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TDA set to begin boll weevil referendum meetings

By CARLTON JOHNSON

Staff Writer

The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) will begin a series of educational meetings on the Aug. 1 boll weevil eradication referendum beginning Monday.

The purpose of the meetings are to answer questions regarding the upcoming boll weevil eradication referendum in the 19-county Southern High Plains-Caprock Boll Weevil

Eradication Zone. The meetings begin Monday at 9:30 a.m. at Tahoka's Life Enrichment Center; 3:30 p.m. at the Graham Community Center in Post; and at 5;30 p.m. in the Borden County Courthouse in

On Tuesday the meetings will begin at 9:30 a.m. in Lamesa's Dawson County Annex Building and at 3 p.m. at the Andrews County Courthouse in Andrews.

On July 11, the meeting will begin at 10 a.m. in Howard County at the Knott Co-op Gin and at 1:30 p.m. in Big Spring at the St. Paul Lutheran Church

invited to attend meeting beginning at 7:30 a.m. at the Ackerly Gin; 11:30 a.m. at the Stanton Community Center; and 2:30 p.m. at the Midland County Farmer's Co-op in Midland.

The final meeting in the series will begin at 9:30 a.m. July 15 at the Gaines County Park Building in Seminole.

According to TDA spokesman Gene Acuna, cotton farmers and landowners with cotton production are urged to attend the meetings to learn more about the referendum process, what to

On July 14, producers are expect if a program is approved and what to expect regarding assessment collection process

Additional time will be allotted during each meeting in order to answer all questions.

The election scheduled for Aug. 1. is to determine whether a boll weevil eradication program should be initiated in the Southern High Plains-Caprock

In addition to initiating an eradication program for the

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Clinton names new VA chief

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hershel Gober, an Arkansas ally and old friend of President Clinton, is the nominee to succeed Jesse Brown as secretary of veterans affairs.

Gober, who has been Brown's deputy, served as state director of veterans affairs in Arkansas while Clinton was governor. The

president announced his intentions Thursday. "I would like to say what I hope is obvious now, and I've never said it formally, that is I intend to nominate Deputy Secretary Hershel Gober to be the next secretary of veterans affairs," he

"We have been friends for many years. He did a superb job as state director. He was a good partner and support to Jesse Brown, who fulfilled his promise to me to be a secretary for as well as secretary of — veterans affairs," Clinton said.

Gober's 20-year military career includes service in both the Marine Corps and the Army. He served two tours of duty in Vietnam and received the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star.

Community celebrating America's birthday with variety of activities

ig Spring is celebrating our country's birthday in style today, with a park festival, war scene reenactments and a historical pageant.

"4th Fest" at Comanche Trail Park continues until 6 p.m. Planned activities include sports tournaments, swimming, fishing, games and other entertainment. This family event promises special kids activities, booths of arts and crafts, antiques, food and music.

"The purpose of the event is to create something for the whole family," said organizer Tara Kersh. "It's our way of providing an old-fashioned celebration for the Fourth of

Big Spring State Park visitors this afternoon will see Civil War soldier's camp reenactments from about 2-4 p.m. Costumed members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans are set to create living history with authentic artillery including a five-inch mortar cannon.

Take your bell to the 'Let Freedom Ring" pageant today at 8 p.m. Organizer Mamie Lee Dodds says there will be a time for the audience to ring bells in unison.

The show features local residents in costume, performing such historical events as the Pilgrim landing and the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

It includes music, drama and food — birthday cake will be served before the show. Among the performers are church groups, high school band musicians and local civic club members.

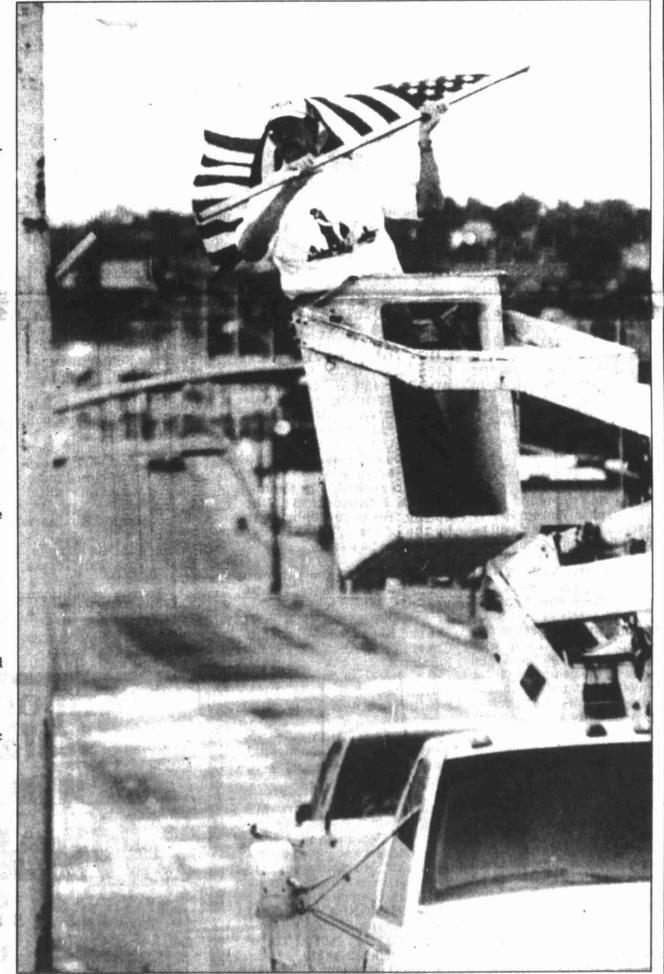
A special feature of the performance will be the reading of the Declaration of Independence in a scene depicting its signing. Planned to add authenticity are the firing of a mortar cannon, muskets, and the playing of fife and drum.

Attendees will receive special programs, and will join in singing the fourth verse of our national anthem.

Coahoma's Lions Club-sponsored activities will be held Saturday, with a parade scheduled for 11 a.m. in downtown Coahoma.

A bake sale will follow the

-DEBBIE L. JENSEN



Archie Kountz, general manager of TCA Cable TV of Big Spring, places an American flag in a holder along Gregg Street earlier today. Big Spring Cable assists Big Spring Rotarians in displaying the flags on patriotic holidays. Persons wishing to donate to the flag program may do so by contacting

Star-Spangled Banner

Saving America's original flag could cost up to \$15 million

WASHINGTON (AP) - It city. could cost \$15 million to save original Star-Spangled Banner, the huge flag raised over Fort McHenry in the dawn's early light of Sept. 14,

hangs in the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History — 40 feet long and threatening to crumble.

To preserve it from time and pollution, \$15 million will be sought. Just how to do all that is still under discussion. One problem is keeping the flag on display during the long, hightech conservation. One idea is to let the public watch at least

part of the work.
"I think it's our duty to make it available to people for as long a, we can," said associate museum director Ron Becker, in charge of the operation.

The flag dates from the War of 1812, when a decisive British victory might have reversed the Declaration of Independence a generation before.

Key, Francis Scott Washington lawyer, was trying to get the release of a fellow-Washingtonian the British had taken the month before when they attacked and burned the capital. He arrived at an awkward time. The British were trying to take Baltimore, too.

They kept him all of a stormy night aboard a small sloop in the Patapsco River while they bombarded the fort, which guarded the sea approach to the See BANNER, Page 2A

The rockets' red glare and the bombs bursting in air — a new invention at the time - gave Key glimpses of a smaller storm flag above the fort. In the morning Maj. George Armistead, the American commander, raised the big one — the size of a fourstory building — that he had

made the year before. Americans still held the fort.

The flag, which inspired Key to write the national anthem, was kept in Armistead's family until 1907. Souvenir hunters snipped away large pieces of it and persons unknown, for unknown reasons, stitched a red

V to one of the white stripes.
"We're researching who did that, and why," Becker said.

The 15 stripes and blue field are wool. The 15 stars - two feet across, point to point — are cotton. Sewn with linen thread, the flag had cost \$405.90 by the time Baltimore widow Mary Young Pickersgill and her 13year-old daughter Caroline finished it a month before the attack

The museum used to hang a plain cloth hung over it, and raised it every hour so visitors could see it as the national anthem played. But the cloth seemed to give little protection from visitors' breath and fibers in the atmosphere, so the flag is now on permanent show

It got a light cleaning in 1982, but nothing like the preserva-

TU files to refund money

HERALD Staff Report

TU Electric filed a request Thursday with the Public Utility Commission (PUC) to refund \$67 million to customers, including interest through August, because of lower than projected fuel costs from October 1995 through May 1997.

According to Big Spring TU Electric District Manager John Toone, the refund would effect some 2.4 million residential, industrial and commercial customers, and subject to PUC approval the refund will appear as a credit on August utility

A TU residential customer with an August bill for 1,000 kilowatt-hours would receive a credit of \$5.50. The actual amount of the refund will depend on the quantity of electricity used.

According to Toone, the refund was proposed because TU Electric was able to use less expensive nuclear fuel and purchased power to offset a volatile natural gas market during this Electric utilities under PUC

jurisdiction recover their fuel costs from customers through a fixed per-kilowatt-hour charge approved by the commission.

When actual fuel costs vary materially up or down from the approved projection, the utility files a request to refund or surcharge the difference.

Since 1986, TU has implemented 12 fuel refunds totaling \$839 million and two fuel surcharges totaling \$240 million.

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Tonight, partly cloudy. A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s. Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower to mid 90s. Saturday night, a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows in the 60s. Extended forecast, Sunday through Tuesday, partly cloudy.

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Independence Day activities dominate schedule WEEKEND TICKET

HERALD Staff Report

this weekend? Here's your ticket to weekend activities in and around Big Spring.

This feature is published each Friday and will include a variety of activities. It is limited to activities of a general nature, community fund-raisers, community functions, free performances, etc.

To submit your activity, send it to "Weekend Ticket," Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721.

If you wish, you may fax your listing to 264-7205 or bring it by

the Herald offices at 710 Scurry. No information will be taken over the phone.

· July 4-5 activities: 10 a.m. - Highland South 10 a.m. - 4th Fest activities

get under way at Comanche

A variety of activities continue through 6 p.m.

2 p.m. - Civil War re-enactment, Big Spring State Park Pavilion. admission Park charges apply.

8 p.m. — "Let Freedom Ring" historical pageant, Comanche Trail Amphitheater...

11 a.m. Saturday - Coahoma Freedom Parade, downtown. Trench Art, Heritage Museum, closed today for the Fourth - open Saturday from

10 a.m. to 5 p.m., 510 Scurry.

This exhibit, which runs through the month, includes artwork made from battlefield memorabilia.

For additional information, contact the museum at 267-8255. · Model Railroad Museum, Satuday until 5 p.m., corner of 2nd and Main n downtown Big

Spring. · Potton House, Saturday, 1-5 p.m., 200 Gregg.

• Live entertainment, tonight-

Sunday, Flo's Yellow Rose, I-20 Service Road, Sand Springs.

Times are 8 tonight, Saturday and 6 on Sunday.

OBITUARIES

Loretta Cone Lujan

Service is pending for Loretta Cone Lujan, 77, of Big Spring. She died Thursday, July 3, 1997 in a local hospital.

Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

WEEVIL

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zone, other issues to be addressed on Aug. 1 include approving a maximum assessment level and electing a board member from the zone to serve on the statewide board of directors for the Texas Boll Weevil **Eradication Foundation Inc.**

The upcoming zone election was established by new legislation that corrects a constitutional problem found by the Texas Supreme Court with the statewide boll weevil eradication program.

Under the new statute, the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication foundation continues to carry out the program, with TDA taking on additional responsibilities that include setting new elections on assessments and eradication programs in regional zones and appointing advisory committees for each zone.

Counties in the Southern High Plains-Caprock Zone include Eradication Howard, Martin, Andrews. Crosby. Borden. Cochran, Dawson, Dickens, Ector, Gaines, Garza, Hockley, Kent, Lubbock, Lynn, Midland, Motley, Terry and Yoakum.

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tion effort now planned, said Suzanne Thomassen-Krauss, the museum's top textile expert.

"We used a vacuum with very low suction, so as not to remove any of the original fiber," she said. "It just took off the same light dust you'd find on your furniture.'

Last November, Becker assembled about 50 conservators from Britain and Canada as well as the United States. They met for two days, then broke up into groups available for consultation. Each group deals with a part of the problem — how to build a showcase and how to control the environment inside.

