actually go out to the Navy Pier to watch the debate.

First Reporter: "I'm not paying \$250 for a phone line from the press room, and I hear the press room is going to be really crowded anyway."

Second Reporter: "What if somebody shoots one of them?"

First Reporter: (shocked) "What?"

Second Reporter: "If one of them gets shot, what are you going to tell your desk?"

This is not a post-Sept. 11 phenomenon. Reporters have worried about this forever. I know a reporter who, in 1968, left Robert Kennedy's last rally early so he could get some sleep. He was awakened in his hotel room by a frantic editor saying the wires were moving stories about Kennedy being shot, and where was he?

So we tend to show up at the events. But do we need to actually see them in the flesh, or can we cover them in vitro, under the glass of the TV screen?

As it turns out, the AFL-CIO made it easy to see the debate in real life. There were press seats in the hall, and the hall was only a few yards from the press room. So I watched some of the debate live and some on TV.

What were the differences? Audience reaction is one big difference. Live, in the hall, you can hear and see the boos, cheers, hisses and applause. On TV, since the audience does not have microphones in it, the reaction is muted or absent. Is this important? Well, the candidates are in the hall, too,

and they react to the audience, so it can make a difference.

Second big difference: Your eye is a much better camera than a TV lens. It can take in much more. (Your eyes are also on a convenient swiveling device called a head.) You can take in all the candidates at once, instead of being at the mercy of the person in the control room selecting shots. This is especially valuable when watching one candidate react to another, which is often absent from TV.

By watching in the hall, I learned for instance that Howard Dean does not watch the other candidates while they are speaking. He is very busy with his own notes, preparing for his turn to speak.

I also learned the John Kerry's voice problems are continuing. His voice was very weak at the South Carolina debate, and it hurt him. In Chicago, I was in the hall and could barely hear him. I figured it might just be bad sound in the hall. So I went back to the press room, and it was hard to hear him on TV, too. Kerry really is going to have to rest his voice before these big debates: It is hard to sound forceful if your voice is weak.

My key observation came after TV had gone off the air, however. I wondered if Dean would seek out Joe Lieberman, who had spent this last week questioning Dean's judgment, resolve and patriotism.

Dean did so immediately. He very swiftly and very deliberately walked the length of the stage to Lieberman and shook Lieberman's hand forcefully as if to say, "When I'm president, Joe, I'll consider you for ambassador to Liechtenstein."

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By Martha McNeil Hamilton
The Washington Post

Dave Stiverson takes furniture apart and puts it back together again. Manufacturers call him when narrow doors, stairs that make turns at impossible angles or hard-to-navigate hallways make items tough to deliver.

Dave Stiverson gets furniture into rooms where others might give up and buy something smaller. He does upholstery repair, but his main business is helping furniture manufacturers deliver products to customers when access is an issue.

Washington Post photo/Susan Biddle

Stiverson operates an upholstery-repair business, but his main business is helping furniture manufacturers deliver products to customers when access is an issue. Stiverson will remove the back from a new sofa to allow it to swing around those tight corners — and then put it back on so the sofa is as good as new.

He started in his specialty years ago, working for a transportation company in Alexandria, Va., learning to do quick repairs or spot-clean furniture on its way to a buyer. Six years ago he started his own company and went to work disassembling furniture (and reassembling it) for

Storehouse and Rowe, which have since merged, and other companies. "I call it a knockdown or a disassembly. I also call it — whatever you have to do to get it downstairs or upstairs."

His most difficult recent job, a delivery to a fourth-floor condo in Washington where the hallway narrowed to less than three feet, required shrink-wrapping a sofa, tying it to a rope looped over the balcony and hoisting the sofa 50 feet in the air to deliver it through a sliding glass door.

"I refused to be defeated," Stiverson said. "I have a perfect record."

Virginia camp helps war-wounded lives

Years of pent-up grief and terror have affected the children physically and emotionally

xBy David Cho

The Washington Post
ALEXANDRIA, Va. — The oldest of the 30 children from Sierra Leone attending the Leaders of Tomorrow summer camp in Alexandria, Va., are in their mid-teens; the youngest is 7. Yet each has witnessed more horrors during their country's decade-long civil war than most people will experience in a lifetime.

They have seen corpses and severed heads littering the streets outside their homes. They have heard the screams of their parents and others being tortured, in some cases killed, before their eyes.

Eleven-year-old Damba Koroma remembers part of her left arm being cut off by a gang of gun-toting teenagers five years ago. When her mother cried out in protest, they chopped off her left arm in the same spot as well.

Another of the refugees, Fatu Sankoh, 16, recalls watching helplessly as a friend bled to death from a gunshot wound while the two hid under a bed from rebels.

After fleeing to the United States, these war-scarred children from West Africa — among the more than 2 million people, more than one-third of Sierra Leone's population, displaced since fighting erupted in 1991 — were left to cope with their trauma largely on their own. All but a few have been separated from their parents, who were killed, are missing or could not afford to flee with their children.

