

WHAT NOISE?



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett
Young Logan Adams wears earphones while watching the Duel in the Desert drag boat races at Moss Lake Saturday

City, PFFA wrestle over red ink

By **CARLTON JOHNSON**
Staff Writer

How to resolve the financial difficulties of the city's ambulance service will more than likely be determined during the current budget workshops with city administrators and the Big Spring City Council.

But before policy is determined, the Big Spring Professional Firefighter's Association wants to set the record straight on several issues.

Paul Brown, association pres-

ident, says the so-called red ink the service is in is a management problem.

City Manger Gary Fuqua updated the council in May as to the status of the ambulance service, informing the council that the service was in the red at the halfway point in 1997 and would probably end up losing money for the second year in a row.

When the city of Big Spring decided to award the bid for the city's ambulance service to the Big Spring Fire Department (BSFD) amid all the commotion with former carrier American

Medical Transport (AMT), one of the points hammered on the most was that the service would not be set up to make a lot of money.

That was in the summer of 1995 and the BSFD took over ambulance duties that October.

Another point hammered as the switch to a city-run service was taking place was that the previous carrier was part of a for-profit corporation and operated as such, but the city reorganized the service last year and turned it into an enterprise fund, which meant the ambulance service could operate as a

for-profit entity.

According to Fuqua's May report, from Oct. 1, 1996 to March 31, 1997, the ambulance service sustained a net loss of \$104,000 and is looking at a net loss of \$208,000 by year's end if the trend continues.

"We've had a significant decrease in the amount of runs made compared to last year," Fuqua told the council. "We're also losing money on our transfer business with the VA hospital."

According to Brown, two sep

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Firefighters say ambulance numbers 'skewed'

By **CARLTON JOHNSON**
Staff Writer

A lack of communication and inclusion in current budget sessions are two of the many problems facing the Big Spring Fire Department's Professional Firefighters Association.

"I think it's very unfair for the Big Spring City Council to come in and review the emergency medical service after 18 months and then skew the numbers," PFFA President Paul Brown said.

Another problem Brown and PFFA Secretary/Treasurer Mitch Gill said plagues the EMS department is that its billing clerk works out of the city finance department at city hall, but is paid from the fire department budget.

According to Gill, some of the billing of the city's ambulance service is eight months behind and the service is only averaging seven to eight runs a day.

"The bottom line is that we have some unorthodox accounting procedures in the city's finance department," Brown

said.

The PFFA feels like the BSFD administration and the city administration has let the BSFD personnel down because they have deviated from the plan they presented to the city council, ambulance advisory committee and the citizens of Big Spring when the city first proposed to take over the ambulance service.

"We got very involved when we were putting together the proposal to take over the ambulance service," Gill said. "Someone decided to ignore our

work and now the administration is looking for ideas as to how to pull the service out of the red."

"We told the administration they had to follow the proposal line-by-line or, like an algebraic formula, the outcome would change if a single variable is changed," Brown said.

According to Brown, the citizens of Big Spring are also unknowingly paying for the extra service being provided to Howard County.

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With care, diabetics can still indulge sweet tooth, doctors say

By **CARLTON JOHNSON**
Staff Writer

EDITOR'S NOTE: These are the last two in a series of articles on how to deal with diabetes.

One of the more commonly held myths is that table sugar is a danger for the more than 16 million Americans with diabetes.

Research and time has greatly improved the diet that diabetics are able to enjoy and still control the disease.

At one point and time, diabetics used to face mealtime without the most pleasing of the four aspects of taste — sweetness.

As research has improved what doctors know about dia-

betes, the rules for avoiding sugar have been relaxed and artificial sweeteners can almost make the user forget it's not real sugar.

Table sugar (sucrose) was once thought to be quickly digested and absorbed into the blood stream quicker than complex carbohydrates such as the starch in potatoes and breads because it was a simple sugar.

That's no longer the case because of recent studies that have shown simple sugars not to spike blood glucose any faster than other carbohydrates.

New American Diabetic Association (ADA) recommendations, approved in 1994, state that use of sucrose as part of the meal plan does not impair blood glucose control in either

Type I or Type II diabetics.

Sugar is not considered a free food as is some spices and must still be worked into a meal plan and counted as a carbohydrate.

