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CISD continues search for top spot

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

COAHOMA — School officials here hope to have a new superintendent on board by the middle of next month.
The vacancy was created when the school board decided not to renew L.D. "Sonny" Monroe's contract at the end of the month. Monroe will stay on as assistant superintendent.
CISD has contracted with Brian Labeff of Midland's Region 18 Education Service Center to gather applications for the job.
"We're advertising through the end of the month," board member David Elmore said. "After that, we will do our screenings sometime in July."
Elmore said Labeff will make recommendations for the post, "but we'll look at all the applications and run down the list ourselves."
Elmore said a decision on the new superintendent could come as early as July 7.

Model aircraft expected to fill skies this weekend

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

FAST FACTS

WHAT: 15th Big Spring Model Aircraft Association Fly-In.
WHEN: Saturday (9:30-5) and Sunday (9:30-2)
WHERE: Howard Co. Airport

The buzz is back.
Up to 100 model aircraft aficionados are expected to congregate at the old Howard County Airport this weekend for the 15th annual Big Spring Model Aircraft Association Fly-In.
Hours for the event are 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday at the airport, located just east of Texas 350 about five miles north of

Sawyer said. "There's really no competition, except for a couple of events."
The events Sawyer mentioned are the speed race and the toilet paper drop.
The speed event is essentially a drag race between model airplanes, with the fastest plane remaining at the end of the day winning a prize.
The toilet paper drop emphasizes precision over speed. Sawyer said a plane takes a partial roll of toilet paper up in the air, then drops it. The race

is then on to see which model plane can cut the paper before it hits the ground.
The local association boast about 35 members, but Sawyer expects between 50-100 pilots to attend this weekend's event.
The event is free to the public, and Sawyer urges people interested in the hobby to come give it a try.
"To me, I've always loved aviation. That's what got me in the club," Sawyer said. "And I get satisfaction out of teaching kids about model airplanes."

Judge has Heckler's case now

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Attorneys for both sides filed final arguments and responses this week to the state's charges that Big Spring used car dealer Danny Heckler violated both the Motor Vehicle Code and Transportation Code.

Defense attorney Rick Hamby and Texas Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) attorney Elvis Schulze had been given until Monday afternoon by Molly Singletary, administrative law judge for the MVD to submit the necessary paperwork.

Singletary issued that order following a May 5 hearing in Big Spring.

"Now we wait and see," Schulze said. "The judge will now prepare her proposal for decision, which is her finding of facts in the case and conclusions of law."

Schulze said Singletary's recommendation will go to the Motor Vehicle Board for a final decision.

The state's charges against Heckler, owner of Red Barn Auto Sales, are that he rolled back the odometer on a vehicle prior to its sale and that he knowingly distributed fake/authorized dealer tags.

According to Hamby, the odometer in question was not rolled back by Heckler, it was changed.

"The odometer cluster had been changed out because it did not work and was replaced with one that did," Hamby said.

"There are some people here (Big Spring) in position who want to get Danny Heckler for reasons that have nothing to do with the car business," Hamby added.

According to Schulze, the complaint says Heckler purchased a 1982 Volvo from National Car Sales in Midland in April 1996. At the time of the purchase, records indicate the vehicle had in excess of 178,000 miles on the odometer.

Later that same month, the vehicle was seized by the Texas Department of Public Safety. When the DPS took possession of the vehicle, the odometer read 90,208 miles.

According to Hamby, the car was seized simply because law enforcement officials thought Heckler had rolled back the odometer.

Schulze said the odometer rollback is a violation of Texas Revised Civil Statutes as well as the Texas Business and Commerce Code.

SEWER LINE REPAIR



Rick Bolles directs crane operator Kenny Davis as city employees work to repair a broken sewer main located under the Benton Street Bridge. The 14-inch clay main collapsed as a water jet was being used in an attempt to unstop a clog.

'Angry jury'

Allen gets maximum sentence in connection with Mize robbery

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

An "angry" 118th District Court jury threw the book at Jonathan Shane Allen Wednesday, giving him the maximum sentence possible for his role in a Jan. 22 robbery.

Allen was sentenced to 20 years in state prison for his role in the aggravated robbery of Wanda Mize earlier this year. In addition, the jury hit him with a \$5,000 fine.

Allen must accumulate "good time" equaling a fourth of his sentence before he is eligible for parole.

"I think jurors are angry," 118th District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson said. "They want to do something aggressive about crime."

On Jan. 22, Allen, Danny Roberts and David Summers broke into Mize's house near Big Spring, accosted and robbed her, then stole her car.

Roberts and Summers were later caught in Mobile, Ala. with Mize's automobile, while Allen was arrested trying to use Mize's credit cards in an Abilene shopping center.