Building a case would require about seven tons of glass. That would be a much more complicated job than making a display case for a small document like Declaration Independence.

Glass might not be the right material because it scratches too easily.

Many problems still need discussion, including how to get it down without damage. It is uncertain just how much the flag weighs. Becker estimated 125 to 175 pounds.



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Mexican president visits volcano site

SAN NICHOLAS DE LOS RANCHOS, Mexico (AP) - The towering volcano that huffed and puffed ash all over Mexico City this week got a VIP visit Thursday: none other than President Ernesto Zedillo.

Moving to calm nerves frazzled by the volcano's biggest ash eruption since the 1920s Zedillo took a day trip to the flanks of 17,992-foot Popocatepetl, 45 miles southeast of the capital.

"I come here with great pleasure to meet you and tell you that federal, state and municipal authorities are very alert to what has been occurring on the volcano," Zedillo told residents of one nearby village, Calpan.

He added that civil defense officials have been preparing since a series of December 1994 explosions for the possibility of evacuations and said seismographs and other scientific equipment are in place 24 hours a day.

"We are monitoring the volcano's activity minute by minute, second by second," said Zedillo.

Experts warn that more eruptions like Monday's, which coated the capital in gritty gray ash, are possible but not probable in coming weeks. Nonetheless he added that authorities are prepared.

Popocatepetl, whose name means "smoking mountain" in the Aztecs' language, on Monday shot a 40,000-foot plume of ash into the air, the biggest exhalation since 1925. Smaller puffs of ash, vapor and volcanic gases continued to sputter from the volcano off and on this week

On Thursday, Popocatepetl puffed another small plume of ash at midday for Zedillo's visit. the government news agency Notimex reported.

Monday's downpour of rain and ash snarled Mexico City traffic as cars were forced to halt in the middle of major streets to wipe away sludge too heavy for windshield wipers. Mud also flowed down one flank of the volcano.

Some villagers here openly fretted Thursday that they wouldn't be able to get away from a big eruption. They said even reassuring talk by an not halt the forces of Mother Nature.

"Not even the president can perform a miracle as great as said Herminigildo Cocoytl, a 68-year-old peasant, on hand when the president swept through with his interior and defense ministers.

BRIEFS

GROUPS AND new businesses, of American Praise, Inc. will be clubs and organizations: The featured in the gospel concert. Big Spring Herald is preparing the 1997 edition of the Community Guide.

your business, group or organi- West Texas. zation to be sure it is included,

WILL sponsor a 'Freedom gious involvement. Parade' beginning at 11 a.m. Saturday. Everyone is invited 563-4144. to enter the parade. Call 393-5712 or 393-5994 for information.

1700 Lancaster, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., through Aug. 1. Saturday, July 12. There will be household items, furniture, p.m. Enter through the north ceramics, women's clothing, exterior cafeteria door. shoes, men's clothing, and miscellaneous items for sale.

will conduct a large item pick- proof of residence or income up through the first two weekendo in July. Call code enforcement at 264-2505 to arrange the free pickup of large trash items from your curb.

THERE WILL BE A Hunter Norwest Bank from 1-5 p.m. Education Course Aug. 9-10, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce with Boyce Hale, instructor. There is a \$10 fee and you may pre-register by

TENT SALE Wed, through Sat.

Wheat Furniture Will be closed Fri., July 4. at. July 5 & Sun. July 6

phone at 267-7891 or 267-6957 This course is sponsored by the Big Spring Herald, Walmart, Dibrells and the Chamber of Commerce.

JULY JUBILEE DANCE IS planned at Canterbury, 1700 Lancaster, from 7-10 p.m. Thursday, July 10, with C.W. and Company providing the music. There is no cover charge but donations are accepted

DOWNTOWN LIONS CLUB IS selling historic throws depicting a variety of Howard County scenes.

Cost is \$40 for each throw. Call Archie Kountz at 267-3821 or ask any member of the club for more information.

MARTIN COUNTY OLD SETTLERS reunion is planned for Saturday, July 12 in downtown Stanton. Activities begin at 9 a.m. and continue all day, ending with an outdoor dance that evening.

Planned events include a parade, special meals, tours of historic sites and various entertainment. Everyone is welcome to attend, and floats are welcome to enter the parade. Cash prizes will be awarded.

For more information about the reunion or the parade, call Kathleen Lewis at 756-3744.

MOBILE MEALS THE PROGRAM, also known as Meals on Wheels, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

TRENCH ART WILL BE on display at the Heritage Museum through July. The collection of two local residents is located on the museum's lower floor.

The art was made by soldiers during wartime, often using shell casings and other items found on the battlefield. For more information, call 267-8255.

NEWCOMERS TO BIG SPRING are invited to join a welcoming coffee at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, July 17 at Dora Roberts Center in Comanche Trail Park

The event is sponsored by a new organization, the Big Spring Newcomer's Club, formed by seven women who have recently moved to Big Spring. For information or to indicate attendance at the coffee, call Karen Brewer, 268-9944. Pat Mireles, 267-8741, or Pam Brewer, 267-7683.

A PRAISE AMERICA CON-CERT is planned at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Stanton Care ATTENTION COMMUNITY Center. Stephen Vincent Harley

FAMILY OF THE YEAR nominations are needed for We need information about Samaritan Counseling Center of

A family will be chosen to repespecially if you weren't in last resent Big Spring, along with year's guide. Stop by our office one each from Midland and at 710 Scurry, mail to P.O. Box Odessa, at the center's October 1431 or fax us a note at 264-7205. banquet. This family should be nominated for its strong values COAHOMA LIONS CLUB and community as well as reli-For more information, call

BIG **SPRING** HIGH SCHOOL cafeteria will serve AN INDOOR GARAGE lunch free to local youth (ages SALE is planned at Canterbury, 18 and under) from now

Serving hours are 11 a.m.-1

The free lunch is part of the Summer Food Service Program, an extension of the National THE CITY OF BIG Spring School Lunch Program. No required.

A VACCINATION CLINIC AND tick dip will be sponsored by Dr. Joe Neff Saturday, July 12 at the drive-through of

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

STANTON CARE CENTER WILL conduct an open house as part of Martin County Old

BIG SPRING ROUND THE TOWN

Settlers Reunion July 12 from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. They will be selling chili dogs and Frito pies to raise money for a new popcorn machine at the center.

REUNIONS

THE EX STUDENT ORGA-**NIZATION** of Flower Grove School is planning a reunion for all ex-students, teachers and friends Saturday. It will be held in the Lamesa High School Student Center located in the 600 block of North 14th Street, Lamesa. Registration will begin at 1 p.m. A catered meal will be served at 6 p.m. for \$7.50 per person. Since an approximate count is needed of the number of people planning to attend the evening meal, please call 806-462-7666.

FAMILY THE HALE **REUNION** is July 12 at about 10 a.m. in the VFW Hall in Gordon. Any decendents of Harvey Bourne Hale or Miley Ann Dickerson are welcome to attend.

For more information, call Floreine Hale Palmer at (915) 362-2190.

MANY CLASS REUNIONS ARE planned as part of Martin County Old Settlers Day July Class years and the reunion

contacts are as follows: Class of 1932, Grover Springer, 459-2286; Class of 1947, Shirley Scoggins, 756-2325; Class of 1952, Loyd Mims, 756-3641; class of 1957, Chalmer Wren; Class of 1961, Hulen Todd, 756-2391; Class of 1962, Marsha Todd, 756-2391; Class of 1967, Suzanna Poe, 756-2241; Class of 1972, Lyn Porter, 756-2020; Class of 1977, Debbie Thompson, 756-2517; Class of 1982, Jonama Cox Allen, 806-998-4224; Class of 1987, Pam Tom Grable, 756-3673. Courtney Class reunion con-

tact is Kathleen Lewis, 756-3744.

SPRINGBOARD

IF YOU HAVE ANY 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

 Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Music by CW & Co. Area seniors invited.

·Good Shepherd Fellowship 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**

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

SUNDAY •Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting.

MONDAY *Big Spring Evening Lion's Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third. Call Al Valdez, 263-6810. ·Project Freedom, Christian

support group, 7 p.m. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241. •TOPS Clubs (Take Off

Pounds Sensibly) 5 to 5:45 p.m. weigh in and 6 p.m. meeting, Carriage Inn, 501 W. 17th. Call 263-1340 or 263-8633.

·Daytime prenatal classes. Texas Department of Health, 1 to 2:30 p.m. Call 263-9775 to register. All expectant parents welcome. Class instructor will be Laurie Burks, BSN.

STEAKS & SEAFOOD

WILL BE CLOSED

Friday, July 4th, Saturday July 5th, Sunday, July 6th

We will re-open Mon. July 7th

Have A Happy & Safe 4th of July

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 Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. at the VA Medical Center on fourth

·Gospel Singing, 7 p.m., Kentwood Center, 2805 Lynn. Call 267-6764. Guest singers from Stanton, Midland and Colorado City. Encouragers support group,

Furr's Cafeteria, 6 p.m. For more information call 398-5522 or 399-4369.

TUESDAY

 Most Excellent Way, a chemical dependency support group, 7 p.m., Living Water Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-1424 after 5 p.m. or 263-3168 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

·Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m.; Spanish services. Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., 615

Settles. •Narcotics Anonymous, 6:30

p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Beginning line dance class

will be taught at 9 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628 for more information. Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open

meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. closed

meeting at the VA Medical

Center on fourth floor. •MS group, 6:30 p.m., Canterbury South. Call Diane at 263-0148. WEDNESDAY

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

·Line dance classes, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, following lunch. For more information call 398-5522 or 267-1628. Alcoholics Anonymous, 615

Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. 12&12 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 to 1 p.m. open meeting, 615 Settles. 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at Scenic Mountain Medical Center cafeteria.

 American Legion Auxiliary Post 506, 7 p.m. Call 263-2084. ·Christmas in April, noon, 1607 East Third. Call Teresa

Hodnett at 263-0147. ·West Texas Republican Women's Club, noon, Big Spring Country Club.

•Masonic Lodge No. 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

·July Jubilee, Dance, Canterbury, 1700 Lancaster. from 7 to 10 p.m. C.W. and Company will provide the

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music. No charge, but donations accepted. FRIDAY Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Music by CW & Co.

Area seniors invited •Good Shepherd Fellowship 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

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

•Howard County Scottish Rite Club, 7:30 a.m., Masonic Lodge, 21st and Lancaster. Breakfast served (\$4). All Scottish Rite Masons welcome.

 Alzheimers support group, a.m., Carriage Inn Retirement Center, 501 W. 17th. •Dr. Joe Neff will have a vaccination clinic and tick dip at Norwest Bank from 1 to 5 p.m.

Rabies and dip \$5 each. Indoor garage sale, 1700 Lancaster, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be household items, furniture, ceramics, women's clothing, shoes, men's clothing, and miscellaneous items for sale. SUNDAY

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Everyone is welcome to attend. Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported no activity on its report logs for Thursday, July 3 through 7:30 a.m. today.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity for the period ending at 7:30 a.m.:

• ROSENDO ROBLES, 18, 806 Douglas, arrested on local warrants and transferred to Big Spring Police Department at 11:46 p.m. on Thursday, July 3. THEFT reported in the 7800

block of the north I-20 service road at 7:04 p.m. on Thursday,



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Pet project town of Mexico's ruling party may vote PRD on Sunday

VALLE DE CHALCO, Mexico (AP) — Mexico's ruling party built this town.

In what was widely perceived as a party patronage program, the government laid the roads, built the sewers, brought in water and power. Out of grati-tude, people have long pledged allegiance to the Institutional Revolutionary Party - known as the PRI - which has gov-

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erned Mexico for 68 years. But as Sunday's elections approach, many people in Valle de Chalco quietly say they'll vote for the leftist opposition, and even PRI supporters concede they may lose this town 20 miles southeast of Mexico City. And if the PRI can lose here,

it can lose anywhere. The government helped build Chalco from the ground up in the early 1980s, a showcase of to reverse that trend. Residents the \$3 billion-plus Solidarity say the local government hand-Program. Although it went on ed out bags of rice, beans, cookto help thousands of poor communities across Mexico. Solidarity often was accused of being a means of perpetuating

the party's grip on power. But with recent electoral reforms, economic crisis and a clamoring for greater democracy, that grip is now in danger. In nearby Mexico City, the

PRI candidate for mayor trails that of the leftist Democratic Revolution Party — or PRD — by 25 points in polls. The rul-ing party could lose its congressional majority for the first time in history. And polls show several states leaning toward opposition governors in

Sunday's elections. The PRI is doing what it can

ing oil, sugar and soap in the name of the party. It gave a discount on water to anyone with a voter registration card. It even vaccinated all the dogs in town against rabies.