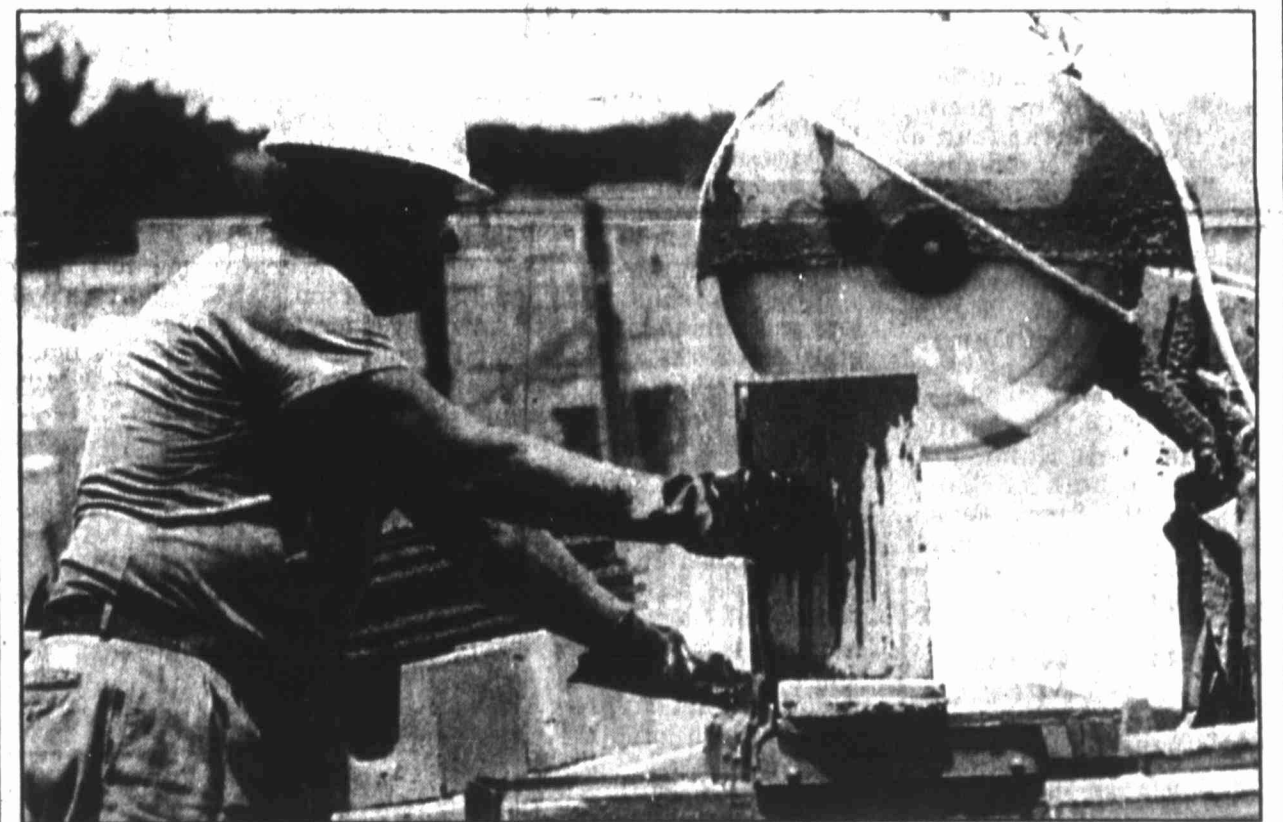
Other types of sugar such as fructose, lactose, maltose and sugar alcohols should also be used in moderation. While they may not have as significant an effect on your blood sugar level as table sugar, they may increase your blood fat level.

Dietitians often warn diabetics to read food labels to see how much sugar is processed into a particular food item.

Diabetics are also advised not to throw away their artificial sugars just because sugars are not as dangerous as was once thought.

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THE WALLS GO UP



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett
Luiso Martinez, with J.E. Masonry out of Fort Worth, is cutting cinder blocks to fit in the walls of the new Jr. High where construction of the lower level wall is well under way.

Complications can arise with little notice

By **CARLTON JOHNSON**
Staff Writer

It's not news that a person with diabetes wants to hear, but even with the best intentions, which include following a strict diet and controlling your weight, complications arising from diabetes can still occur.

Learning of a complication is not an alarm to stop caring for your diabetes.

According to the American Diabetes Association (ADA), complications don't just come out of nowhere and some complications such as kidney disease do not cause symptoms early on, but can be detected through special screening, which make regular checkup especially important.

Other complications may include vision loss, nerve damage to the limbs, blood vessel damage, heart disease and

high blood pressure and in some cases amputation of a limb.

Some warning signs that complication may be about to set in include blurry or spotty vision, tiredness, pale skin color (could indicate poor circulation), obesity, numbness or tingling in the hands or feet, chest pain, infections that occur often or cuts that heal slowly, constant headaches.

As a rule of thumb, any changes in the health of a diabetic person that feel wrong should be brought to the attention of a doctor.

In addition to normal diabetic care, diabetics should avoid smoking, keep blood pressure and blood fat levels in the normal range.

Complications can cause a range of emotions to be released where diabetics are concerned but the ADA suggests keeping a positive atti-

tude.

Staying hopeful and upbeat can improve the quality of life.

Also, learning about any complications a diabetics may develop makes him or her an active member of the medical team.

ADA also suggests the following activities when dealing with complications:

- Learn about your complications. Chances are, the better you understand your complication, the less out of control you will feel. Groups that focus on a particular complication may be a good resource and can supply names of leading doctors in the field and medical centers doing the latest research.
- Think about seeing a specialist (a doctor with special training) who works with your particular complication.

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Death rate on rural roads increasing

DALLAS (AP) — The rural roads of Texas are becoming deadlier, and law enforcement officials say they don't know why.

In Waller County, 15 people were killed last year, compared with three in 1995 — a 400 percent increase in the 25,000-person county just northwest of Houston. The jump was one of the highest in the state for counties with more than 10 fatalities.