Living with U.S. host families, most of these children had tried to bury their horrible memories; that is, until attending the four-week camp set up at Francis C. Hammond Middle School by the Falls Church, Va.-based Center for Multicultural Human Services. There, therapists and others are giving the children a chance to talk about their experiences and vent their fears and feelings in healthy and creative ways.

The program, which concluded this week, is one of the few in this country that assists refugee children from Sierra Leone, administrators say.

"They're survivors," said Marion W. Chew, a program director at the center. "To live through the experiences they've had, you have to have a powerful desire to keep on going."

As summer camps go, this one — offered at no cost to the children — is more than a bit unusual. It includes the customary pool time and field trips,

but the children spend most of each day on such tasks as writing about themselves, learning about the culture of their homeland and drawing self-portraits, an exercise in art therapy, said camp

director Kacie Fisher. Fisher said, and two have spent time in a juvenile detention facility.

The years of pent-up grief and terror have affected the children physically as well as emo-

tionally. campers watch out for her. "Most of the children have witnessed an amputation, but this is the first time (they) have been able to help an amputee, so it's been healing for them," Fisher said.

Sierra Leone has seen several conflicts since its independence from Britain in 1961, the most brutal of which began in 1991 as an uprising over the country's diamond mines. A rebel force took over half the country, with its warlord, Foday Sankoh, employing shock troops — many of them children — to keep the people in line.

The war lasted more than a decade and claimed tens of thousands of lives. As the fighting waned, the United Nations sent in 17,400 peacekeeping troops. Sankoh was arrested in 2000 and died in custody this week.

One of the goals of the Alexandria camp has been to rekindle a love of country and culture in the children. On one outing, counselors took some campers to the District, where they painted a mural celebrating their homeland's history and heroes. It is still standing in the 300 block of Constitution Avenue NW.

The adjustment is easier for some than others. Damba, for one, says her nightmares about Sierra Leone have stopped, but that she will never live there again because "the rebels might attack again, and they might kill me or cut off my other hand or do something bad to me."



Washington Post photo/Carol Guzy
Zainab Johnny, 10, touches Damba Koroma, 11, while working on pottery at a camp in Virginia. The program is one of the few in this country that assists refugee children from Sierra Leone.

tionally. Fisher explained. Some jump at the slightest touch, their wariness having turned their muscles into tight knots.

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Sheriff's deputies investigating case of dual complaints

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Complaints of criminal trespass early this morning may have sparked an investigation into possible charges of injury to a child, according to Howard County Sheriff officials.

Howard County Sheriff Dale Walker said several

juvenile subjects were reported to have been vandalizing vehicles in the 6100 block of the north service road of Interstate 20. The complaint was taken at 2:56 a.m.

"The call came in about 2 a.m. this morning," said Walker. "The complainant reported they had caught several juvenile subjects trying to

break into their car, and were detaining them until our deputies arrived.

"When the deputies arrived on the scene, they didn't find any evidence the juveniles had tried to break into the vehicle, but it was obvious they had been on the property."

Walker said once at the scene, deputies noticed

several "bruises" on the juveniles, and asked if they had been injured.

"In the course of taking the juveniles home, deputies noticed bruises on several of them (youngsters)," said Walker. "When asked how they occurred, they claimed the complainant injured them in the course of detaining

them." Walker said the sheriff's office is investigating possible charges of criminal trespass by the juveniles, as well as injury of a child on the complainants.

"The investigation is ongoing at this time," said Walker. "It's really much too early to tell right now. There are laws that protect the rights of

property owners that are protecting what belongs to them. We'll just have to see where the investigation goes."

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Texas Briefs

Patterson wants coastline funds restored

GALVESTON (AP) — Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson said he'll work to restore the state's coastline damaged by Hurricane Claudette by asking the Legislature to replace \$7.5 million it cut from programs to protect it.

Patterson inspected the Brazoria and Galveston county coasts by air on Sunday to survey the erosion caused by the storm. He said that some houses along the coast, particularly in Surfside in Brazoria County, could be gone when the next storm hits if the state doesn't take action.

"The biggest problem is making it a statewide issue and not just a coastal issue," he said after his flight over the coastline. "If a coastal senator or house member can vote in favor of boll-weevil eradication, somebody in Amarillo ought to be able to vote in favor of saving the Texas coast from further erosion."

The lawmakers cut the budget for coastal protection programs from \$15 million to \$7.5 million during the regular Legislative session this year. The decision was made before they discovered several hundred million dollars of unspent revenue.

The extra money can be allocated during the current special session, but it has been on hold since 11 Democratic Senators left Texas to protest a congressional redistricting plan.

Fired Dallas officer had troubled past

DALLAS (AP) — A Dallas police officer whose troubled past includes failing a departmental polygraph test about his involvement in a homicide while he was still a recruit, and wounding a teenager during an off-duty confrontation, has been fired.

Also, before Derrick C. Evans was ever approved as a recruit, he twice had been the target of emergency protective orders after judges ruled he had assaulted his wife, according to public records.