Roberts and Summers subsequently pleaded guilty to robbery charges and were given 10-year probated sentences with boot camp. They testified against Allen Wednesday, as did Mize and several others, Wilkerson said.

Mize's testimony was probably the deciding factor during the punishment phase of the trial, Wilkerson said.

"I think the trauma of the victim, and her testimony, were the main factors," he said. "And (the jury) wanted to send a message that this is intolerable."

"I did not make a recommendation (to the jury as to sentence)," he added. "All I asked is that they make it a harsh sentence. Juries are good at coming to conclusions. They don't need my help."

The next major trial scheduled for district court is held for June 24, when Rosendo Montana Jr. is tried for murder.

Montana was indicted for murder in the September 1996 shooting death of Kenny Guzman, who was killed during an incident on the north side of town that left two men dead.

According to police records, a car carrying Montana and several others drove up in front of Guzman's house on N.E. 10th Street. At that time, gunfire was exchanged between the occupants of the car and those in the house. Guzman was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center later that night, where he was pronounced dead.

Since that indictment, he also has been charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. In that incident, he allegedly stabbed Luz DeLaSantos eight times early in the morning of April 13.

Preliminary outlook good for BSISD budget

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Although nothing is anywhere near being set in concrete, a first look shows that nothing major will change for Big Spring ISD taxpayers next school year.

While stressing that all budget projections for the next fiscal year are preliminary, BSISD Business Manager Ron Plumlee predicted that final 1997-98 numbers should be fairly close to last year.

If nothing earth-shattering occurs between now and August — when the new budget will be finalized — Plumlee said expenditures should increase slightly and that the district's tax rate should stay close to its current level of \$1.493 per \$100 valuation.

That's despite a built-in debt service increase, a state-mandated rise in teacher's salaries and an expected drop in local property tax revenue.

The district incurred a debt service increase when voters passed last year's bond issue. The bond, which is financing construction of a new junior high and installation of air conditioning at five BSISD campuses, will result in a net increase in the district's debt service of 12.5 percent, Plumlee said.

Another major change from last year's budget is that teacher salaries will increase, and Plumlee doesn't anticipate receiving state money to offset that change, meaning local

revenue will have to cover the difference.

Also, state voters will decide on Aug. 9 whether to approve an increase in property owners' homestead exemptions. The measure, which is expected to pass easily, would mean a loss of potential tax revenue for the district. Plumlee said the state has promised to offset any loss.

The good news is that preliminary figures show a \$30 million increase in valuations, which would increase tax revenue. Also, Plumlee anticipates the district trimming certain areas of the budget to keep it in line with last year.

For example, Plumlee said the district might forego any major renovations at College Heights Elementary or Runnels Junior High, both of which will close as the new junior high opens.

"But I want to stress that both of those schools will be totally functional," he added. "Obviously, there's other areas we will look at. When we sit down with the school board, we will have a long list of things to consider."

Looking into his crystal ball, Plumlee predicted the budget to come in between \$23 million and \$24 million, similar to last year's \$23.5 million package.

The school board will begin its budget workshop hearings July 21.

"Ninety-nine percent of what I've given you is strictly preliminary," Plumlee said. "Until we get into July, we can't even get into near-final numbers."

West Texas Centers for MHMR contracts with Wichita Falls firm

HERALD Staff Report

West Texas Centers for MHMR accepted a bid from Wood Care Center of Wichita Falls to operate the center's Respite and Crisis Respite programs, officials said Tuesday.

The center's board of trustees accepted the \$385,000 bid from Wood, which should have the respite programs operational in Big Spring by Sept. 1.

Respite and crisis respite programs are for patients with

mental illness who are not sick enough for hospitalization, but in need of supervision, said Lisa Brooks of West Texas Centers, which covers a 23-county area of Texas in contract with the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation.

"Respite offers a safe place to stay when (stress) becomes too intense, or a person's psychiatric symptoms require super-

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WEATHER

Today:



Fri:



Sat:



Sun:



Tonight, fair. Lows 65-72. Friday, partly cloudy. Highs around 95. Friday night, partly cloudy. Lows 65-70. Extended forecast, Saturday through Monday, partly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the 60s. Highs near 90.

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Parents plead for McVeigh's life as defense winds down

DENVER (AP) — Timothy McVeigh's mother choked back tears as she pleaded for his life. His father narrated a videotape showing his son as a child, climbing into Santa's lap and playing with toy trains.

After listening to McVeigh's parents, jurors were poised for today's closing arguments before they begin deliberating whether McVeigh should die by injection or spend the rest of his life in prison for the Oklahoma City bombing.

"I still to this very day cannot believe he could have caused this devastation," McVeigh's mother, Mildred Frazer, read from a brief statement Wednesday as the penalty phase of her son's trial drew to a close. "He was a loving son and a happy child as he grew up. He was a child any mother could be proud of."

