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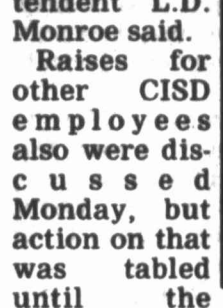
Reflecting A Proud Community

Coahoma teachers to get pay raises averaging 8.46 percent beginning this fall

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

COAHOMA — Coahoma school trustees approved raises averaging 8.46 percent for classroom teachers during Monday night's board meeting.

The raises, which followed a salary schedule sent out by the Texas Association of School Boards, will mean an additional \$151,000 in salary expenditures for the school district in 1997-98, Superintendent L.D. Monroe said.



MONROE

Raises for other CISD employees also were discussed Monday, but action on that was tabled until the board's June 24 meeting, board president Gail Wells said.

"Basically, we didn't get this information until (Monday), and we wanted more time to

look at it," she said. Among the salaries to be determined at the June 24 meeting are administrative staff, principals and hourly wage workers.

Monroe said that, in addition to paying the state minimums, CISD will add \$2,500 to the salary of a teacher with a bachelor's degree and \$2,800 to the salary of a teacher with a master's degree.

Under the new salary schedule, a first-year CISD teacher with a bachelor's degree will make \$23,550 this coming

school year, an increase of \$1,100 from the previous school year.

On the other end of the scale, a CISD teacher with more than 20 years of experience and a master's degree will make \$40,260 in 1997-98, an increase of \$1,950 from the previous year.

Teachers also will earn added money if they perform supplemental duties such as coaching or bus driving, Monroe said.

Monroe said he is confident the new pay schedule will

make Coahoma competitive with other area school districts in the area of teacher salaries.

The new schedule is contingent on state voter approval of the Aug. 9 constitutional amendment increasing homeowners' homestead exemption. That measure is expected to pass easily, Monroe said.

In other action, Coahoma trustees:

- Selected First Bank of West Texas as district's depository.

- Awarded the district's bread contract to El Paso Baking Co. and the milk contract to Gandy's Dairies.
- Selected Merrit Insurance of Snyder to provide student insurance.
- Agreed to perform repairs and improvements on superintendent's house and to perform asbestos abatement work in the ag shop classroom.
- Authorized Wells to execute a contract with pre-K teacher Judy Nichols.

64th annual Big Spring Reunion Rodeo ready to come out of the chute Wednesday

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

When the curtain rises on the 64th edition of the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo Wednesday night, a total of 250 cowboys and cowgirls will be competing for both prize money and prestige.

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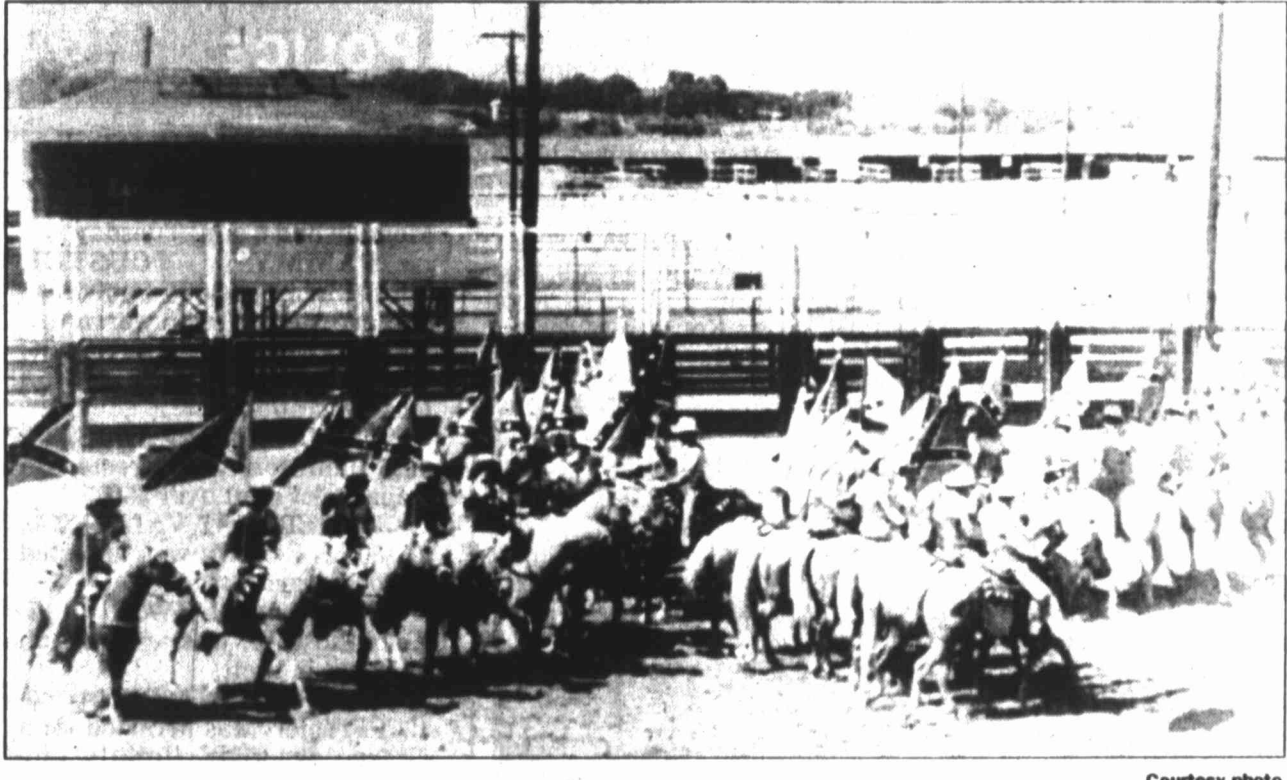
With a field of entrants headlined by defending world saddle bronc champion Billy Etbauer, the rodeo promises four full nights of action, including mutton busting for kids each night, Tijuana poker on Wednesday and Thursday and the rodeo itself at 8:30 nightly. The rodeo dance gets under way nightly at 9:30 p.m.

Rodeo slack will be held Wednesday night.

Additionally, this year's rodeo parade, scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, promises to be one of the biggest ever following a flurry of last-minute entries.

Parade participants will gather in the parking lot west of State National Bank for the parade, which will head north on Main Street, west on Third and south on Scurry before ending at State National.

"We were hoping we could get 10 entrants in the parade in addition to the riding clubs and usual entries we have and we've done that," explained rodeo board member Johnny



Courtesy photo

The Santa Rosa Palomino Club from Vernon will participate in the 64th annual Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo this week. The club made its first ride in 1950 and has participated in two Cotton Bowl parades as well as on the Today Show.

Middleton.

Entrants include the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, NAACP, First Baptist Church, Howard County Youth Horseman Club, Hangar 25 Restoration Project, Franklin and Sons Goodyear Store, Kid's Kastle, State National Bank, the Suez Fire Brigade, the Howard County Fair Board and the Big Spring Herald.

Following the parade, a Kid's Rodeo will be held in the downtown area around the Howard County Courthouse.

Other special participants in this year's rodeo includes Teri Turner, finishing her year as Miss Rodeo Texas; the Santa Rosa Palomino Club of Vernon; Kennedy Sausage Company's Lone Star Hitch of Weatherford and the Six White Horse precision drill team from Abilene's Hardin-Simmons University.

Also, the second Cowboy Golf Tournament is scheduled for Thursday at 9 a.m. with proceeds to benefit the Justin Cowboy Crisis Fund. The four-player scramble, which features one rodeo entrant in each foursome, costs \$30 per entrant and includes a fish dinner by Mel's Catfish.

Sales tax receipts up 8.67 percent as growth continues

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The city of Big Spring recently received a June sales tax rebate of \$264,588.35 from the State Comptroller's Office, showing an increase of 8.67 percent over its June 1996 rebate of \$243,458.59.

Overall, Howard County, which includes the cities of Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan, received a total rebate of \$270,765.11, an 8.62 percent increase over last year.

The city of Coahoma's share of the rebate was 3,336.96 which is a decrease of 2.56 percent compared to last year.

Forsan's \$2,839.80 rebate was also a sizable increase (18.74 percent) over last year's rebate.

To date, Howard County has made \$1,754,363.81 in total sales tax payments, a 0.18 percent decrease compared to last year's \$1,798,491.74 year-to-date payment.

Other local areas receiving rebates included the cities of Andrews, \$58,894.40; Colorado City, \$29,420.93; Lamesa, \$58,373.21; Loraine, \$235.48; Midland, \$940,759.83; Odessa, \$749,606.35; Stanton, \$7,703.35; and Westbrook, \$558.07.

Statewide, a total of \$161.6 million in monthly sales tax

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payments were made to 1,089 Texas cities and 117 counties.

To date, sales tax allocations are about 5.5 percent ahead of those for the first six months of 1996, indicating a strong, steady economy.

Of the June payments, a total of \$147.7 million in rebates were paid to Texas cities, a 4.8 percent increase over last year and \$13.9 million in rebates were paid to Texas counties, a 2 percent increase over last year's \$13.6 million allocation.

Another \$185.2 million went to eight transit authorities around the state and \$4.4 million to 26 special purpose districts.

The June sales tax rebate include local sales taxes collected on April sales by businesses filing monthly returns and reporting to the Comptroller's office.

FCI inmates get 10 years

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Two inmates involved in the Dec. 22 inmate uprising at Big Spring's Federal Correctional Institute (FCI) have been sentenced to an additional 10 years in prison for their participation.