Evans, who became a Dallas patrol officer three years ago, was fired by Police Chief Terrell Bolton before dawn on Saturday.

The information about Evans' background and the recent shooting has been available in police files or in public records.

Evans had been placed on administrative leave after the confrontation with the teen. He was off-duty on July 28 when his 17-year-old stepdaughter said she had been beaten in a brawl at a recreation center.

Cosmonaut, Earth-bound bride tie knot

HOUSTON (AP) — At their wedding reception, the bride wore a cream-colored dress while the groom was decked out in cardboard.

On Sunday, Ekaterina Dmitriev married Russian cosmonaut Yuri Malenchenko in a ceremony that was literally out of this world. While she said her vows during a private ceremony at Johnson Space Center in Houston, her soon-to-be husband recited them during a live video hookup from the international space station, 240 miles above the Earth.

Democrats asking President Bush to intervene in redistricting battle

DALLAS (AP) — An impasse over congressional redistricting has prompted 11 Democrats boycotting in New Mexico to call on President Bush to step in and help end "this embarrassing chapter in Texas history."

On Sunday, White House spokesman Jimmy Orr said Bush has no plans to interfere.

"That's a matter for the state of Texas to address," he said in Monday's edition of "The Dallas Mornings News."

The Senators, who fled to Albuquerque, N.M., two weeks ago just before a second special session on redistricting was called, appealed to Bush in a letter they all signed and sent on Friday, the newspaper reported.

Bush is vacationing at his ranch in Crawford. In the letter, the lawmakers told Bush the discord over redistricting is damaging his credibility as a bipartisan leader and that his top adviser, Karl Rove, is largely to blame.

The Democrats on Sunday night refused to comment or to provide a copy of the letter to The Associated Press.

U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay of Sugar Land and Gov. Rick Perry and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst were also criticized in the letter.

"Your continued silence is being interpreted by thoughtful Americans as complicity or as tacit approval," the senators wrote. "We ... request an immediate public announcement of your opposition to this unfair and shameful power grab."

Dewhurst spokesman

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From text of letter to the president

Dave Beckwith said allegations that the lieutenant governor acted on instructions from Rove were false, the newspaper reported.

"It's ironic that a group that is increasingly having the tune called by the National Democratic Party would accuse the other side (of influence)," Beckwith told the AP.

Kathy Walt, Perry's spokeswoman, called the Democrat claims ludicrous.

"It's just to deflect from the fact that they walked off the job in violation of their oaths of office," she said.

Some Republicans, led

by DeLay, say voting trends show Texas should have more Republicans representing the state in Washington, D.C. The current breakdown is 17 Democrats to 15 Republicans.

Two attempts to pass a redistricting bill have failed this year. The first occurred in the regular session when more than 50 House Republicans busted quorum. The second attempt failed in the first special session. The 11 Democrats fled the state just before a second special session was called and have promised to stay away for the entire 30 days of the session.

The senators said they believed Dewhurst was acting on instructions from Rove and Perry when he dropped the Senate's traditional two-thirds rule. The rule, which prompted the walk-out, requires that two-thirds of the senators agree to take up a bill for debate.

The Democrats said in their letter that Hispanics and blacks are "deeply offended and angry at the Perry-DeLay 1/8redistricting 3/8 scheme," the newspaper reported.

"There is even some belief among our constituents that the Perry-DeLay plan is the first step in a national Republican plan to weaken or repeal the Voting Rights Act in 2006 and to further secure Congressman DeLay's undefeatable majority for his expected speakership race."

COUNCIL

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reading of a resolution opposing the proposed congressional redistricting plan approved by the Texas House of Representatives and "opposing any plan that would dilute West Texas'

representation in Congress." The measure passed 6-1 at the previous council meeting, with Councilman Greg Biddison opposing.

- Hear the presentation of quarterly financial reports.
- Consider appointing Deede Cauley to the Citizens Advisory Board for the police department.

The city council meets at 5:30 this evening for a workshop on a proposed city bond issue and the budget. That meeting will also be held at council chambers.