"I should be a PRIista because they give us lot of things," Maria Esther Rojas, 40, who owns a tiny construction supply shop with her hus-band. She works on the PRI campaign, but when asked Wednesday whom she planned to vote for, she said with a sly smile: "A lot of people say they are PRIistas, but vote for (the

opposition)." The government built up the valley, but much remains to be done. And with a national

recession, Valle de Chalco has fallen on hard times.

Deep puddles of water stretch 50 feet across broad grayel and dirt roads. Crime has soared; policemen patrol with their pistols in their hands. The water is too dirty to drink.

"Now we have to buy drinking water" because the tap water is so bad, said Reyna Chavez Araiza, who cares for an elderly couple for a living. "You can't even fill yourself up on water any more.

"We don't want anything to do with the PRI now," she said. Part of the ruling party's problem here has to do with former President Carlos Salinas de Gortari, who adopted Valle de Chalco as his pet project of his Solidarity pro-

This is one of the few places in Mexico where people still smile fondly when they mention Salinas, who has been villified because of family scandals and an economic crisis.

Allegiance to Salinas often has translated into support for the PRI. But even that is now in danger here.

Soon after Salinas left office, his brother Raul was arrested on charges of participating in the assassination of a ruling party leader.

"When they rob, I can accept that." Chavez said. "But when they start killing people, that just isn't right.'

Even more than the scandals. people have been hurt by the financial crisis, which began only days after Salinas left office in December 1994.

A steep peso devaluation caused more than 1 million people to lose work and Mexico was plunged into its worst recession since the Depression. Recovery has yet to work its way down to most Mexicans.

Jose Monroy Vazquez, whose gaunt, deeply wrinkled face looks older than 56 under his cowboy hat, collects cardboard with a cart pulled by a scrawny, brown donkey. He gets 50 centavos -- 3 cents -for every pound sold.

"We're malnourished," he said, looking at his 3-year-old grandson, Luis Angel, riding atop the cardboard. "Some days we eat cactus, some days beans. But beans are expensive.'

"A lot of people here are with the PRD," he added. "We need

gram during his 1988-1994 term. Convicted banker on Gary Mauro's taxpayer-bankrolled land staff may never pay full restitution of \$4.6 million

AUSTIN (AP) - Ruben Johnson, who was convicted of bank fraud and now works for Texas Land Commissioner Garry Mauro, may never finish paying his court-ordered debt to society, a newspaper reports.

Currently on probation, Johnson, 67, is negotiating to reduce a \$4.6 million restitution order that accompanied his 1989 conviction, his lawyer told the Austin American-Statesman.

"We are currently close to settlement with the government," lawyer Denise Tomlinson said. "We are not going to comment on the resolution. Mr. Johnson has been making monthly payments on his restitutions as required by his probation offi-

The former Austin banker was released from prison in July 1994 after serving 59 months of an eight-year sentence. He began his \$61,343-ayear job in Mauro's office in May.

As director of special projects, he will help start a \$52 million program to build assisted-living centers for veterans. Lawmakers approved the program this year.

Restitution payments go to the

institutions, including

Ruben Johnson's United Bank loaned \$228,000 to Mauro's 1982 campaign for land commissioner. He will be paid \$61,343 a year in his new job, but has paid back less than \$1,600 in restitution despite living in home valued at \$600,000.

Johnson's United Bank, went belly up during the Texas bust of the late 1980s.

In 1995, more than a year after Johnson left prison, federal lawyers sought court permission to foreclose on his 8,767square-foot home because he had paid less than \$1,600 in restitution. The home is now valued at \$600,000.

Daryl Fields, a spokesman for the U.S. attorney's office in San Antonio, said the restitution has not been paid in full. He said he could not comment on negotiations.

Mauro has defended the hiring, saying Johnson won't handle state money

As first reported by The Dallas Morning News, Johnson helped bankroll the Texas Democratic ticket in 1982, making more than \$100,000 in contributions and millions of dollars in loans to statewide candidates, including Maures of emon

According to Texas Ethics Commission records, he conbank loaned \$228,000 to Mauro's 1982 campaign for land commis-

A spokeswoman for Gov. George W. Bush, Karen Hughes, said the hiring "certainly raises eyebrows when the first thing the Land Office says about its new employee is they checked with his parole officer.'

United Bank's demise began in 1985. Plagued by bad loans and high overhead, its assets plunged from \$300 million to \$208 million.

"I think the whole country learned something from that era," Johnson said. "The '80s were a superheated time, and mistakes were made.'

The bank's high overhead included Johnson's taste for the finer things lie outfitted its headquarters with oak parquet floors, imported rugs, travertine marble, Chippendale furniture, and statues, paintings and

closed the bank in June 1987. Johnson was indicted on 13 tributed \$5,000 and his Austin counts of defrauding his bank

by taking kickbacks from contractors who worked on the bank building. At the trial, Assistant U.S. Attorney Jim Blankinship called it greed.

'When it came down to a choice between the bank's best interests and Ruben Johnson's best interest, Ruben Johnson's best interests won out every time," he told jurors.

State Sen. Jerry Patterson, R. Pasadena, sponsor of the veterans home measure, said he had no problem with the hiring.

"I'm not against hiring excons who have paid their debt and if that (conviction) is a known fact. I don't see how he can possibly do anything wrong in a program such as this where the access to those dollars is so heavily audited," he said.

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Pentagon: Rangers 'premature' to judge border shooting

Pentagon says it is too early to try to judge the intentions of Marines involved in a fatal shooting along the Texas-Mexico border.

Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Bacon said Thursday that the Marines had reason to believe they were following military rules allowing them to use deadly force.

"Our standard rules of engagement allow the use of deadly force in self-defense," he said.

Bacon was asked about the May 20 incident in which 18year-old Esequiel Hernandez Jr. of Redford, Texas, allegedly shot at a military surveillance team. The four-man Marine unit was watching a suspected drug route at the request of the Border Patrol. Military officials have said the teen-ager had shot twice at the Marines and had raised his .22-caliber rifle for a third shot when the Marines opened fire, killing

Bacon said the Marines have baid they believed they were about to be fired upon again.

The Marines' account is

been fired upon." the spokesman said. "The rules of engagement are very explicit. that they are allowed to respond in self-defense, with deadly force if necessary. The Marines had reason to believe that they were acting in accordance with the rules of engagement," Bacon said.

Asked whether the Marines properly followed the rules of engagement, or whether the rules themselves were improper, Bacon replied that it was 'premature' to attempt to judge the Marines' intentions.

"And all of these facts are being investigated, but the Marines have told the investigators quite clearly what transpired, the degree of threat they felt they were under, and why they acted the way they did," the spokesman said.

Bacon noted that the Marines were in radio contact with their superiors at the time.

"They were reporting all the way along what was going on," the spokesman said. "There is extensive training given on the rules of engagement before soldiers are assigned to the border. They're very aware of fairly explicit, that they had what the rules are."

Airline serving Angelo, Abilene is grounded

AUSTIN (AP) - A cash shortage and insurance cancellations have grounded Conquest

The Austin-based commuter airline, which serves nine Texas cities, shut down as of noon Thursday after its hull and liability insurance was canceled, said Tim Clarey, executive vice president.

The policy was canceled because of the cash shortage, Clarey said. The airline aims to resume

operations July 14, he said. Clarey said the company was suffering from insufficient funds due to a slowdown in summer business travel.

Conquest flies a loop between Austin, San Angelo and Abilene, and provides connecting service from its Austin hub to Tyler, Beaumont-Port Arthur, San Antonio, Corpus Christi, Laredo and McAllen.

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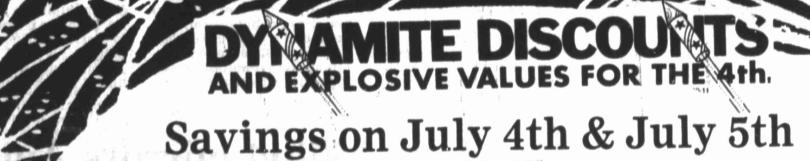
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Quote of the Day

"Liberty is always dangerous"but it is the safest thing we have."

-Harry Emerson Fosdick

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

Each Friday, the Herald salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplish-

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play. This week we salute:

• SCENIC MOUNTAIN MEDICAL CENTER, for its ongoing support of the Settles Hotel Window Project. The hospital has now given 20 windows to the project and has adopted the Settles Hotel as its project of the

 ABWA OF BIG SPRING, for selecting Shannon DeVore for its annual scholarship. DeVore, a mother of four, plans to go to college and is hopeful of becoming a teacher.

• KEITH KLEMENT, assistant county extension agent in Howard County, on being named county extension agent in Archer County. HEB GROCERY, for its support of the community

... most recently the Boy Scouts Pump-Off last Saturday.

 PRISSY STANLEY and JOANNE SAYLES, for their service as campr director and program director at the Cub Scout Day Camp at Lake Colorado City.

They were assisted by a group of junior leaders, including JAYLAN EVERETT, KRISTEN THIXTON. DANE RICHARDSON, RICHARD KEY, J.D. SMITH, RYAN MIRACLE, GARY GNUSCKE, SCOTTY DOWNING, JEFF STANLEY, RYAN SAYLES, QUINN LONG, COLIN STANLEY and CODY SNEED.

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.



TO THE EDITOR:

When those responsible for damaging the memorial are apprehended, it is my hope that as a part of their sentence they will be made to stand in front of the helicopter carrying a sign announcing to the world what they have done. These "shame tactics" are being used in other parts of the country for various offenses such as shoplifting.

If the reward works in catching these vandals perhaps citizens could fund a permanent reward system for the arrest and conviction of anyone who commits any act of vandalism. there are some county roads where almost all the mail boxes have been taken out in a single night. I would think that these residents and others would happily contribute a couple of dollars a month to such a fund, but what good would it do it there isn't suitable punishment? I think the shame punishment might be the best deterrent.

RITA PALMER **Big Spring**

TO THE EDITOR:

Our law enforcement has been encouraging vandalism by being soft on vandalism their excuse has been that they are hampered by the under-age laws, But!! - they could still pursue, find and counsel the culprits (and their parents) and be very effective in curtailing these actions (esp. if continually counseling the known culprits and parents).

Also, by identifying the culprits, the basis would exist for civil court actions against the parents - which would be a powerful deterrent if the parents were economically held responsible for their childrens actions. The culprits must be legally identified to make this

possible. It has seemed that individual police officers have been afraid to pursue vandals --ly on orders from their superiors. If they had orders to pur-sue and counsel to the fullest

extent allow by law the vandal problems would not exist now. and it would slow the future rate by educating (correcting) the people now.

Since most vandalism is perpetrated by teen agers and they seem to have a creed that boosts their esteem when they 'get away with it' then not to pursue is only an encouragement to do more damage.

Vandalism to rental property has cost many landlords a lot of money - in many cases the vandals were known but no action would be taken by the police because of their fear of the state laws regarding teens. They could at least identify the culprits and encourage the victims to pursue in civil court.

The law curfew is laughed at by the night roaming vandals they hide from the patrol cars and continue to roam with impunity. An undercover operation, or citizens reports, coupled with determined pursuit by the police will be necessary to slow the vandalism.

As to the damage to the helicopter, many landlord's have suffered more damage from vandals, more often, then any other segment of business or society. Slight damage to a house or rental unit can easily cost \$2,000. The very people whose taxes pay the salaries and all expense of the law enforcement departments are the ones who are punished the most by the inaction of the law enforcement.

LESLIE LLOYD **Big Spring**

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Was the Declaration of Independence radical?

"When in the course of human events..." it began, and then the resolution continued. 'We hold these truths to be self evident, that all men are creat-

ed equal, that they endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable

rights, that those are life, liberty and the pursuit of

U.S. Representative happiness.

As we celebrate the 221st anniversary of the endorsement of that document by the 13 United States of America, it's almost impossible to recognize how radical those words really were: So radical that the signers of the Declaration of Independence felt compelled to

Stenholm

put their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor on the line to conclude the document. In ways we can barely imagine, those forefathers understood that freedom does not come free of charge.