Crying, she read on: "He is not the monster he has been portrayed as. ... Yes, I am pleading for my son's life. He is a human

being just as we all are." Ms. Frazer, who divorced McVeigh's father in 1986, whispered "Hi" to her son as she took the stand. After her testimony, McVeigh wiped an eye, but jurors sat grim-faced.

McVeigh swiped at his eye again as his father, William McVeigh, introduced a videotape showing pictures and home movies of his son as a child.

Defense attorney Richard Burr asked William McVeigh about a picture of the smiling father and son arm in arm several years ago.

"Do you love the Tim in this picture?" Burr asked.

"Yes, I love Tim."

"Do you love the Tim in this courtroom?"

"Yes."

"Do you want him to stay alive?" Burr asked in the last question before the defense rested its case.

"Yes." In their rebuttal, prosecutors offered only a letter McVeigh wrote to a New York newspaper in 1992 complaining about rising crime and no fear of punishment.

"We have no proverbial tea to dump. ... Is a civil war imminent? Do we have to shed blood to reform the system? I hope it doesn't come to that, but it might," he wrote.

McVeigh's sister, Jennifer, wept throughout her parents' testimony. As she left she told reporters through tears: "I just want him to live."

Some family members of bombing victims said they want McVeigh's life spared.

"As Julie Marie used to say as we drove from Oklahoma City to Milwaukee taking her to college, 'Dad, the death penalty has no social value at all. All it does is teach our children hate,'" said Bud Welch,

whose daughter died in the bombing. But relatives of five other victims issued a statement pushing for a death sentence.

"Unlike Timothy McVeigh, our loved ones had no trial, no defense, no time to visit with family members or correspond with friends," the statement said. "They were, without warning, judged and executed by Timothy McVeigh."

The same seven-man, five-woman jury that convicted McVeigh last week of murder and conspiracy in the April 1995 bombing that killed 168 people will decide his sentence. It must be unanimous in a finding for the death penalty. Otherwise, his sentence will be life in prison without parole.

Though the prosecution penalty case brought jurors to tears with accounts of shattered lives and the horror of the blast, no jurors cried during the defense's four-day bid to save McVeigh's life.

State says military 'circling wagons' in border shooting

DALLAS (AP) — State officials investigating the shooting of a teen-ager by a Marine along the Texas border say the military has denied them access to personnel and other records.

"For lack of a better term, it sounds like they're circling the wagons," James Jepson, a Presidio County prosecutor, told The Dallas Morning News.

Ezequiel Hernandez Jr., 18, a high school student from Redford, was killed May 20 when he came upon four Marines participating in a Joint Task Force 6 mission to watch suspected drug routes.

The Marines said Hernandez, who was tending goats, opened fire on him, and they returned fire only in self defense. State authorities say that account doesn't match findings from their investigation so far.

Maureen Bossch, a spokeswoman for Joint Task Force 6 in El Paso, repeated the agency's earlier position that it stands ready to help investigators.

"We are cooperating fully with the investigation," Ms. Bossch said.

Maj. Lenny Ryan, spokesman for Camp Pendleton, Calif.,

where the Marines are based, denied that the Marines have been less than fully cooperative.

"The Marines responded to the questioning by civilian law authorities without waiting for legal representation," he said. "Our attitude is we've cooperated 100 percent."

Military authorities have said the Marines, dressed in heavy camouflage and carrying M-16s, shot the teen-ager only after he fired two shots at them and had raised his .22-caliber rifle to fire a third time.

The Marine who killed Hernandez was identified as Cpl. Clemente Banuelos.

Jepson said the evidence so far conflicts with the Marine's explanation that the troops were in "imminent danger."

"Preliminary evidence shows the young man was probably not pointing his weapon at the Marines when he was killed," Jepson said.

The fatal shot was estimated to have been fired from 230 yards. Typically, shots fired in self-defense by law enforcement officials come at much closer range, usually closer than 10 yards, several authorities told the newspaper.

Texas executes 21st inmate of year

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — A man convicted of killing a couple at a Tarrant County lovers' lane during a \$15 robbery was put to death Wednesday as Texas surpassed a 62-year-old state record for most executions in a single year.

Earl Behringer, 33, was pronounced dead at 6:17 p.m., seven minutes after a lethal dose of drugs began flowing into his arms.

It was the 21st execution this year in Texas, topping the previous mark of 20 carried out in 1935, when the state used the electric chair as its method of capital punishment.

Behringer was condemned for the shooting deaths of Daniel Meyer Jr., 22, of Everman, and Meyer's fiancée, Janet Hancock, 21, of Mansfield, on Sept. 14, 1986.

The condemned man, who had a Bible on his chest, spoke firmly and quickly in a final statement.

"It's a good day to die. I walked in here like a man. I am leaving here a man," he said. Behringer thanked family members and friends and said he had "known the love of a good woman, my wife."