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

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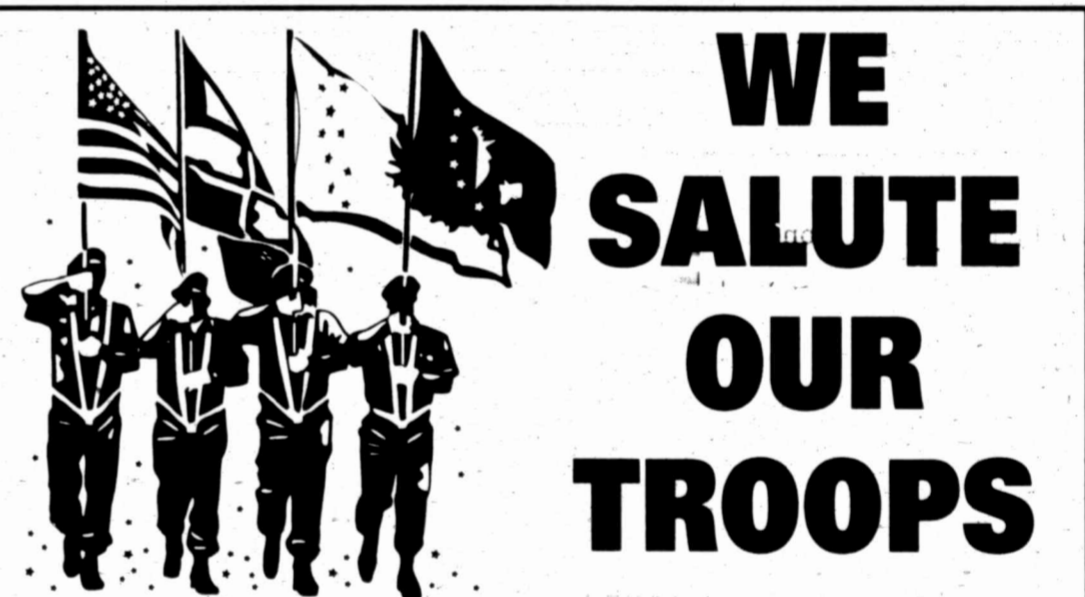
would pose of problem in the optimal placement of the new auditorium.

Since then, the project has been on hold while administrators search for funds to construct a new day care facility in another area of the campus, but

so far have not been able to come up with any option.

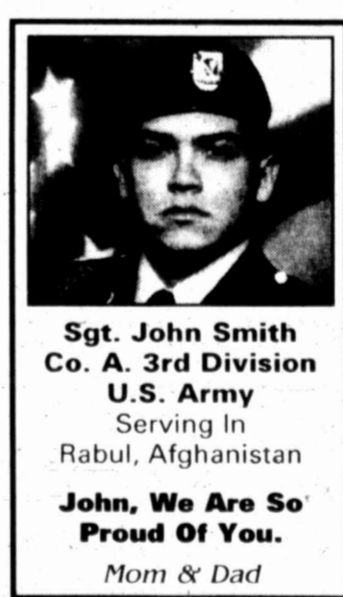
"We are going to explore the possibility of a smaller operation and building," Sparks said. For more information, call Howard College at 264-5000.

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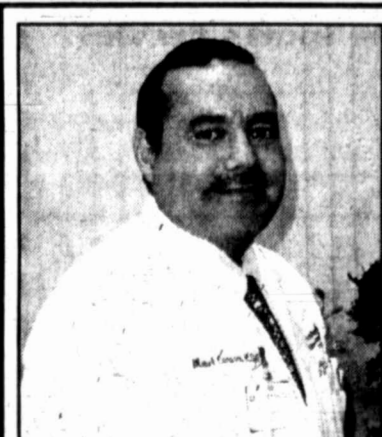
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BSJHS 7th get gear
Big Spring High School 7th grade players issued footmen Tuesday at the school. The BSJ will begin Aug. 18.

BSHS seas now on sale
Big Spring School football tickets are now at the Athletic Center. Current season holders can purchase tickets from 8 a.m. Tickets will to the general Aug. 18. Tickets to games can the day of the ATC from noon. For more information contact Kay 264-3662.

Young Guns slated for Saturday
The Youth Football Tournament will be held on Saturday. Teams will be selected by Friday into the evening. Contact Ernie Zalez at 756-36.

Coahoma boys to meet tonight
The Coahoma Club will meet tonight for all interested individuals. The meeting begin at 7 p.m.

Lady Steers Club to meet
The Big Spring School Lady Steers Club will have a meeting Tuesday at the ATC. All girls participating in volleyball, cheerleading are urged to attend. The meeting at 6:30 p.m.

ASC's golf pass now available
The American Soccer Society's Tournament Pass entitles more than 670 of golf at 281 cost the state. For more information call 800-ACS-2345 online at www.golfpass.com.

Brownfield Jamboree slated for August
The annual field cross Jamboree will Aug. 23 at Park. For more information call (806) 637-45.

Football officials needed for October
Football officials needed for the 2003 season. Persons interested should call Guinn at (432) 2.

ON THE
Sports Broadcast Schedule
Event, Time, Location
Rangers vs. Detroit, 6:30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

BSJHS 7th graders to get gear Tuesday

Big Spring Junior High School seventh-grade players will be issued football equipment Tuesday at 9 a.m. at the school.

The BSJHS athletes will begin practice on Aug. 18.

BSHS season tickets now on sale at ATC

Big Spring High School football season tickets are now on sale at the Athletic Training Center.

Current season ticket holders can renew their tickets through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.. Tickets will go on sale to the general public on Aug. 18.

Tickets to individual games can be purchased the day of the contest at the ATC from 8 a.m. to noon.

For more information contact Kay Cook at 264-3662.

Young Guns tourney slated for Stanton

The Young Guns Softball Tournament will be held Saturday and Sunday in Stanton.