Jose Valenzuela, currently serving a 140-month sentence on charges out of Washington state, and Jaime Estrada, serving a sentence on immigration charges, were sentenced in Lubbock Federal Court last Friday in connection with their part in assaulting a prison guard.

Valenzuela and Estrada assaulted the guard in December by beating him across the front and back of his body with mop handles and broom handles.

According to the U.S. Attorney's Office in Lubbock, the charges in this case were filed quickly and the indictments followed almost as fast.

The Dec. 22 uprising at the FCI began as an inmate on inmate assault around 9 p.m.,

sending seven inmates to Scenic Mountain Medical Center with cuts, abrasions and possible fractures.

According to U.S. Attorney Tanya Pierce, the guard who was assaulted in the incident was attempting to break up a fight between inmates when he was attacked.

"The 10-year sentences received by Valenzuela and Estrada are the maximum sentences allowed by statute (in a case such as this) and will run consecutively with the sentences they are serving now, meaning they will have to complete their current sentences and then serve their 10-year sentences," Pierce said.

Pierce said she has a very low tolerance for behavior such as that displayed by Valenzuela and Estrada, especially considering that the guard in question was trying to help another inmate.

"Some inmates are getting the idea that they can do what they want and I want to send them the message that there is a U.S.

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Juneteenth celebration set Thursday morning

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Each year June 19 is the day that blacks in Texas celebrate freedom, but it was actually Jan. 1, 1863 when President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation freeing all people from the bonds of slavery.

That day became known as "Juneteenth," as has been celebrated as a state holiday since 1980.

This year's Juneteenth celebration in Big Spring will begin at 11 a.m. Thursday with a barbecue in Morgan Park.

According to co-organizer and city council member Stephanie Horton, the cost will be \$5 per plate with proceeds benefiting the Venora Williams Community Center, scheduled to be built in Morgan Park.

Funds are still being raised for the community center project, according to co-organizer Cyneather Woodruff.

"We will also have a parade at 6:30 p.m. Thursday which

will begin at Lakeview Headstart and proceed east to Gregg; north to the Town and Country Convenience Store; and turn west to San Antonio Street," Horton said. "From there, the parade will proceed south to Father Delaney Street and then head west back to Morgan Park."

According to Horton, a dance will be held at the park following the parade and will feature the music of Danny Sherman.

Persons interested in participating in the parade should contact Horton at 264-0306 or Woodruff at 263-6647. Horton said children are being encouraged to ride their bicycles in the parade as well.

A celebration like Juneteenth is a time for people to come together and celebrate freedom for all people, according to Horton.

It was at Galveston's Ashton Villa on June 19, 1865, some two and a half years after Lincoln's historic proclamation, that Union Maj. Gen. Gordon Granger read General Order No. 3:

"The people of Texas are informed that in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of rights and rights of property between former masters and former slaves, and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that between employer and free laborer."

"The freedmen are advised to remain at their present homes and work for wages. They are informed that they will not be allowed to collect at military posts and that they will not be supported in idleness, either there or elsewhere."

"I've always been a big believer in celebrating Juneteenth because it's an important part of black history," Woodruff said. "Other areas may not celebrate it because it's a Texas holiday, but it's something I enjoy."

This year's event is a celebration from start to finish minus the usual cast of speakers one might expect at a

Juneteenth celebration. According to Woodruff, Lakeview School is having its reunion in conjunction with Juneteenth.

Lakeview School was where black students attended school up to the ninth grade. It wasn't until 1951 that Lakeview graduated its first black senior.

The seventh reunion, which began in 1985 and is held every two years, will begin with a 6 p.m. registration at La Vedera Club on June 20 followed by the reunion program beginning at 7 p.m. Registration for the reunion is \$35.

"We don't have a class reunion because Lakeview School never had a class that was large enough to put together a class reunion," Woodruff said.

The reunion will continue on June 21 with a continental breakfast and then move to Morgan Park for a gathering of classmates and friends.

"Dinner on Saturday (June 21) will be back at La Vedera and a dance will begin at 9 p.m.," Woodruff said.

Fort Worth murder suspect arrested in Big Spring

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

A murder suspect is in Fort Worth police custody after his arrest Saturday in Big Spring.

John Donald Gray, 46, of Fort Worth, was arrested on suspicion of public intoxication in the 500 block of North Birdwell at about 8 p.m. Saturday, Big Spring Police Department spokesman Victor Brake said.

During a subsequent computer check, it was determined

that Gray was wanted by Fort Worth police for the murder of his wife, Susan Gray, 41, a paraplegic confined to a wheelchair, was found dead in the apartment she shared with her husband Friday. She had been shot once in the head, Fort Worth Police Department Detective Curt Brannan said.

Mrs. Gray's body was discovered by her three goddaughters. According to police reports, they arrived at the apartment to take Mrs. Gray to a Bible study class. Mr. Gray

met them at the door, told them his wife had already left, and then departed in his car, Brannan said.

There appeared to be a history of problems in the Grays' marriage, Brannan said. They had been separated earlier in the year, but had reconciled over the Memorial Day weekend.

After his arrest in Big Spring Saturday, BSPD officers seized Gray's vehicle and searched his motel room at the request of Fort Worth police.

Big Spring police then held Gray, his automobile and possessions until he was picked up by Fort Worth authorities Monday morning, Brake said.

Brake said there was no indication that Gray knew anybody in the area.

"We didn't want to interfere with the Fort Worth Police, so we didn't question him," Gray said. "We don't know of a particular reason why he stopped here ... maybe this was as far as he could get before he had to crash out."

WEATHER

Tonight, clear. Lows in the lower 60s. Wednesday, sunny. Highs 90-95. Wednesday night, fair. Lows in the 60s. Extended forecast, Thursday through Saturday, partly cloudy. Lows 65-70. Highs in the 90s.

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OBITUARIES

Lillian Clayton Cluck

Graveside service for Lillian Clayton Cluck, 82, Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. today at Trinity Memorial Park with Dr. Kenneth Patrick, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Mrs. Cluck died Monday, June 16, 1997, in a local nursing home.

She was born on July 14, 1914, in Big Spring, and married Chester Cluck on Dec. 7, 1933, in Sweetwater. He preceded her in death on Dec. 30, 1982. Her parents were Archie P. and May Pearl Clayton. She was a lifelong resident of Big Spring and was a homemaker. She was a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include: two sons, Chester Cluck, Arlington; and Dude Cluck, Big Spring; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Viola Edna Walker Rogers

Graveside service for Viola Edna Walker Rogers, 87, Medicine Lodge, Kan., formerly of Big Spring, will be 10 a.m. Thursday, June 19, 1997, at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mrs. Rogers died Sunday, June 15, in Medicine Lodge.

She was born on Dec. 8, 1909, in McPherson, Kan., and married Grant S. "Brownie" Rogers on June 29, 1933, in Marion, Kan. He preceded her in death on June 1, 1988. Her parents were Charles and Lucy Adams Walker. She graduated from McPherson High School in 1928. After her marriage she lived in McPherson, Hutchinson, Jennings and Hill City, Kan., and then Midland and Andrews. She moved to Big Spring in 1963 and then to Medicine Lodge, Kan. in 1993.

Mrs. Rogers attended Midway Baptist Church in Big Spring and Lake City Methodist Church in Lake City, Kan. She was a 50 year member of the Silver Leaf Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Hutchinson, Kan.

Survivors include: one son, Grant Rogers, Lake City, Kan.; two grandsons; one great-granddaughter; and one niece.

The family suggests memorials to Cedar Crest Manor, Medicine Lodge, Kan. or the Lake City Methodist Church Scholarship Fund, Lake City, Kan.

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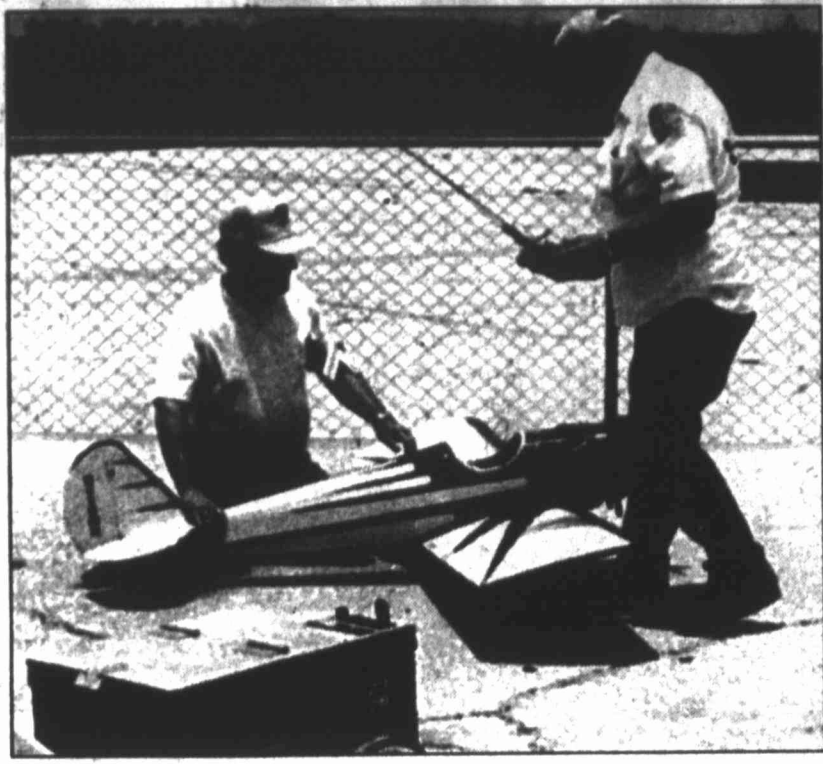
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JUST PLANE ENJOYMENT



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett
Steve Gray, left, and Lloyd Davidson get a plane ready for takeoff during the Big Spring Fly-In at John W. Buzbee Field, the old Howard County Airport, Saturday. The weekend event drew model airplane enthusiasts from all over the area for competition in precision, speed and other categories.