Then he turned to six mem-

bers of his victims' families, watching through a window a few feet away, and referred to them by name.

"I am sorry for any pain I have caused you," he said. "If my death gives you any peace, so be it."

"I want my friends to know it is not the way to die, but I belong to Jesus Christ. I confess my sins. I have been baptized and I am going home to him."

He wrapped up his comments by adding, "I am thankful to the Dallas Cowboys for giving me a lot of enjoyment these past years."

As the drugs took effect, Behringer gasped twice and said, "I'm going home," before he stopped breathing.

Behringer's victims were parked in Meyer's pickup truck in a remote area of Mansfield, just southeast of Fort Worth, when they were ambushed, gunned down and robbed of all the money they were carrying.

Meyer was an Army lieutenant who had been in the Corps of Cadets at Texas A&M. His fiancée was an education major at UT-Arlington.

Behringer, an Army veteran who also was attending the

University of Texas at Arlington, and a companion, Scott Rouse, a high school senior, were arrested within hours.

Rouse turned himself in to police and implicated Behringer, who then was picked up while trying to sell a gun that was linked to the killings.

Rouse testified against Behringer in exchange for a 40-year prison sentence. In a taped statement to police, Rouse said Behringer "did kind of freak out," firing a 9 mm pistol at the couple after he realized he and Ms. Hancock had been classmates at Mansfield High School and that she recognized him.

Prosecutors said Behringer and Rouse, carrying the loaded 9 mm and an assault rifle, went to the deserted but popular road to harass the young couples who routinely parked there.

"As he realized who it was, that's when he took the gun, put it at point-blank range an inch away from her head and fired," said Marc Barta, the former Tarrant County assistant district attorney who prosecuted the case.

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Younger generation embraces culture, but grateful to have wider opportunity

MISSION (AP) — Fifteen-year-old Sandra Guerra entered womanhood on Sept. 21, 1996, the day of her quinceanera.

In the spirit of her Mexican heritage, the quinceanera announced her coming of age, her availability for marriage.

Sandra looked forward to the 15th birthday ritual for months. The video made of the event shows Sandra dressed in a wedding-like gown, primping a bit before the church ceremony, posing with relatives and friends, then walking down the aisle of the church. She received God's blessing, and then celebrated with a party and dance.

"They say the two most important events in a woman's life are her quinceanera and her wedding," Sandra said. But that may not be the case for this Mission youngster.

She is part of a younger generation of Valley women who are taking different directions than those of their predecessors. Edna Tamayo, 59, an associate adviser at the San Benito school district and an expert in parental involvement programs for high schools, has watched the role of women evolve. When she was growing up, she said, tradition was strong.

"Most women stayed home and raised a family," she said.

That role is changing. The young Mexican-American women of Sandra's generation have opportunities of which their great-grandmothers and grandmothers never dreamed. Even Sandra's mother, one generation removed, admits she wants more for Sandra than she ever had.

Education was once the almost exclusive domain of men, who needed book-learning to go out into the world and

support the family. Today, though, girls from the Valley not only get high school degrees, they also have access to higher education. They go on to become engineers, lawyers and doctors. They, too, like the men, go out into the world and support the family.

"Now, there are many opportunities for women to go into many different fields, and they were not there many years ago," Tamayo said.

Sandra, a ninth-grader at the Ninth Grade Campus in Mission, embodies the bold new spirit of her generation.

She is busy. Extremely busy. And her focus is ahead. Way ahead.

She plays volleyball and basketball, runs track and sings in the choir. In addition to extracurricular activities, she maintains a second-place ranking in her class.

Looking into the future, as she so often does, Sandra is banking on a career in health sciences. "Biomedical engineers build different types of prosthetics, limbs, artificial hearts and organs," she said with the bright-eyed clarity of a determined teen-ager. "I want to be a physician and specialize in some type of field. But if I'm not accepted, then I have something I could fall back on."

Sandra may have her eye on a career, but she is well aware of the value of the family unit. She said she greatly admires her father's mother, who raised 14 children on her own. She also treasures her parents.

"They're living proof of the saying, 'Anything is possible if you set your mind to it,'" she said.

Sandra's father, Jerry Guerra, started working at a

gas station when he was in junior high. Sandra's mother, Hilda Guerra, was one of three children. She married Jerry when they were still very young.

Today, both her parents have full-time jobs. Jerry manages an auto parts store in Edinburg; Hilda manages an insurance office in McAllen. When they're not working, their focus shifts to their children. The eldest, Nilda, is a senior at Rice University in Houston, where she is studying chemistry and sociology.

"They were married in high school. They wanted to make the marriage and the family work," Sandra said of her parents. "It's 22 years later, and they've accomplished that. I admire them for it."

Still, Sandra would like a life very different from her parents' dreams.