Teams should register by Friday. Entry fee into the event is \$115 per team. Class D and E teams only.

First and second-place teams will receive t-shirts. The third-place team will net a trophy.

For more information contact Ernesto Gonzalez at 756-3654.

Coahoma boosters to meet tonight

The Coahoma Booster Club will hold a meeting today in the elementary cafeteria for all interested individuals.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

Lady Steers Booster Club to meet Tuesday

The Big Spring High School Lady Steers Booster Club will hold a meeting Tuesday in the ATC. All parents of girls participating in volleyball, basketball, cheerleading and track are urged to attend.

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Sports Broadcast Schedule
Aug. 11
Event, Time, Station
Rangers vs. Detroit, 6:30 p.m., 1490

Parcells finds plenty of negatives in 13-0 loss

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Bill Parcells will have no shortage of ammunition when his Dallas Cowboys return to practice this week.

He found virtually nothing encouraging in Saturday night's 13-0 loss to the Arizona Cardinals.

Parcells wants to win, even in the preseason, where his career record is 40-17. His Dallas debut showed how far he has to go to restore the Cowboys to their accustomed glory.

"We didn't really do much of anything," he said. "We had way too many long yardage situations, we were getting penalized or sacked, we dropped balls, we couldn't

get near their quarterback. Just pretty much everything was poor."

Parcells wouldn't use the heat as an excuse, even though it was 110 degrees at kickoff and still 107 at halftime. While his team was flat and ineffective, the Cardinals came out aggressive, especially on defense.

"This is going to be a nasty football team," coach Dave McGinnis promised. "It's going to be a nasty football team within the boundaries of the rules that we have. We've got speed on this defense and now we've got to get production out of it, and I liked what I saw."

Arizona made a big deal



out of Emmitt Smith's debut for the Cardinals against his old Dallas teammates, introducing him last amid great fanfare.

Smith played just 41 seconds before calling it a night. He had no gain on Arizona's first play, then caught a pass from new Cardinals' quarterback Jeff Blake and dodged three tacklers en route to an 11-yard gain and a first down.

"It's kind of hard to have a big night when you only play three

plays," Smith said, adding that it was the first time he'd played this early in the preseason.

Parcells, meanwhile, said he had been too patient with some players he declined to identify.

"We played a lot of people tonight for lengthy periods of time, some guys we really wanted to see," Parcells said. "I just think I have to get back to work and simplify things and quit kidding myself about a couple of these guys."

Neither Chad Hutchinson nor Quincy Carter did anything to move ahead in the battle for starting quarterback. Parcells had hoped to

name a starter after this Friday night's game at home against Houston, but indicated it could take longer after what he saw Saturday.

"I might need more than one (extra game)," he said. "I don't think it would be fair to decide. They didn't get much help."

Hutchinson started and completed 5 of 10 for 43 yards. He fumbled the ball away the only time he was sacked. Carter played most of the second and third quarters, completing 8 of 13 for 81 yards. He was intercepted once and sacked once. On Friday night, Carter will get the start.

Big day nears ...



Big Spring head volleyball coach Revis Ward-Daggett talks with her players during practice Friday afternoon. The Lady Steers, who won 23 games last fall, are scheduled to scrimmage Midland High this Friday in Midland. The BSHS girls will open their 2003 season next Tuesday against Midland Greenwood.

A-Rod HR spurs hot Rangers past Jays

TORONTO (AP) — Alex Rodriguez homered for the seventh time in the past 10 games and the Texas Rangers beat the Toronto Blue Jays 5-4 on Sunday.

Rodriguez's recent tear started a day after he indicated he was so frustrated by losing that he would consider a trade.

The All-Star shortstop hit his 31st homer of the season, and his 20th of his career at SkyDome, surpassing Manny Ramirez for the most by a visiting player.

Todd Greene homered and Rafael Palmeiro hit an RBI triple for the Rangers, who have won eight of 11 since Rodriguez's comment. It was Palmeiro's first triple since he had three in the 2000 season.

Texas has hit 22 home runs in the last nine games, and they lead the majors with 179.

Toronto's Mike Bordick extended his career-high hitting streak to 18 games with a single in the first. He is 27-for-69 (.391) during that stretch.

Texas starter Colby Lewis (5-7) won for the first time since May 27. Lewis, who recently spent six weeks at Triple-A Oklahoma, allowed two runs on seven hits.

Texans see progress in first preseason outing

HOUSTON (AP) — The Texans' first-string offense didn't manage a touchdown or set off any fireworks in Houston's preseason opener. Buoyed by a remodeled offensive line, the unit also didn't give up a sack and consistently created room to run, things that didn't happen last season.

"If you can't run the football you get into a lot of long yardage situations," coach Dom Capers said. "I think it was a good start and I like what I saw. We're more disciplined on the offensive line and got off the ball well."

