City's efforts to pay back FAA pays off with grant to repair airport runways

By CARLTON JOHNSON

BIG SPAING HERALD

Staff Writer

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is essentially pleased with the progress the city of Big Spring has made concerning the repayment of air-park funds, which were used to facili-tate several projects at the airpark in the last few years.

In a recent letter to City Manager Fuqua, FAA representative Otis Welch stated, "We are very pleased the city has successfully completed the most critical item (of three items, ques-

tioned) and repaid \$1,228,628 into the Division questioned several airpark investment is because it saw the of runways at the airpark. airpark account."

In addition to the \$1.2 million lump sum payment, the FAA also asked for a clarification of the disposition of the building that now houses Western Container.

To satisfy the FAA, the city transferred \$1.2 million of the \$3.7 million it received last year from the restructuring of the management agreements of the city's three correctional facilities to the airpark fund.

Specifically, the Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) Aviation expenditures from the last few years, especially the lease agreement with Western Container.

TxDOT Aviation's big question was when and why the funds were spent, and how the city of Big Spring would get these funds back.

Basically, the city constructed a new building for Western Container and is recouping the investment through a rental fee of \$13,000 a month, which is to be repaid over a 12-year period at 5 percent interest, according to Fuqua.

The reason the FAA questioned the

investment as economic development for the city and not benefiting the airpark.

One of the big reasons the city worked so hard to try to solve the questions raised by the FAA is the Airport Improvement Program grant the city has applied for.

Now that the city has essentially cleared up all of the FAA's questions concerning the airpark fund, the \$700,000 grant the city has applied for can be released and would be used to sealcoat the 100-foot wide and 8,800-feet

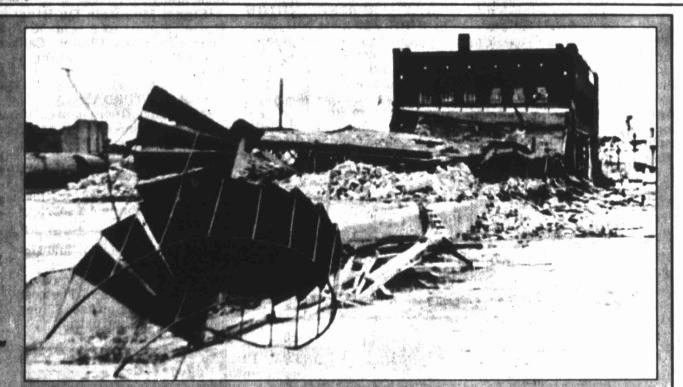
"There is an important time factor in this because we have to work on the runways in the summer and we are ready to begin working," Bogard said.

"We've been working toward this goal for two years," Fuqua said. "Pilots have a lot of concern about some of the cracks in the runways as debris can get stuck in the cracks and make their way into engines as well as chip propellers.

The city would like to have the runway project completed by the end of the summer.

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Five 'new' vehicles on their way to HCSO

By CARLTON JOHNSON

Staff Writer

In late May, Howard County Sheriff Bill Jennings received a brochure in the mail detailing a sheriff's vehicle sale in Utah's

County opportunity for Howard County to switch out several of the department's outdated fleet.

Howard County commissioners tentatively grant-

ed Jennings permission to begin the bid process on five of the used vehicles in Utah, with the stipulation that Jennings and a commissioner or someone he appoints go to Utah to inspect the vehicles in question.

The vehicles were inspected and bid packages were sent out, with only one bid package, a "no bid" from Bob Brock Ford, being returned.

On Monday, commissioners

agreed to wire \$70,125 to Utah for five of the used vehicles.

A contract carrier out of Denver, Colo., left for Utah Tuesday and will delivery the cars to Big Spring Thursday at a cost of \$2,000 or \$400 per car. The Denver company was the only company in the area that would also provide the necessary cargo insurance in case there were any accidents with either of the cars.

According to Jennings, his office is currently operating seven patrol vehicles that have more than 100,000 miles on them - one of which has in excess of 140,000 miles logged on

After calling Utah to inquire about the vehicles, the SO asked about the price of similar vehicles with 7,500 miles to 15,000 miles on it without any equipment and was told the department could purchase a vehicle like this for \$14,025 (five for \$70,125).

The five vehicles being purchased by the county have anywhere from 9,207 miles to 10,466 miles on them and will have what factory warranty is

remaining of three years or 36,000 miles.

According to Jennings' report to commissioners, the vehicles will be inspected by Utah State Standards and anything need-ing to be repaired or replaced will be done before the vehicles are delivered to Howard County

Jennings told commissioners in late May that he thinks the county can get \$3,000 to \$4,000 in trade for each of the SO's cars in excess of 100,000 miles, meaning the county's actual final price for five of the 1996 used vehicles would be reduced to \$11,025 each (based on a \$3,000 trade-in value per car

traded) or a total of \$55,125. The funds to pay for the five vehicles were taken from an accumulating equipment operating fund, according to County Auditor Jackie Olson.

The current fleet of cars the SO will use to recoup trade-in value are 1994-95 models.

Commissioner Jerry Kilgore said he can't think of a better way to replace several of the SO's aging vehicles.

"I think we can save some

money this way because we're eventually going to start having repair bills pretty soon," Kilgore said.

According to Jennings, deputies have been logging as many as 250 miles a day on patrol, meaning a vehicle can log in excess of 100,000 miles in less than two years.

Jennings also told commissioners that in order to keep his fleet current, three to five cars should be recycled every three to four years, which also adds to the trade-in value of a vehicle.

Jennings said he does not plan to make any major modifications to the cars such as adding light bars on top of the cars, but will use strobe lights on the front grill and back dash board of each vehicle.

Jennings said he wants to have the vehicles in service as soon as possible, but it may be a little while because the equipment from the old cars will have to be moved to the cars coming in, but the county barn is also about to begin its annual sealcoating process - something Jennings says he does not want to interrupt.

Murder trial

Rosendo Montana's defense takes its turn as state rests

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

The defense was set to take its turn today when the murder trial of Rosendo Montana Jr. resumed at 118th District Court.

The state rested its case Tuesday against Montana. accused in the Sept. 5, 1996 shooting death of Kenny Guzman, who apparently got caught in the crossfire of a feud.

District attorney Hardy Wilkerson alleges that Montana, along with Luis Hernandez Jr. and Michael Vierra, drove up to a residence on North 10th Street at around 10 p.m. Sept. 5 and opened fire on a group of men including Guzman, Roland Garcia, Alex Valencia and Vaudelio Garcia.

During the subsequent firefight, Guzman — who was unarmed - suffered a single gunshot wound to the chest. A .32 caliber bullet pierced his

night.

Also killed in the shootout was Hernandez, who died from a gunshot wound to the head. During Tuesday testimony,

Wilkerson sought to prove that the murder weapon was fired from the passing car, that Montana was a passenger in the car and that bad blood existed between Montana, Hernandez and Vierra and Roland Garcia, who Wilkerson described as the target of the drive-by shooting.

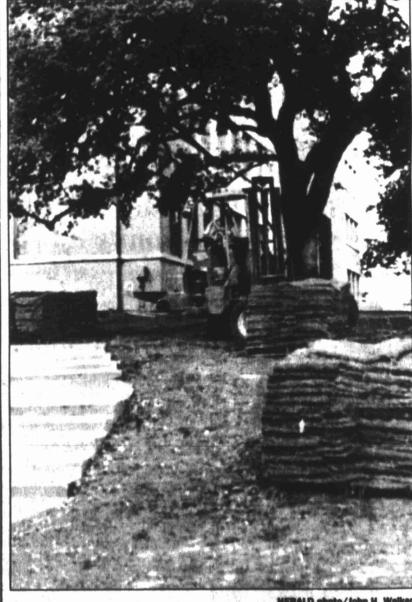
Extensive forensics testimony showed that three weapons — a .25 caliber automatic, a 9 millimeter Luger and a .32 caliber pistol — were fired from the general direction of the vehicle.

Although those weapons were never found, testimony also showed that the bullet that killed Guzman came from the same .32 weapon fired that evening.

Defense attorney Warren Heagy offered little rebuttal to

aorta, and he died later that See MURDER, Page 2A

COURTHOUSE SOD



The final loads of sod for the Howard County Courthouse lawn

Police feel curfew helps curb juvenile crime

By CARLTON JOHNSON

Staff Writer

In the summer of 1994, the Big Spring Police Department (BSPD) began working for and was successful in getting a teen curfew ordinance implemented — just as Gov. George W. Bush began using juvenile crime as one of his campaign issues. So far, both seem to have been successful.

Bush's plan touched on several issues, including lowering the age at which juvenile could be tried as adults and increasing the capacity of the Texas Youth Commission by 3,500 beds to house violent juveniles.

Locally, one of the goals of the curfew was to stop juvenile crime from reaching the critical mass stage in Big Spring as it had statewide in 1994 when it increasing 33 percent in a two

year time period.

The curfew passed by the Big Spring City Council almost three years ago was requested by Police Chief Jerry Edwards to also combat juvenile crime at a time when the department was understaffed.

Edwards told the council at that time that he was concerned about being shorthanded, but also wanted to stop the juvenile problems before the problems got any bigger. Edwards pushed

for the curfew as a preventative measure, so some of the issues

is still in effect.

was implemented. Several other local communities, including Midland and Odessa have also implemented juvenile curfews.

Crimes against juveniles and crimes committed by juvenile during curfew hours have especially decreased, something Edwards attributes to the curfew.

Under the local ordinance, police officers have the option of warning, citing or detaining juvenile violators. Teens cited could also be referred to Teen Court for further action, which would include serving on future Teen Court juries and performing several hours of community service.

WEATHER











onight, partly cloudy & chance of t'storms. Lows 65-72. Thursday-Thurs night, partly cloudy & chance of t'storms. Highs lower to mid 90s with lows in the 60s. Extended forecast, Friday, partly cloudy. Chance of t'storms. Highs to mid 90s. Saturday-Sunday, partly cloudy. Lows in the 60s. Highs to mid 90s.

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Bush campaigned on would not become problems in Big Spring. May 22 marked the last day of school in Big Spring and teens

began embarking on the various activities that traditionally fill the gap between the end of one school year and the begin-ning of another, but the curfew

Teens under 17 years old must be off the streets between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. Sunday through Thursday and from midnight to 6 a.m. Friday and Saturday.

According to the BSPD, there has been a decrease in juvenile related crimes since the curfew

The second Business After

Hours function of 1997 is sched-

uled to begin at 5 p.m. Thursday

Thursday's mixer is being

hosted by Signal President Mike Brignole and Vice President of Human Resources John Dolske and is expected to last about 90

Business After Hours is a program of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and is specifically designed to encour-

By CARLTON JOHNSON

at Signal Homes.

Signal Homes ready to host Business After Hours age networking and to showcase

The program is one that has been popular across the country for years and is intentionally scheduled after normal business hours for people to meet and visit in a semi-social, nonbusiness environment.

The functions also give area business owners a chance to discuss issues such as the local economic outlook and to pick up ideas as to how to increase their appeal to local shoppers. It was revived in 1996 with programs at Norwest Bank, Big

Spring Mall, Best Western Mid-Continent Inn and at John Wesley's Pick-Pocket Billiards.

were unloaded early this morning.

Attendeess are encouraged to bring a friend and plenty of business cards.

Reward for Huey vandalism up to \$2,000 The reward fund for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who vandalized the UH-1 helicopter at the Vietnam Memorial has reached \$2,000.

A private donation of \$500 has been added to the \$500 posted by the Vietnam Memorial Association and the up to \$1,000 available through CrimeStoppers.

Persons wishing to add to the fund can contact Charlie Lewis at 263-0276, Pat Carnahan at 267-7437 or Robin Drinkard at 264-Anyone with information can contact either the police depart

ment at 264-2550 or CrimeStoppers at 263-8477.

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OBITUARIES

Mary Elizabeth "Lizzie" Stalcup

Service for Mary Elizabeth "Lizzie" Stalcup, 96, Tucson, Ariz., formerly of Big Spring, will be 10 a.m. Thursday, June 26, 1997, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Eric Dickey, Church of Christ minister from Littlefield, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mrs. Stalcup died Sunday, June 22, in Tucson, Ariz.