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH is offering a free class on family planning and contraceptive methods at 501 Birdwell Lane, 28B, at 1 p.m. Wednesday. Plan to stay for about one hour. If you can attend please call 263-9775. Refreshments will be served.

SPRINGBOARD

TODAY
•Most Excellent Way, a chemical dependency support group, 7 p.m., Living Water Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-1424 after 5 p.m. or 263-3168 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.
•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m.; Spanish services.
•Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., 615 Settles.
•Narcotics Anonymous, 6:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.
•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor.
•Big Spring Art Association, 7 p.m., West Texas Center for the Arts, Howard College Campus.
•Senior citizens dance, 7 to 10 p.m., Colorado City Civic Center. Music provided by The Country Five. Everyone invited.

WEDNESDAY
•Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. Call Archie Kountz, 267-3821.

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•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. 12&12 Study.

THURSDAY
•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

•Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright, has free food for area needy, 10 a.m. to noon.
•Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classed, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., 55 and older.

•Support Group for Depression, 7 p.m., Howard College room A-10.
•Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center small cafeteria.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting, 615 Settles, 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at Scenic Mountain Medical Center cafeteria.

•Masonic Lodge No. 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster. Call Preston Harris at 263-7136.

POLICE

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

• TAMMY CUSTER NEWELL, 39, 3604 Parkway, was arrested on local warrants.

• BEVERLY G. RAINS, 36, 2705 Grace, was arrested on local warrants.

• ZYNOEL GONZALES, 17, 3605 Hamilton, was arrested on a charge of theft over \$500.

• JOE ERNEST VALENCIA, 34, 600 N.E. 10th, was arrested on local warrants.

• RENE LEWIS, 17, Colorado City, was arrested on a charge of theft.

• MAGDALENA PENA, 40, 1201 Frasier, was arrested on a charge of assault/family violence.

• SAM PENA, 44, 1201 Frasier, was arrested on a charge of assault/family violence.

• JEREMY MINTER, 18, 1904 E. 11th, was arrested on local warrants.

• JERRY MABREY, 18, 111R

E. 16th, was arrested on a charge of no driver's license.

• LAYLIA DUNHAM, 21, 611 Douglas, was arrested on local warrants.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported on the 500 block of N. Goliad, the 400 block of Washington, the 600 block of Ridgeroad, and the 1000 block of E. 15th.

• THEFT was reported on the 500 block of W. Fifth, the 200 block of W. Marcy, the 300 block of Gregg, the 700 block of Willis and the 1200 block of Scurry.

• ASSAULT was reported on the 500 block of Birdwell.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported on the 600 block of W. Sixth.

• ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported on the 1800 block of Hearn.

• FORGERY was reported on the 2800 block of Lawrence.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Monday and 8 a.m. Tuesday:

• JIM JASON COKER, 18, Rt. 1 Box 510, was arrested on a charge of no driver's license.

• GUMISINDA JUAREZ, 33, P.O. Box 829, was arrested on county warrants.

• GARY LEE MILLER, 29, 2706 Williams, was arrested on a charge of unlawfully carrying a weapon.

• BURGLARY was reported on HC 62.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported on Opal Lane.

RECORDS

Monday's high 91
Monday's low 58
Average high 94
Average low 68
Record high 109 in 1924
Record low 51 in 1981
Precip. Monday 0.00
Month to date 3.94
Month's normal 1.05
Year to date 12.24
Normal for the year 7.73
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FCI

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Attorney's Office in this area and it is alive and well," Pierce said.

Because of the incident in December, Special Operations Response and Disturbance Control teams were activated, and an institution staff recall was initiated.

The morning following the incident, FCI officials had the situation under control and no imminent danger to public safety was present.

The uprising appeared to have involved inmates from different geographical areas of the southwestern United States, also meaning the altercation appeared to be gang related, according to FCI officials.

None of the injuries received by inmates and prison officials during the incident were serious or life threatening.

MARKETS

July cotton 72.70 cents a pound, up 46 points; July crude oil 19.31, up 30 points; Cash hogs steady at \$1.50 higher at 57.50; slaughter steers steady at 63; July lean hog futures 81.45, up 57 points; June live cattle futures 65.62, up 32 points. courtesy: Delta Corporation.

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BRIEFS

THE SALVATION ARMY IS accepting donations to aid victims of the recent tornado that struck Jarrell. Since the tragedy occurred, the Salvation Army has been on site, serving meals, distributing water and supplies to victims.

Donations can be sent to: The Salvation Army, P.O. Box 1248, Big Spring, TX 79721.

TRACK WORK



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett
Work is continuing on the go-cart track at 11th and Scurry as Indio Munoz (left), Joe Silva, pouring concrete, and Hubert Barber, owner, work on the retaining wall to hold the dirt in on the track.

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Goldman lawyer accuses Simpson, Brown attorneys of conspiracy

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Everyone knows the survivors of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman want to collect the \$33.5 million judgment from O.J. Simpson. Who knew it would turn into a competition?

At a hearing where Simpson lost a bid to keep thousands of dollars worth of property from creditors, a Goldman attorney accused lawyers for Simpson and the Brown family of conspiring to gain an unfair advantage.

The judge even responded to lengthy bickering at Monday's hearing by noting an "unseemly competition" between the parties.

"I'm troubled by that," Superior Court Judge Irving Shimer said.

Simpson was acquitted of criminal charges in the June 1994 slayings of his ex-wife and Goldman. Shimer will decide what property Simpson can exempt from the judgment won by Ms. Simpson's estate and Goldman's family in their wrongful death case.

The judge denied exemptions for \$170,000 worth of items, including a \$15,000 life-size bronze sculpture of Simpson and a \$5,700 painting. The biggest debate centered on Simpson's 51 golf clubs; Shimer turned down a request to let Simpson pick out a set to keep. Goldman family attorney

Daniel Petrocelli fumed outside court, accusing the Brown and Simpson lawyers of collaborating against his client.

Ira Friedman, representing Ms. Simpson's father, Louis Brown, executor of her estate, shrugged and said: "So? You can prefer one creditor over another."

And Simpson's attorney said the law allows Simpson to prefer the Browns.

"We're concerned for the needs of the children. We would like them to grow up with some of these items," lawyer Ronald Slates said outside court. Simpson gained custody of the two children he had with Ms. Simpson after a court battle with the Browns.

Slates said the Browns "have been much more cooperative" and "much more humane," while the Goldmans have tried to take "his last morsel."

Fred Goldman, Ronald Goldman's father, said this morning on NBC's "Today" show that if Simpson and the Browns are collaborating, he believes it is to help out the financially strapped Simpson.

"If in fact that that is going on ... then I think that we can assume correctly that he, the killer, wouldn't be doing this if he wasn't personally benefiting in some way," Goldman said.

The hearing, which was to continue today, left unknown the whereabouts of Simpson's

Heisman Trophy, awarded to him in 1968 as college football's top player. His attorneys said last week that the trophy had been assessed at \$400,000.

Slates said media reports of the trophy being located were rumors whose origin was he did not know. Simpson has said he doesn't know where the trophy is; last month, he said he assumed it was in a trust set up for his two children with Ms. Simpson.

The judge also rejected a proposal from Simpson that most of his claimed exemptions be dropped if the Browns got priority over the Goldmans.

"I have not ruled that the Browns have achieved any kind of priority," Shimer told the attorneys.

Petrocelli called Simpson's offer a "gimmick ... to move the items to their favored creditor."

The judge did allow Simpson to exempt \$6,000 worth of artwork, including a \$700 autographed picture of former California Gov. George Deukmejian.

Shimer refused to exempt two lamps valued at \$24,000 and \$18,870. And he shot down an attempt by Simpson's lawyers to characterize a \$6,000 lamp as "ordinary and necessary" to a household, which would allow it to be exempt.

"When I go home," the judge said, "I'm going to ask my wife if we have any \$6,000 lamps."

Palestinians attack Israelis with slingshots

HEBRON, West Bank (AP) — Dozens of Palestinians swinging slingshots threw stones and firebombs at Israeli troops and burned an Israeli flag today. Soldiers fired rubber bullets, injuring 15 Palestinians.

Three of the injured were in serious condition, including a 12-year-old boy and an elderly man who were struck in the head. Two Israeli soldiers were injured by rocks.

The clashes began when about 100 Palestinians began throwing stones at Israeli soldiers guarding Jewish enclaves in Hebron. One rioter burned an Israeli flag, and was slightly injured by a rubber bullet in the back.

Palestinian doctors set up a makeshift hospital near the site of the clashes, which broke out for the fourth straight day in downtown Hebron.

In the Gaza Strip today, about 100 Palestinians staged a sit-in outside the Jewish settlement of Morag to protest what they said was an illegal seizure of privately owned Palestinian land. One protester stole an Israeli flag from the settlement.

Some 20 Israeli soldiers took up positions in the sand dunes and fired tear gas at the Palestinians.

The clashes came at a time when Israeli-Palestinian peace talks appeared hopelessly deadlocked.

In remarks likely to anger the Palestinians further, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Israel would only resume negotiations if the Palestinians agreed to focus on a permanent peace settlement.

"If negotiations with the Palestinians are resumed, it will only be with the aim of achieving a final agreement," Netanyahu said Monday night.