The one thing the offense didn't do was score much: David Carr and backup Tony Banks only managed 6 points in the first half, much of which was played by the other projected starters. Denver won 20-12 before a sellout crowd of 70,021 at Reliant Stadium.

Carr, sacked 76 times last season for a new NFL record, wasn't dropped once and actually had time to scan the field against Denver's first-team defense. New tailback Stacey Mack, gained 49 yards and seemed to find room to run.

"(The offensive line) did



a much better job," said Banks, who watched from the sideline last season as Carr took every regular-season snap. "It is a huge difference from game 16 last year to the first preseason games this year."

Neither team got much going through the air as personnel changed constantly throughout the second half, and Houston passers were a combined 15-of-28 for 130 yards with a touchdown and an interception.

Besides the improved

play of the overhauled offensive line, where left tackle Chester Pitts was the only starter who played for the Texans last season, some players made noise in their first game action:

• J.J. Moses, the 5-foot-6 former Green Bay receiver, had a 65-yard punt return and looked good on kickoff returns as well. Because of his size, Moses isn't considered a threat at receiver and knows he must dazzle on special teams to make the final cut.

• Rashod Kent, whose previous claim to fame

was as a bruising power forward for the Rutgers basketball team, had two catches for 31 yards, including a 16-yard touchdown from rookie Dave Ragone. Kent was on the Texans' practice squad last year and might return this year, but the team considers him a long-term project.

• Ragone, the rookie third-round draft choice out of Louisville, completed just two of his five attempts but was responsible for the team's only touchdown. He is expected to serve as Houston's third-string quarterback this season.

Kent, Berkman lead HR barrage in Astros' 8-2 romp over Expos

HOUSTON (AP) — Jeff Kent and Lance Berkman hit two of Houston's four home runs Sunday, backing Astros starter Ron Villone in an 8-2 victory over the Montreal Expos.

Richard Hidalgo and Brad Ausmus also connected for the NL Central-leading Astros. Jeff Bagwell hit a two-run double in the first inning. Villone (4-2) gave up

consecutive homers to Orlando Cabrera and Wil Cordero in the seventh but allowed just four hits and a walk in 6 1/3 innings. He struck out five, sending the Expos to their 13th loss in 15 road games.

Brad Lidge struck out four in 1 2/3 hitless innings and Dan Miceli finished it for Houston. Montreal's Scott Downs

(0-1) made his first start of the season after being called up from Triple-A Edmonton on Friday. Downs went three innings and allowed five runs on five hits and three walks.

The Astros jumped on Downs immediately as Craig Biggio led off the first with a single followed by Morgan Ensberg's double. Bagwell

doubled both in for a 2-0 lead.

With the bases loaded two outs later, Downs appeared to catch his spike on the pitching rubber and stumbled off the mound, balking in Bagwell for a 3-0 lead.

Solo homers by Hidalgo, his 20th, and Ausmus, his third, made it 5-0 in the third.

Meanwhile, Villone was

cruising along, retiring 16 of 17 batters from the second through seventh innings before Cabrera and Cordero homered.

It was Cabrera's 17th and Cordero's 13th, enough to chase Villone.

The Astros added three runs off Rocky Biddle in the eighth on Kent's 15th home run, Berkman's 21st, and an RBI triple by Adam Everett.

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Joyce Jillson

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The morning offers two enticing choices. You could have an uncharacteristic moment of indecision. Why start your own company when you can make just as much (and have less trouble) working for a company? **TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** When you wake up in the morning, you should be excited to meet what the day has in store for you. If not, something is wrong. Reflect on how you can restructure your life to include more adventure. **GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** You're an expert at something and can make money through teaching or sharing your opinion through public speaking. This could mean simply directing your staff through a current challenge at work. **CANCER (June 22-July 22).** The voice in your head could issue a warning this morning not to do what that influential person really wants you to do. Pushy people play to your weaknesses. Don't believe them. Say no quickly. **LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).**

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First, yes, you will do very well as a lawyer. This is a line of work where you can really express yourself, feel important, help others, stretch the limits of your mind, and in many ways

change the world. Everyone makes mistakes at work. Your chart shows that you are deeply wounded by being reprimanded. It is the way you were "punished" and not the actual work that makes you feel you want to give up. Get back on the horse, and be more careful next time. These are the very mistakes that will make you a great and effective lawyer in the future. Notice how you weren't fired? Even your superiors at work realize that you're going to be a killer with a little more experience. As for your love life, take a break from dating. Don't worry about getting married yet. You're still too young. **CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Lovely pop star Vanessa Carlton could have an image transformation this year, with Jewel to set her apart from other brimful music celebs. Miké Michelle, Brandy, and Norah Jones. Let's hope you realize that their show business persona is a brand, and when their act is not easily distinguished from the rest, something must be done. Carlton could take steps from Madonna on how to be playful and witty at the edge.