Today it is both a wonderful and a dangerous thing that we take our liberties for granted. Wonderful because it is a result of the remarkable peace and prosperity our Nation has enjoyed for so long. Dangerous because a cavalier attitude towards freedom bodes ill for its protection in the future.

My grandparents came to this country from Sweden. They knew that the United States offered something denied them in the Old World. It offered room to dream and the opportunity to realize whatever you dreamed. They knew that America meant hard work and struggle. But they also knew that it was a place where hope was possible, where aspirations were rewarded. It was, to be sure, a place with faults.

but also, a place to be free. On July 4th, over half a million people gather in

Washington, D.C. between the U.S. Capitol and the Lincoln Memorial to hear patriotic music, picnic with their families, and watch a grand display of fireworks. With the majestic monuments as back-drops, it is a truly impressive sight. But every bit as impressive

are the thousands of parades and picnics that take place all over the Country, indeed throughout the 17th District of Texas. It is there that neighbors gather and youth ride horses down making the colorful tapestry of American life.

Our communities are filled with the police officer, the teacher, the business owner, the farmer, the factory worker, the housewife -- all who have an opportunity to live as patriots, honoring the values and freedoms which undergird our Nation.

Even though we're not in a time of war or economic

depression or other serious external danger, all Americas have a responsibility to protect the freedoms we enjoy. WE must be vigilant not just against threats from outside, but from within. We must fight our own cynicism, our own selfishness. The great privileges we enjoy cannot be maintained passively and without effort. We must honor - in our hearts in our minds, and in our actions -- what our Country means and stands for. As the signers of the

Declaration of Independents concluded, we too, should place "a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence" and pledge a commitment to carrying forward these freedoms and values which make America the land we love.

Charles Stenholm represents the 17th District of Texas. His address is Room 1211 Longworth Office Building, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515.

Maryland killing mirrors America's anguish The world scarcely noticed

when Flint Gregory Hunt, murderer of a Baltimore police officer, died at 12:27 a.m.

Carl Rowan

Syndicated

Columnist

Wednesday of an injec tion of sodium pentothal, pavulon and potassium chloride

Yet his execution said a lot about crime and punishment in America.

Hunt was the first person executed by the state of Maryland against his will since 1961. He had stayed alive by using the appeals process for 12 years, even though he admitted that he shot Vincent Adolfo in the heart. This case illustrates anew how reluctant the people and judges are to make the state a killer, no matter how heinous the crime. California has 476 people on death row, but has executed only four in the last two

Those facts suggest that many years may go by before Timothy McVeigh, killer of 168 people in the Oklahoma City bombing, is put to death.

Another sign of the anguish of the American people over the death penalty was the fact that about 140 foes and 80 advocates staged demonstrations outside the penitentiary where Hunt was executed.

Yet the anguish seems far less in some states than others. In June, before the year was half over, Texas broke the alltime record of 20 executions by a state in one year, a mark set in 1935 by ... yes, Texas.

Since 1976, when the U.S. Supreme Court allowed reinstatement of the death penalty, Texas has carried out more than 125 executions, a third of the U.S. total. Florida and Virginia tied for a distant second place at 39.

The American Civil Liberties Union has accused Texas of "assembly-line justice" in which that state sends a message that "life is cheap." Others say that Texans are clinging to a heritage of "frontier justice" that featured revenge killings at the hands of posses, relatives, or mobs.

The question arises as to whether the citizens of Texas, or Florida and Virginia, feel safer than those where the death penalty is rarely (or never) carried out. Some say that the failure of capital punishment as a deterrent is evident in the fact that the more people Texas executes, the more it has to execute.

But none of the criticisms has fazed Texans, who two years ago changed their laws to limit the appeals process and thereby cut in half the average time convicts spend on death row.

Polls indicate that where there is any chance that the perpetrator of a capital crime will eventually be let out of

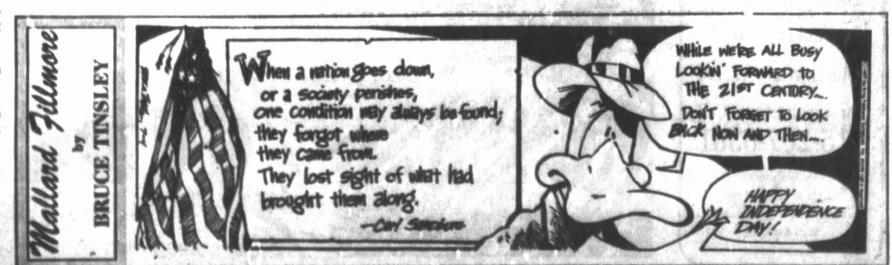
Americans favor the death penalty. But where the law provides for a life sentence without parole, support for the death penalty drops to 41 percent, according to the Death Penalty Information Center, a group that is opposed to capital punishment.

Several states have added, or are moving to add, the option of life without parole.

But the scenes outside the Maryland penitentiary made it clear that in every American community, forever, the death penalty will remain a bitterly divisive issue. Young girls lit candles to shine on signs saying "Shame on Maryland" and "Don't kill for mewhile those favoring Hunt's execution waved fluorescent sticks and chanted "Hey, hey, hey, good-

bye." At sunrise Wednesday, the only thing anyone could be sure of was that a pathetic figure who had killed had now himself been slain - legally.

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Sidewalk Sunday school

Evangel Temple takes outreach program into city neighborhoods

Features Editor

Evangel Temple Assembly of God put a new twist on vaca-

tion Bible school: They took it on the road. The church recently had its first session of a Saturday program that brings Bible stories, puppets and songs to various

neighborhoods throughout Big "We want to go to neighbor-hoods where there might be children who don't attend church," said Gene Smith, min-

are taking it to them." Saturday was the program's trial run, and all participants are calling it a great success.

ister of Evangel Temple. "We

"We're working for a common goal of bringing people together," said Sharon Rich of the church. "We're always looking for something different, and you're going to be successful anytime you are spreading the gospel."

On Friday before they planned to appear, members of the church dressed as clowns and visited homes in the area, passing out fliers advertising

The next morning, kids and their parents arrived at the once vacant lot to see puppets, sing songs, play games and learn Bible verses.

To add to the excitement, Evangel Temple members painted their church bus with a wild jungle print. Then they packed up church members of

Please see SIDEWALK, page A6.



Above, Evangel Temple Church members Sharon Rich, left, and Marie Evans. lead Sidewalk Sunday school attendees on a recent Saturday, with help from Randy the rabbit. At right, church members painted their bus in wild jungle colors for the outreach program. Shown painting are, from left, Gene Smith, pastor, Sarah Womak, Jamle Pineda, Sharon Rich, Valerie Pineda and Marie Evans.



CHURCH .

ber vocal band, will perform Wednesday at 7 p.m. at First Church of God. They sing a wide variety of musical styles, from Southern gospel to contemporary Christian music.

There will not be an admission charge, but an offering will be taken.

Snyder First Baptist

Camp is set for 9 a.m.-4 p.m. July 12 at the Family Life Center of First Baptist Church in Snyder.

Topics will include "Teaching kids to mind without losing yours," and "What to do when there's too much month at the end of the money.'

Presenter is Link Fuller, who has 20 years of experience teaching parenting, child development and personal achieve-

Admission is free, child care and lunch will be provided. Call (915) 573-4942 by 5 p.m. Wednesday to reserve a spot.

'How Can You Go Around Like a Turkey When You're Soaring with Eagles?" (Habakkuk 3:17-18) will be the Rev. Ed Williamson's message Sunday at First United Methodist Church.

This message will be about choosing the right friends in life. Services are 8:30 a.m. and

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First Church of God

Vision of Hope, a four-mem-

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mer wrestler oldest God's wingman priest ordained this year Fighter pilot finds challenges in ministry

OS ANGELES (AP) - Bill as was known from Tulsa Tahiti as Elephant Boy, ander Zavo, The Bushman ad semetimes the Wild Man

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Divas recently was ordained toman Catholic priest at St. omas Aquinas Church in at, Calif., completing a ciritous journey that took him ough an unlikely seminary. or 25 years, he toured the as a professional regoing to the mat with

e likes of Gorgeous George agner, Vern Gagne and Lou hez, becoming a familiar face the sport became a staple of

The journey took so many etours — World War II, a 27-ear marriage, 22 years as wher of a health spa — that, t age 76, he is the oldest of ome 500 men to be ordained atholic priests in the United trace this year.

"I think that the Lord was aways willing to grab me, but was running a little ahead of tim, or wasn't quite ready." Divas said. "But he finally a hold of me and now he s 'You can't get away.'"
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used to call it the hangto the chin and swing Stadium and the Olympic vaelf under them and hold Please see PRIEST, page A6.

them on my back. It hurts. They'll give up." Born in Ojai in 1921, Olivas

he skirts of the church." So Olivas joined the Army and got a taste of pro-wrestling. Sent to England to prepare for the invasion of Europe, he spent his free time working out with another sol dier who was making good money wrestling there.

One night, his opponent didn't show up and he said 'Come on, if I don't wrestle I'm not going to get my 70 pounds," Olivas said.

It was a good match, he recalled, but a pre career was

a long way off.

On D-Day, he went ashore on Omaha Beach with combat engineers and saw action until the end of the war as an assistant to a front-line Roman

He had promised his mother he would return to the seminary after the war. The experience changed him.
Instead, he looked up his
Army wrestling buddy and hit

Olivas wrestled throughout Europe and in Australia, New Africa. His U.S. venues were places like the Sportatorium in Texas, Hollywood Legion Stadium and the Olympic

was in the junior seminary when World War II began. His mother, Solena, was glad he was there; his father, William,

compassionate ear into the confessional grill: world-savvy but never world-weary. Not many priests or clergy of thought he was "hiding under any denomination have lived the life he has lived: hot-shot fighter pilof with 200 missions over North Vietnam. Air Force

consultant on race relations. business entrepreneur and adviser to police departments, husband, father of four, widower, grandfather of 14. Now he's the administrator of

- The Rev. Alfred Audette has

been ordained only five years,

but he leans an experienced,

a rural church with a leaky roof and a hemorrhaging debt that got him in trouble with some parishioners when he began bingo as a Band-Aid.

The mortgage seems to have bugged him more than dodging SAM missiles over Haiphong harbor. Mulling over parish finances, he forgot to renew his pilot's license and no longer rents a plane at nearby Danbury airport to take the altar boys up for a ride.

Graying, trim and handsome at age 64, Audette is evidence of a recent phenomenon in the Catholic Church: the late, late vocation. His path to the pulpit did not begin with a pious mother praying for a priest in the family.

"My mother passed away when I was very young," he reminisces in a parish office decorated with holy pictures and photos of his family, ordination and combat flying days

BROOKFIELD, CONN. (AP) that tremble as carpenters bang set about mastering the diffiaway at the roof.

"I was in an orphanage for a number of years, not your warm home environment," he said. "There were no family role models, but at nearby Attleboro (Mass.), there was a tiny airport with small planes and dashing pilots to dream

Entering the Air Force in the Korean War, he "kept hustling everybody, including the general, to get into flight school." On a blind date at the officers' club in Wichita, Kan., he met Mary Ann Poling. "She was dynamite. I proposed to her 25 seconds after we met, called her every day after that for 10 days and married her two months

After two tours in Vietnam, Audette moved to SAC (Strategic Air Command) in Omaha, where "something extraordinary happened." At a conference of "staff chiefs and generals," Lt. Col. Audette was asked for ideas on improving Air Force race relations. His immediate supervisors were shocked when he proposed an expensive program "to fly every officer and senior NCO to Vandenburg AFB in California for an intensive one-week seminar.

The chief of staff bought the plan and not long afterward Audette was promoted to full colonel. He was sent to the National War College and then spent three years as defense attache in Portugal, where he cult language.

As a priest, Audette thought enough of his linguistic skills to perform marriages and baptisms and occasionally preach to the local Portuguese community.

Then last Lent, as penitents lined up for confession, he heard a native Portuguese priest announce: "If you're embarrassed about your sins, go to Father Audette. His Portuguese is terrible."

Bored with his last assignment as a Pentagon intelligence briefer, Audette left the military after 30 years to open a business consultancy in the Washington area, evaluating government agencies and reorganizing police departments across the country.