Communication between the sides broke down in March after Israel began construction of a housing project for Jews on a hilltop in disputed east Jerusalem, the sector that is home to 180,000 Palestinians.

When the talks froze, Israel and the Palestinians were trying to reach agreement on the implementation of interim agreements.

Already then, Netanyahu proposed that the two sides move straight into negotiations on a permanent peace accord. The

offer was rejected by the Palestinians as a ploy by Israeli to get out of its commitment to pull back troops in the West Bank.

Netanyahu said Monday that there was no point in returning to issues of the interim stage.

Israel radio said the prime minister was waiting for word from Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak's adviser, Osama el-Baz, who met with a group of Palestinian officials as part of his efforts to restart the talks.

El-Baz's efforts to bring the sides together last week failed and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat said Israel's policy of continued settlement construction was to blame.

TEXAS BRIEFS

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Charge may be dismissed against former student in slaying of teacher

ANGELTON — A murder charge filed last month against a former Angleton High School student in the shooting death of a teacher may be dismissed unless new evidence surfaces, Brazoria County Sheriff Joe King says.

The former student may have been the driver and not the person who fired the shot that killed Donna Beth Sanford more than six years ago, King said Monday.

Michael John Bass, 23, was arrested May 14 on a charge of murder in Sanford's death. He was being held at the time in the Brazoria County Jail on an unrelated robbery charge.

His bond was set at \$1 million in the April 2, 1991 shooting death of the former geometry teacher.

Officers first believed Bass the triggerman, but now think a second suspect fired the shot.

American to brief media on regional jets

FORT WORTH — After some window shopping at the Paris Air Show, AMR Corp. apparently is ready to make its first order on eventual purchases of 67 small jets to be flown by its commuter operation, American Eagle.

American Eagle president Dan Garton will hold a news conference today to discuss the regional airline's "fleet planning decisions" regarding regional jets, the company announced in a statement Monday.

Company officials refused to be any more specific on Monday. However, one source told The Associated Press that discussions went on throughout the day Monday on exactly what will be on the shopping list.

AMR, which plans to use the jets to replace some of American Eagle's turboprop planes, has been studying the Canadair regional jet made by Bombardier of Montreal and the EMB-145 made by Embraer of Brazil. The jets have a list price of \$15 million to \$18 million each.

A particularly sticky part of the contract approved last month by the pilots union at American allows American Eagle pilots to fly the planes. American's pilots, who are paid far more than American Eagle's pilots, had wanted the right to fly the planes.

Two sentenced in '96 casino bus hijack

TYLER — Two men who helped hijack a casino shuttle bus bound for Louisiana have been sentenced to lengthy stretches in federal

prison. Joseph James Falcetta Jr., 24, of Fort Worth, was sentenced Monday to almost 16 years for his March gully pleas to a hijacking charge and a weapons charge.

He admitted to shooting bus driver Mike Gibbs in the jaw during the Nov. 7 heist attempt.

Robert Allen Melanson, 23, of White Settlement pleaded guilty in February to armed robbery. Melanson was sentenced to nine years and two months in prison.

Both men also must serve five years of supervised release and each pay \$108,606 in restitution.

Rimes winner at Music City News Awards

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Sitting at the edge of the stage singing "I'm So Lonesome I Could Cry" to a hushed audience, LeAnn Rimes seemed way ahead of her designation by fan voters as a "star of tomorrow."

Alan Jackson, the evening's big winner Monday at the TNN Music City News Awards, picked up with typical humility the top award as entertainer of the year and another one for best male vocalist. Meanwhile, the 14-year-old Rimes was all over the stage.

She adroitly co-hosted the show at the Grand Ole Opry House with old pros George Jones and Randy Travis. She picked up the award for female star of tomorrow, and modeled a succession of gowns with poise.

Roswell braces for huge tourist invasion 50 years after crash of 'space ship'

ROSWELL, N.M. — "I'll tell you one thing. They didn't have big eyes or long, stringy fingers," 80-year-old Frank Kaufmann says of the aliens. "No ma'am. These were trim, good-looking people."

In 1947, Kaufmann and a handful of other men stationed at the Roswell Army Air Field stumbled onto what they say was wreckage of a spaceship northwest of town.

This year, the 50th anniversary of the story, Roswell is cashing in.

"Something happened here and it's probably the most credible UFO event in the world," said Mayor Tom Jennings. "We've taken that and developed it into a whole new industry — tourism."

Roswell, which sits on the plains east of the Sierra Blanca mountain range in southeastern New Mexico, expects its 48,000 population to double as UFO believers, researchers and the curious flock to town for a July 1-6 golden anniversary of the alleged crash.

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Quote of the Day

"Art is man's nature; nature is God's art."
-P.J. Bailey

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OUR VIEWS

Rodeo is truly America's sport

W hoopee-ti-yi-yo ... it's rodeo time again! Beginning Wednesday, the 64th Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Reunion gets under way to kick off four days of fun and festivities.

Rodeo is truly America's sport, with its roots going back to the ranches of the Old West when cowboys from neighboring ranches got together for friendly competition and friendship.

If you haven't been to one before, take the time this week to experience our sport — cheer for the cowgirls as they race their horses around the barrels, laugh at the clowns as they go through their routines and join in the oohs and aahs as cowboys seek to stay on top of a bucking bronc or a 2,000-pound fire-breathing bull.

There's nothing quite like a rodeo to remind us of our western heritage and we encourage you to take time out to experience the real west this week.

OTHER VIEWS

Despite some notable failures elsewhere, the Texas Legislature managed to enact significant and much-needed reforms of the state's election laws. If they work as designed, the reforms should reduce the fraud that has tarnished some Texas elections, without restricting voting rights.

The Legislature deserves applause for addressing the problem in a constructive, bipartisan manner. Reform has been needed for years. But corrective bills always seemed to break up on the shoals of partisan bickering or to be evicted by politicians who felt that cleaner elections would work to their disadvantage.

This year was different. Texas' growing disrepute as a place that failed to adequately respect democratic processes apparently convinced legislators that things could not continue as usual. Too many defrauded candidates were crying foul. Too many frustrated district attorneys and elections administrators were demanding help. Too many newspaper headlines and editorials were baring the embarrassing truth to the world. The stench of fraud was becoming intolerable. Something had to be done.

Once Gov. George W. Bush signs the various reform bills into law — his aides say that he will sign them all — Texas will be able to boast a much improved electoral system.

Following is a description of the major reforms:

- Henceforth, Texans will have to show identification when voting. Believe it or not, it was possible before to vote in Texas without doing so. If challenged, one only had to swear to one's identity. Acceptable identifications will include a voter registration card, driver's license, birth certificate or a preprinted check with the voter's name and address.

- Suspicious ballots will be segregated. Before, ballots that elections officials thought might be illegitimate were mixed in with legitimate ballots. If a voter turned out later to be ineligible, it was impossible to go back later and annul his ballot. Now it will be possible.

- Until now, mail ballot fraud has been a Class B misdemeanor, the maximum penalties for which are six months in jail and a \$2,000 fine — not enough for undermining democracy. Henceforth, that crime will be a Class A misdemeanor, which doubles the potential penalties.

- Elections administrators will have to wait 72 hours before publishing the names and addresses of people who have been sent mail ballots instead of the present 24 hours.

The change is good because it provides less opportunity for unscrupulous campaign operatives to "help" voters complete their ballots.

- Mail ballots will be sent to voters' residences only. Before, the ballots could be sent to campaign headquarters, post office boxes and vacant buildings, increasing the potential for fraud.

- Anybody helping a person to complete a mail ballot will have to supply his name, address and signature. Before, there was no such requirement.

- Driver's licenses or personal identification numbers issued by the Department of Public Safety will be used to eliminate multiple voter registrations.

- The early voting period will be shortened by about a week from the present three weeks.

- Political parties will be able to hold joint primaries. Before, they could hold only segregated primaries using separate elections officers and staffs. Joint primaries are much less expensive and reduce the potential for voter intimidation.

- Election judges and alternate judges will have to be of different political parties. The party that wins the most votes for governor in a particular voting precinct will name the election judge in that precinct, as long as county commissioners agree.