She was born Feb. 1, 1901, in Fort Spunky, and married E.T. Stalcup on Dec. 20, 1920, in Glen Rose. He preceded her in death on Jan. 25, 1978. She came to Howard County in the 1920s from Granbury, then she moved to Tucson, Ariz., in 1988. She was a homemaker and a member of Sand Springs Church of Christ.

Survivors include: three sons, Clifton Stalcup, Tucson, Ariz., Raford R. Stalcup, Pittsburg, Texas, and Wayne D. Stalcup. Farmington, N.M.; two sisters, Lou Murry, San Bernadino, Calif., and Lala Petty, Ridgecrest, Calif.; eight grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday evening.

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

Bartolo "Bart" T. Moncada

Service for Bartolo "Bart" T. Moncada, 67, Phoenix, Ariz. formerly of Big Spring, will be 7 p.m. tonight in Lowmans Arizona Funeral Home. Burial will be 3 p.m. Saturday, June 28, 1997, in Mount Olive that Guzman was fatally Memorial Park, Big Spring.

Mr. Moncada died Saturday, June 21.

He was born in Big Spring. He was a retired construction

Survivors include: one daughter, Nancy Soltero, Phoenix, there were several discrepan-Ariz.; three sons, Bart, Joe and cies between witness testimony Mac Monoada; three sisters, and earlier statements to the Vicenta Maciel, Aurelia Garcia police, a point Heagy made and Alicia Paredez; one broth again and again during his er, Mac Moncada; and 15 grand-cross-examinations.

Arrangements under the direction of Lowmans Arizona Funeral Home.



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Mary Elizabeth "Lizzie" Stalcup, 96, died Sunday. Services will be 10:00 AM Thursday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.



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MURDER

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the forensics evidence, saving his major contention for the eyewitness testimony.

After establishing his forensics evidence. Wilkerson sent a small parade of witnesses to the stand. The first, Jessie Cuellar, testified that Vierra, Hernandez and Montana twice passed by Garcia's house earlier in the day, hurling epithets in Spanish at Garcia, who was working on the roof.

Next came Roland Garcia, who is currently on parole for a manslaughter conviction and under indictment for murder in Hernandez's death.

Garcia, who said no deal was offered from prosecutors in exchange for his testimony, confirmed Cuellar's testimony about the earlier encounter, Montana, that saying Hernandez and Vierra twice passed by the house while Garcia was up on the roof. During that time, they hurled curses in Spanish at him, and Hernandez threatened to kill him. Garcia said.

Cuellar left the home shortly afterward, Garcia said, and Valencia, Vaudelio Garcia and Guzman arrived over the course of the next few hours.

Guzman had just dropped by to talk about cars, Garcia said, and had no idea of the bad blood brewing between the factions.

What happened later, as attested to by the two Garcias and Valencia, is that a maroon Thunderbird pulled up beside the house while the Garcias. Valencia and Guzman were outside talking. The vehicle, driving without its lights on, stopped, windows rolled down and gunfire erupted.

During the next few seconds. the two Garcias returned fire while Valencia and Guzman attempted to get out of harm's way. It was during this time wounded.

Only one witness — Vaudelio Garcia – placed Montana in the car during the shooting, and that testimony ran counter to earlier statements he gave law enforcement officials. In fact,

Heagy pointed out several apparent contradictions in the testimony of Vaudelio Garcia. also indicted in Hernandez's death. Never in earlier statements to the police. Heagy pointed out, did Vaudelio Garcia ever mention seeing Montana during the shooting.

Despite the apparent discrepancies, Wilkerson appeared satisfied with his case.

"I felt like we got the evidence in that we wanted to." Wilkerson said. "And I felt we got all our facts in.'

Heagy begins presenting his case at 9 a.m. today. The case is expected to reach the jury some-

'Family Affair' actor Keith found dead at his home

MALIBU, Calif. (AP) - Brian Keith, the burly actor best known as Uncle Bill on the TV sitcom "Family Affair," did not want to wait in a hospital for cancer to take his life.

Instead, Keith, 75, went home and apparently killed himself.

"Knowing Brian, who has been so independent all his life and always wanted to do things the way he wanted to do ... that could've meant beating the grim reaper before the reaper got him," said Kathy Garver, who played Cissy on the popular CBS-TV series, which ran from 1966 to 1971.

He left the hospital "because he didn't want to die there,' she said.

Family members found Keith at his Malibu home Tuesday with a self-inflicted gunshot wound, sheriff's deputies said. Newspaper reports said Keith had lung cancer and emphyse-

"He was a crusty old character, but a lot of fun," said Paul Doherty, an agent for Keith. "A wonderful guy, wonderful tal-



263-1211

Explorer, filmmaker Cousteau dies at 87

PARIS (AP) - French underwater explorer and filmmaker Jacques Cousteau, who opened the mysterious world beneath the seas to millions of landlocked readers and viewers, died in Paris this morning. He was 87.

The Cousteau Foundation, which in recent years handled all of the famed explorer's business and personal affairs, said in a statement announcing his death that "Jacques-Yves Cousteau has rejoined the World of Silence" — the title of one of his most noted documen-

The underwater adventurer, author, environmentalist and scuba pioneer had reportedly been ill for months though the foundation did not immediately divulge the cause of death.

Cousteau's 60-year-long odyssey with the Earth's seas much of it on his famous boat, the Calypso - was more than a great adventure. He coinvented the aqualung, developed a one-man, jet-propelled submarine and helped start the first manned undersea colonies.

But the bespectacled, wiry Cousteau, often wearing his trademark red wool cap, became a household name primarily through his hugely popular television series, "The Undersea World of Jacques Cousteau," and his many documentaries.

After he led a 1972 voyage to Antarctica, a worldwide television audience saw for the first time the extraordinary beauty of sculptured ice formations under the sea.

BRIEFS

senior citizens.

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FOR a Branson-style concert with Jason Layne Milliken and Knights of the West in the Municipal Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Saturday,

Milliken is a Coahoma High School graduate who earned a degree in commercial music from South Plains College.

Tickets are available at the Chamber of Commerce or at the door for \$7 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under, and

MARTIN COUNTY OLD **SETTLERS** reunion is planned for Saturday, July 12 in downtown Stanton. Activities begin at 9 a.m.

Planned events include a parade, special meals, tours of historic sites and various entertainment. Everyone is welcome to attend.

For more information, call the Martin County Chamber of Commerce at 756-3744.

TONIGHT. STAKED PLAINS LODGE No. 598, 219 Main, will have a special anniversary meeting celebrating the 280 anniversary of the founding of the first Grands lodge.

All masons, their families and guests are invited to attend. Dinner is at 7:30 p.m.

THE MS CACTUS AND Crude bike tour is set for July

Sponsored by 7-Eleven and Fina, the 150-mile ride through West Texas, raises money for the West Texas Chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Participants must pay a \$15 registration fee and raise a

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BIG SPRING ROUND THE TOWN

minimum of \$150 in pledges to ride in the tour. The West Texas Chapter provides all meals, entertainment, medical and mechanical support for rid-

For information, call bike tour director Kathryn Miller at (915) 570-8248.

FAMILY OF THE YEAR nominations are needed for Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas.

A family will be chosen to represent Big Spring, along with one each from Midland and Odessa, at the center's October banquet. This family should be nominated for its strong values and community as well as religious involve-

For more information, call 563-4144.

SPRING HIGH BIG SCHOOL cafeteria will serve lunch free to local youth (ages 18 and under) from now through Aug. 1.

Serving hours are 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Enter through the north exterior cafeteria door.

The free lunch is part of the Summer Food Service Program, an extension of the National School Lunch Program. No proof of residence or income required. No meal will be served on July 4.

A VACCINATION CLINIC AND tick dip will be sponsored by Dr. Joe Neff Saturday, July 12 at the drive-through of Norwest Bank from 1-5 p.m.

Cost is \$5 for a rabies shot and \$5 for a dip.

A FIDDLERS CONTEST IS planned July 4 at the Roundup Hall in Stamford. Prizes of \$75 for first place, \$50 for second and \$35 for third place will be awarded.

All fiddlers 45 years or older are eligible and invited to enter the contest. Registration begins at 9 a.m. Call 940-997-2680.

SPRINGBOAR

YOU HAVE CHANGES IN A SPRING-BOARD ITEM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CON-TACT GINA GARZA, 263-7331 ext. 238, BETWEEN 8:30 A.M. AND 2 P.M. All Springboard items must be submitted in writing. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79720; bring it by the office at 710 Scurry; or fax it to 264-7205. **TODAY**

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

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

•Big Spring Police Association presents The Childrens Magic Festival with Amazing CJ Johnson, 7 p.m., City Auditorium. For tickets or more information call 267-8655. 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.

·Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., Scenic **Mountain Medical Center small** cafeteria.

Alcoholics Anonymous, noon

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POLICE

The Big Spring Police

Department reported the follow-

ing activity between 8 a.m.

Tuesday and 7:30 a.m.

BOLTE, of 435 Hillside Dr.

was arrested on local warrants.

JAMES S. PHILLIPS, 26, of

·ANGEL TORRES, 17, of 813

·JESSIE JONES, 29, no

known address, was arrested

for forgery and theft.
•RICKY OLIN SMITH, 41, of

Rt. 2 Box 112M, was arrested

for possession of a controlled

•DARLENE WHITE SHEL

DON, 39, of 605 Bell, was

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

•Masonic Lodge No. 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main. ·Alzheimer's Association support group, 7 p.m., Comanche Trail Nursing Center.

country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Music by CW & Co. Area seniors invited. •Good Shepherd Fellowship

Spring City Senior Citizens

Church, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m. Bible study.

 Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. Big Book Study.

 Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281. Bring a lunch.

SATURDAY .

·Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open meetings at noon. 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Open birthday night, covered dish 7 p.m. and birthday meeting 8 p.m., 615 Settles. This is to celebrate AA sobriety yearly birthdays.

·Nature walk, 8 p.m., and storytelling at 9 p.m.,, Big Spring State Park upper picnic pavilion/playground area. The cost is park admission fee, \$2 per adult (13 years and older).

MARKETS

July cotton 74.20 cents a pound, up 81 points; Aug. crude oil 19, down 3 points; Cash hogs steady at \$1 higher at 61; slaughter steers steady at 63; July lean hog futures 82.10, down 70 points; Aug. live căttle futures 63.47, up 10 points. Sourcesy: Delth Corporation: 1201 91

Index 7752.86 Volume 168,968,840 ATT **Amoco** 72% +% Atlantic Richfield 24% +% **Atmos Energy** 74% -% Chevron 32% -% Chrysler Cifra Coca-Cola 70% -% 37% -% De Beers **DuPont** 61% +% 24% +% Excel Comm. 61% -% Exxon 63½ nc Fina **Ford Motors** 39% +% Halliburton 74% +% 92% + 1Laser Indus LTD 14% -% **Medical Alliance** 4% -% Mobil 70‰ -‰ 57 % - % Norwest 9% nc Phillips Petroleum 43% +% 9% nc

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·STEVE HANNABASS, 39; of HC 69

Box 248, was arrested for evading arrest and for driving with a suspended license. RECORDS Tuesday's high 90 Tuesday's low 65 Average high 94 Average low 69 Record high 107 in 1990 Record low 56 in 1940

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Homeowner said he thought odds were with him when he built near Lake Travis

LAKEWAY (AP) — Five years ago, a year after a record flood swamped Lake Travis, Jim Strubar thought the odds were in his favor in building a residence on the scenic waterfront.

"I went back and checked the records and I felt it was worth the risk building here," said Strubar, 47. "I figured it would be another 100 years before floods would hit like they did in 1991. I was wrong."

Tuesday, he was living out of a motel because eight feet of water were in his living room. A family of ducks swam on a near-by street in the neighborhood, called Graveyard Point because

it was once a cemetery.
Strubar's was among the 200
to 300 Lake Travis homes that have been damaged from flood-ing spurred by weekend rains that sent rivers spilling over their banks. Four deaths have been blamed on the flooding.

Many areas of central Texas picked up between 5 and 10 inches of rain on Sunday in a matter of hours. The rain turned quiet streams and rivers into raging rapids that flooded homes along a 100 mile stretch

from just west of San Antonio to the flooding.