She would like to be Dr. Sandra Guerra someday. She also would like to get married and, maybe, have children. But those are distant thoughts. Even the idea of having a boyfriend now is secondary to everything else in her life, she said.

She does, however, have admirers. On a recent day at her home, a young man came to the door and brought her an Easter gift. She seemed pleased, momentarily stunned, and for one brief moment lost her train of thought. Then she insisted he was no one special.

Still, men are not likely to derail Sandra from her medical pursuits. Women are more independent today, she said, no longer expected to stay home, cook and take care of the house.

She has confidence in herself and her goals in life.

Technology class defies stereotypes

HAWKINS (AP) — The most popular elective at Hawkins High School is not football or band. It's definitely not an easy A course, either. The students here often spend lunches, mornings and weekends in the classroom.

It's technology. A full third of Hawkins High School students enroll in one of teacher Bob Behnke's courses, where they use computers to design everything from houses and airplanes to resorts and robots.

"If it moves fast and goes quick, they want to do it on a computer," Behnke said.

In his 15th year of teaching at Hawkins, Behnke has moved the school's technology program beyond the traditional wood shop to state and national recognition.

"It's not the dumping ground anymore," Behnke said. "It's the future."

Students line up to take one of Behnke's computer-concentrated classes. "We're turning kids away," he said.

The curriculum is self-paced and students often pick out their own computer-aided drafting projects to tackle. "A lot of the stuff they do, I don't understand," Behnke said. "But that's okay. The boss doesn't have to know everything."

Although it is tucked into a corner of the campus, the Hawkins technology program is known statewide.

Behnke lost track of the number of ribbons his students recently brought home from the state competition in Waco, but it is somewhere between 350 and 400. "This little East Texas, middle of nowhere, podunk town is kicking some behind," he said.

The school took home the overall top honor at the state

competition and students won 88 first-place ribbons and 43 best of show ribbons. Behnke has 10 students traveling to the national competition in Washington D.C. at the end of June. No other Texas schools had more than two students qualify.

He also counts the top dozen or so graduates at the high school among his pupils.

His top technology students often work for hours after classes let out for the day, locking the door behind them when they go, he said. Despite the long hours, Behnke's program is more popular than athletics.

"If you take it by sport, we've got them whupped," he said. "I've had girls quit cheerleading to stay with me. I've had guys quit hoops to stay with me. They find their place here."

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A gradual stiffening of the arteries also adds to the cardiac strain. Cholesterol collects in the arteries and constricts the flow of blood which can lead to heart attacks, strokes and other cardiovascular disorders.

To summarize: These are the major areas of change that occur in the process of aging. First, we experience perceptual deterioration. Second, the body undergoes a motor deterioration, that is physical changes relating to movement. If life continues beyond that point, a decline in mental alertness must occur.

These questions and answers are excerpted from the book, *Dr. Dobson Answers Your Questions*. Dr. James Dobson is author and president of Focus on the Family, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of the home.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. James C. Dobson's "Focus on the Family" appears each Thursday as a cooperative effort of Scenic Mountain Medical Center and the Big Spring Herald. Letters to Dr. Dobson may be sent to P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, Colo.; 80903.

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She noted that college rosters are composed entirely of players who were stars in high school... "My four years at West Texas were almost like a roller coaster... not only on the basketball court, but as a student as well..."
"Chief among those lessons, she says will be the importance of academic achievement."
"I think we're going to start having some of the same problems in women's basketball that they've had in the men's game for some time," Taylor said.

Especially for kids and their families
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Learn about your dad

Father's Day is June 15. Author Jane Yolen offers these suggestions for finding out more about your dad. Write or record your findings.

- Have there been special moments with your dad, maybe a special moment when you took a walk somewhere?
Jane Yolen wrote about that very thing with "Owl Moon."
Maybe there was a time when you were really mad at your dad and didn't know why.



In "Owl Moon," a little girl and her father search through the winter night for an owl.

Celebrating Father's Day
Cal Ripken and His Dad

Cal Ripken Jr. is a superstar player for the Baltimore Orioles. On June 4, 1996, he broke the world record for the most baseball games played in a row, 2,216.



Cal Ripken Sr. coached the Baltimore Orioles in 1987, when his sons Cal Jr. (right) and Bill were both on the team.

For Father's Day, we asked him to talk to Mini Page readers about his relationship with his dad. Here is some of what he told us:
My father
"Who I am as a person, how I analyze things, how I act, how I evaluate things, I've really come to realize that a lot of that comes from my father."
Teaching more than sports
"Obviously with baseball, he (his dad) was my prime example. But also, his work ethic, the way he deals with people, the way he loves the game of baseball... all those things he really passed on to me.