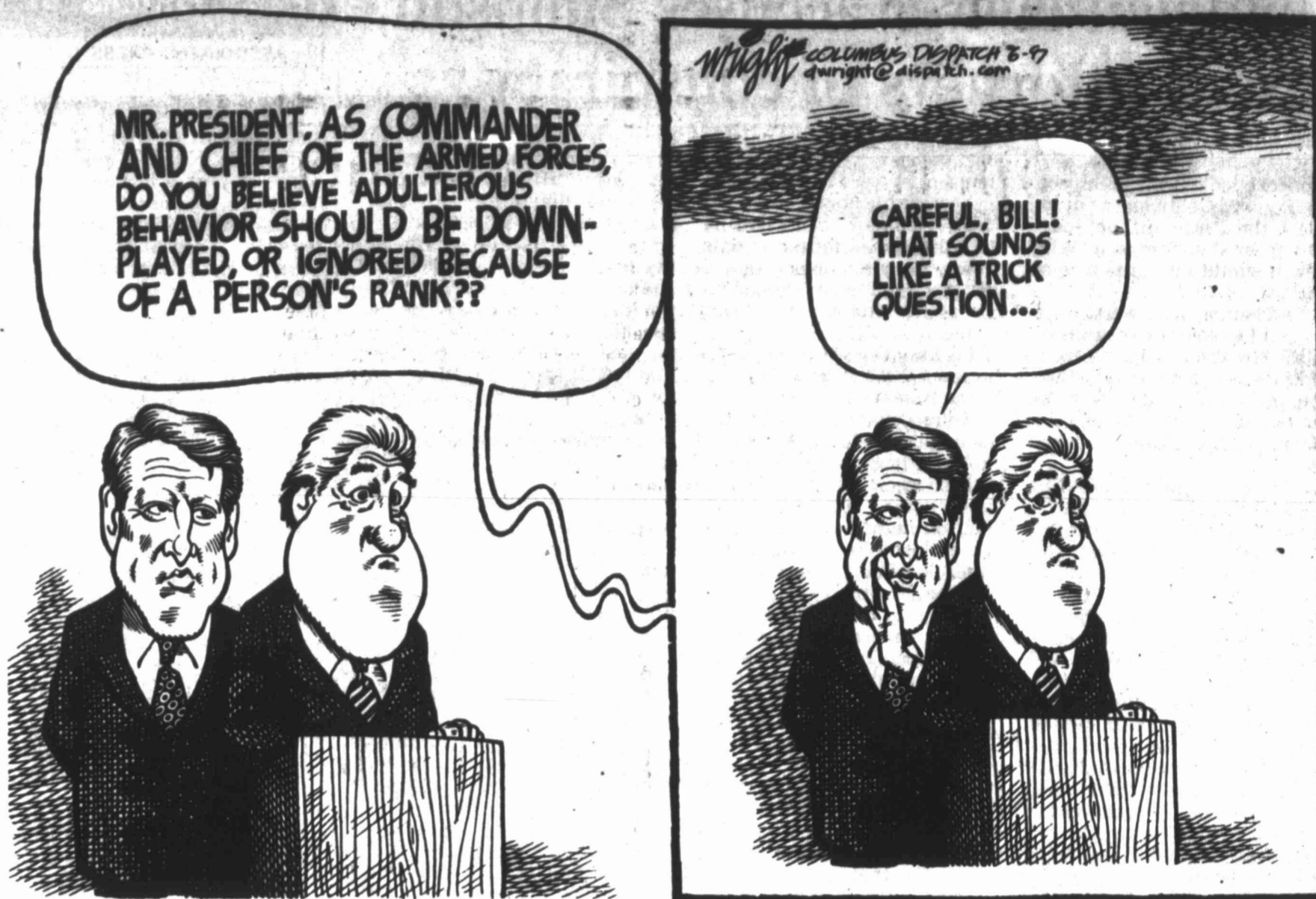
The reforms are not perfect. Legislators did not increase the age at which elders may begin to vote by mail. Candidates and other political operatives may still be present when a mail ballot is being completed. And mail ballot fraud would not become the felony offense that it deserves to be. But legislators did a good job of shoring up the weakest points in the state's electoral superstructure. They should be proud of their effort.

Special credit goes to Secretary of State Tony Garza, whose early proposals laid the basis for reform and whose constant encouragement and technical assistance kept legislators focused and informed.

Much credit is also due Reps. Henry Cuellar, D-Laredo; Jerry Madden, R-Richardson; Debra Danburg, D-Houston; Jesse Jones, D-Dallas; and Mary Denny, R-Aubrey; and Sens. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo; Frank Madia, D-San Antonio; Buster Brown, R-Lake Jackson; John Carona, R-Dallas; and Kenneth Armbrister, D-Victoria.

The word should go out: Texas has acted to protect the integrity of its elections. Those who would abuse the process will have a much harder time of it.

-THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS



No one offers alternative to neo-mercantilism

The Canadians were the first to dump their conservatives, then came the United States

(the Republican majority is not a conservative majority), then the British and now the French. The German government is probably next in line to fall.



Charley Reese
Syndicated Columnist

Well, in the first place, what people call conservative is by no means people who advocate laissez-faire government and a truly free-market economy. A truly free-market economy exists nowhere, certainly not in Canada, the United States, Great Britain, France or Germany.

What most people call conservative is really neo-mercantilist — a system in which the powerful corporations and the centralized government team up to pursue a form of economic nationalism defined as:

"What is good for the big cor-

porations and the wealthy elite who control them is good for the nation."

In the past there was some truth to that. The more, for example, General Motors prospered, the more American jobs were created. What the dummies in government haven't figured out is that now that most corporations are international, what's good for them is most definitely not good for the nation. Now many corporations prosper by shutting down American facilities and farming out the work over-

seas. The problem with big corporations and big government sharing the same bed is that they have different purposes. The corporation wishes only to maximize its profits. It can best do that by increasing prices and cutting expenses, one of which is labor costs and by eliminating competition. The government, on the other hand, is supposed to represent the interests of all the people — even those who aren't elitists.

Thus there is a direct conflict. It is good for the corporation to charge usurious interest rates; it is bad for the people to have to pay them. It is good for the corporation to

ship jobs overseas; it is bad for the people to lose their jobs. It is good for the corporations to get favorable tax breaks; it is bad for the working man and woman who have to make up the difference. It is good for the big corporations that the government can help crush their competition with burdensome taxes and regulations a small firm can't sustain; it is bad for the people to live in a government-created environment that makes it difficult to gain financial independence except in speculation.

The people in the Western countries are obviously dissatisfied, and the real shame, for us in the United States, is that neither of our major parties offer a true alternative to neo-mercantilist policies. There are individuals in both parties who oppose the status quo, but they are a minority.

We need to elect people who will control interest rates. No matter what a banking skill tells you, money is not a commodity, and therefore the price of money cannot and is not determined by market forces. Under the fractional reserve banking system, money is created out of thin air by banks and extinguished

by banks. Because this is a power granted to banks by government, the government has every right to regulate the interest rates.

We need to elect people who will penalize corporations for shipping American jobs offshore. If an American corporation wants to make its shoes in China, then let it sell them to the Chinese. Congress ought to adopt a two-tier tariff schedule — low tariffs for genuine foreign products, and high tariffs for products made overseas for or by American corporations just to escape our wage and hour and environmental laws.

We need to elect people who will impose on foreign imports, especially food products, exactly the same health, environmental and sanitation requirements that American farmers and food processors have to meet. It is stupid and unjust to forbid the use of a pesticide by an American farmer while importing fruits and vegetables on which the same pesticide has been used. That's a case of the government's trade policies undermining the government's public health policies.

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YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

One day last week, I had the pleasure of visiting Big Spring, as I strive to do a time or two during the year. I was stationed at Webb Air Force Base from December 1976 until 10 days before its closure on the first of October 1977. I have always really liked the Big Spring area and have been maintaining a vital interest of the city's economic progress and going(s)-on, during all subsequent years. The people in Big Spring and vicinity are really nice, and a very cordial friendship always prevailed between Webb AFB and its outlying area. It was really an ideal base-community relationship that is rarely seen elsewhere within the Department of Defense.

On my recent visit, I was highly impressed with the new Howard County Public Library. It is an excellent facility and in a very ideal location. Being a library buff myself, this new library is all the more of a keen interest to me! I knew nothing about it until last

week, when I inadvertently went to the old one. A clerk in the drugstore (Leonard's), two doors away, directed me to the new facility. Upon arrival, I was very amazed at its modern decor and very welcoming atmosphere! I'm very happy for the lucky residents of Big Spring and other patrons throughout Howard County.

Being well aware that Big Spring has never been the same since the closure of Webb, I perceive this new library as "a big step up" in the good and welfare of Big Spring's economy and community amenities! I only hope that the citizens of Big Spring will put forth their best effort towards supporting and sustaining their new literary facility with the highest of regard. I perceive its accomplishment and activation as a major step in the right direction! I trust it is already heavily utilized and well appreciated by all!

In closing, I extend my sincere regards to all the residents of Big Spring, where I was stationed this time 20

years ago. It was a nice area then and still is! Just bear in mind that you're not forgotten. The best of summer to one and all, and God Bless!

ROBERT S. REYNOLDS
Del Valle

TO THE EDITOR:

We live in an amazing country. On Friday, June 6, "20/20" reported on a young couple, Brian Peterson and Amy Grossberg, who have been charged with murdering their newborn son. The state of Delaware has mentioned the death penalty in this case.

I don't understand what the state of Delaware is so excited about. It is because some abortionist failed to get his cut?

All across this nation, babies who haven't seen the light of day are being killed mercilessly, and the perpetrators have no fear of arrest. The President of this country went to the mat to defend a mother's right to have her baby's head delivered, the skull punctured and the brains suctioned out. Then he had the nerve to show his face.

Maybe some feminists, politicians and media figures can kid themselves that there is a difference between killing a preborn baby and killing a newborn baby. (Or a two-year-old. Or a 10-year-old. Or a 20-year-old. And I could go on.) But we regular people aren't idiots. We know murder whether a baby is in the womb or out.

When pompous VIP's get on their soapboxes to condemn violence with one breath and defend abortion with the next, somebody ought to due them in. The criminals can recognize a double standard when they see one. And if our "noble" leaders want to see an end to violence on the streets, they're going to have to end the violence in the womb.

(Let anyone misunderstand, I believe the murder of a baby — or anyone else — is a horrendous, unspeakable crime. Also, it remains to be proved that Peterson and Grossberg killed their baby.)

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Rangers apparently on a roll since beginning interleague play

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ARLINGTON — Coincidence or not, the beginning of interleague play seems to have brought out the best in the Texas Rangers.

After dropping the historic first AL-NL meeting Thursday night, Texas won the next three to build its longest winning streak since taking four straight May 9-12.

The Rangers head to Colorado for games tonight and Wednesday having won four of their last five. They've regained second in the AL West, two games behind Seattle with the Mariners coming to Texas for four

games beginning Thursday.