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Skies were mostly clear in the area Tuesday, but scattered showers remain in the forecast through Thursday.

The Lower Colorado River Authority, which provides water and electric service to about 1 million residents in 58 Central Texas counties, said Lake Travis has risen from a normal of 681 feet above sea level to 703 feet Tuesday. It could rise to a peak of 706 feet by Thursday.

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That was down from initial projections of 710 feet, the record set by flooding on Christmas Day in 1991, when 300 homes were destroyed or damaged on the Travis shoreline.

One of the Lake Travis homes partially submerged is a palatial partially submerged is a palatial estate belonging to race car driver A.J. Foyt. No one at the residence wanted to comment about the flooding.

in Marble Falls, 60 miles northwest of Austin, at least 100 homes were damaged or destroyed. In Llano, roughly 100 miles northwest of Austin, at least 30 homes were damaged by

Residents in Marble Falls were told to boil drinking and thing water after floods damd the city's sewer treatment nt Sunday and washed the stents of three holding pools

into the lake.
On Lake LBJ, Kingsland was still cleaning up after water left considerable damage Sunday night. Two guest lodges are out of commission for the season and a major condominium complex has 4 feet of water in all mits, said Ron Downing, office manager for the Kingsland Chamber of Commerce.

"We have boats, boathouses, fishing docks, large trees, just about everything in the world scattered throughout the river,"

Residents were also forced out of their homes in areas stretching as far south as Hondo, just

west of San Antonio.

The heaviest rains over the weekend hit the Llano River, which normally flows at a rate of 1,000 cubic feet per second and surged to 328,000 cubic feet per second within three hours

"Most of the homes in Llano were damaged by crushing water as opposed to rising water," LCRA spokesman Robert Cullick said.

Many Texans prayed for this kind of deluge last year, when a record drought cost the state \$5

Strubar had to walk 500 feet from his home to reach the water during the drought.

"I guess some people might not come back, but I haven't heard anyone say that. I will clean my place up and hope this is the last flood for awhile," Strubar said.

Bill Gilliland, manager of Emerald Point Marina on Lake Travis, said the marina and a restaurant operated at the marina had suffered at least \$1 million in damage.

He said this will be the second straight summer "that our business will be killed" because many customers normally reach the restaurant by boat.

"Last year, with the drought, there wasn't enough water for people to get to the restaurant. Now, we've got too much water," he said.

Gay publication plans gay day at Six Flags

ARLINGTON (AP) — The owner and publisher of a gayoriented publication · will reportedly sponsor a family day at Six Flags over Texas, partly as a protest against a Southern Baptist boycott of Walt Disney.

The Arlington Morning News reported today that Brian Mellott, of The Texas Guardian, said he organized 'Two Dads-Two Moms Gay Family Day Out at Six Flags" to call attention to discrimina-

tion against gays and lesbians.

Mellott said the event is also meant to protest the Southern Baptist Convention's recent decision to boycott the Walt Disney Co. for sponsoring "Gay

"There are people who are afraid of gays," said Mellott, who expects 10,000 gays and lesbians to attend the event with their families. "It's like it used to be with blacks.

"It used to be when a black man walked down the street, some people would cross to the other side. The biggest reason that people treat gays the way they treat them is ignorance. They need to be educated that gays are people just like everybody else.

Six Flags spokeswoman Nancy St. Pierre said the theme park, which promotes itself as being family-oriented, is not sponsoring the event.

St. Pierre said she didn't know whether the theme park had declared Sept. 7 "Two Dads-Two Moms Gay Family Day Out at Six Flags," but said the park has offered \$8 discount coupons on its \$32 admission tickets to the group. Six Flags offers the same discount to other groups larger than 20.

"We cannot deny access to anybody," she said.

The park's decision to allow a gay-oriented event is "unfortunate," said the Rev. Gary Smith of Arlington, a member of the Southern Baptist Convention's governing board.

He said, however, he had no plans to organize a boycott against Six Flags, which is not affiliated with Disney.

"I'm disappointed that we have this here in our own back yard," said Smith, pastor of Fielder Road Baptist Church in Arlington.

Six Flags' role is different from Disney's, Smith added.

"What I disagree with is people like Disney, who declared it that day to attract them," he said. "I see Six Flags differently. Disney seems to be proac-

Air Force explanation of Roswell UFO termed 'out of this world' by skeptics

an almost straight face, Col. John Haynes began his public presentation of the Air Force's latest debunking of the Roswell UFO "incident" by saying this surely would put to rest the most enduring of UFO stories.

"We're confident ... that this will be the final word," Haynes said with the hint of a grin.

Even before he finished explaining the Air Force's 231page Roswell report Tuesday subtitled "Case Closed" to emphasize a point - skeptics were dumping doubt, and it was clear the case is not closed.

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"bodies" at Roswell. The explanation is this: The "bodies" witnesses reported being removed from debris in the New Mexico desert in July 1947 were actually life-size dummies the Air Force used in the 1950s in high-altitude parachute experiments.

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But Haynes said the Air Force had no explanation for the time gap: Why would witnesses mix up the 1947 event with sightings of dummies a decade later?

"If you find that people talk about things over a period of time, they begin to lose exactly when the date was," said Haynes, an Air Force declassification officer who presented the report at a Pentagon news con-

"I have no other explanation."

That, in Jeffrey's view, will only add fuel to the fire of those who believe the Air Force conspired to cover up its recovery of UFOs and their extraterres-

trial crews.

Deon Crosby, director of the
International UFO Museum and
Research Center in Roswell, said the report raised more questions than it answered and it certainly is not sufficient to let the Air Force wash its hand of the controversy. "It's not going to do that at

What it has done, however, is reopen a window on a fascinating period in Air Force history, at the brink of the United States' first steps into outer

all," she said.

Haynes showed reporters file footage from the 1950s of dummies dressed in Air Force flight suits pulled aloft by enormous high-altitude balloons, then dropped to Earth. The object was to devise a way pilots or astronauts could reach Earth if forced to escape at extremely high altitudes. One Air Force test pilot later made three such jumps himself — one from 102,800 feet in August 1960, which still stands as the world record highest parachute jump by a human.

The black-and-white footage is a one-of-a-kind collection of Air Force film and photos, including a shot of a fully outfitted dummy called "Sierra Sam" standing upright with his arms outstretched over the shoulders of two officers.

The majority of the dummies—which had skeletons of aluminum or steel, skin of latex or plastic, cast aluminum skulls and instrument cavities in their torsos and heads—landed outside military bases in eastern New Mexico, near Roswell, the New Mexico, near Roswell, the Air Force report said. The parachuting with dum-

mies was not secret. In fact, the operations were widely publicized at the time, which would seem to make it even more unlikely that people who claim to have seen the 1947 UFO debris would confuse it with events years later.

The report says there simply

is nothing in Air Force records from the 1940s - classified or unclassified — that raises even the remotest possibility of a recovery of extraterrestrial beings or anything else resembling life forms in the Roswell area. The only possible explanation, it says, is the test dum-

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OUR VIEWS

Long-awaited improvements set for SWCID

hen the Howard County Junior College District Board of Trustees met Monday, they had some much-needed good news for students at SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf.

Since its inception in the 1980s, SWCID has provided academic and vocational instruction for deaf students who might otherwise have to travel hundreds or thousands of miles to receive schooling.

During the past decade, thousands of deaf and hearing-impaired students have received college credit or learned a trade at SWCID, making it one of this area's biggest assets.

Yet, the school has operated all these years under a bit of a handicap: With a few exceptions, students and faculty have had to make do with facilities not originally designed for use by college students. Those buildings, secured after Webb Air Force Base's closing, have served their purpose but have also outlived their usefulness.

Relief appeared to be on the way last year when district trustees approved construction of a \$1.4 million. 92-bed dormitory, but that project had to be put on hold because of a lack of funds.

Despite, or perhaps because of those setbacks, Howard College President Cheri Sparks and other college officials intensified their efforts to secure funding for construction projects. Those efforts were rewarded by the state legislature, which — with the help of State Rep. David Counts — pledged enough money to SWCID to finance \$3.2 million in projects.

Now, the facelift begins. Construction on the muchdelayed dormitory begins in about two weeks, and plans also call for construction of a gymnasium/activity center, renovation of the student union building and purchase of much-needed technology.

All of this is welcome news. With the improvements to SWCID's infrastructure, the school will be better equipped to recruit students and qualified instructors, keeping it in its rightful place as one of Big Spring's

biggest assets. As SWCID Provost Ron Brasel said, "This is a shot in the arm for our campus, and our students."

Apparently, good things do come to those who wait.



Air Force's Roswell UFO explanation interesting

Thoughts from here and there ...

What about the Air Force's explanation Tuesday regarding what we've

now come to know as "The Roswell Incident?" During a

press conference that last more than an hour, the Air Force presented a

Managing Editor report that was 231 pages long and subtitled "Case Closed" to emphasize their point that there would be no further discussion on the matter.

John H.

Walker

The explanation is this: The 'bodies" witnesses reported being removed from debris in the New Mexico desert in July 1947 were actually life-size dummies the Air Force used in the 1950s in high-altitude parachute experiments.

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explanation of the "bodies." Kent Jeffrey of the **International Roswell**

Initiative, which does not believe UFOs visited Roswell, said the Air Force did itself no favor by offering a new explanation for the alleged sightings of alien "bodies" at Roswell. Deon Crosby, director of the

International UFO Museum and Research Center in Roswell, said the report raised more questions than it answered - and it certainly is not sufficient to let the Air Force wash its hand of the controversy. "It's not going to do that at

all," she said.

In case you've missed it, Union Pacific has just about, 1998 torn down the old freight station. By Tuesday afternoon, the freight shed, where vehicles loaded and unloaded merchandise, was a pile of rubble on the great concrete slab.

It's just a matter of time until the two-story office building, where so much activity took place for so many years, is a pile of rubble as well.

The razing of the freight building, for all practical purposes, erases all visible traces of the Texas & Pacific Railway from the community.

The east end of the freight building is marked with the

T&P diamond, which carried the names of the four terminus cities served by the T&P -Shreveport, El Paso, Texarkana and New Orleans.

That, to the best of my knowledge, is the last "officially" remaining T&P shield in town, although at least one of the Railroad Plaza boxcars is marked with the shield. Things are obviously chang-

ing on the railroad, especially following the merger of Southern Pacific into the UP

Track crews have been working both east and west of Big Spring to upgrade the track. The multi-million dollar project has as its goal a double mainlining of the track from Fort Worth to El Paso to handle the increased traffic from the

The El Paso-Big Spring-Fort Worth route will be UP's route of choice for traffic from the West Coast that needs to go through the Dallas-Fort Worth gateway and vice versa.

That's because the local line is approximately 250 miles shorter than the old Southern **Pacific route from Los Angeles** to El Paso to San Antonio and north to Dallas-Fort Worth.

Rail traffic continues to increase on the line, as does the amount of "foreign" power - or locomotives from other

There's considerable irony in

this, of course. In recent years

claimed they are persecuted. Not ridiculed, not ignored, but

persecuted. Christians compose

a 90-plus percent majority of

U.S. citizens. Who exactly is

The theme was repeated ad

As I watched Peter Jennings

report the recent Baptist vote

on TV, the old swimming-pool

rule came to mind. The adult

left to do the persecuting?

a lot of vocal Christians have

railroads or leasing companies. One of the more common diesel paint schemes at the fueling towers in the west end of the yard is the maroon and gold of the Wisconsin Central, although more and more Southern Pacific and Rio Grande units can be found mixed in consists with UP's yellow and gray paint schemes.

What about Pride Refining's decision to shutter its Abilene facility?

The closing means a loss of 100 or so lobs in the community, but does it have any longterm meaning for Fina's Big **Spring Refinery?** Apparently not.

The series of announcements late last year and earlier this year by Fina regarding the pure of a number of conve nience stores and the company's agreement with Holly to establish a pipeline network to feed El Paso, New Mexico and points west seemed to secure the local facility's future as much as anything.

For the first time in many years, the combination of facility upgrades at the plant and the new pipeline alliance will give the Big Spring plant the opportunity to operate at or near capacity - which lowers the cost of operations.