"The call to the priesthood never came," he says, "until my wife was diagnosed with incurable cancer. The moment she slipped away at four o'clock on that Sunday morning, I knew where I was going."

He went to Catholic University and "overdosed on philosophy," a requirement for entering the major seminary, and lived in a nearby Josephite monastery.

He managed to cram four years of theology into three at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia and took the heat when St. Augustine's theory of a just war came up for discussion.

Do you have true freedom?

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Thomas Jefferson said, "The God who gave us life, gave us liberty the s a m e time."

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Rushing **Guest Columnist**

dom we have because of the courage of the early Americans?

We continue to have this freedom because of the bravery of so many since then. Millions have come to America seeking a better life. Thousands live in Big Spring seeking to maintain the better life. Many have found it and many have not.

Whether you're rich or poor or in between, even though you are free on the outside ... are you free on the inside? Did you know that Jesus Christ came to restore you to a complete relationship with God so you could have peace and freedom on the "inside?"

Some Bible passages that talk about this incredible freedom — "You shall know the truth and the truth will make you free ... if the Son makes law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. (Rom. 8:2). It was for freedom that Christ set us free for you were called to free-

dom. (Gal. 5:1, 13). The greatest declaration of independence was when Jesus Christ said upon the cross, "It

is finished!" The enemy of God and mans Satan, was defeated. Jesus declared that every man, woman, boy and girl could be free from the penalty and power of sin. He arose from the

dead to prove it.

In the same way that a person must receive and live in the independence of America to experience it, you must trust Jesus Christ for the independence of your soul in order to live in the freedom of that independence now.

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Lee Rushing is pastor of Crossroads Community Fellowship.

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clothing will work well together.

(NAPS) - It's the night before your vacation and you're about to begin the dreaded task of packing. Here are a few tips to get you organized and ensure a fuss-free getaway.

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•If you will be arriving late at night, make sure the last things you pack will be the first things you need.

·Carry your passport, tickets, travelers checks and hotel address in your purse or carry-on bag in case the airline loses your luggage.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Martin County Old Settlers

Martin County Old Settlers reunion is planned for Saturday, July 12 in downtown Stanton. Activities begin at 9 a.m. and continue all day,

ending with an outdoor dance that evening. Planned events include a parade, special meals, tours of historic sites and various entertainment. Everyone is welcome to attend, and floats are welcome to enter the parade. Cash prizes will be awarded.

For more information about the reunion or the parade, call Kathleen Lewis at 756-3744

THE LAST WORD

Loving-kindness is the better part of goodness.

W. Somerset Maugham

To produce an income tax return that has any depth to it, any feeling, one must have lived -- and suffered.

Frank Sullivan

He who has imagination but no knowledge has wings but

Joseph Joubert

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Auditorium in California.

When a promoter had him photographed on an elephant in Little Rock, Ark., he became Elephant Boy, just one of many names invented for him.

A promoter in Chicago told him to let his curly hair grow long.

"The longer it grew, the more it stood up," Olivas said. "Of course, people said it was a wig. It was not a wig. It was my real hair and they pulled it plenty."

He suffered broken ankles and cracked ribs. Thez gave him some impromptu dental work in Oklahoma, evidence he offers that pro wrestling wasn't faked.

"He caught me with a drop kick and hit right square in the puss and I spit some teeth out and lost the match," Olivas said. "It's funny — people even then would say, 'Oh that's not real blood.' It upset me no end. So I said, 'I'll give you real blood - here's some of it.'

He met his wife, Martha, through the mother of a fellow wrestler and, after he quit wrestling, they ran a spa at Matilija Hot Springs near Ojai, northwest of Los Angeles. She died in 1988; they had no children.

Through it all, there had been a thread: Even in the roughand tumble days of the pro wrestling tour, Olivas got to Mass at least weekly.

"The faith was always there,"

Olivas had been a deacon at St. Thomas Aquinas since 1977 and, after his wife's death, was invited by the parish's Augustinian priests to live with them. In 1991, he became a brother in the Order of St. Augustine.

Olivas said his life experiences all have been useful to him in his new role. His wife's death gave him insight in ministering to the bereaved, and having been married allows him to relate to the young couples he counsels.

He also can advise on what to do if someone flips you through

"One of the secrets," he confides, "is if you hold yourself very relaxed and fall, you won't get hurt. But if you tighten up, you're going to get hurt.'

CHURCH

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St. Mary's **Episcopal Church**

St. Mary's hosts a number of community groups during the including Laryngectomy Support Group, the Quilting Guild, AA, NA and Big Spring Humane Society.

Holy Eucharist during the summer is at 9:30 a.m. Sundays.

SIDEWALK

Continued from page A5 all ages to join in the mission.

We're able to reach out to people," Smith said. "That's what we hoped for."

Evangel Temple's next Sidewalk Sunday School program will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 19 at the small vacant lot where Tucson, Circle and Victory streets connect.

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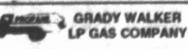
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Clark homers as Rangers clock Rockies; Reds down Astros

ARLINGTON (AP) — Will Castilla homered with one out, Clark hit his first homer since finishing Oliver. May 30 and Darren Oliver pitched neatly into the ninth inning Thursday night as the Texas Rangers downed the Colorado Rockies 8-3.

The Rangers won three of four games against Colorado, and are 7-3 in interleague play. The Rockies are 3-7 against AL opponents.

Clark hit a three-run shot, capping a four-run sixth inning that gave the Rangers a 4-1 lead. It was Clark's first homer in 29 games and 113 at-bats.

Clark connected off Kevin Ritz (6-8). The homer over the center-field fence came after Mark McLemore singled, Ivan Rodriguez doubled, Rusty Greer hit a sacrifice fly and Juan Gonzalez singled.

Oliver (5-9) limited the Rockies to one run and two hits in the first eight innings. In the ninth. Dante Bichette led off with a single and Vinny

Reds 4, Astros 3

HOUSTON - Joe Oliver drove in three runs with a homer and two-run single and John Smiley beat Houston for the ninth straight time as the Cincinnati Reds beat the Astros 4-3 on Thursday night.

Smiley, who hasn't lost to the Astros since May 8, 1993, kept Houston scoreless until the the seventh when Luis Gonzalez and Derek Bell singled and Sean Berry homered to make it a one-run game.

Smiley (6-10) left after Berry's fifth homer of the year, allowing seven hits and striking out six. Stan Belinda came on and pitched two innings before Jeff Shaw pitched the ninth for his 17th save.

The Reds took a 3-0 lead in the first against Ramon Garcia (3-7), who loaded the bases by hitting leadoff batter Deion BASEBALL

Sanders and then walking Lenny Harris and Willie

Marlins 10, Mets 4

NEW YORK — Kurt Abbott hit a pair of two-run doubles to help Livan Hernandez win his first road start Thursday night as the Florida Marlins pounded Armando Reynoso and the New York Mets 10-4.

The Marlins scored four runs in the first and second innings off Reynoso (6-2), who pitched a shutout against Florida last month.

Jeff Conine hit a two-run homer and went 3-for-4 for the Marlins, 5-1 in their last six road games.

Yankees 3. Blue Jays 1 TORONTO — David Wells allowed five hits over 7 1-3

innings and the New York Yankees tied a season-high with their fourth straight road win Thursday night, 3-1 over the Toronto Blue Jays.

Wells (9-4), who gave up five runs over three innings in his last start, gave up one run, struck out six and walked three as the Yankees improved to 13-3 at SkyDome since 1995.

Jeff Nelson and Mike Stanton each got one out in the eighth and Mariano Rivera struck out the side in the ninth for his league-leading 27th save.

Red Sox 4, White Sox 1

CHICAGO - Nomar Garciaparra, Boston's only All-Star representative, led off the game with a homer and later scored the tiebreaking run Thursday night as Aaron Sele and the Red Sox defeated the Chicago White Sox 4-1.

Sele (10-6) gave up seven hits in his first complete game since

He struck out six, walked none and sent Chicago to its fourth straight loss.

Garciaparra homered on the fourth pitch of the game from Doug Drabek (6-6). It was Garciaparra's 13th homer, three of them leadoff shots.

Cubs 5, Phillies 4

PHILADELPHIA — Not even All-Star Curt Schilling could stop the Philadelphia Phillies from losing their 10th consecutive game on Thursday night.

Sammy Sosa had two RBIs and rookie Jeremi Gonzalez won his third straight start as the Chicago Cubs beat the Phillies 5-4.

Philadelphia tried for some fireworks of its own in the bottom of the ninth, putting runners on first and third with two outs before Mel Rojas struck out Darren Daulton to end the game.

Braves 15, Expos 2

MONTREAL - Andruw Jones and Javy Lopez homered on consecutive pitches during a nine-run fourth inning Thursday night, sending the Atlanta Braves on a 15-2 romp over the Montreal Expos.

Jones drove in four runs and Ryan Klesko had three hits and three RBIs as Atlanta won for the eighth time in nine games.

John Smoltz (8-7) left after five innings with Atlanta ahead

He allowed four hits, and won his second straight start after going 0-3 in his previous four.

Orioles 10, Tigers 1

DETROIT — Jimmy Key, showing no ill effects from a weekend hamstring injury. pitched eight effective innings Thursday night and the Baltimore Orioles beat the Detroit Tigers 10-1 for their fourth straight win.

Key (12-4) stopped his threegame losing streak.

Woods doesn't need sympathy, just patience and some time off

LEMONT, Ill. - Most guys try to play their way out of a slump. Not Tiger Woods. This is how he prepared for his 'comeback" on the PGA Tour:

He fished. He sat around the house.

fished some more. He sat around the house some more.



Jim Litke Associated Press

couch GIV potato Some people just know their games. And Woods, apparent-

ly, is one of them. Despite a host of recent problems, he resisted the temptation to tinker. He didn't call up the sports psychologist in a cold sweat late at night. He didn't invite the swing guru over for a barbecue and an impromptu practice session.

Instead, just before Woods flew up to Chicago for the Western Open, he called up pal Mark O'Meara. Rather than go fishing one more time, he proposed to end his self-exile by getting the clubs out of the garage and playing a round with their regular Nassau at stake.

And this is what that little bit of R&R did for Tiger:

On his first shot after a week's layoff, with a huge gallery surrounding him and a local news channel's helicopter hovering off the right side of the tee box, he striped a 3wood exactly 284 yards down the middle.

His second shot was a 60degree sand wedge from 88 yards. It came to rest a footand-a-half from the pin.

"I made that," Woods said. On his second hole, a 564yard, par-5, he hit driver, then 2-iron from 220 yards, then he chipped up to 2 feet. "I made that," Woods said.

On his sixth hole, a 519-yard, par-5, he hit driver, 3-iron, then chipped down to 5 feet. "And," he said, "I made

For good measure, he threw in a near-miracle sand wedge from one knee while camped under a pine at the fifth hole ... a 270-yard 3-wood off the ninth fairway to set up an eagle try ... and of course, the customary 300-plus-yard drives, sometimes boring them through the teeth of a 20-mph

We could go on, but you get the point.

There is nothing to worry about.

Everybody, except maybe the F.O.G. (Future of Golf) himself, didn't know what to make of the fact that prior to his return to competitive golf Thursday, Woods had failed to break par in 11 of his last 12 rounds.

But he knew what the problem was and how to cure it. He carded five birdies in his first eight holes and two more in his last two for a 5-under 67 to prove it. That left him a

was leading the tournament and beat him at home last week to boot. "I think more than anything, I was fresh," Woods said. "I was ready to go.

stroke behind O'Meara, who

"The last few weeks, I've been kind of tired because I played five out of six weeks. And dealing with all the things I have to deal with," he added. "it kind of wore me out a little

Woods said this with a straight face, but he knows what you're thinking: That it sounds self-serving --- if not flat-out ridiculous — for a 21year-old to say he needs a vacation after playing five golf tournaments in six weeks. Especially a 21-year-old whose endorsement deals guarantee him \$100 million during the next five years. Especially when there are guys out there who need to play every week just to hang on to their tour

But think about what Woods means when he says "dealing with all the things I have to deal with."

O'Meara does. He spent most of his time in the interview tent talking about that very topic.

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Rejuvenated Woods one back at Western; Webb leads at Farr

LEMONT, Ill. (AP) — Back from a one-week respite, rejuvenated Tiger Woods shot a 5under-par 67 in the first round of the Western Open on Thursday and trailed Mark O'Meara by just one stroke.