Connecting
One time Cal Jr. decided to clean his dad's car without being asked. When his dad saw what he was doing, Cal Jr. said, "It was one of those moments when you connect between a father and a son. He was proud of me for taking the initiative."
Personal life
Cal Ripken Jr. and his wife, Kelly, live in Maryland with their children, Rachel and Ryan. They have done a lot of work for good causes, especially helping people learn to read.

Time with Dad
"The biggest thing that happened between my father and me was that the lifestyle of baseball took my father away from us a lot.
Advice
"I think you should stand for something, you should believe in something, and work hard to get it"



Cal Ripken Jr. has written his autobiography for adults, "The Only Way I Know."

MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes

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Q: Why did the ballplayer bring a rope to the game?
A: He wanted to tie the score!

PLAY

Maddux, John Smoltz and Tom Glavine.
Overall, attendance is expected to be about 33 percent higher for interleague games, although not all of them are hot tickets. In Oakland, the Athletics are not expecting to draw more than 25,000 this weekend for two games against Los Angeles and two against Colorado.

Rookie Cookie's Recipe
Dad's Delicious Dessert

- You'll need:
1/2 cup butter or margarine, melted
2 cups sugar
2 cups flour
2 eggs, beaten
2 teaspoons baking soda
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 20-ounce can crushed pineapple, including juice
1/4 cup pecan pieces

Father's Day Tributes

Jerry Pinkney
Caldecott Medal-winning artist Jerry Pinkney has illustrated about 50 children's books.
A dad's view
Jerry Pinkney spoke about raising a family.
Family
The Pinkneys are all artistic. Jerry's wife, Gloria Jean, is a hat designer and book author.



These Pinkney family members are (from left) Myles, Gloria Jean, Jerry, Brian and Brian's wife, Andrea.

A son's view
Son Brian has won many awards for children's book illustration.
Jane Yolen
Award-winning author Jane Yolen has written about 200 books for kids and adults. Her father, Will Yolen, was a book author and journalist.



Jane Yolen plays with her dad in 1940.

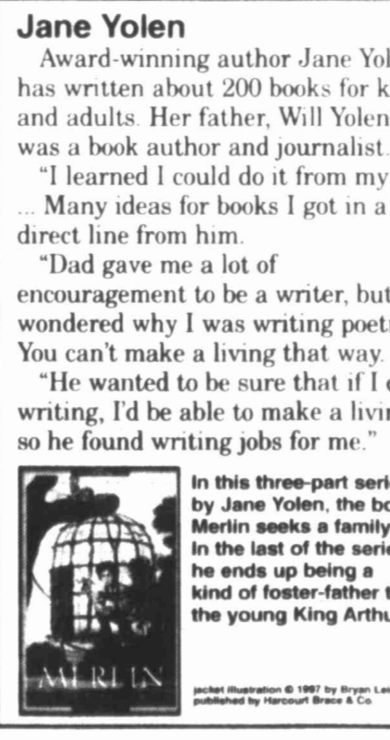
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Names of things fathers can teach us are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally.

Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and her father are enjoying a book together. See if you can find:
sailboat, cherry, heart, acorn, word MINI, knife, pencil, mushroom, ruler, letter B, bell, letter F, pizza slice, letter A, bowl

Jane Yolen
Award-winning author Jane Yolen has written about 200 books for kids and adults. Her father, Will Yolen, was a book author and journalist.



In this three-part series by Jane Yolen, the boy Merlin seeks a family. In the last of the series, he ends up being a kind of foster-father to the young King Arthur.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 13:

You are building more, in both your domestic and professional life. Be open to new concepts and styles. Your determination not to back down and to create more of what you want marks this extraordinary year. You are inspired by a partnership; share ideas and career plans. If you are single, a new relationship is a strong possibility. You discover that relating takes interesting twists, and you grow personally. If

attached, you will both be working toward a common goal. Share ideas, and be more open. You might take on a new hobby. LIBRA is fun to be around.

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) Approach work in an orderly way: Clear your desk, return calls and catch up on news. You might not see eye-to-eye with a co-worker, but you can

find neutral ground. An invitation is heartfelt; make an appearance. Tonight: A command performance becomes fun!****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You determine much of what is happening. Your inspired thinking impresses a boss. You receive a surprising response to a money idea. A call returned could lead to a unique work proposition. You might end up in the office longer. Tonight: Join co-workers at a favorite hangout.****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your creativity and abundant ideas impress others. You seem to read between the lines and understand another's motives. Recognize what you expect from a family member. Clear up work immediately; you will want to take off early. Tonight: Be frivolous.****