Rolling up the ladder to the Baptist tree house Baptist treehouse has been

rolled up.

nauseam.

A few years ago when the Southern Baptists officially apologized for their quasi-official exclusion of blacks over the decades, I thought it was a great and brave thing to do and said so.

childhood church was Southern Baptist.

My own

The deacons there had a plan to evacuate the entire building if a black

family dared come to worship. The deacons would escort the visitors in one door, while the rest of us slipped out another.

Rheta Johnson

Syndicated

Columnist

A sweeping Southern Baptist apology certainly seemed in

Then came a rash of letters from gays, or family members of gays, telling me that Southern Baptists hadn't blunt-

ed their arrows but only changed their target. Gays, they said, now were getting the same resounding non-welcome in Baptist churches that blacks once had.

Sure enough, Southern Baptists made it official in Dallas. With an overwhelming vote for intolerance, it's deja vu all over again.

It was packaged as a stand against the Walt Disney Co., a total boycott to protest policies and products that "undermined traditional Christian values."

On the surface, that seems harmless enough. Everyone has a right to pick and choose his family's entertainment. Lines are too long at Disney World anyway. If 15 million Baptists stayed away, the rest of us probably wouldn't have to wait long to ride Space

Mountain. But the Disney boycott is just a way to get the world's attention. The underlying message thunders louder than any fireand-brimstone revival sermon: If you're gay, go away. Once again, the ladder to the

who ran the pool where I some-times swam as a kid told all her young visitors that she used a special chemical in the water. If you relieved yourself

We believed her Too bad the Baptists in that big room didn't have a pool rule. If only a red light had been rigged to go off over each chair where a gay Baptist — or one with a gay family member - was sitting. Then I don't think the vote would have been

in the pool, the water around you turned red.

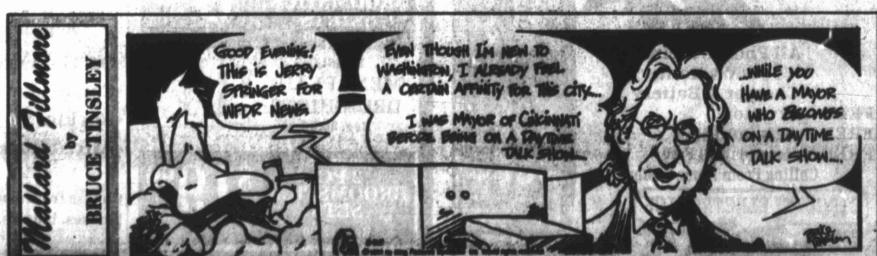
so lopsided. I may be wrong, but I doubt it.

This latest Baptist brouhaha reminds me of Donald Wildmon's boycott of Clorox many years back. Wildmon, you will recall, is the Tupelo, Miss., preacher who makes it his business to say what the rest of us can see on movies and TV. (He, by the way, is Methodist, not Baptist.)

Clorox and Disney may have done more to keep the world squeaky clean than all the **Baptists and Methodists put** together. It seems odd that these particularly innocuous companies must face the wrath of the "righteous."

Still, it's a free country. If Baptists don't want to take their grandchildren to see "Hercules," so be it.

I'm sure some of the money they save will go to good causes, possibly even AIDS earch. As self-proclaimed victims of persecution, Baptists should have more empathy.



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Differently able

Stanford meets challenges life offers

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN Features Editor

Twenty-five years ago, Linda Stanford nearly lost all hope. At age 23, she was stricken

with a rare virus that combined meningitis and encephalitis. It left her unable to move and able to speak with difficulty.

The doctors said I had a virus that follows a virus, Stanford said, "and didn't have the genes to fight it off."

Then her son, at age 7, died from viral encephalitis. "I was in a very deep depression," Stanford recalled.

"But I'm very fortunate," she said. She began to read inspirational books, especially the words of Norman Vincent Peale.

Slowly her hope returned, and she could see that her life had not ended with the disability. She began setting small goals for herself, to improve her mobility.

"I've had people tell me, 'If that was me, I would have killed myself," Stanford said. But just wait until it is you, and you'll see there's a part of you that will keep going.

For Stanford, independence was vital.

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"I knew I had to move out of my parents' house," she said. "I wanted them to have their own life, and they were living for

Ten years ago, she moved into Canterbury South. At the time, she was the most severely disabled person at the commu-

nity.
"They catered to me," she said. "They didn't know at that time how to fix the room for someone in a wheelchair. They didn't know what I needed."

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Betty

agreed Canterbury director Joanne Hyer. 'Her moving in was kind of an experiment at the time. It has worked out

extremely well."

Now Canterbury South has several other apartments for people with physical disabilities. They include modifications for someone in a wheel-

For Stanford, using a chair to get around meant learning how do things all over again. "You have to rearrange your

whole thought process," she said. How you do things changes, everything is different. It takes you more time to do things.

She has limited use of her arms, which made turning the heels of a chair to move herself difficult. Seven years ago, she got a motorized chair, further increasing her indepen-

Since then, Stanford has been busy volunteer, coordinator and worker. She now coordinates staffing for the small Canterbury store, which stocks commonly-used items such as milk, sodas and paper towels.

Stanford also works on the social committee, helping to plan dances, parties and special events. Another of her duties is finding volunteers to staff the information desk.

"She's been such an asset to us," said Pat Johnston, assistant director of Canterbury.

But Stanford said she couldn't make it through every day, every activity she is involved in, without help. "Everything I do at

Canterbury is with volunteers," she said.

In her daily life, Stanford said she also depends on others caregivers help her get ready in the morning, cook her meals

nning of the track from Fort Worth to El Paso to handle the increased trainic from the

At a recent dinner party, the

host served roasted garlic

spread on French bread: It i

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indescribably delicious. How;

do I get garlic that spreadable?

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stem end down on 12-inch square

of aluminum foil. Drizzle each bulb

with oil and sprinkle with salt and

pepper. Wrap securely in foil and

place in pie plate or shallow baking

pan. Bake 45 to 50 minutes or until

garlic is very tender when pierced

cloves and spread on bread.

with toothpick or fork. Cool slightly.

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worry, it's easy.

1 to 4 bulbs garlic

Salt and pepper

Dear Betty,

in the photos: above. Linda Stanford, left, discusses needs of the Canterbury store with Cindy Middleton, who buys the Items to stock the store. At right, Kelth Oldaker, left, discusses the store's finances volunteers Mary Anderson, center, Margaret Hawley. Oldaker has a computer program to keep track of sales for the conve-

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and keep her apartment clean.

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TUESDAY Support for MS and Related Diseases, 6:30 p.m. second Tuesday of each month, Canterbury South. Public invited. Call Leslie, 267-1069.

 Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles. ·Seniors' diabetic support group, 2 p.m., Canterbury South. Call 263-1265.

 Compassionate Friends support group for parents who have experienced death of a child, 7:30 p.m. first Tuesday in February, April, June, August, October and December in the Family Life Center Building, First Baptist Church, 705 West Marcy. Enter by southeast

door. Call 267-2769. Cancer support group, first Tuesday of each month, 7-8 p.m., VA Medical Center room 213. Call Beverly Rice, 268-5077.

"Most Excellent Way," a chemical dependency support group, Tuesdays, 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

 Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. closed meeting.

·Family Education and Support, sponsored by Howard County Mental Health Center, meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Corral, 611 E. Third, followed at 7 p.m. by the monthly meeting of the Big Spring Alliance for the Mentally Ill.

•Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas will have Dr. Ronald Meyer, D.Min., LCDC, LMFT, specializing in individual and marriage counseling, Attention Deficit Disorder and chemical dependency, available for clients at the First Christian Church. Appointments for counseling services are made by calling 1-800-329-4144.

•Narcotics Anonymous, 6:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

WEDNESDAY ·Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic

Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920. Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and

8 p.m. 12 and 12 study. •Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas will have Sharon Beam, who is a licensed professional counselor interim specializing in play therapy for

children, adolescent counseling

and women's issues, available

Please see SUPPORT, page A6.

Hot tips to make salsas

Salsas are now a very popular sauce in the United States some sources even say that, salsa now outranks ketchup in sales of condiments.

In the home, salsas are often made and used immediately on refrigerated for a short time However, when homemade versions

of these tomato vegetable combinations are to canned, it important process them correctly This



that you have destroyed dah gerous bacteria that may

cause botulism. It is extremely important to scientifically-tested recipes when canning salsas and to follow the recipe instructions exactly. No adding some of this or a little extra of that; this is an unsafe! practice and can affect prod;

uct safety. Salsas may very in texture and flavor depending upon ingredients and spices. Usually the combination is a mixture of tomatoes, peppers, onions, garlic, acid, salt and spices.

Red or green tomatoes may be used, and in some cases tomatillos may be used: Different types of peppers may be used to create the desired "heat" of the product, but the proportion or amount of peppers called for should not be altered. The peppers used may lead to vary from milder green chiles to serrano or jalapenos for a

hotter product. An acid ingredient, usually in the form of vinegar or lemon juice, is very important; to the safety of the canned? product. It makes the acidity of the salsa great enough for the product to be processed in a boiling water canner.

Without the addition of acid. the product would have to be processed in a pressure can ner, because the vegetables in: the mixture, except for toma-; toes, are low in acid.

Use only disease-free tomatoes, firm and ripe, for making salsa.

When working with chile peppers, take extra caution. Wear rubber gloves and wash hands thoroughly with soas and water after handling.

Here is a tip for peeling pep

Make a small slit in side for steam to escape. Blister peppers with a heat source, either in the oven broiler at 400 degrees for 6 to 8 minutes, or on top of the range over one of the burners. Turn peppers frequently to insure even blistering. Remove from heat, place peppers in a pan covered with a damp paper towel. When cool, skins will slip right off.

Chile Salsa

Yield: 6-8 pints 5 lbs. tomatoes (3 quarts chopped)

Please see TARTER, page A6.

CALLING ALL READERS

Do you know a computer nut?

Do you know someone who just can't stop surfing the 'net, playing games or just fiddling around on the computer? Let us know about them for an upcoming feature.

Is it a member of your family? Is it a friend? Send a note to the life! section, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, TX 79721. Or call 263-7331, ext. 235.

Do you love your old Jalopy?

Do you or does someone you know have an old car they just can't part with? Let us know about them for an upcoming feature.

Send a note to the life! section, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, TX 79721. Or call 263-

Is it a junk heap that they insist on calling a classic? 7331, ext. 235.



Bring your pet

A vaccination clinic and tick dip will be sponsored by Dr. Joe Neff Saturday, July 12 at the drive-through of Norwest Bank from 1-

Cost is \$5 for a rabies shot and \$5 for a

Walks and tales

The state park will have Nature Walks and Sunset Tales, with nature walks starting at 8 p.m. and storytelling at 9 p.m. every Saturday in June. Meet at the upper picnic pavilion/playground area. The cost is \$2 (park admission for adults 13 years and

THE LAST WORD

The history of every country begins in the heart of a man or woman.

Willa Cather

The thing that gives people courage is ideas.

Georges Clemenceau

Common sense in an uncommon degree is what the world

Samuel Coleridge

ground.

Life Cycles

Long ago, when I was small

to learn to walk, I had to

I'm certain sometimes I fell

and landed hard against the

and soon I stood and walked

I feel like that small child

I long to soar upon the wind.

Where eagles dare I want to

In search of life's great mys-

And if I fall flat on my face

in giving up before I try.

to try but fail is no disgrace.

The shame I'm sure, would

"I Just Can't Seem To

Remember What I'm Trying To

It seems most every night

I sit here in this bar. And

I am a lonely sight. It ain't

That sent me to this place.

That I can't seem to face.

Something happened long

There's something in my

Forget"

got me very far.

By: Clara Justice

But I kept trying every day



Coahoma class of 1947 reunion attendees included, from left: Bobby Kiser, Charles Barbee, Ben Cochrell, Ted Fowler, Helen (Engle) Humphreys, Rafael Buchanan, Margle Rae (Woodson) Hill, Frances Bartlett, Rae Nell (Hale) Best, Corrine (Bewley) Singleton, and Pearl (Read) Barr. Not pictured is R.D. (Doc)

Cauble School Reunion

The Cauble School Reunion group of 23 met on June 14 for a covered dish luncheon at Elbow School cafeteria. The group honored the memory of Bonnie Mitchell with a \$40 gift to The Children's Home in Portales, N.M.