'Last few weeks, I've been kind of tired. When I went home last week, I just put the clubs away for a little bit," said Woods, who hadn't broken par in 11 of his previous 12 rounds. "I was fresh, ready to go."

Dave Stockton Jr., Jim Furyk and Phil Blackmar also were one shot behind O'Meara in the \$2 million, Motorola-sponsored tournament at Cog Hill's Dubsdread course.

David Duval was another stroke back. Defending champion Steve Stricker, who has struggled all season, was part of a group at 3-under, three back.

Woods, who leads the PGA Tour with more than \$1.4 million in earnings, had an average take of only \$13,428 in finishing 67th, 19th and 43rd in his last three tournaments. So the 21-year-old Masters champion spent a week fishing, watching TV and relaxing.

Much of the time he was hanging out with his Orlandoarea neighbor, O'Meara, who also has slumped recently.

After finishing fifth on the money list last season and winning twice in his first four tournaments this year, O'Meara hasn't won. And since tying for third in the Bay Hill Invitational in March, he has

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finished higher than 30th in only one of eight events. "I putted extremely well. I hit

the ball a little bit better," said O'Meara, whose 66 included an eagle on the par-5 15th. "My short game was good, and that pretty much carried me through the round."

Woods opened with two birdies, closed with two birdies and had three consecutive birdies midway through the round. On his final hole - the 568-yard, par-5 9th - he drove 316 yards into a 14 mph wind, hit a 3-wood past the pin and two-putted.

wasn't a perfect round though. On No. 18, he missed a 6-foot par putt. After he tapped in for one of his two bogeys, he pulled the ball from the cup and threw it into the pond to the left of the green.

"I was just frustrated ... trying to punish the ball," Woods said. "I think it deserved to go in the water." Divots: Nick Price, who won

the tournament in 1993 and 1994, withdrew before the round due to a shoulder problem. ... Blackmar got to 5-under with a birdie putt from the fringe on 17 and a birdie chip from the rough on 18. ... Attendance was 40,106, largest ever for a Thursday at the Western. ... Comedian Bill Murray caddied for Scott Simpson. ... Earlier in the

week, O'Meara and Woods saw the movie "Men In Black" together. They gave it two thumbs up.

SYLVANIA, Ohio - Karrie Webb earned more than \$1 million last year and was the rookie of the year on the LPGA tour.

This year she's earned \$515,000, including a win in the Susan G. Komen International to go with four second-place finishes and a third.

Still, she hasn't played with confidence in recent weeks.

That all changed Thursday in the first round of the Jamie Farr Toledo Classic. Webb finished with birdies

on four of her final six holes to finish with a 6-under-par 65 and a 1-stroke lead.

She was one shot ahead of Laurie Rinker-Graham and Kim Shipman.

"I hit it pretty easily. I was able to shape shots the way I wanted to," Webb said. "The last six weeks or two months, I haven't been able to confidently

stand there and do that. "Today I felt really great." After making the turn in 1under, Webb made four birdie putts of 8 feet or shorter and also a 35-footer on her second nine to grab the lead. She also missed three birdie putts of 15

"Today with the wind the

way it was, it played a little Please see GOLF, page 2B

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Sandbagger tourney slated

The Sandbagger Slow-Pitch Softball Tournament will be held July 11-12 at Cotton Mize Field in Big Spring. Entry fee is \$100 per team. There will be a five home run limit,

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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.

Westbrook ragball tournament

Westbrook High School's senior class will sponsor a ragball tournament July 18-19 at the Westbrook baseball field. Entry fees are set at \$100 per team.

For more information, call Doug Koch at 644-5031 or Chris Majors at 644-3111.

Co-ed ragball event set in Coahoma

Tina LaRue at 394-4928.

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

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

Becker bids farewell after falling to Sampras WIMBLEDON, England (AP)

Boris Becker made his Wimbledon farewell today, his great grass-court career over following a quarterfinal loss to fellow three-time champion Pete Sampras.

"I think it's a very good moment right now," Becker said. "I just don't feel I have it any more what it takes to win a Grand Slam. I don't have what it takes to go all the way."

Sampras, the top seed, indeed showed why he is the world's No. 1 player, riding his big serve to a 6-1, 6-7 (5-7), 6-1, 6-4 victory to advance to the semi-

In a match billed worthy of a final. Becker sailed a backhand long on the last point. The two players greeted each other warmly at the net and whispered to each other. As he left Centre Court, Becker twice bowed deeply to the crowd with arms outstretched.

The 29-year-old German said he may still play the U.S. Open and would continue in tour events, but would not enter any Grand Slam tournaments next

Becker won Wimbledon in 1985, 1986 and 1989 and this was his last legitimate chance at another Wimbledon crown. "I feel very relieved," he said.
"I feel I've come to the end of the road with my head up high.

And I feel I'm still playing good

tennis. It's not like I'm losing

to people I shouldn't lose to. I

WIMBLEDON

feel like I'm on the top of the mountain and I can only go down.'

In the semifinals, Sampras will face unseeded Todd Woodbridge of Australia, who 19-year-old German Nicolas Kiefer 7-6 (9-7), 2-6, 6-0,

The other semifinal will pit 1991 champion Michael Stich against Cedric Pioline — two unseeded players who dented British hopes by ousting Tim Henman and Greg Rusedski.

In women's play, Martina Hingis and Jana Novotna advanced to the final with straight-set victories. Hingis. 16, is the youngest women's finalist at Wimbledon since Charlotte "Lottie" Dodd won the title in 1887 at the age of 15 years, 285 days.

Becker broke the news of his plans to Sampras when they met at the net.

"He had sort of a shock in his eye," Becker said.

Sampras was taken aback. "I walked off the court and felt a little bit strange," he said. "Wimbledon and Boris went together. This is where he made his mark as a 17-year-old. It was like his living room out there. It's a bit of a somber feeling. I felt honored in a way that I was his last match.

"He was a class act on and off

the court," Sampras said. "He'll definitely be missed quite a bit. Not too many guys have the presence and aura about the way they play that Boris has. Boris had it all - power, finesse, guts. He's had a phenomenal career. He's one of the best players I've ever played."

Becker said he would stick to playing only in one-week tournaments from now on. 'For a two-week tournament where you sometimes play back

to back, my body just doesn't take it anymore," he said. Becker, bothered by a neck problem, said he couldn't do

anything to stop Sampras.

"He didn't have any weak moments," he said. "He just served incredible throughout the whole match. I was under pressure to hold serve. That pressure at the end was a bit too much too handle."

Sampras never lost his serve, saving the only three break points against him. Except for the second-set tiebreaker, Sampras played nearly flawless grass-court tennis, never giving Becker a chance to get any

momentum. Sampras will now be heavily favored to win his fourth title, adding to the championships he won three years in a row from

Stich, playing in his last Wimbledon before retirement, overwhelmed Henman 6-3, 6-2, 6-4. Pioline outplayed Rusedski 6-4, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.

"I didn't come here to retire," said Stich, who was never broken and lost only three points on his serve in the third set. "I came here to win the championship."

Henman said, "It was probably the worst experience of my life on a tennis court."

The Henman and Rusedski defeats ruled out the possibility of a British player making the men's semifinals for the first time since Roger Taylor in 1973, as well as the chance of the first all-British semifinal since 1922.

who won the Hingis, Australian Open in January. maintained her perfect record against Anna Kournikova, winning the battle of the 16-yearolds.

In an error-filled match that failed to meet expectations, Kournikova held serve only once and Hingis labored to a 6-3, 6-2 victory in 62 minutes before a muted Centre Court

Later, Novotna trounced Arantxa Sanchez Vicario 6-4, 6-2 to reach the final for the second time. The two players, former doubles partners who fell out last year, exchanged an icy handshake without making eye contact after Novotna hit an overhead on match point.

Novotna is remembered for sobbing on the shoulder of the Duchess of Kent after blowing a 4-1 lead in the third set against Steffi Graf in the 1993 final.

Lieberman-Cline gets one last shot at basketball fame

By DAVID A. MARKIEWICZ Fort Worth Star-Telegram

FORT WORTH - Her plaque hangs on the wall in the Basketball Hall of Fame and her stature as one of the greatest female athletes of her time is secure. Yet, at 38, Nancy Lieberman-Cline's place in aports history has somehow been obscured.

By politics, by fate. As a college player at Old Dominion University in the late 1970s, Lieberman-Cline was a three-time All-American who led her school to two national championships.

But, because those achievements came before the NCAA replaced the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW) as the main governing body of women's college sports, her scoring, rebounding and assist records are officially forgotten.

"Think about it," she says. "I played in the AIAW. Now. there's the NCAA. So, people like Nancy Lieberman and Lynette Woodard (another college star of the time), we don't even exist in the darn record books of women's basketball.

"It's horrible." After college, she set more records playing as a pro in three different leagues. But each of the leagues swiftly fold-ed, leaving Lieberman-Cline a performer without an audience.

All of which might help explain why the Dallas resident - no playing with the Phoenix Mercury - was willing to risk her living-legend status to play against women young enough to be her daughter in the Women's National Basketball Association this summer.

"I go back to this conversation I had with Kevin Costner. who's a friend of mine," she said. "We were talking about whether I should sign with the WNBA or the ABL (the rival American Basketball League, which offered her \$125,000 a

"He asked me if the ABL would be around in 20 years,' Lieberman-Cline recalled. "I said I didn't know. He asked if the WNBA would be. I said,

Well, I think so." There, Costner told her, was her answer. An athlete denied her history through luck and circumstance could take one last, best shot.

'Kevin told me I was playing for history, and I am," says Lieberman-Cline. "I wanted to make sure that 20 or 30 years from now I could say I was part

This "thing" is the latest her experiences, however. attempt at a women's professional basketball league. It is also the one most likely to survive more than a few seasons. With the marketing machinery of the NBA behind it and a raft of big-name talent like Sheryl Swoopes and Rebecca Lobo, the WNBA is attracting big crowds and extraordinary media attention.

Mercury coach Cheryl Miller, herself a Hall-of-Famer, calls it "divine retribution" that Lieberman-Cline should get the chance to play in the league 17 years after she starred in her first women's pro league, the Women's Basketball League, with the Dallas Diamonds.

Lieberman-Cline led the Diamonds in scoring and guided her team to the WBL Title in 1981. But the league folded

In 1984, she was the top scorer for another Dallas Diamonds championship club in the Women's American Basketball Association. But that league also collapsed

She even became the first woman to play in a men's professional league, the United States Basketball League, in 1986. Naturally, it folded.

Lieberman-Cline appears to hold no personal bitterness for

sit out drills. I haven't needed "I'm so much more apprecia-

tive of the opportunity this "God has blessed me with time," she said last week, prior being a good athlete and with to the Mercury's game against good genetics." the Houston Comets at The In the season opener, a victo-Summit. "It certainly could ry over the Charlotte Sting on have passed me by. Now, I just June 22, Lieberman-Cline

have to take advantage of my scored eight points on 3 of 8 shooting in 21 minutes. She opportunities." She is philosophical about also had five rebounds and three assists. "I made some her fate, citing tennis great Billie Jean King who, despite mistakes with the ball," she winning many championships, said, referring to her five saw her career altered by turnovers. "But I'm still learning my teammates. It'll get bet-

'Everybody has a role (in life)," said Lieberman-Cline. "Is Her second game, against Billie Jean mad because Houston June 24, was not as Martina Hingis is 16 and No. 1 impressive. She did not score in the world? Maybe if the in 19 minutes and had two (medical) technology was better assists and four fouls in a loss at the time ... I mean, she had to the Comets.

eight knee operations ... Still, her coach is pleased "You can always say, 'What with Lieberman-Cline.

"She gives us a Hall of Famer Lieberman-Cline isn't worrywho knows how to play the ing about the past. She's busy game," said Miller. "Plus, she trying to improve her game and brings an intensity that gives help the Mercury. So far, she us and edge, physically and has held up well to the physical mentally." challenge, even if she's not

Even against Houston. Lieberman-Cline's energy and drive was obvious as she dogged and bumped her opponent relentlessly on defense and repeatedly whipped impressive passes into the lane to her

"Make no mistake," said Miller, "Nancy came here to play. She came in great shape and we expect her to play a lot of minutes."

Lieberman-Cline leaves the coaching to Miller, but her leadership is cited by teammates who say she fits in well with players who are mostly in their 20s.