"There is a difference in here," manager Johnny Oates said after Sunday's 7-4 victory over the San Diego Padres. "I can't put my finger on it, but I've been around long enough to realize it."

"It's something you can't define, but you know it's there. You can smell it."

It seems like every player contributed over the weekend. That's the way Texas won the AL West last year, but it hadn't been happening for the last half of May and early part of June.

"It's good to see the entire club playing well right now," said closer John Wetteland, who won Friday night's

game against San Francisco and saved both games against the Padres.

"Even the game we lost to San Francisco (on Thursday) was a good baseball game, we just came up a bit short. Prior to that, we hadn't been playing good baseball."

Better health may be one reason. Leadoff hitter Mark McLemore returned from the disabled list Thursday and immediately reverted to his 1996 form, not the struggling start of this season. Set-up man Danny Patterson came off the DL on Friday and looked as good as he did before getting hurt.

Dean Palmer broke the longest

homerless drought of his career Saturday night and Mike Simms ended his slump with a homer four pitches later. On Sunday, Lee Stevens also homered.

Damon Buford snapped an 0-for-20 skid Saturday, then tied his career-best with three hits Sunday. Will Clark's stretch of 13 games without an RBI ended Sunday.

Juan Gonzalez played the outfield Friday for the first time this season, and threw out a runner at the plate. Bill Ripken took the shortstop job from Benji Gil and has become the steady bat at the bottom of the lineup the team has lacked.

The bullpen hasn't allowed a run in 13 1-3 innings over five games. Long reliever Matt Whiteside won Saturday for the first time since Sept. 13, 1995, then Bobby Witt ended his three-game losing streak Sunday.

But the real star of the weekend was Rusty Greer, who put on a clinic over the four games with remarkable hitting, superb defense and aggressive baserunning.

Greer went 9-for-12 against NL pitchers with two doubles, two homers and four walks. He reached base nine straight times before striking out in the first inning Sunday and has been on 17 of 20 times since Wednesday.

Interleague play putting fans in seats

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Interleague play is doing what baseball owners wanted: Average attendance for the first five days is up 37 percent over the first 10 weeks of the season.

"The fan now is giving a very powerful message: They love it," acting commissioner Bud Selig said Monday, a day that saw the New York Mets beat the Yankees 6-0 and the Chicago Cubs beat the White Sox 8-3.

Teams averaged crowds of 35,341 for the first 56 interleague games. Before interleague play began last Thursday, teams were averaging 25,833.

"You can see what it's done for attendance, not only here, but throughout baseball," Mariners manager Lou Piniella said. "If it's good for business, it's good for the sport."

Seattle, averaging 37,461 before the start of interleague play, drew 208,297 to the Kingdome for two games against Colorado and two against Los Angeles, a team record for four consecutive home games and an average of 52,074.

Attendance dropped 20 percent following the 1994-95 strike, from an average of 31,612 in 1994 to 25,260 in 1995. It rebounded 6.4 percent last season to 26,889, and with interleague play beginning, owners predict a 9 percent rise to about 29,300 this season.

"Interleague play is a permanent part of our landscape and it will get bigger and bigger," Selig said.

In the stands and clubhouses, fans and players can't stop talking about it.

"You had to keep reminding yourself that this was a real game," Minnesota's Paul Molitor said after his team's interleague opener at the Astrodome. "You have to say, 'We're playing in Houston.' But as hard as it was to realize, you have to understand it's going to show up in the standings."

With the Yankees in Miami, the Florida Marlins topped 40,000 in three consecutive games for the first time since August 1993 — their inaugural season.

"I think the Marlins fans and the Yankee fans got their money's worth," Florida catcher Gregg Zaun said after Florida rallied in the ninth inning to win the second game of Sunday's doubleheader. "Four comeback innings — that's pretty good for one day."

Atlanta drew 143,766 for its games against Baltimore, a matchup of the teams with the best record in each league. The

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Etbauers headline rodeo field

Saddle bronc event features five top riders

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Sports Editor

Perhaps professional rodeo's premier brother act — the Etbauers ... Billy, Dan and Robert — will headline the list of top-rated cowboys scheduled to compete when the 64th Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo gets under way at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday.

In fact, the saddle bronc event will feature five of the top 12 riders from the 1996 season.

All three of the Etbauers finished in the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) Top 15 in saddle bronc riding last year — Billy leading the way by capturing his second world championship with a record \$190,257 in earnings. He currently leads this year's money list and was also the PRCA's 1992 saddle bronc champion.

His younger brother, Dan, finished third in the PRCA standings with earnings of \$139,476 in 1996; while Robert, the eldest of the three and the event's world champion in 1990 and 1991, finished 12th in on the money list with \$69,393 in winnings.

This year, however, Robert is currently second on the money list, while Dan stands in ninth place.

The saddle bronc event will also feature two other top riders from a year ago, Craig Latham of Texhoma, Texas, and Derek Clark of Colcord, Okla.

Latham, the 1988 PRCA Rookie of the Year, finished fifth on the money list with \$114,127 in earnings last season, while Clark was 10th in the standings with \$76,061.

According to Skipper Driver, books closed for the rodeo Sunday with more than 250 entries for the rodeo, a slight increase from last year's field.



PRCA photo

Billy Etbauer, the defending World Champion Saddle Bronc Rider and current money leader, will be among a strong field of participants in his specialty when the 64th Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo begins Wednesday. Performances start nightly at 8:30 p.m. through Saturday.

However, the presence of last season's top riders doesn't mean a new name won't appear at the list of riders in any of the events during this year's rodeo.

"There are lots of younger people out there on the rodeo circuit that haven't made a name for themselves yet," Driver said. "But that doesn't mean they're not talented, and they're just as liable to win as the big-name guys."

Among that group of lesser-known names, Driver said, is Sean Mays, a former Howard College rodeo team member, who will be among the bull riding field.

And another top young performer will be Clay Cerny, currently the circuit's leading rookie in calf roping.

While the saddle bronc event will have the largest list of top names, Driver noted each of

the events to be staged this week will boast performers listed in the Top 100 on the PRCA circuit.

Pete Hawkins of Weatherford will head the list of entrants in the bareback riding event. The \$79,095 he earned a year ago left him 10th in that event's standings a year ago.

He will be joined by Shawn Minor of Gordon, Neb., currently 15th on the PRCA money list; as well as Beau Mayo of Stephenville, who finished 34th in the 1996 standings, respectively.

Royd Doyal of Pittsburg, Texas, tops the list of bull riders scheduled to compete. He finished ninth in the PRCA standings a year ago with earnings of \$84,211. He'll be joined by Chris Littlejohn of Sapulpa, Okla., who was 11th on the list, and Phillip Elkins of Fort Worth, who earned

\$48,202 in finishing 17th in the standings.

Other top names entered in the calf roping competition are Top 100 performers Keith Hudson of Sonora, Tony Reina of Wharton and Neal Felton of Mountain Home.

Byron Walker of Ennis headlines the list of steer wrestlers committed to this week's rodeo.

He currently stands 11th in this year's standings, but figures to get plenty of competition from a field that includes Houston Powers and Tommy Puryear.

And in the barrel racing competition, Driver said he expects the top contenders to be Kay Blandford, who stands third in this year's standings. She figures to draw solid challenges from Sherrie Johnson, Jacque Woolman and Corley Cox.

Visitors strike first as baseball's new rivalries begin

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

In New York, the Mets are the talk of the town. In Chicago, same goes for the Cubs.

At least for one day. Baseball's biggest interleague rivalries began Monday night, and the visitors ruled.

The Mets made their mark in the Subway Series before a sell-out crowd of 56,188 at Yankee Stadium, winning 6-0 behind Dave Mlicki's shutout.

"He owns the city for the

night," Mets reliever John Franco said.

The Cubs made their case at Comiskey Park, beating the White Sox 8-3. The crowd of 36,213 was the second-largest of the season at the ballpark.

"For the first time in a long time I was excited and nervous," Cubs first baseman Mark Grace said. "It was a fun atmosphere. It was pretty intense. I didn't think I'd ever see it, not in my career."

The Cincinnati Reds made it a worthwhile trip to Cleveland, defeating the Indians 4-1 in an

Ohio matchup.

"I've got a feeling it's going to be a long history in this," Reds manager Ray Knight said.

The Montreal Expos, meanwhile, continued to be a big winner in interleague play. They tied a team record with their 10th straight victory, a 6-4 triumph at Baltimore, and improved to 4-0 against AL opponents.

"It's fun to go out there and face a good team like this, especially a team that's been winning so many games," winning pitcher Dustin Hermanson

said. "We get to play teams we'll probably never face unless we get into the World Series."

In other interleague games, Atlanta stopped Toronto 3-0, Boston beat Philadelphia 5-4 in 10 innings, Florida defeated Detroit 7-3, Milwaukee downed St. Louis 1-0, Pittsburgh topped Minnesota 8-6 and Kansas City defeated Houston 5-2.

Mets 6, Yankees 0

Mlicki kept Yankees fans quiet, pitching the first shutout of his career in 48 starts. The

result left the Mets and the World Series champions with identical 37-30 records.

John Olerud drove in three runs and left fielder Bernard Gilkey got two assists, giving him a major league-leading 11 among outfielders.

The Mets took a 3-0 lead in the first inning against Andy Pettitte. Gilkey and Olerud hit doubles for the first run and Butch Huskey had an RBI single. Huskey got picked off, but stayed in a rundown long

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SPORTS BRIEFS

From staff and wire reports

Crossroads Summer League results

Coahoma's junior team took a 27-13 win over Garden City and Big Spring I defeated Big Spring II during Monday's play in the Crossroads Summer Girls' Basketball League.