Ray and Sue Russell provided a memorial plaque in remembrance of Bonnie and her dedication to the Cauble School Reunion group. The plaque was given to Mrs.

Claude Tredaway, her mother. Mrs. R.I. Findley was remembered as having been a strong family woman who was dedicated to education and her support of Cauble School.

Betty Findley, Emmalee Wells, and Mildred Callihan will serve as a leadership committee replacing the presiden-

James Findley was winner of an oil painting done by Dora Treadaway Winkler who served as interim president. Reporter: Mildred Callihan

Class of 1947 Reunion

The Coahoma Class of 1947 met on May 17 to celebrate 50 years since graduation. The 11 members and their guests met at the First Bank of West Texas in Coahoma.

After a tour of school facilities, class members returned to the First Bank of West Texas for a barbecue dinner.

Pearl Barr brought a special memorial honoring their deceased classmates.

A business meeting followed with Class of '47 president Ted Fowler asking each member to stand and give a brief summary of their lives, memories and immediate families.

Special guest Marshall from Crosbyton was recognized. Marie was the class sponsor and teacher band director for the four years of high school with these students.

A donation was taken for a 1947 Scholarship Fund to honor a Coahoma graduating

'The American no one knows'

By: Richard Sanders

They're there, but most peo-

ple never see them. They even have a language of

their own. Words such as alligators (a piece of tire in the roadway), chicken coops (state scale offices) and bears (police of all kinds) are as common as yes and no to them.

It is almost a culture within itself made up of drivers, dispatchers, mechanics, and various support personnel (i.e.; waitresses, scale masters, fuel attendants, and lumpers - people who load and unload trucks for a living).

Truckers have a favorite saying "If you have it, more than likely, a truck brought it." How true this is. I never realized this until lately, when I began to pay particular attention to the items we were transporting and those in numerous warehouses waiting pickup or deliv-

On the air (CB chatter) discussion centers around makes and models of trucks and truck stories all containing one of taree basic themes: Theme 1 -My truck is bigger, faster, newer, fancier, or gets more miles per gallon than yours.

Theme 2 - My company pays me better, worse, guarantees, or promises better than yours.

Theme 3 — This driver couldn't backup, go forward, got stuck, got caught by the DOT (department of transportation), lost his load, or broke down,

Life on the open road (OTR, for "over the road") is not easy, nor romantic as some would have you think. Truckers wait to load, wait to fuel, wait to have a flat fixed, wait for a dock door, wait for a telephone,

Who else in the world pays from \$5 to \$7 dollars for the opportunity to take a 15 minute shower? Who else pays \$22 to have a flat fixed or \$120 to have an oil change?

A certain mystique surrounds the truck driver culture, reinforced by the bizarre dress code of some of its participants. It is not unusual to see a driver in Bermuda shorts in 15 degree temperatures because the cab of his chariot is 70 degrees. Continued from page A5.

To its credit, the industry has age or gender. Drivers are of all races, colors and life styles. Daily one sees a conglomerate of all the above. Black, white, female, male, they all are addressed as "driver," an earned term of respect in the industry

You don't "go anywhere" in a truck, you "go out," because truck time is measured in how long you have been away from home or until you get back there. All other references to time are irrelevant, there are no "days" or "nights" in the usual sense just hours between points on the map.

Some stops (delivery-pick up points) are notoriously bad. This is because of poor coordination between the broker and the shipper or office staff.

These locations are referred to as "motels" due to the length of time one usually waits to load. No one can explain why the order is not ready, or when it will be ready, or why it takes

I hope you have enjoyed reading this - it is just the ramblings of an old man with nothing better to do at this time of night.

Or is it day?

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This Month of June This month of June is going

So have the previous five. The recent years don't seem to last;

They seem to almost dive.

Each decade is more dear to-

Each season and new moon. As time goes by I seem to see Things I missed at my life's

Right now I'd like to slow things down Each month, each week, each

That can't be done; I'll not be bound

By unknown times and fears. I wish I'd realized sooner The value of each day And enjoyed each one from

every June Right through each merry May By: Ramona Harris

Sweet Dreams

When I lay here at night And get ready for bed

I close my eyes And bow my head

I'm asking one thing, Lord Which I know you can do

That's to watch over me

And my family too. Deliver us from evil

And wash away our sins

With you in our lives, Lord, This race we can win.

Thank you again For all that you do

I will talk to you later Just me and you

In Jesus Name Amen

By: Steve Kinman

But I keep searching in this bottle. And I haven't found it I can't seem to remember What I'm trying to forget.

I used to spend less money. And I used to spend less time. Looking for an answer to this question of mine. This train that I keep riding

May not be on the right

I know I can't look forward When I'm always looking back.

By: Rocky Wooley

Tarter

2 lbs. peppers (2 quarts chopped) 1 lb. onion (2-1/2 cups

chopped) 1 cup vinegar, 5 percent

1 T salt ½ tsp. pepper

Prepare chiles as directed above. Wash tomatoes and dip in boiling water for 30 to 60

seconds or until skins split. Dip in cold water, slip off skins, and remove cores: Coarsely chop tomatoes, peppers, and onions. Mix all ingredients together in a large saucepan. Heat to boiling and simmer 10 minutes. Fill pint jars, leaving 1/2-inch headspace. Adjust lids and process in a boiling water bath canner: 20 minutes for 1001-6000 ft. altitude (Howard County).

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for clients at the First Presbyterian Church, Runnels and Eighth St. Appointments for counseling services are made by calling 1-800-329-4144.

THURSDAY

·Salvation Army drug-education program, sponsored by Permian Basin Regional Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, 7 p.m., Salvation Army building, 308 Aylford.
*Alcoholics Anonymous, 615

Settles, noon open meeting.
•A.D.D.A.P.T. non-profit sup-

port and learning organization about attention deficit disorder. learning disorders and dyslexia. Meets second Thursday of September, October, November, January, February, March, April and May, Cerebral Palsy building, 802 Ventura, Midland.

 Grief Support related to the death of a loved one. Call Nurses Unlimited, Inc., at 264-

·Alzheimer's Association Support Group, fourth Thursday of the month, Comanche Trail Nursing Center, 3200 Parkway, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY •Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and

8 p.m. Big Book Study.

SATURDAY

·Alzheimer's Association Support Group, second Saturday of the month, Carriage Inn Retirement Center, 501 W. 17th, 10 a.m. ·Family support group for current and former patients and their families, 1 p.m. weekly, Reflections Unit of Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Call

Beverly Grant, 263-0074. •Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon, 8 p.m., 10 p.m. open meetings, 615 Settles.

. "So I Forget," Attention Deficit Disorder support group for individuals and couples, first Saturday of the month from 9 to 10:30 a.m., Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas, Inc., Midland. Call the center at (915) 563-4144 or 1-800-329-4144. Cost is \$15.

·West Texans Living with Chronic Fatigue & Immune Dysfunction Syndrome/Fibromyalgia, 1-3 p.m., on different Saturdays of the month, HealthSouth facility at Hwy. 191 and Loop 250, Midland. Call Joann Carney, (915) 686-7977, or Marsha Brunet, (915) 337-4829 to get the correct meeting date.

SUNDAY

 Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting.

Women's Care Update

By Michael S. Phillips, M.D. Diplomate, American Board Obstetrics & Gynecology **HOME PREGNANCY TESTS**

The current generation of over-the-counter home pregnancy tests work by detecting the presence of human chorionic gonadotropin (hCG), a hormone made by the layer of cells called the chorion that surrounds the developing embryo. As effective as such tests are, they are qualitative, rather than quantitative. That is, they detect the presence of hCG in the urine, but not the amount. Under certain conditions, the obstetrician may want to know the amount of hCG being produced, as well as whether it is doubling every 2 days as an indication of normal fetal development. If it is suspected that a woman has miscarried; has an ectopic pregnancy, trophoblastic disease, certain cancers; or if a woman is certain she is pregnant, but continues to get a negative result on a urine test, she may be asked to take a quantitative blood test. If you even suspect that you may be pregnant, you should see an obstetrician

as soon as possible to confirm the pregnancy is progressing normally. You will also need instructions about vitamins, nutrition, and prenatal care to get your baby off to the best possible start. It is vital to tell your doctor about any medicines, prescription or over-the-counter, that you take, as some could be harmful to the baby. For more questions on this subject, or if you would like to schedule an appointment for my office in Big Spring, located at th Medical Care Plaza, 1300 Gregg Street, please call my main office in Midland at (915) 522-2222.

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Rangers fall below .500; Pirates handcuff Houston

ARLINGTON (AP) - The Texas Rangers have spring a leak, falling under .500 for the first time since they were 4-5 on April 14.

Tony Phillips of the Anaheim Angels has seen a lot of baseball over his 15 major league seasons, and Phillips thinks he knows what's wrong with the Rangers, who dropped their seventh straight with Tuesday night's 7-6 loss to the Angels.

Phillips thinks the Rangers (36-37) made a mistake when they let shortstop Kevin Elster and center fielder Darryl Hamilton move on via free

'They're missing Elster and Hamilton," Phillips said. "They didn't replace them. It's just not the same. You can't take away 99 RBIs from their shortstop and a .300 hitting outfielder. It can't be the same.'

One-run losses continue to plague the Rangers, defending TEXAS TEAMS

AL West champions. Texas is 5-16 in one-run games after Craig Grebeck's one-out RBI double in the ninth off relief ace John Wetteland snapped a tie.

Five of the seven losses in the current Texas skid have come by a single run.

'I've been in this game for 30 years and I've never had a feeling like I have in my stomach right now," Rangers manager **Johnny Oates said**

"It's going to take a few hours for it to go away. It's something different every single night. I'm at a loss for

On Tuesday, the Rangers' defense and relief pitching were the culprits as the Angels claimed their sixth consecutive victory.

Texas committed three errors

and has nine errors in its last

"We capitalized on all their mistakes," Phillips said.

"The key to getting out of a bad streak is to play hard every day for nine innings. We've been through it here and we battled through. Texas is going to have to battle through their situation."

Meanwhile, the Rangers relievers blew their fourth straight save opportunity and are 3-for-9 in June save chances.

"I couldn't find my release point the entire time I was out there." Wetteland said. "My warmups were even high.

Luis Alicea doubled with one out in the ninth off loser Xavier Hernandez (0-1), and Grebeck followed with a double off Wetteland down the left-field line to score Alicea.

Rich DeLucia (6-2) pitched one-third of an inning to pick

up the victory, and Troy Percival pitched the ninth for his ninth save.

The victory moved Anaheim to 16-10 in one-run games.

SCOREBOARD

HOUSTON — Jon Lieber had something to prove against the **Houston Astros.**

"I was determined to pitch well. I've had trouble here. I don't think I've ever won here before," Lieber said Tuesday night after pitching the Pittsburgh Pirates to an 8-3 victory over the Astros, giving Lieber his first victory in the

Astrodome. Lieber (4-8) was 1-4 with a 5.19 ERA in eight previous appearances agaisnt Houston.

He held Houston to one run on three hits in seven innings, while striking out five and walking five.

It was Lieber's first victory over Houston since July 14,

"My biggest problem pitching here has been getting the ball up. It's not a mental thing, its just that some guys have trouble in some parks, and these guys are tough at home,' Lieber said.

"I was real happy with the way I pitched. They didn't hit many balls hard. I really went after the hitters and I used all my pitches.

Pittsburgh manager Gene Lamont was pleased with Lieber's performance.

"This was one of his better outings. He kept the ball down, and his slider was sharp. Having a cusion helped him too," Lamont said.

The Pirates, who lost a season-high six straight before winning two against Houston, have been buoyed by the return of Al Martin and Jermaine Allensworth from the disabled

"I don't think this team let down after some tough losses in New York. We got some key guys back and we have come in here and played hard. This can't be a bad series, and it can be great if we win tomorrow,' Lamont said.

Martin and Kevin Young hit consecutive home runs as Pittsburgh moved within 1> of the Central Division-leading Astros.

"If they keep pitching like they did these last two games, they're not going to go away,' Houston manager Larry Dierker said. "They have that energy of youth on their side."