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Communications are hectic, especially involving a joint financial investment. How you perceive a change is different from another. A discussion is animated but decisive. Return messages, and get as much

done as possible. Tonight: Enjoy a quiet night at home.****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Handle money rapidly. A partner surprises you with his unusual behavior. Once he explains where he is coming from, though, it makes sense. Creativity is high and allows many positive work ideas. Make calls later in the day. Tonight: Head out and about.****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You are still on a roll. You need to take a boss's suggestion; you will be delighted with the results. Use your high energy to clear your desk. A money-making idea looks good and will be worth the extra energy. Take action on a love affair or relationship. Tonight: It's indulgence night.****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Much is going on behind the scenes. You choose not to reveal everything you know. Follow your instincts. If necessary, let a loved one know how angry you are. How you express your feelings has a lot to do with the results. Tonight:

Wine and dine the night away.***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Use the daytime hours to further a pet project. A friend takes a strong stand; it is easier to deal with people who are that clear. Talks prove fruitful, and put a smile on both of your faces. A family member brings good news. Tonight: Mystery draws others.****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Maintain a high profile. You get a lot done, though you will find out rather quickly that another disagrees with you. Of course, you are open to hot discussions, especially if it permits better ideas. Make time for a work gathering. Tonight: Spend time with good friends.****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Reach out for another. Plan a key discussion. You are likely

to change your point of view. You feel creative, intuitive and inspired; use some of that energy. A "must" appearance cannot be postponed. Unexpected financial gains are possible. Tonight: You are a force to behold.****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Close relating opens doors and allows you to visualize more of what you want. The unexpected occurs with a child or loved one. Your high energy is directed toward making money and succeeding. A key talk needs to happen later in the day. Tonight: Take off!****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Follow through on your more social and professional concerns. Emphasize success, and expound on ideas. Your popularity gets an edge because you are willing to listen to other's opinions. Not everything has to be your way. Tonight: Plan romance for two.****

Mom's verbal assault of son brings father to his defense

DEAR ABBY: I am deeply concerned about my 9-year-old son's self-esteem. My wife is constantly yelling and calling him names over trivial things. She is a perfectionist, so anything not perfect is cause for a verbal assault.

A recent example is a misplaced 39-cent notepad. My son was called an idiot, stupid and an ass in her tirade. I feel this cannot be good for his emotional well-being, but I am unable to stop her.

She becomes irate when I even suggest that she is less than a good mother. She does not do this in public, but I still think it is hurtful to my son's self-esteem. She does the same sort of thing with me, but I've had counseling to deal with it. What can I do for my son? —CONCERNED DAD IN BATAVIA, ILL.

DEAR CONCERNED: Your

concern is valid. Your wife's inability to control her temper can have lasting effects on your son's self-esteem. Children form their sense of worth from messages (verbal and nonverbal) their parents give them. When a parent tells a child he's an idiot, stupid or an ass, that is how he will perceive himself. On some level he will blame himself for the abuse. Unless something is done now to break this cycle, as your son grows up he may be unable to shrug off the guilt and sense of inadequacy his mother is placing on his shoulders.

The label for what your wife is doing is "verbal abuse." It may take psychological counseling for her to learn to cope with her temper in a more appropriate manner. I urge her to seek it.

You didn't say how long the verbal battery has been going on, but if the pattern is well-established, counseling is also in order for your son. Our society has come a long way in recognizing the need to protect children from sexual and physical abuse. It's unfortunate that so little can be done for the child who is verbally abused, because as it stands — unless a concerned adult steps in to defend him — he is all alone.

DEAR ABBY: I was amused by your column that dealt with the infantry in World War II using condoms to keep their socks dry. I have a story that was told to me by my first husband, who served in the 82nd Airborne during the war.

He told me that they were each issued a gross of condoms periodically that they tied together in a rubber-band type apparatus, and that is how they kept their trousers so neatly in their boots.

How the other services managed, I don't know, but the paratroopers kept that great look in this manner. Yankee ingenuity strikes again! — EX-WIFE OF "GERONIMO" W. TORRINGTON, CONN.

DEAR EX-WIFE: This is news to me. I once heard an anthropologist say that two things distinguish men from apes: our opposable thumbs and the ability to invent tools.