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"She doesn't treat us like we know nothing about basketball," said guard Umeki Webb. a Dallas native with the Mercury. "She gives to us and she takes from us, too. She continues to learn as she continues

Lieberman-Cline doesn't preach to younger players, but is conscious of passing on the history of women's basketball

"Everybody has to learn from the people who've been there,' she said. "I do feel that sense of responsibility. But I still have to go out and back it up with how I play. That's how you get respect."

Lieberman-Cline intends to keep playing, she says, "as long as I'm enjoying the game and as long as I'm playing at the marquee level I'm accustomed to. I don't want to be out here as window dressing, or just to say I played a year.

Stars waste no time signing second free agent

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

First, goaltender Ed Belfour. Now, defenseman Shawn

For the second straight day. the Dallas Stars picked up a key free agent with the signing Thursday of Chambers, a defenseman who played the last 2) years with the New Jersey Devils.

On Wednesday, they signed Belfour to a three-year, \$10 million contract.

While the Stars didn't disclose terms of the Chambers deal, The Dallas Morning News reported that he will get \$8 million for the next four years -\$1.9 million this coming season, \$2 million in each of the next two seasons, then \$2.1 million in a club-option fourth year that becomes automatic if he plays 210 games in the previous

three. Stars general manager Bob Gainey credited chairman of the board Thomas Hicks with

improving the atmosphere for free agents in Dallas.

"I think it's clear that our ability level to do things is different from other teams," said. "Mr. Hicks has made that pos-

Chambers was one of six free agents who hooked up with new teams Thursday. Also signing were forwards Derek King and Mike Kennedy with the Toronto Maple Leafs; forwards Bill Huard and Doug Friedman with the Edmonton Oilers; and left wing Marc Labelle with the Ottawa Senators.

Stars coach Ken Hitchcock said Chambers, who played on the Devils' Stanley Cup championship team in 1995, should help the Stars control the pace of the game.

"He has a bit of dynamics to his game and controls the tempo," Hitchcock said. "That's an element we were looking for. From the coaching standpoint, we couldn't be happier with these two signings."

Chambers' choice to join the 214 goals and 291 assists. Stars was an easy one for him.

"I'm from Detroit, so I was hoping they would show some interest," the 30-year-old Chambers said. "But Dallas was definitely in my top two or three. I know Derian Hatcher and Mike Modano. The main thing is I wanted to go to the same calibre of team that I was leaving. And the impression I get is they're serious about winning.'

In Chambers' 10-year NHL career, he has played in 503 games, scoring 200 points on 46 goals and 154 assists.

The Maple Leafs hope to generate more offense with King, a left wing who spent his entire NHL career with the New York islanders before his trade to Hartford during the season, The Whalers have since become the Carolina Hurricanes.

King, 30, finished this past season with 26 goals and 33 assists. Over his career, he has

Kennedy, 25, has played his entire career with the Stars. In 129 NHL games, he has 16 goals and 35 assists.

completely satisfied with her

"I feel good," she said. "I

think I've surprised Cheryl and

(assistant coach) Steve (Smith)

because I haven't missed a

practice for any injury. I don't

play.

Huard, 30, played in 40 games with the Stars last season, scoring 11 points on five goals and six assists. Huard has also played for Boston, Ottawa, Quebec and Dallas since 1992, racking up 520 penalty minutes in 189 NHL games.

Oilers general manager Glen Sather said Huard will give his team more experience and some toughness, a quality also associated with Friedman. The forward spent last season with the Hershey Bears of the American Hockey League.

Labelle, who played nine games with the Stars last year. spent most of 1996-97 in the International Hockey League with Michigan and Milwaukee. Labelle originally joined the Senators as a free agent in 1992, but was picked by Florida in the 1993 expansion draft.

Baylor QB suspended after brush with law

WACO (AP) - Baylor start- noticed that his eyes were ing quarterback Jeff Watson was suspended indefinitely Thursday after he was arrested on charges of disorderly conduct and public intoxication.

Coach Dave Roberts told the Waco Tribune-Herald that he suspended Watson indefinitely after meeting with the player and his father, Wayne Watson, at Floyd Casey Stadium.

"It could be permanent, it could be not," said Roberts, whose players begin workouts on Aug. 9 in preparation for their Augo 30 season opener in declined to comment.

week. We'll find out what happened, and then we'll make a decision about it." Watson, 21, was arrested at 1 a.m. Thursday after police

responded to a call at Crickets Bar & Grill, police said. A caller from the bar said that Watson was becoming

violent with his girlfriend, police said. Once outside the restaurant,

Watson continued to act belligerently and the officers bloodshot and he was unsteady on his feet, according to an arrest report. He was charged with public

intoxication and disorderly conduct, both misdemeanors. The officers handcuffed

Watson and placed him under arrest before he identified himself, police spokesman Larry Murphy said.

Watson was released from the McLennan County Jail about Thursday morning. Reached at his apartment Thursday afternoon, he

against Mara in Wacoz atdallava arRoberts said he has no We're going to wait and a timetable for deciding the fate find out a little more next of his most experienced quarterback, whose absence would leave the Bears with only one player who's ever taken a snap at Baylor

After starting 19 of 23 games in his freshman and sophomore seasons, Watson split time with Alfred last year.

He established himself as the starting quarterback during spring practice, and Roberts announced that Watson would start against

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shorter," Webb said about the par-71, 6,319-yard layout at Highland Meadows Golf Club. "The long holes played shorter.

"I kept the ball in play. Ball striking was my key today and I hit it close to the pin all day." Webb is not used to being on

the leader board during the g early rounds. "Traditionally, I think I'm a

pretty slow starter," she said. "In the first two rounds I try to get myself somewhere in contention for the weekend. There's not too many tournaments I've led after the first round. · "Today, I just really think I

needed this to give me some confidence. Rinker-Graham, who has not

finished higher than a tie for 32nd this year, played a bogeyfree round to finish at 5-underpar 66. "I feel comfortable on this

course," said Rinker-Graham, who is expecting her second child in September. "I putted well and only missed one green. When you're around the green all day, it makes it easi-

Shipman, who has made the cut in only one LPGA event this season, closed with birdies

on two of her final three holes for her 66.

"I've been playing well the last couple of weeks," Shipman said. "I've been working hard on my putting. If I can see a line that won't break a whole lot, I think I can make it.'

Tied for fourth at 4-under-par 67 are Ohio native Tammie Green and Vickie Odegard and Kelly Robbins, the 1994 Farr Classic champion. Nancy Lopez leads a group of

seven golfers three strokes behind Webb at 3-under-par 68. Also in the group are Marianne Morris, who finished with five straight birdies; Lori West; Sally Little; Cathy Johnston-Forbes; and Cindy Figg-Currier.

At 2-under-par 69 are Juli Inkster, Nanci Bowen and Myra Blackwelder.

In all, 28 golfers broke par and another 14 finished at even-par 71.

Defending champion Joan Pitcock finished at 5-over-par

The 72-hole tournament, which pays \$105,000 to the winner, continues through Sunday. The field will be cut to the low 70 scores and ties after today's second round.

Manager: Interleague play won't hurt All-Star game

are those who say interleague play has taken something out of the All-Star game and robbed the World Series of its exclusiv-

Atlanta Braves manager Bobby Cox once counted himself among them. But now, as he prepares to run the National League in the All-Star game on Tuesday, Cox says he has had a

"I don't think it's taking away." he said during a teleconference Thursday. "I'm a traditionalist and didn't want to see interleague play ... but I've changed on that.'

Cox, like his All-Star counterpart, Joe Torre of the New York Yankees, has managed in both leagues. And neither believes interleague play will have any negative effect on the game in Cleveland.

"I'm looking forward to it," Torre said. "You want to win. I don't think any major leaguer who puts on a uniform doesn't

Cox agreed, saying he once looked forward to the three-day break during the season. But that was four All-Star games

"The more you go, the more you love it," he said. "The best ballplayers in America are in the clubhouses together. It's a lot of fun.'

Sometimes the selection process can lead to controversy, although there seems to be a minimum of griping by candidates omitted this year.

Torre said one of his more pleasant memories from this year concerns a player who won't be there - Baltimore pitcher Jimmy Key - whose victory for the Yankees in Game 6 last year clinched the World Series against Atlanta.

When I presented him with his ring at home plate in New York, he said, 'Don't pick me for the team because I'm getting married," Torre said of

NEW YORK (AP) - There want to."

change of heart.

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"Golf kind of comes and goes," said O'Meara, who is 19 years his senior but might be Woods' best pal on tour. "But you win two tournaments backto-back, and all of a sudden, · everybody thinks you should win every tournament. Like I

Woods because you guys all expect him to win every week." The night before, O'Meara went to a chain restaurant near the course.

said, I'm glad I'm not Tiger



"No one knew who I was. I had a nice dinner my myself, read my newspaper ... it was unbelievable. It was great. Great piece of mind. Very, very quiet. And you know," O'Meara said, "he doesn't have that opportunity."

No, Woods doesn't, and likely never will. That is the price of fame and fortune. He hasn't asked for sympathy yet - just patience and the occasional week off.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19) You wake up full of energy, and feel unstoppable. Key into a project that is long overdue. Friends chip in and have a lot to share. The unexpected occurs on different levels. Confusion hits when a boss or parent gives you feedback. Tonight: Hang in there.****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Communicate directly. Someone you feel confident about might disappoint you. Your efficiency is tested, but you get a lot done. The unexpected occurs during a meeting. Do not let confusion reign; keep asking questions until accord is reached. Tonight: Chat up a storm. *****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your more possessive side emerges. Be clear with another. A shocking scenario occurs with someone who is at a distance. Creativity and high energy merge. Because of your intelligence, you are likely to take advantage of a prime offer. Tonight: Keep to your bud-

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You are full of inventive enthusiasm. Your personality shines. Be direct with others; they could have a change of opinion that tosses plans in the air. A partner isn't clear. Laugh, be easygoing and do own thing. Tonight: Smile ****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Be centered about what is going on. The unexpected occurs in a fun conversation. You come from a grounded point of view. An idea lingers in your mind. Pace yourself, as you could become fatigued. Listen to your inner chatter. Tonight: The more mystery, the

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You are full of happy energy. Your perspective is unique. Others seek your assistance in

better.***

pulling together plans. As isual, your organizations skills are needed. Listen to a friend's feedback. A child could be demanding. Tonight: Get together with the gang.*****

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You are in the limelight. Make the most of an opportunity another offers you. Confusion surrounds the home front. Pressure is intense because of what someone shares with you. You give this person a lot of power. Enjoy a flirtation. Tonight: Head out and about. ****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Liberate yourself, and enjoy. Your ability to take off in an unexpected direction adds to the liveliness of the moment. News comes your way that encourages a shift in plans. A partner wants time with you; make it your pleasure. Tonight: A broad smiles says it all.***** SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

The unexpected occurs with a friend and a party. Be quick to take corrective action. Listen to what a partner shares. A financial matter is subject to wild twists and turns. Go with the unusual. Tonight: Be up close and personal.****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

Consider what is going on with a friend. Finances veer out of control. Try to make sounder decisions. Someone needs time to chat. Make time for him, and get together with a group of friends. Tonight: The holiday spirit continues.****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You are mellow and direct with everyone except a friend or relative who is at a distance. You are confused by what you hear, and it causes you to adjust your schedule. Much talk revolves around a planned event. Others seek your ideas. Tonight: Get plenty of R&R.*** PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

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Wife fears candles on cake won't be only flame burning CERNED IN FLORIDA

DEAR ABBY: "Roger" and I have been married more than 40 years. I feel we have a good marriage.

We have recently retired and moved to the city where Roger grew up. There's a lady here I'll call "Mitzi." Roger dated Mitzi all through high school and was engaged to her for at least three years after that. From what I can put together, they

> intimate relationship. Mitzi sent Roger a ' Dear John" letter while he was in the military which I assumed

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deserved. (I was in no way involved.) Mitzi has been married to the same man for more than 40 years.

Over the past four decades, we have attended the same social functions about six times. Each time, she and Roger always seem to visit at least 15 or 20 minutes, and while he's talking to her he completely ignores me. In fact, he turns his back on me as though he's ashamed of me. Do you think there is any unfinished business between them?