Every Pirate starter had at least one hit, while the Astros, who have scored three runs in their last 23 innings, managed only five hits to give them seven in the last two games.

Consecutive home runs by Martin and Young keyed a three-run first for Pittsburgh;

Duncan's a lock for Spurs, but trading frenzy should follow

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) -The NBA draft will be held tonight, and Wake Forest center Tim Duncan is certain to be the No. 1 pick. It's a guessing game as to what happens after that.

"In past years, we'd at least know who the Nos. 2, 3 and 4 picks are," Minnesota general manager Kevin McHale said

Not so this year. What follows is an educated guess at which teams will do

1. San Antonio - OK, no educated guess here because the selection of Duncan is a certainty. Coach Gregg Popovich says only four or five teams called to ask about the pick because everyone knew the Spurs would be foolish to even think of trading it.

2. Philadelphia. - The chances are 50-50 that this pick ends up with some other team. The 76ers are flooded with offers from teams wanting to move up and select Utah forward Keith Van Horn. The guess here is that coach Larry Brown trades the pick and gets an awful lot in return.

3. Boston - Coach Rick Pitino on Tuesday publicly listed his team's needs: center, point guard, shooting guard, power forward. What he really wants is Van Horn. If he's gone, look for the pick to be Colorado point Chauncey Billups.

4. Vancouver - A couple of weeks ago, this pick, too, was a 50-50 shot to be dealt. General manager Stu Jackson still hasn't hired a coach, maybe

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because he has big plans for a swap. If the Grizzlies keep it, Bowling Green point guard Antonio Daniels is the man.

5. Denver - With Antonio McDyess rumored to be looking to flee as a free agent next summer, the Nuggets are faced with a trade-him-or-lose-him dilemma. In the absence of a decent offer, though, they should be expected to add Tony Battle of Texas Tech as insur-

6. Boston - If Pitino keeps the pick, the ex-Kentucky coach grabs Wildcat Ron Mercer after scaring everyone else off him.

7. New Jersey - The Nets. ever cautious since the Yinka Dare fiasco, figure to go with what worked last year - a Villanova player. Freshman forward Tim Thomas would be the man, further hastening the upcoming departure of Jayson Williams and Chris Gatling.

8. Golden State - The Warriors need Joe Smith insurance for the same reason the Nuggets need it for McDyess: fear of losing him as a free agent next summer. That's about enough time to get high schooler Tracy McGrady acclimated to the NBA life.

9. Toronto - GM Isiah Thomas really wants McGrady, and he may give the Warriors something to move up to No. 8. If not, look for the Raptors to go for one of the best shooters and scorers you've never heard of — Olivier St. Jean, a 6-foot6 small forward from San Jose

10. Milwaukee - With no general manager hired as of yet to make this decision, there could be some interesting interoffice politicking when it comes time for the final call. The Bucks still need a point guard and an insurance policy at center like Colgate's Adonal

11. Sacramento — The Kings face the very real immediate risk of losing forward Brian Grant to free agency this summer. The best fill-in is forward Austin Croshere Providence.

12. Indiana - Rik Smits, Antonio Davis and Dale Davis are all rumored to be on the trading block, although Indiana would trade no more than one of them. If Croshere is gone, it's Iowa State center Kelvin Cato.

13. Cleveland — If the Cavs are lucky enough, Cincinnati forward Danny Fortson drops

14. L.A. Clippers — Darrick Martin proved to be an OK point guard. Stanford's Brevin Knight might one day be bet-

15. Dallas — Don Nelson supposedly has found someone and already made up his mind. If it's not Saint-Jean, maybe it's Australian center Chris Antsey. · 16. Cleveland — Derek

Anderson of Kentucky, the best shooting guard in the draft, drops this far because of knee problems.

Please see DRAFT, page 2B

BRIEFS

From staff and wire reports

CGA planning benefit golf tournament

The Big Spring Chicano Golf Association will hold a tournament benefitting Christina Saucedo with tee times from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Sunday, June 29, at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

All players must register before 10 that morning.

The four-man scramble (made up of teams with A,B,C and D players) requires an entry fee of \$15 per person.

Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place. In addition, barbecue plates will be sold for \$5 each following the tournament.

All proceeds from the event will go to helping Saucedo and her family pay for medical expens-

For additional information, call 264-2366 or 263-7741..

Crossroads Summer League results

Stanton kept its junior league record perfect at 4-0 with a 26-24 overtime win against Big Spring I in Crossroads Girls Summer League basketball

Also in junior league action, Coahoma claimed a 2-0 forfeit win over Greenwood. Greenwood fell to 4-1, while Coahoma improved to 2-3. Big Spring I holds a 2-2 record.

In senior league action, Big Spring stayed perfect with a 48-28 win over Sands II. Other scores were: Sands I 34, Coahoma 24; and Grady 33,

Big Spring and Sands I lead the senior league standings with 5-0 records, while Grady is third with a 4-1 mark.

Thursday games will pit Forsan against Coahoma and Big Spring I against Garden City in the junior league.

In senior league action, Garden City faces Greenwood, Sterling City takes on Stanton and Forsan factes Coahoma.

Big Spring Football Camp scheduled

The first Big Spring Football Camp has been scheduled for July 8-10 at Big Spring High School.

The three-day camp, according to BSHS coach Dan Arista, will be structured to provide basic football skills and fundamentals to youngsters between the ages of 11 and 13.

Camp sessions will begin at 8 a.m. each day and conclude at 5 p.m. Participants may either bring a lunch with them, or a meal will be provided at a reasonable cost, Arista added.

Youngsters are being asked to pre-register by contacting Arista at 267-6884 or in person at the new athletic facility on the BSHS campus. Athletic offices at the high school will be open today and Thursday, as well as Monday through Thursday of next week.

In addition, youngsters of other ages wanting to take part should contact Arista to obtain special permission prior to the start of camp.

The registration fee will be \$40, and each youngster participating in the camp will need to bring the following: a T-shirt and shorts (not denim shorts), a good pair of running shoes, a swimsuit and a towel.

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. In addition Most Valuable Player and Golden

Glove awards will also be presented. For additional information, contact Ray

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Westbrook High School's senior class will sponsor a ragball tournament July 18-19 at the Westbrook baseball field.

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Co-ed ragball event set in Coahoma

A ragball tournament has been scheduled for July 4-5 at the ballpark in Coahoma. Games are scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. Friday

and at 8 a.m. Saturday. Teams will be composed of five men and five women above the age of 13 and entry fees will be

set at \$10 per person. For additional information, contact Cindy Kirby at 394-4748 or Tina LaRue at 394-4928.

Rains fall again, threatening Wimbledon play

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) finals of the women's doubles - Showers threatened to wash out today's entire schedule at Wimbledon, creating the potential for a huge backlog of matches and raising the possibility of the tournament extending into a third week.

Rain fell incessantly all morning, leaving no chance for play to start on schedule.

With only 16 matches completed on Monday because of rain, the tournament already was behind schedule, with several first-round matches still to be played. With the forecast calling for

more wet weather the rest of

the week, referee Alan Mills was faced with a daunting task of juggling the schedule. In the 121-year history of Wimbledon, there have been 27 days when a whole day's play has been washed out, including

three times in the last 10 years - 1987, 1991 and 1992. There was speculation that fficials would consider scheduling matches on the middle Sunday, a break with tradition that has occurred only once, in 1991 after the wettest first week

But officials appeared more likely to consider extending the tournament beyond the second week. That has happened sever-al times recently, including last year when the semfinals and

were held on the third Monday.

Today's scheduled matches included a second-round meetings between defending champion Richard Krajicek and Andrei Pavel, and No. 2 seed Goran Ivanisevic vs. Magnus Norman.

On the women's side, No. 2 Monica Seles had a first-round against Rachel match McQuillan and No. 3 Jana Novotna was pitted against Wiltrud Probst. Venus Williams, the 17-year-old American, was set for her Wimbledon debut against Magdalena Grzybowska.

In his 14th year at Wimbledon, Boris Becker knows this could be his last chance for another Grand Slam title. And the All England Club would be the perfect setting.

"As long as I'm in tennis, in a very competitive way, I think I have a chance at Wimbledon," Becker said after powering into the second round with a 6-3, 6-2, 6-3 victory Tuesday over Spain's Marcos Aurelio Gorriz.

"It depends on the draw, depends on the weather, depends on many things, but the grass-court game is very natural for me. And once I get going, I feel like I have a chance to play well against any-

Becker won the first of his

three Wimbledon titles at the age of 17 in 1985, adding victories in 1986 and 1989. He has also won the Australian Open twice and the U.S. Open once.

Last year, Becker's Wimbledon title hopes were wrecked when he damaged tendons in his right wrist returning serve in a third-round match against Neville Godwin.

Becker, who was sidelined for six months, said he once feared he might never come back from the injury.

"Many people, including myself, weren't sure if I would back at all," said the 29-year-old German. "But now I'm back, I'm injury free, and ready to play a few more matches here. Becker was one of four Wimbledon men's champions in action Tuesday, along with Pete Sampras, Michael Stich and Pat Cash. All but Cash made it to the second round on a day when four men's seeds

Sampras was the most impressive winner Tuesday. cruising to a 6-4, 6-4, 6-2 win over Sweden's Mikael Tillstrom. He lost serve once in the first set but was never troubled the rest of the match.

Sampras said he felt at home again after a poor clay-court season which included a third-

round loss at the French Open.
"When I started hitting on

the grass and playing at Queen's and then walking around this site, I felt, 'This is my place, this is where I'm supposed to win and I expect myself to win.'

The same does not apply to fifth-seeded Michael Chang, who lost in the first round for the second year in a row and fourth time overall. Chang fought back gamely

from a 1-5 deficit in the fifth set to go up 6-5 before succumbing to Australia's Todd Woodbridge 7-6 (7-5), 3-6, 6-2, 3-6, 8-6. Woodbridge held serve in the 14th game of the set to close out the match after 3 hours and 55

"I thought I was going to win it," Chang said. "I didn't give him anything. He came up with the shots he needed at the end." Another American, 1993 runner-up Jim Courier, lost in straight sets to 1991 champion Michael Stich 7-6 (7-0), 7-5, 7-6

Of the 14 American men in the draw at the start of Wimbledon, seven have already lost. Sampras is the only American seed left. One American bucking the

trend was 20-year-old Justin Gimelstob, who ousted French Open champion Gustavo Kuerten 6-3, 6-4, 4-6, 1-6, 6-4. In the final game, Kuerten blew an easy volley.

Record crowd watches **Houston WNBA debut**

Houston Comets' first home crowd was almost too big and supportive for the team's own

Overwhelmed by the largest crowd ever to see a women's professional basketball game in the United States, it took awhile for the Comets to settle into playing basketball for a 70-55 victory over the Phoenix Mercury Tuesday night in their home WNBA opener.

"You come in expecting to play before 7,500, then it goes to 10,000, then to 12,000 and all of a sudden it's a sellout." Comets coach Van Chancellor

"That's quite an adjustment to make. You get caught up in that. You want to do good.

The crowd of 16,285 — the previous record was 16,102 at Sunday's game in Phoenix between the Mercury and the Charlotte Sting - gave the Comets (2-0) a warm welcome on the floor that is also home

to the NBA Rockets. The Rockets helped with the

welcome, too. Charles Barkley presented a dozen roses to each Comets player before the game and

HOUSTON (AP) - The several other Rockets players also attended the game. The Comets liked the atten-

> tion. "No one said anything about the crowd but when we got out on the court we said 'Wow,'"

guard Kim Perrot said. "It was such a good feeling. don't think we could have won without the crowd."

The Mercury took an 11-4 lead to start the game but the Comets battled back for a 34-24 halftime lead and never trailed

Houston had to survive pair of second-half Phoenix Phoenix cut Houston's lead

to 38-37 with 15:26 to play and 46-44 with 8:51 to go. "This was a lesson well learned." Phoenix coach

Cheryl Miller said. "Sometimes it's good to get our tail kicked between your

After the Mercury pulled to 46-44, Perrot hit a fast-break basket and Acrain followed with two baskets.

Cynthia Cooper was only 2 of-11 from the field but made eight of nine free throws for 13

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17. Orlando - Kansas point guard Jacque Vaughn perhaps allows Penny Hardaway to move to shooting guard.