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Annie's Mailbox: Advice for those in need



ANNIE'S MAILBOX

Dear Annie: I know men don't usually write to you, but I believe you can help me. I am a 20-year-old college student. I work out at the gym several hours a week and am in great shape. I am upbeat, social, confident, have a sense of humor and think of myself as a romantic guy. I know these are good qualities for someone my age, and I am looking to meet girls. Unfortunately, there is an uncontrollable force preventing me from attracting women. I stand 5 feet 4 inches with shoes on.

I haven't had a girlfriend for two years, not even so much as a kiss or a casual flirtation. I know height must be at the center of this problem, since everything else about me is positive and good. Moreover, this height thing is creating unwanted, and uncontrollable, anxiety and embarrassment on top of the lack of a love life.

Unfortunately, women today want taller men. Even women who are my height or shorter are attracted to tall men. I am constantly rejected, and most women look

right past me. I can control most things in my life, but there seems to be no remedy for this. I try to have a positive and confident attitude, but it seems hopeless. What is worse is, I fear I'm only beginning to experience the depth and seriousness of this problem. I am in a bit of a mess here, aren't I? — Not Tall in Danbury, Conn.

Dear Danbury: We won't sugarcoat the advice. It's true that short men are at a social disadvantage. The good news is, you are in college, where there are flocks of available women your age. Get to know them as friends.

Hang out, casually, with as many females as possible. If your personality is as fabulous as you say, some romantically inclined girl is bound to glance in your direction.

As women get older, a man's appearance becomes less important. Of course, it helps if you have Tom Cruise's looks (or his income), but smart women are attracted to intelligence, humor, confidence and thoughtfulness. While you cannot make yourself taller, you can project a warm and self-assured exterior. (And by the way, more than half our mail comes from men, so you are in good company.)

Dear Annie: My husband and I have two children. We recently received a wedding invitation from friends, and the RSVP card said "adults only, please."

Dear Guests: We are constantly amazed by people who think their children should be welcome everywhere, regardless of the hosts' wishes. Here it is, folks: The hosts get to decide whom they want, and don't want, at the wedding. No one should bring children to any event unless they are specifically invited.

The "bridal couple" is responsible for the inability to bring a guest. They are the ones who invited you, when they said not to attend.

Dear Annie: Advice seeking their birth mothers are opening Pandora's box. Found a private investigator to find my birthmother. She sent me a letter explaining the circumstances of my adoption, some family history and medical information. I responded, letting her know about my childhood and parents.

She wanted to meet, and we did, but there was no real connection. My mom and dad are the people who raised me. My birth mother now insists on being part of my life, but it ain't happening. My advice is to tread carefully. — Box Opener

Dear Opener: Thanks for the word of caution. We hope everyone is listening.

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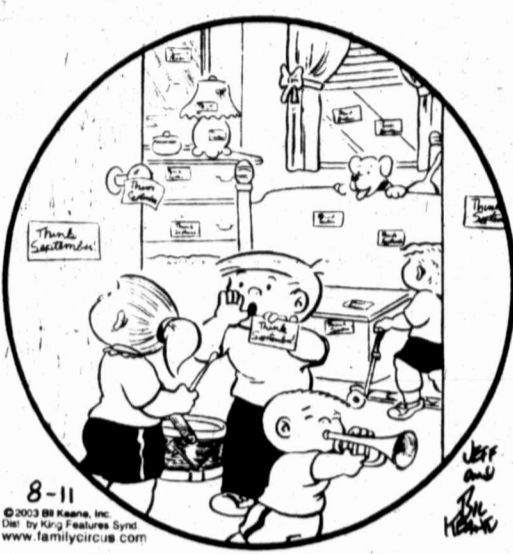
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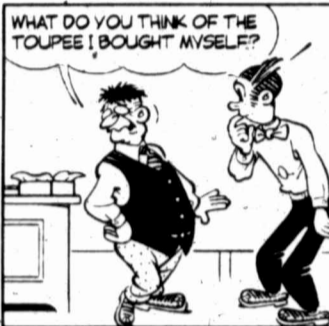


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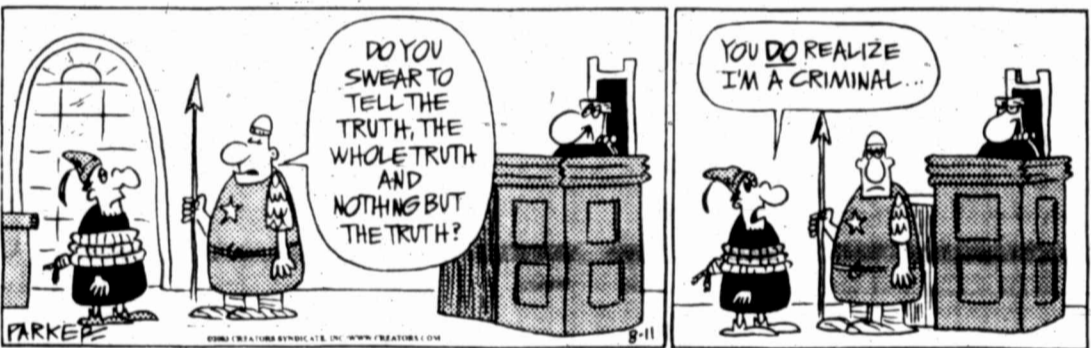
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This Date In History