I would like to give him a surprise birthday party. Because of the people I will be inviting, it will be necessary to also invite Mitzi and her husband. My question: If there's still some kind of spark, would I be asking for trouble? — CON-

DEAR CONCERNED: If there were still a spark, the fire would have flared up before now. The odds are against

Mitzi's stirring up the embers

of an old flame she doused 40

DEAR ABBY: I hope you can settle an argument my wife and I are having. We recently went away for a long weekend. While we were away, we let my wife's sister and brother-in-law use

our house because they were

visiting our city that same weekend. I like my in-laws very much and had no problem with their staying in our home. However, before we left, I locked my desk, which contains personal and financial papers.

My wife says this was a personal insult to her and her family because my actions implied that I thought they might snoop or they couldn't be trusted alone in our house. I say I have the right to lock up personal papers without owing anyone an explanation. In any event, the only way my in-laws would have discovered that the desk was locked was if they tried to open it, which they shouldn't

Your thoughts, please. — SECRETS IN SAN ANTONIO DEAR SECRETS: I see nothing wrong with locking up personal items or papers if you are having houseguests. A host has the right to keep certain things private, and a desire for priva-cy should not be interpreted as a lack of trust or an insult. You were generous to have shared your home. You should not be required to share personal and financial information as well.

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ATLANTA (AP) - A boxer grows increasingly frustrated as he takes one blow after another. Finally, when defeat appears imminent, he resorts to biting his opponent. Mike Tyson?

No, in this case, the fighter who took a bite out of his opponent was Evander Holyfield.

The three-time heavyweight champion, whose ears were clipped by Tyson in their heavyweight title fight Saturday night, found himself on the less-painful side of a biting incident 17 years ago.

During a semifinal bout at the Georgia Golden Gloves com-petition, a teen-aged Holyfield bit Jakey Winters on the shoulder shortly after being knocked

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"Yeah, I remember," Holyfield said Thursday, after being honored at Atlanta City Hall for retaining his WBA heavyweight title. "He knocked me down. I got up and swung at him, he grabbed me and I was

trying to get loose. He wouldn't let me go, so I bit him on the

Holyfield was bitten on each ear by Tyson in the third round of their fight in Las Vegas. The first bite took a small chunk out of Holyfield's right ear, the second resulted in Tyson being

disqualified. Holyfield was penalized a point after he clamped his teeth into Winters' shoulder and he wound up losing the three-

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"Because I had the mouthpiece in, there wasn't a teeth-print on him," Holyfield said. "He just got pinched."

Winters, now a 35-year-old investment banker in Boca Raton, Fla., has a different version of events. He said that after Holyfield got up, composed himself and withstood another round of punches, he spit out his mouthpiece and bit Winters on the shoulder.

According to Winters, the bite broke his skin and caused "It's hard to spit a mouth-

piece out. But he was desperate. He was trying to buy time. Evander is no angel," Winters told the Fort Lauderdale Sun-

But Holyfield said his longago biting incident was much different from Tyson's vicious attack last Saturday.

"If you ask me if it was wrong, yes, it was wrong," Holyfield said. "But was I biting him to hurt him or was I biting him to free myself from what he was doing? Look at what happened with Mike Tyson. He was holding me and wouldn't let me go. I had to pry myself loose from him holding me and biting me.'

Holyfield said his bite of Winters was "the first and last time I did that," but things might have been different after Tyson wounded him the first

time. During a break while the referee tried to decide what action to take, one of Holyfield's trainers told him to

pray.
"How can you pray and not forgive," he said. "If he had not told me to pray, I know I would have bit (Tyson) back. ... I'm glad he told me to pray, or this story would have just been two guys out there biting each

Holyfield, who leaves Saturday on a 10-day tour of Africa, said his ears are healing fine.

The right ear, missing a section about an inch long and a quarter-inch deep, is still patched with 15 stitches but doesn't look nearly as gruesome

as it did on the night of the first. The stitches are expected to come out in a few days.

"I have the most famous ear in the world," he said. "I look like a Doberman whose ears have been clipped.'

The left ear is nearly healed, with a barely noticeable scar to mark the spot where Tyson delivered the less-severe bite that resulted in the end of the

Tyson, who apologized publicly on Monday, also tried to reach Holyfield twice by telephone, but the champion wasn't home. If they do talk, Holyfield plans to tell Tyson to recapture the drive and discipline he had as an up-and-com-

It's really, really official: Oilers gone

HOUSTON (AP) The ed play in 1960 as a charter ment is due Jan. 15, 2001. papers are signed, and the Houston Oilers are on the move to Tennessee.

Team officials and representatives of Harris County, the city of Houston and the Astrodome signed a consent decree Thursday.

The decree, approved by U.S. District Judge Lynn Hughes, settles all claims between the four parties and finally severs the team's ties to the city and state that was its home for 37

Oilers owner Bud Adams signed the document, as did Harris County Judge Robert Eckels, Houston mayor Bob Lanier and Astrodome leaseholder Drayton McLane.

The agreement was the last step the Oilers needed to leave Houston, where they first start-

member of the American Football League.

"It's over," city attorney Gene Locke said after a meeting at which Hughes ratified the

Under the agreement, Harris County will receive \$3.5 million, plus the Oilers' dilapidated 7.2-acre practice facility near

the Astrodome The Oilers valued the place at \$1.5 million, but some of their own players characterized it as a dump.

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 either the day the Oilers leave Houston or Aug. 15, whichever date comes first. The last payEckels said the site could be

leased or used as a county park or perhaps razed and replaced with an Olympic-class swimming center.

The city of Houston gets \$250,000 for attorneys' fees.

The Oilers earlier agreed to pay \$350,000 to Astrodome USA, of which McLane is chief executive, and drop claim to \$2.5 million in revenue lost when a 1995 exhibition game was canceled because of Astroturf prob-

The Oilers will open training in Nashville in two weeks.

"We're now free to leave and play games in Tennessee in the 1997 season and beyond," Oilers attorney Steve Underwood said. "We're very excited. We're excited this is concluded and that we're able to leave and get

business started in Tennessee." 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 taxpayer-paid Nashville stadium is finished.

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

'What we get out of this really is a chance to move forward,'' Locke said.

"We can now have public discussions about our public facilities and arenas, and as long as the Oilers were here in that kind of climate it had a chilling effect on those kind of discus-

Cordero's cloudy future looks brighter after Sox agree to take outfielder back

firmed Thursday that they have suspended Cordero, but agreed to take him back when counselors clear him to play - if they can't trade him, and it doesn't look like they can.

"The Red Sox wanted to make a statement about domestic abuse. I don't blame them from being concerned about those issues," said Gene Orza, the No. 2 official in the players association. "But the question was, 'Can you put yourself above the principals that have been established in the indus-

"At least they finally admitted it was a suspension. The problem is: You can only suspend people for just cause, and we know from precedent you cannot suspend a person for being arrested, simply on that basis alone."

The deal between the team and the union essentially forces the Red Sox to play or trade Cordero by July 10, when the All-Star break ends. Several sources, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said releasing him is not an option.

'Despite the challenges of playing in Boston at this point, Wil continues to believe that a long-term career with the Red Sox makes the most sense for him," Cordero's agent, Jeff Moorad, said. "He's hopeful the fans and public in New England will welcome him back following the All-Star break."

BOSTON (AP) - Wilfredo the morning of June 11 after a al manager called him "a hot Cordero's exile has been given fight with his wife, Ana, that a name, and an expiration date. left her nose bloodied. The 25-The Boston Red Sox con- for eight days, then was put Millman, who works with man-

Toronto from June 20-25. * The following day, after learning that a previous wife had also accused him of physical abuse, the Red Sox scratched him from the lineup and placed him back on "administrative leave" — a term not defined by baseball's

labor agreement. Backed by arbitration rulings that limit a team's ability to discipline a player with criminal charges pending, the union pushed for a resolution that would get Cordero back on the

In a three-page statement, the Red Sox said they will provide Cordero with counseling "so that a potential future crisis can be avoided."

'By asking him to address our concerns with this longterm counseling process, Cordero has been offered the opportunity to return to the field," general manager Dan Duquette said.

"The Red Sox were able to forge an agreement with Wilfredo and design this longterm, year-round program to benefit him now and throughout his career in the future, wherever Wilfredo may be playing baseball."

Boston has put Cordero on waivers in an attempt to gauge trade interest, but several teams have said they were not interested in him because of

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potato."

Cordero met in New York on year-old outfielder did not play Wednesday with Dr. Robert back in the lineup during a ragement's Player Relations road trip to Detroit and Committee, and Dr. Joel Solomon, who works with the players association.

The pair will determine when he is ready to return to baseball. They also will have the authority to recommend any disciplinary measures they find necessary, the Red Sox said.

Before a 4-1 victory over the White Sox in Chicago, Red Sox manager Jimy Williams had little reaction to the settlement.

"We're here to play," he said. "He's still on our roster."

Cordero has pleaded innocent to charges of assault and battery, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon and threatening to commit a crime and was released on \$1,000 bail pending a July 24 court date. Ana Cordero has refused to testify against her husband, but prosecutors have said they will proceed with the case without

Although the Red Sox said the agreement was reached 'directly with Wilfredo Cordero," his agent, the PRC and the union drafted the agreement during talks with Red Sox CEO John Harrington.

The team's statement also stressed that Drs. Millman and Solomon would come to Boston to discuss Cordero's care, an assertion that was disputed by the union.

Harrington was not available to explain the discrepancies, team spokesman Kevin Shea

U.S. team tries its hand on the Tour ROUEN, France (AP)

Mark Gorski remembers what it was like when he won a gold medal for the United States in cycling at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics.

He thought that was the end of the line. It turns out he wasn't quite right. The Tour de France starts this weekend, and the juices are flowing again.

"There was a kind of special feeling about being in LA," said Gorski, who is bringing the U.S. Postal Service team to cycling's showcase race. "I didn't think I could recapture it until coming here on the tour."

Gorski won the sprint gold medal on the track in Los Angeles. Now he is general manager and director of the team that will be only the second American-based squad to participate in the Tour de France.

The world's top 16 teams were selected in January to compete in the annual event. Six remaining teams were given wild-card invitations based on their performances of this season.

The U.S. Postal Service team has done well, winning 27 races this year, to earn a wild card. Motorola, formerly the 7-Eleven team, was on the Tour for almost a decade but lost its sponsorship last year. The race begins Saturday

with the opening time trial which is five miles around Rouen, northwest of Paris. After that it is three weeks in a counterclockwise loop

before ending on the Champs Elysees in Paris, completing 21 stages totaling 2,405 miles. Although they are new to the Tour, Gorski is looking for results for the team.

"It's a huge challenge for us. It's very exciting for us," Gorski said. "We've got a great morale and enthusiasm on this team.

"We are definitely looking for a stage win, that's a go. he said. "We are a new entity but we have a lot of riders with a lot of experience."
He said that Russian

Vyacheslav Yekimov of Russia is capable of winning a time trial.



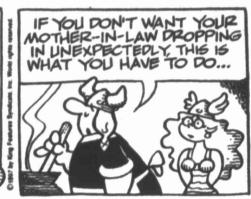
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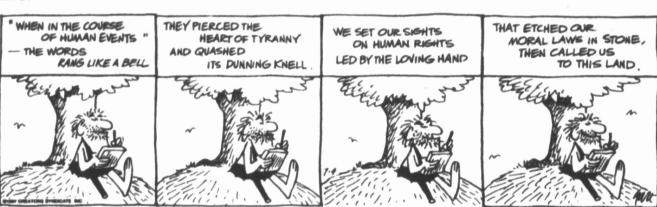
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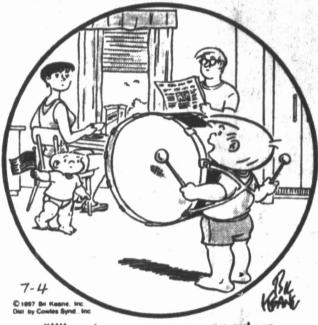




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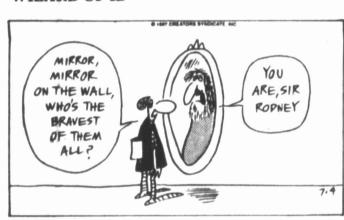


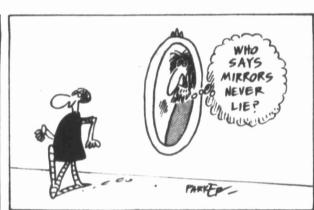






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