 Portland — Chris Dudley is leaving as a free agent and Arvydas Sabonis' days are numbered. Wisconsin center Paul Grant.

19. Detroit - This year's top Euro import is 6-6 forward Marco Milic, who once dunked over a parked car at a dunk contest

20. Minnesota - Local product John Thomas, a 6-9 power forward from the University of Minnesota.

21. New Jersey — Back to the Villanova well for center Jason

22. Atlanta - The Hawks should go Bubba Wells of Austin Peay.

23. Seattle - If Shawn Kemp leaves, someone has to play Maybe power forward. Michigan's Maurice Taylor.

24. Houston — Needs a scorer off the bench like Long Beach State guard James Cotton. 25. New Yo.k - From the

same mold as their three firstround, cks from last year, Cal State-Bakersfield's Kebu Stewa .t.

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27. ...ah — The Mormon state welcomes a new deity, Providence point guard God

28. Chicago - From downstate, Bradley guard Anthony

Alomar a hit again for Tribe

CLEVELAND (AP) - Sandy Alomar steps into the batter's box, biceps bulging, bat quick as a whip.

Another line drive. A shot into the bleachers.

It's amazing what the Cleveland Indians' catcher can do when he's healthy.

Alomar's stats — and career have taken a tumble since he was voted the AL rookie of the year in 1990. Healthy at last, Alomar is on a torrid hitting streak and making an early bid to become the first AL catcher to win a batting

title "Believe me, it's not a goal that I have," said Alomar, who knows the beating inflicted on big league catchers. "I don't come to the ballpark expecting to break records. I come to the ballpark to produce and win games.

Alomar extended his careerbest hitting streak to 23 games Tuesday night against Minnesota. Batting fifth for the first time in five years, Alomar lined a two-run double with the bases loaded in the seventh, tying Ray Fosse for the longest hitting streak by a Cleveland catcher. Fosse hit in 23 straight games in 1970.

The major league record for a catcher is 34 games by Benito Santiago in 1987. Alomar is eight games from the Indians record of 31 games, set by Nap LaJoie in 1906.

Alomar entered the game batting .371, second in the AL to Frank Thomas and .101 higher than his career average - one of the biggest single-season jumps in the history of baseball.

Only two catchers have endured the squats, collisions and foul tips to win the batting crown, both in the NL. Ernie Lombardi did it twice, hitting .337 for Cincinnati in 1938 and .330 for Boston in 1942. Bubbles Hargrave of Cincinnati led the league with a .353 average in

"It's very difficult, because your bat's not quick every day," Alomar said, "I've seen Ivan Rodriguez hitting .330 or Mike Piazza hitting .350, and in the last two months they're barely hitting .300. You just get worn out."

Alomar is having the best year among AL catchers with 11 homers and 38 RBIs. He has thrown out nearly 40 percent of runners trying to steal, also ahead of his career mark of 30 percent.

Yet as All-Star voting winds down this week, Alomar trails Rodriguez of Texas by 82,351 votes for the starting spot in the July 8 game at Jacobs



Harris County commissioners give approval to Oilers' move

Team to pay \$3.5 million to void lease at Astrodome

HOUSTON (AP) - The NFL team once known as the Houston Oilers, already establishing a new identity in Tennessee, will pay \$3.5 million to its old landlord.

Harris County commissioners approved Tuesday the cash set-. tlement that allows the Oilers to escape from their Houston Astrodome lease a year early. That leaves only similar and expected consent from the city of Houston to officially make the Oilers the Tennessee Oilers, a name they already have adopted.

As part of the deal, the Oilers also give to the county their dilapidated 7.2-acre practice facility.

The Oilers valued the place near the Astrodome at \$1.5 million, but some of their own players characterized it as a dump. Harris County Judge Robert Eckels said the site could be leased or used as a county park or perhaps razed and replaced with an Olympicclass swimming center.

"I'm pleased we have now got this behind us," Eckels said after the 3-0 vote. "I think it's a fair deal for the taxpayers of

with a practice facility and cash. I think we're coming out ahead of the game."

The commissioners' action took just a few seconds and was included in several dozen items rubber-stamped simultaneous-

There was no discussion before the formal vote, in which the issue was lumped together with items like road projects, land purchases, employee parking space authorization and permission for one employee to attend a computer

Oilers owner Bud Adams decided to take his team to Tennessee because Houston officials refused to build him a new stadium. The team will play in Memphis beginning this fall and until its taxpayerpaid Nashville stadium is finished.

"I wish the Oilers well in Nashville," Eckels said. "I wish Bud Adams luck. He's still active in this community. I hope he will support our efforts to get another team here, and they play the Nashville Oilers in the Super Bowl some day.

"I'm relieved to get this behind us, but it's really just one more step in the process to take care of the Astrodome complex.' According to the terms of the

agreement, the Oilers' lease at the Astrodome will end July 31, and the Oilers' payments will be stretched over four years.

The first payment is due

Harris County. We come in either the day the Oilers leave Houston or Aug. 15, whichever date comes first. The last payment is due Jan. 15, 2001.

The Oilers sued the city, county and Astrodome USA, the company that manages the county-owned Astrodome, to prevent them from interfering with Nashville negotiations.

Under a court agreement, the Oilers need approval from all three before they can get out of the final year of their 10-year lease at the Astrodome.

The Oilers earlier agreed to pay \$350,000 to Astrodome USA and drop claim to \$2.5 million in revenue lost when a 1995 exhibition game was canceled because of Astroturf problems.

City attorney Gene Locke has said talks with the Oilers were continuing but has declined to discuss details.

"My understanding is everything is worked out." Eckels said.

The team is already largely gone. Players had their last practice in Houston earlier this month and the team's equipment was headed to Tennessee.

County commissioners earlier this year approved an agreement in which they would have received a \$5.25 million settlement that included the practice facility.

But under the plan approved Tuesday, the county gets \$250,000 less so the Oilers can pay the city's legal fees. Mayor Bob Lanier had demanded the payment from the lawsuit brought by the Oilers.

Mavs' head comfortable with 'crapshoot' draft

DALLAS (AP) - With the sixth pick in today's NBA draft, Don Nelson could find the exact player needed to begin turning around the Dallas Mavericks. Problem is, the pick was traded before he

Instead, the 15th player taken in the draft will be Nelson's first as the Mavericks general manager. He'll also have the 35th choice in a draft many say is basically a crapshoot after slam-dunk No. 1 Tim Duncan.

Dallas' biggest needs are for a small forward and a backup center. However, coming off a 24-58 season that kept the Mavericks out of the playoffs for the seventh straight year, the team could use help every-

"We like 17 players and we're picking 15th," Nelson

Nelson didn't screw up his drafts for Golden State from 1989-92. Without a pick higher than 11 and one of them going as low as 24, he took future All-Stars Tim Hardaway. Latrell Sprewell, Chris Gatling and Tyrone Hill.

Speculation has the Mavericks eyeing San Jose State's Olivier Saint-Jean and Providence forward Austin Croshere and Tennessee-Chattanooga's Johnny Taylor. Nelson also may throw a curve and try bulking up the frontcourt with Tulane's Jerald Honeycutt or Cal-State Bakersfield's Johnny Taylor. Nelson is notoriously tight-

lipped about his decision once he makes it. But he also makes it clear that the choice is his, for better or worse.

"My scouts have always done the dirty work. I've just been the one not afraid to pull the chain," Nelson said. "My philosophy is simple - don't be afraid to take a guy you like no matter where you have to take him."

While the Mavericks haven't picked this low since 1990, all those years of higher picks haven't done much. Seven top-12 picks since 1989 have resulted in zero playoff wins for Dallas. Last year's top choice, Samaki Walker, is the orily one still with the team.

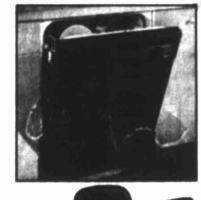
The Mavericks should've had the No. 6 pick this year, but Nelson's predecessors gave it to the Boston Celtics last summer for Eric Montross, mistakenly believing he was exactly what Dallas needed to make the playoffs. They were so sure of it, they didn't even seek lottery protection, a commion step that would've let the Mavericks keep the pick for several years if it was among the top 13.

Ironically, the No. 15 pick Dallas will be using began as Minnesota's, but remained with the Timberwolves for two years because of lottery protection. The Mavericks gave up Cherokee Parks last suminer to remove the lottery protection, only to see the Timberwolves make the playoffs and avoid the lottery any-



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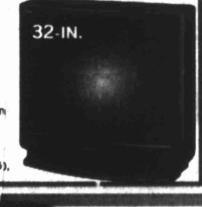
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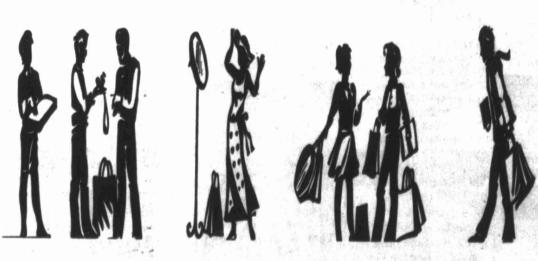
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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You accomplish much by your directness and logic. Others appreciate your thinking, and don't find fault with your ideas. You feel validated on many fronts, finally. Make a "must" appearance later in the day. Your thoughtfulness pays off. Tonight: Strut your stuff.****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Build close ties through nurturing, performance and willingness. You can cut to the chase and effectively handle problems. Know that you can get what you want; it is simply a matter of going for it. Tonight: Hook up with friends.****

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

One-to-one relating is key to concluding a business deal. You need to have a partner behind you, rather than working against you. You could be overly sensitive. A co-worker needs your support. Take action, and brainstorm with a child. Tonight: Enjoy closeness.****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Popularity accelerates, and

the world is your oyster. Trust your judgment, and be more sure of yourself. Zero in on what makes you happy. Energy and imagination are high. A friend is there for you, and a new friendship is developing. Tonight: Start the weekend early.****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Discuss what you expect from a co-worker; he needs this information. You come from a point of solidarity; ask an associate to pitch in. Take action. make calls and be determined to get the results you desire. Tonight: Nap before decid-

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Your imagination is limitless. Don't say no before exploring ideas. Your mind can be particularly sharp. Add your imagination, and you are a winner. Use charisma, weigh different moneymaking ideas and, above all, do your research. Tonight: Be naughty and nice!****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

Focus on security. A relationship has potential. You have choices about which direction to take, especially concerning an investment. It needs to be comfortable for you. Get an expert to review a contract before you sign on the dotted piece: line. Tonight: Take a night

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

Someone else is thrilled by your actions, and lets you know how much you mean to him. Use your imagination to make better choices. You seem to choose the right words; make calls, and iron out an uncomfortable situation. Discussions are amazingly successful. Tonight: Make it an early night.****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Instincts are right on with money. Follow your gut feelings. Be willing to spend to increase your professional image and further a project. You will get back more than you put in. A loved one appreciates a special effort you make for him. Tonight: Shop on the way home.***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You are personality-plus. Others seem to easily grasp your feelings, message and intent. A child is responsive to your ideas, probably because you are so natural and vulnerable with him. A flirtation or relationship is deepening. Tonight: It is your night.****

BORN TODAY Basketball player Jerome Kersey (1962), cyclist Greg LeMond (1961), actor Chris O'Donnell (1970)

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umn of yours for more than a decade. It dealt with famous people who had overcome life's adversities to become outstanding winners. Mine is so worn, I can barely read parts of it. I tried to make a copy, but it didn't come out very well. Will you please print it again? -EVELYN McKINNON, EAST-POINTE, MICH.

DEAR EVELYN: The column you're

referring to was a two. parter. My readers had submitted names of individuals who managed to succeed against the odds. I

Columnist think it's well worth repeating. Read on: DEAR READERS: In a recent column, I shared an item sent by Herman Endler, who, at age 40, suffered a stroke that left

Abigail

Van Buren

him totally disabled. He wrote: "I wasn't able to get out of bed, but by the grace of God and a surgeon's skill, I made it. At times I was so despondent, I prayed it would all end. Then a friend gave me the enclosed inspirational piece, which I must have read 1,000 times. There were moments when I thought, 'This is it; this is the end.' Then I'd read the message again, and it pulled me through.