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Today is Monday, Aug. 11, the 223rd day of 2003. There are 142 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Aug. 11, 1909, the SOS distress signal was first used by an American ship, the Arapahoe, off Cape Hatteras, N.C. On this date: In 1860, the nation's first successful silver mill began operation near Virginia City, Nev. In 1934, the first federal prisoners arrived at the island prison Alcatraz in San Francisco Bay. In 1942, during World War II, Vichy government official Pierre Laval publicly declared that "the hour of liberation for France is the hour when Germany wins the war." In 1954, a formal peace took hold in Indochina, ending more than seven years of fighting between the

French and Communist Vietminh. In 1956, abstract painter Jackson Pollock died in an automobile accident in East Hampton, N.Y. In 1962, the Soviet Union launched cosmonaut Andrian Nikolayev on a 94-hour flight. In 1965, rioting and looting that claimed 34 lives broke out in the predominantly black Watts section of Los Angeles. In 1978, chiefs of state and foreign dignitaries arrived in Vatican City for the funeral of Pope Paul VI. In 1992, the Mall of America, the biggest shopping mall in the United States, opened in Bloomington, Minn. In 1997, President Clinton made the first use of the historic line-item veto approved by Congress, rejecting three items in spending and tax bills. The Supreme Court later struck down the line-item veto as unconstitutional. Ten years ago, President Clinton named Army Gen. John Shalikashvili to be the new chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, succeeding

the retiring Gen. Colin Powell. Today's Birthdays: Actress Jean Parker is 91. Former TV talk show host Mike Douglas is 78. Actress Arlene Dahl is 75. Reverend Jerry Falwell is 70. Actress Anna Massey is 66. Rock musician Jim Kale (Guss Who) is 60. Country singer John Conlee is 57. Singer Eric Carmen is 54. Wrestler-actor Hulk Hogan is 50. Singer Joe Jackson is 49. Actor Miguel A. Nunez Jr. is 39. Actor-host Joe Rogan is 36. Rock guitarist Charlie Sexton is 35. Rhythm-and-blues musician Chris Dave (Mint Condition) is 35. Hip-hop artist Ali Shaheed Muhammad is 33.

Answer to previous puzzle. A crossword grid with words filled in: TRUSTS, METHUEN, REPEAL, ALOEVERA, EATERY, TERRIFIC, ADOPT, PRAY, DISH, DID, SALON, BESS, LEAD, GENOVA, BESS, ESTELLA, RIAL, STEPPE, DRUIDS, TSAR, LIKENED, BACH, MELON, RICA, EMU, TANGY, TAG, WASH, BYTE, ORING, ANTELOPE, IDEATE, INDOLIZES, CENTER, LAMPPOST, ELDERS.

Newsday Crossword

ON THE CLOCK by Lee Weaver Edited by Stanley Newman

- ACROSS: 1 Beaver creation, 4 Mao -tung, 7 Satisfies fully, 12 Marathon unit, 13 Possesses, 15 Goddess of peace, 16 Wicked, 17 Running behind, 18 Gaggle members, 19 Vaudeville subordinate, 22 Sports complex, 23 Doing nothing, 24 Lincoln's nickname, 27 Leaves the office, 31 Hard to find, 34 Pepsi competitor, 35 Baby shoes, 36 Not broadcast, 39 Military subdivision, 40 Legal (money), 41 Beef cut, 46 Mac alternatives, 47 Actor's quest, 48 Rodeo rope, 53 Current notable, 56 Needed liniment, 59 Miscellany, 60 Port of Pennsylvania, 61 Way to go, 62 Places for peas, 63 and crafts, 64 Borders, 65 Tennis divider, 66 Pre-Easter buy, DOWN: 1 Deep-sea explorer, 2 Wonderland visitor, 3 Breakfast fruit, 4 Related, as a story, 5 Large mop, 6 Involve, 7 Official seal, 8 Vicinity, 9 Ess follower, 10 Nav. officer, 11 Understand, 12 Western plateau, 14 Puts in the mail, 20 Mother-of-pearl, 21 Baba, 24 Cherish, 25 Bread maker, 26 Looked at, 28 High card, 29 Bandleader, 30 Etching material, 31 boom, 32 Nickels and dimes, 33 Alaskan island, 35 Meet, with "into", 36 Western Indian, 37 Teacher's org., 38 Foot joint, 42 Swaps, 43 Years on end, 44 Type of sailboat, 45 Non-stick pan coating, 49 "Full steam ___", 50 Feeling sympathy, 51 Hotel offering, 52 Mine finds, 53 Ration (out), 54 Ocean's motion, 55 Party giver, 56 Form of "to be", 57 Cape, MA, 58 Embrace

A crossword grid with numbers 1-66 indicating starting positions for the clues.