In senior division play, Sands I continued its league-leading play with a 47 win over Stanton, while Grady took a 36-21 decision over Greenwood and Sands II topped Forsan, 29-10.

Thursday's schedule, which will be played in the Sands High School Gymnasium, will have Forsan's junior squad facing Greenwood in the opener at 5:30 p.m. Stanton's juniors will take on Garden City in the 6:30 game, followed by the Big Spring and Garden City seniors at 7:30.

The 8:30 p.m. game will see Sterling City and

Sands II squaring off, while the nightcap will be Grady and Greenwood at 9:30.

UASA Division III results

No Doubt chalked up its second straight Division III girls' softball victory with a 7-6 win over Reaction.

Marissa McCartney, who had a pair of singles, provided the game-winning hit. She was joined by Amber Vierra, Ashley Reed and Ashlie Simmons in providing the offensive fireworks for No Doubt.

Nicole Chesworth and Kristi Nelson managed triples to lead the offensive effort for Reaction.

Pizza Inn supporting softball team

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Cowboy Golf Tournament set for June 19

The second Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo Cowboy Golf Tournament, the Justin Cowboy Crisis Four Man Scramble, has been scheduled for June 19 at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Each team will consist of three local golfers and one cowboy or cowgirl.

Entry fees for the tournament are set at \$30 per player. All proceeds will go directly to the Justin Cowboy Crisis Fund which benefits injured cowboys and their families.

The tournament will begin with an 8 a.m. shotgun start and also feature a fish fry by Mel's Catch of the Day immediately following the pre-

sentation of awards.

For more information, call David "Shorty" Barr at (915) 965-3382, O.L. Cooper at 267-1651 or Jack Birdwell at 264-2366.

Softball tournament scheduled

The Cobras Softball Tournament has been scheduled for Friday through Sunday at Walker Field in Stanton.

Tournament games are slated to begin at 8 p.m. Friday.

Entry fees are \$100 per team. Team trophies will be awarded to the first-through fourth-place teams, while individual trophies will be presented to first-through third-place finishers.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18: Partnership matters are a major priority this year. Socializing plays a strong role in your affairs. Partners are changing, as are your perspectives. Excellent communications become your trademark, and help you gain what you want. Purchasing property or redoing your home could become a major preoccupation. If you are single, you open up to a different relationship. You need to look at your own control issues. If attached, your expectations of a partner could change, as your personality transforms. SAGITTARIUS presents a challenge.

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) You are unusually helpful; use it, especially with work. Be willing to discuss what you see as a long-term problem. Another gives you key feedback. There could be a change in plans, or news could toss schedules in the air. Tonight: Browse through a favorite bookstore.*****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You gain a different perspective because of a partner's feedback. Discuss vulnerabilities or limitations. What is effective could change. A financial reorganization is needed. Your way isn't the only way, or so a partner says! Tonight: Partake in a heavy discussion.*****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Work becomes a morning priority. Review desires, with an eye to the future. You are determined to reverse a situation with an associate. There is more to deal with than you are aware. Things have changed substantially. Be more sensitive. Tonight: Dine out.*****

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You are challenged by different events. Understand what is happening with a boss, who may be overly stern. Your instincts are right on with this person. Fret less, and concentrate more on work. You have a lot to accomplish. Eliminate all red tape. Tonight: Go to the gym.*****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Coming from a directed point of view, you make a big difference in what happens. Your creativity and fun ways make what seemed difficult a snap. Your perspective helps others open up to possibilities. Flirting could develop into more. Tonight: Take a midweek break.*****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Consider what is going on with family, security and investments. Plan for the future. You might be up for a major change, a reflection of much internal transformation you've been experiencing. A

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partner gives you support at work. Tonight: Settle in.****
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Deal with financial matters early. Rest assured that you don't have the only opinion. Your vision of what is possible helps you discuss the future with a partner. Someone who has been disagreeable becomes a lot easier to deal with. Tonight: Go to your favorite haunt.*****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You come from greater security and understanding. How you feel about what is going on helps you adjust to work and a hectic pace. Investigate money-making ideas. Realize there are numerous ways to increase your income, as you have many different talents. Tonight: Shop around.*****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You come from a great deal of creativity, which a friend or associate recognizes. He might hit you up for feedback and insight. Make it your pleasure. You might change your mind about what is acceptable. A boss pushes you hard to perform. Tonight: You smile does it all.*****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Take a back seat. Gather information to help you make a decision. Your perspective is quite unique. You might discover that you have been over-reacting. Take time for a discussion with a co-worker. Bring work home, or have a meeting there. Tonight: Vanish, and do for yourself.*****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Emphasize friendship and positive, long-term results. Reconsider what you expect. Be determined while conversing. A flirtation could build into a lot more. Vitality is high; a partner senses your energy and appreciates your moneymaking ideas. Tonight: Go for what you want.*****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Maintain a high profile. Your sense of well-being feeds into a conversation about home. Partners seek you out and find a new sense of direction talking to you. You might hear news that makes you feel uncomfortable. Accept responsibilities. Tonight: Step into the lime-light.*****

BORN TODAY Film critic Roger Ebert (1942), journalist Sylvia Porter (1913), journalist Tom Wicker (1926)

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Braves, who were swept, hadn't drawn that many for a three-game series since 147,014 turned out in July 1994 against Philadelphia — Atlanta's final home games before the strike.

The Cubs drew 112,690 for three games against the Brewers, getting many fans to make the 1-hour drive from Milwaukee. The total was 7,638 shy of the Wrigley Field record of 120,328 for a three-game series, set in 1994 against Cincinnati.

And in Pittsburgh, where attendance has been down for five years since the Pirates were last competitive, a three-game series against Kansas City drew 108,536 — the Pirates' largest for a three-game home series since September 1991 against the Mets.

Interleague play had the least impact in Montreal. The Expos averaged 19,998 for three games against Detroit, slightly above Montreal's average of 19,251 for its first 35 home dates.

And while the Mets and Yankees drew 56,188, the sixth-largest regular-season crowd since the renovated Yankee Stadium opened in 1976, the Cubs and White Sox drew 36,213, 8,108 under capacity at Comiskey Park.

It will take more time to gauge how interleague play was received by fans at home. Because Fox's games Saturday were broadcast in the afternoon, national ratings won't be available until later this week, although the overnight rating from the major markets was about the same as the equivalent day last year: 3.8 vs. 3.5.

Baseball does not have any television figures on the interleague games broadcast locally by individual teams.

PAIRINGS

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Ivanisevic in the final, and has emerged as one of the Wimbledon favorites. Rusedski got to the semifinals at Queen's and has a game perfectly suited for grass.

Also meeting in the first round are 1991 champion Michael Stich and 1993 finalist Jim Courier. Both are unseeded this year.

Chang could have trouble in his opening match against Australia's Todd Woodbridge. And 1992 champion Andre Agassi, who has played sparingly all year and has dropped to No. 29 in the rankings, will open against Spain's Carlos Moya. Moya, the No. 9 seed, was runner-up at the Australian Open but has played poorly in recent months.

Gustavo Kuerten, the surprise French Open champion, will face an immediate test against big-serving American Justin Gimelstob, with Stich or Courier looming in the second round.

The highlight of the women's first-round draw is the match between 16-year-old Russian

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Anna Kournikova and American Chanda Rubin.

Top-seeded Martina Hingis, who at 16 could become the youngest Wimbledon champion of the century, drew a qualifier as her first-round opponent.

Second-seeded Monica Seles will face Australian doubles specialist Rachel McQuillan. No. 3 Jana Novotna will play Germany's Wiltrud Probst and No. 4 Iva Majoli will go against Argentina's Mariana Diaz Oliva.

The theoretical women's quarterfinal matchups are: Hingis vs. No. 5 Lindsay Davenport and Majoli vs. No. 7 Anke Huber in the top half; and Novotna vs. No. 6 Amanda Coetzer and Seles vs. No. 8 Arantxa Sanchez Vicario in the lower half.

In the semifinals, Hingis could face Majoli, the Croatian who upset her in the final of the French Open.

Venus Williams, the 17-year-old American making her first appearance at Wimbledon, drew little-known Polish player Magdalena Grzybowska but could face Coetzer in the third round.

out 12. A crowd of 34,409 — 4,000 more than Toronto has averaged — saw the Blue Jays' first meaningful game at home against an NL team since Joe Carter's three-run homer against Philadelphia ended the 1993 World Series.

Cubs 8, White Sox 3
With both teams wearing old-style uniforms, the Cubs beat the White Sox in their first meeting that counted since the 1906 World Series.

Ryne Sandberg and Brian McRae each had three hits for the Cubs. Facing former teammate Jaime Navarro, the Cubs scored six runs in the first three innings.

At the seventh-inning stretch, fans stood and looked toward Harry Caray as "Take Me Out To The Ball Game" played on the sound system. But instead of singing, as he does at Wrigley Field, he motioned his hand to the music.

The White Sox won the previous game between the teams that mattered, defeating the Cubs 8-3 on Oct. 14, 1906, at 39th Street Grounds in the clinching Game 6 of the 1906 Series.

Expos 6, Orioles 4
Mike Lansing and Ryan McGuires homered as Montreal beat Baltimore before a sellout crowd of 47,557 at Camden Yards.

The Expos, 2-6 against the Orioles in exhibition games this spring, took a 6-0 lead after four innings.

The Orioles, coming off a three-game sweep in Atlanta that gave them the best record in the majors at 45-19, got home runs from Chris Hoiles and B.J. Surhoff.