"Abby, some of the greatest men and women of our times have been saddled with disabilities and adversities but have managed to overcome them.

"Perhaps somewhere there is someone who is at the end of his or her rope and needs encouragement. Pass this along. It may save a life. It saved mine."

A portion of the inspirational

"Bury him in the snows of Valley Forge, and you have a George Washington. "Raise him in abject poverty,

and you have an Abraham Lincoln. "Subject him to bitter reli-

gious prejudice, and you have a Disraeli.' The response to that column was overwhelming. A distinguished publisher, philanthropist and former U.S.

ambassador to Great Britain "Dear Abby: Your column, 'From Adversity, Many Find Strength,' is indeed a masterpiece. I am adding it to my per-

sonal collection of 'reminders.' "There are two great sources of inspiration in life, enthusiasm and tragedy, and I have been boxed in by both. But having been boxed in by both. I also recognize that perseverance is the key to escape and satisfaction. Sincerely, Walter Annenberg'

Hundreds of readers submitted additional names for the list of those who had succeeded against the odds. Some contributions:

- Spit on him, humiliate him, then crucify him and he forgives you, and you have Jesus Christ.

- Strike him down with infantile paralysis, and he becomes a Franklin D. Roosevelt, the only president of the United States to be elected to four terms.

- When he is a lad of 3, burn him so severely in a schoolhouse fire that the doctors say he will never walk again, and

who set the world's record in 1934 for running a mile in 4 minutes, 6.8 seconds.

- Have him or her born black in a society filled with racial discrimination, and you have a Booker T. Washington, Harriet Tubman, Marian Anderson, George Washington Carver or Martin Luther King

- Make him the first child to survive in a poor Italian family of 18 children, and you have an Enrico Caruso.

 Have him born of parents who survived a Nazi concentration camp, paralyze him from the waist down when he is 4, and you have the imcomparable concert violinist Itzhak

Call a slow learner "retarded" and write him off as ineducable, and you have an Albert Einstein.

(See tomorrow's column for others who have succeeded against the odds.)

DEAR ABBY: I couldn't pass up the chance to respond to "Sadder and Wiser Now," who learned the hard way that it's best to keep quiet about a loved one's drug addiction rather than face being "roasted" by unbelieving parents.

I was one of those parents who denied any drug or alcohol involvement in dealing with my son's abusive and unpredictable behavior. I also had the misconception that drug and alcohol use are a part of "growing up" and that it is only a phase.

Reality hit unexpectedly. My son woke me in the middle of the night begging for help because he was "sick." I found him in a bloody heap looking like 150 pounds of raw hamburger, due to self-inflicted wounds while on a dose of rock cocaine a "friend" had given him. It is a nightmare that will always be a part of me. I almost lost my son, and it could have been me or my daughter he sliced up. My son remembers nothing about the whole ordeal.

Out of this nightmare came the need to educate myself, to understand what had happened to make my son do such a thing to himself. Sharing my pain with other parents who are also at a loss as to what to do with a drug- or alcoholdependent loved one has helped me cope with the senselessness of what happened. Finding Al-Anon, a 12-step program, helped me to recognize that I couldn't help my son unless he was willing to help himself.

Our children are never too young to start drug and alcohol education, and we as adults are never too old to change our way of thinking. Our future is at stake.

My son has paid dearly for his adolescent mistakes, but God does answer prayers. He is now a married, hardworking father of two. - NELLIE P., FILLMORE, CALIF.

DEAR NELLIE P.: Your experience was harrowing, and it's fortunate that it wasn't more serious - which it easily could have been. Your conclusion is one that I have always emphasized: the importance of opening the lines of communication with children very early, and encouraging honesty and openness, with no topics off-limits.

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Tales of overcoming odds Young says Nike inspire others to succeed labor practices OK

ATLANTA (AP) - Former U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young expected to see children slaving away in sweatshops when Nike hired him to evaluate the company's overseas labor practices.

After a 15-day trip to Asian factories, the high-profile consultant said Tuesday he saw nothing of the kind. "As an innocent bystander

outsider reading the coverage of this issue, I was expecting to see some children at work," Young said in releasing a 75page report on Nike's practices. "I was expecting to see what I consider harsh sweatshop conditions. I was expecting to see a far worse situation than I saw."

Human-rights groups branded Young's report a sham. They said it fails to focus on the main problem: that workers aren't paid enough to live on.

Nike, the world's No. 1 athletic shoe manufacturer, has been better," he said. singled out by human rights groups for brutal work conditions and meager pay. Reports have said some supervisors groped young women, and one forced 61 workers to run laps around the factory in the sun because they wore the wrong shoes to work

Surrounded by posters of bright factory rooms, Young instead described them as just that — clean, organized and ventilated.

"We saw what we saw and we took pictures of what we saw," he said.

Young spent about three hours in each of the 12 factories in Vietnam, China and Indonesia. Most of the time, a Nike employee translated as he talked with employees.

The report does not say whether the factories knew Young would be coming, but does say Young expected to be allowed to visit any factory and talk to any employee.

some incidents of worker defend," Young said.

abuse, such as forced overtime, but said he saw no pattern of widespread mistreatment. He blamed those problems on a cultural barrier, saying the managers often didn't speak the native language or were absentee managers.

At the same time, he said, the concept of workers' rights is poorly understood in the factories and Nike's code of conduct was not prominently displayed. The code prohibits forced labor, child labor, harassment, abuse and discrimination.

Young said factory workers need a better way to file complaints and get them investigated without retaliation. He also said Nike should encourage workers to pick leaders to represent them and suggested a! panel of citizens in each country to monitor working conditions

"...Nike can and should do;

Nike said it will accept. Young's recommendations and take even stronger steps, such as fining factories and firing contractors who violate the code of conduct.

"Although his overall assess-, ment is that we are doing a good job, good is not the standard Nike seeks in anything we do," said Phillip Knight, Nike founder and chief executive officer.

Nike workers were paid \$2.46 a day in Indonesia, \$1.60 in Vietnam and \$1.75 in China, according to human rights groups.

But the basic living wage is about \$4 a day in Indonesia and \$3 in Vietnam and China, the groups said.

Young said he and his consulting firm. GoodWorks International, were not quality fied to address wages and found it difficult to do so.

"It seems to me you've got to be a well qualified economist to Young's report acknowledges make a judgment you can

Doctors begin weaning NHL star from ventilator

ROYAL OAK, Mich. (AP) -Doctors have begun weaning Detroit Red Wings defenseman Vladimir Konstantinov from a ventilator.

"Mr. Konstantinov continues to make purposeful movements in response to family, teammates and medical staff, opening his eyes and squeezing hands on command," said Dr. Karol Zakalik, a neurosurgeon at William Beaumont Hospital.

Hospital spokeswoman Colette Stimmell said weaning Konstantinov from the ventilator could take several more days, if not weeks. She also said rehabilitation specialists have begun to work with him and injured team masseur Sergei Mnatsakanov.

Konstantinov has been on a ventilator since he and two other members of the Red Wings organization were hospitalized after the limousine they were riding in struck a tree June 13.

"It's a long road ahead," Stimmell said. Konstantinov

Mnatsakanov remained in critical but stable condition, the hospital said.

Defenseman Vyacheslav Fetisov was released from the hospital last week.

Teammates were buoyed by the news of slight improve-

"Obviously, he's not out of the woods yet, but any positive sign is great," Red Wings player Darren McCarty told the Detroit Free Press in today's editions. "You hope for the best. This is the start of it. Hopefully, he'll continue to improve rapidly.

Also Tuesday, a package of

proposed bills was announced that would stiffen penalties for people who drive without a license — like the man driving the limousine when it crashed Gov. John Engler and Secretary of State Candice Miller held a news conference in Lansing to back the bills.

If the proposed laws had been in place when limousine driver Richard Gnida was first arrest ed in 1994, he would not only have lost his license, but on subsequent driving convictions he could have been forced to forfeit the car he was driving Miller said.

Gnida "is the type of driver we're trying to get at," Engler spokesman John Truscott told The Detroit News. Gnida could face charges for

his role in the accident, but police were waiting for additional toxicology test results, said Jason Pernick, acting chief of the Oakland County Prosecutor's warrants division. Police would likely not turn

their case over to prosecutors. until July 7, he said Tuesday. Police say Gnida might have

dozed off when his vehicle hitthe tree. His passengers were returning from a golf outing that was part of team celebrations of its Stanley Cup victory. Since 1994, Gnida had been

ticketed for operating while impaired, operating under the influence and unlawful bodily; alcohol content and twice for; speeding, according to state records.

Engler's proposals could include forcing bad drivers to use different-colored license plates, putting a boot on their cars or eventually confiscating their cars for repeat offenses.

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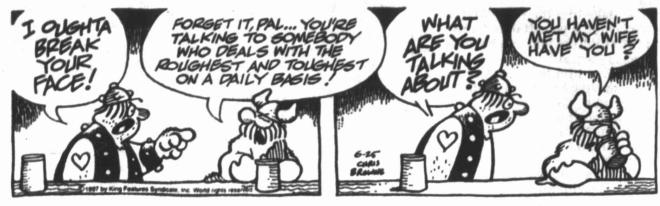
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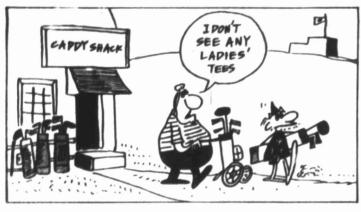


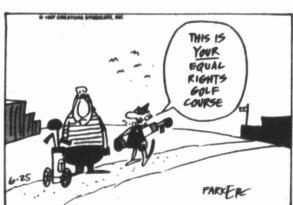
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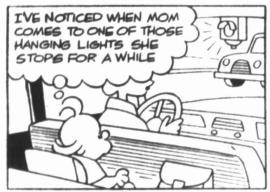


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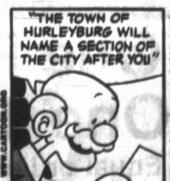
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Today's Highlight in History: On June 25, 1876, Lt. Col. George A. Custer and his 7th Cavalry were wiped out by Sioux and Chevenne Indians in the Battle of Little Big Horn in

Louisiana, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina were re-admitted to the Union In 1906, a love triangle came

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_ to a violent end atop New York's Madison Square Garden as architect Stanford White, the building's designer, was shot to death by Harry Thaw, the jeal-ous husband of Evelyn Nesbit. In 1942, some 1,000 British

Royal Air Force bombers raided Bremen, Germany, during World War II. In 1950, war broke out on the

Korean peninsula as forces from the communist North invaded the South.

In 1951, the first commercial color telecast took place as CBS transmitted a one-hour special from New York to four other cities.

In 1962, the Supreme Court ruled that the use of an unofficial, nondenominational prayer in New York public schools was

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unconstitutional. In 1967, the Beatles performed their new song, "All You Need Is Love," during a live international telecast.

In 1975, the People's Republic of Mozambique came into being, ending nearly five centuries of Portuguese rule.

In 1981, the Supreme Court decided that male-only draft registration was constitutional. In 1995, Warren E. Burger, the

15th chief justice of the United States, died in Washington, D.C., of congestive heart failure at age 87.

Ten years ago: Pope John Paul II received Austrian President Kurt Waldheim at the Vatican, a meeting fraught with controversy because of allega-tions that Waldheim had hidden a Nazi past.

Five years ago: Both houses of Congress rushed to pass a backto-work order ending a national rail strike; President Bush signed it June 26. The space shuttle Columbia, carrying seven astronauts, blasted off on a two-week mission.

One year ago: A truck bomb killed 19 Americans and injured hundreds at a U.S. military housing complex in Saudi Arabia.

Today's Birthdays: Movie director Sidney Lumet is 73. Actress June Lockhart is 72. Rhythm-and-blues singer Eddie Floyd is 62. Basketball Hall-of-Famer Willis Reed is 55. Singer Carly Simon is 52. Rock musician Ian McDonald (Foreigner; King Crimson) is 51. TV person-ality Phyllis George is 48.

Thought for Today: "The press, like fire, is an excellent servant, but a terrible master." James Fenimore Cooper, American author (1789-1851).

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