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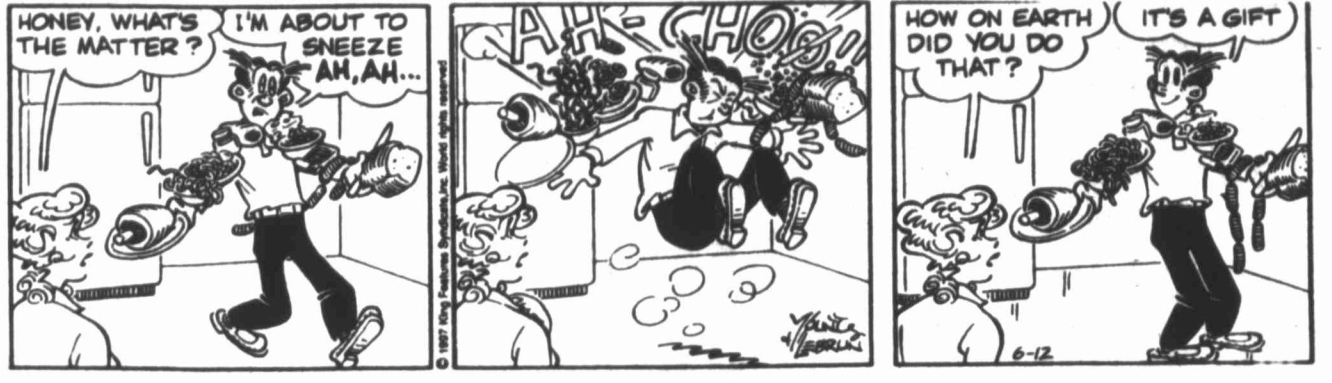
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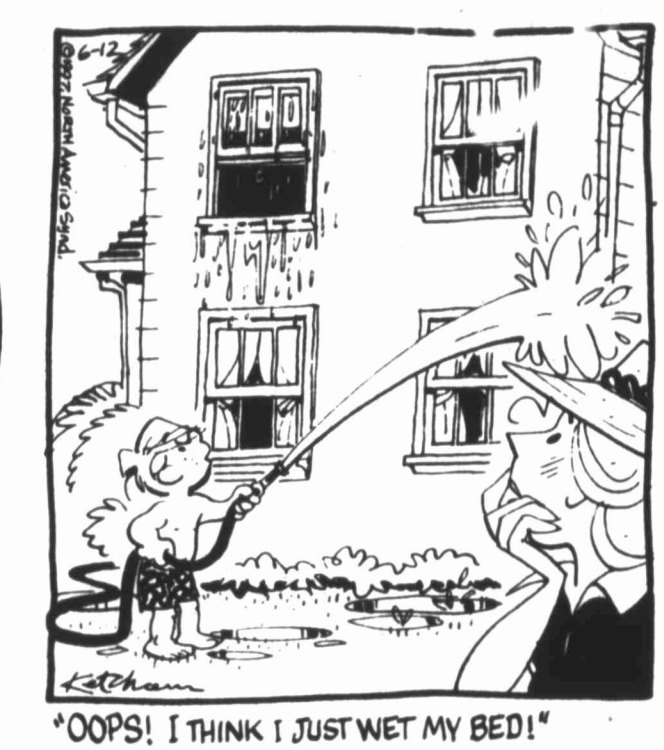
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the 163rd day of 1997. There are 202 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On June 12, 1939, the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum was dedicated in Cooperstown, N.Y., on the 100th anniversary of the day Abner Doubleday supposedly invented the sport.

On this date: In 1665, England installed a municipal government in New York, formerly the Dutch settlement of New Amsterdam.

In 1776, Virginia's colonial legislature became the first to adopt a Bill of Rights.

In 1838, the Iowa Territory was organized.

In 1898, Philippine nationalists declared independence from Spain.

In 1937, the Soviet Union executed eight army leaders as a purge under Josef Stalin continued.

In 1963, civil rights leader Medgar Evers was fatally shot in front of his home in Jackson, Miss.

In 1967, the Supreme Court struck down state laws prohibiting interracial marriages.

In 1971, Tricia Nixon and Edward F. Cox were married in the White House Rose Garden.

In 1979, 26-year-old cyclist Bryan Allen flew the manpowered Gossamer Albatross across the English Channel.

In 1994, Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman were slashed to death outside her Los Angeles home; O.J. Simpson was later acquitted of the killings in a criminal trial, but held liable in a civil action.

Ten years ago: President Reagan, during a visit to the divided German city of Berlin, publicly challenged Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev to "tear down this wall."

Five years ago: President Bush, addressing the Earth Summit in Brazil, declared America's environmental record "second to none."

In a letter to U.S. senators, Russian President Boris N. Yeltsin said the Soviet Union had shot down nine U.S. planes in the early 1950's and held 12 American survivors.

One year ago: A panel of federal judges in Philadelphia blocked a law against indecency on the Internet, saying the 1996 Communications Decency Act would infringe adults' free-speech rights.

Senate Republicans overwhelmingly chose Trent Lott to succeed Bob Dole as majority leader.

Today's Birthdays: Banker David Rockefeller is 82. Actress Uta Hagen is 78. Former President George Bush is 73. Singer Vic Damone is 69. Actor-singer Jim Nabors is 67. Jazz musician Chick Corea is 56. Rock singer Reg Presley (The Troggs) is 54. Rock singer-musician Brad Delp (Boston) is 46. Rock musician Bun E. Carlos (Cheap Trick) is 48. Country singer-musician Junior Brown is 45. Singer-songwriter Rocky Burnette is 44. Actor Timothy Burnfield is 40. Actress Jenilee Harrison is 38.