Braves 3, Blue Jays 0
Denny Neagle stopped Atlanta's longest losing streak of the season at four, outpitching Roger Clemens at SkyDome.

Chipper Jones homered as the Braves beat the team they lost to in the 1992 World Series. The Braves visited Toronto for a pair of spring training games in 1993.

Neagle (10-1) pitched a five-hitter and did not allow a runner past second base in his second shutout of the season. Clemens (11-2) lost his second straight start despite striking

Brewers 1, Cardinals 0
On a night dominated by pitching, there were only two mistakes on the mound at County Stadium — by acting commissioner Bud Selig to start the evening and by St. Louis starter Alan Benes to end it.

Jeremy Burnitz homered off Benes with one out in the bottom of the ninth inning, finishing the game between 1982 World Series rivals.

Benes (6-6) struck out 11. Milwaukee starter Ben McDonald fanned 12 in eight innings.

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Impatience with kids' injuries casts parents in bad light

DEAR ABBY: I am an orthopedic R.N. Depending on the season and the sport, I receive a lot of phone calls from parents. They usually consist of a dad asking if his little "Johnny" can get his cast off because "Johnny has to pitch in the big game tonight, and the team won't make it without him." Or, it might be a mom calling because "Suzie" has an audition for the ballet and she is in line to dance the lead. "She must have her cast off."

These parents need to get a clue that Johnny and Suzie aren't going to be able to pitch, dance, kick, hoist, twist, bend, etc. with a great deal of agility if they have been in a cast for six to eight weeks.

I have to fight the urge to say, "Mr. Smith, if you want to be the star pitcher so bad, do it yourself; don't do it vicariously through your son."

Abigail Van Buren
Columnist

Abby, we aren't talking professional sports or even college-level sports here. We aren't even talking about those people with a scholarship riding on their participation. No, we're dealing with parents of Little Leaguers and amateur dance troupes.

A normal childhood means recovering from these fractures without pressure from Mom and Dad to perform. Since I can't say this to the parents coming into the clinic, I thought I'd say it this way. — AN ORTHOPEDIC NURSE, PORTLAND, ORE.

DEAR NURSE: You have spoken plainly, and I pray the parents who need to hear the message heed it. Parents must keep in perspective that the health of the child is more important than the temporary glory of a childhood event. Failure to do so can result in physical damage that can last a lifetime.

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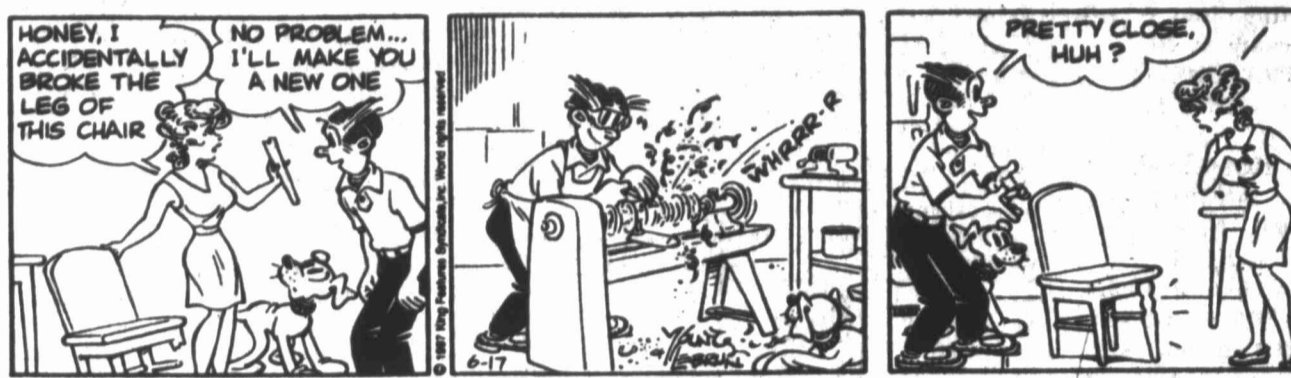
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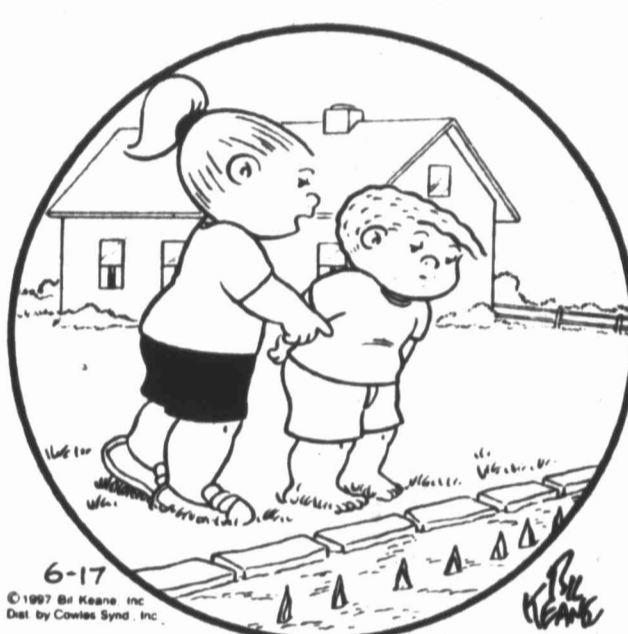
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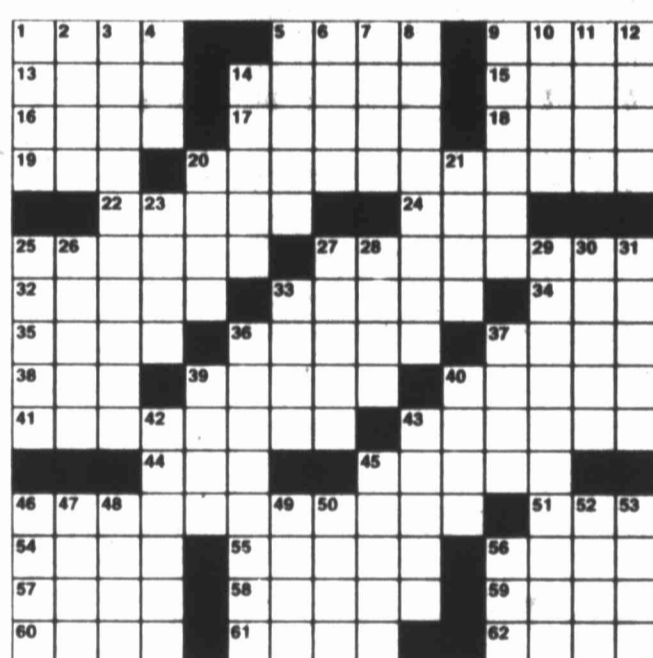
The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Tuesday, June 17.

the 168th day of 1997. There are 197 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On June 17, 1972, President Nixon's eventual downfall began with the arrest of five burglars inside Democratic national headquarters in

Washington's Watergate complex. On this date: In 1775, the Revolutionary War Battle of Bunker Hill took place near Boston. In 1789, the Third Estate in France declared itself a national assembly, and undertook to frame a constitution. In 1856, in Philadelphia, the Republican Party opened its first convention. In 1885, the Statue of Liberty arrived in New York City aboard the French ship Isere. In 1928, Amelia Earhart embarked on a trans-Atlantic flight from Newfoundland to Wales — the first by a woman. In 1940, France asked Germany for terms of surrender in World War II. In 1944, the republic of Iceland was established. In 1963, the Supreme Court struck down rules requiring the recitation of the Lord's Prayer or reading of Biblical verses in public schools. In 1969, the raunchy musical review 'Oh! Calcutta!' opened in New York. In 1971, the United States and Japan signed a treaty under which the United States would return control of the island of Okinawa. In 1986, President Reagan announced the retirement of Chief Justice Warren Earl Burger. In 1986, singer Kate Smith died in Raleigh, N.C., at age 79. In 1994, after leading police on a slow-speed chase on Southern California freeways, O.J. Simpson was arrested and charged with murder in the slayings of his ex-wife, Nicole, and her friend, Ronald Goldman. (Simpson was later acquitted in a criminal trial, but held liable in a civil trial.) Ten years ago: Baseball manager Dick Howser, who'd led the Kansas City Royals to a World Series championship, died at age 51 after a yearlong struggle with brain cancer. Five years ago: President Bush and Russian President Boris Yeltsin signed a breakthrough arms-reduction agreement. Addressing Congress, Yeltsin pledged to find any American prisoners of war still being held in Russia. Two German relief workers, the last of Western hostages held in Lebanon, were released. One year ago: ValuJet Airlines suspended its flight schedule indefinitely after a federal inspection found "several serious deficiencies" in the discount carrier's operations. (ValuJet resumed limited operations 15 weeks later.) Today's Birthdays: Singer Barry Manilow is 51. Comedian Jerry Seinfeld is 46. Talk show host Greg Kinnear is 33.

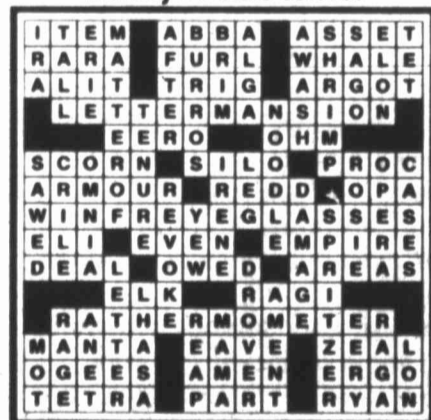
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