"Last year was just outrageous," Waller County Sheriff Randy Smith told The Dallas Morning News in Sunday's editions. "I really don't know why, but we had a lot of three- and four-person accidents. We've never had a year that high." Although fatalities increased

on all Texas roads last year, rural county roads and two-lane state and U.S. highways posted the biggest jumps. Some speculate that the death rate was influenced by a 1996 increase in speed limits on many roads to 70 mph.

According to county-by-county traffic statistics recently compiled by the Texas Department of Public Safety, fatalities more than doubled last year in 15 Texas counties with more than 10 traffic deaths in 1996.

Those counties are Bowie, Brown, Cooke, Eastland, Galveston, Hill, Hood, Jim Wells, Kaufman, Madison, Palo Pinto, Polk, Taylor, Waller and Washington.

"None of these seem to make sense," said Sheriff Brent Button of Hill County, where fatalities rose from nine in 1995 to 31 in 1996. "A lot of the fatalities were on rural roads where we don't have a lot of traffic."

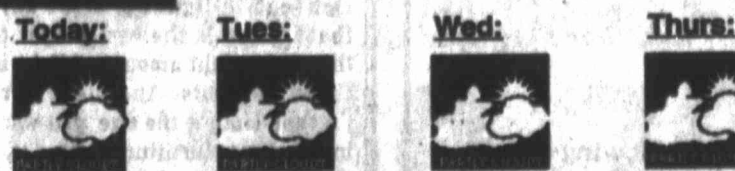
Harris County remains Texas' leader in fatalities with 366 in 1996. That represents a 21 percent increase over 1995, when the home county of Houston led the state with 302 fatalities.

Dallas County followed last year with 270 fatalities, a 9 percent rise over its 247 fatalities in 1995.

Tarrant County saw a decrease, from 135 in 1995 to 126 last year.

Statewide, 3,738 people were killed on Texas roads in 1996, an increase of almost 18 percent.

WEATHER



Tonight, a slight chance of thunderstorms over the Trans-Pecos. Otherwise partly cloudy. Lows around 70. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Highs 93-100. Extended forecast, Wednesday through Friday, A slight chance of thunderstorms, otherwise partly cloudy. Lows in the 60s.

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WHAT BROUGHT YOU OUT TO THE DRAG BOAT RACES?

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OBITUARIES

H.C. (Horace) Blackshear

H.C. (Horace) Blackshear, 83, Big Spring, went to be with his Lord on Saturday in a Big Spring hospital. Funeral service will be 4 p.m. Monday, July 28, 1997, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Bud Parker, pastor of College Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mr. Blackshear was born on March 23, 1914, in Bynum, Texas. He married Edith Opal Bishop on Aug. 6, 1932, in Madill, Okla. He was a charter member of College Baptist Church and was a Deacon. He was ordained and had served as a Baptist Deacon since 1949. He is now at rest with his Savior. "I have found a friend in Jesus, and He's everything to me."

Mr. Blackshear lived in Howard County since 1952, coming from Pampa. He transferred to Big Spring with Cabot Corporation where he worked for 25 years prior to retiring. He was known as "Blackie" by all who knew him during his years at the carbon black plant. He owned and operated Hillside Mobile Home Park and Sales for a number of years. He was also involved in land development until his retirement in the early 90s.

He was a loving devoted husband, Daddy, Gramps and friend. He is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Opal Blackshear of Big Spring, P.O. 1273, Dumas, children are a gift of the Lord: two sons and their wives Bobby and Barbara Blackshear, and Tim and Terri Blackshear, both of Big Spring; a son, Dealy Blackshear of Russellville, Ark.; a daughter, Barbara Conway of Spring, a daughter and her husband, Debra and Jimmy Wallace of Big Spring; four brothers, A.W. Blackshear and Royce Blackshear, both of Dumas, E.C. Blackshear Jr. of West Columbia and Perry Blackshear of Oklahoma; five sisters, The Bell Mapor and Billie Payne, both of Cedar Creek; Dorothy Sipes, Farris Rowel and Peggy Ferguson, all

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Gladys Cline, 86, died Sunday. Graveside services 10 AM Tuesday Trinity Memorial Park.
E.N. Snodgrass, 65, died Monday. Services pending.

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Mabel Donaghe, 80, died Sunday. Services will be 2:00 PM Tuesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.
Valentin G. Torres, Sr., 86, died Saturday. Graveside services will be 10:00 AM Tuesday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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of Dumas, three stepbrothers, Jack Barnett, W.Y. Barnett and Robert Barnett, all of Amarillo; 14 grandchildren remain to cherish the fond memories of their times with Gramps. David Blackshear, Natalie McDonald, Mike and Danny Conway, Karris Raffels, Becky McGuire, Cathy, Cass and Cameron Blackshear, Tania, Wendie and Whitney Wallace, and Shane and Timmi Blackshear; and nine great-grandchildren. He is also survived by a number of nieces, nephews, cousins and other loving relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by twin sons, Fletcher Harold and E.C. Carroll Blackshear; one grandson, James "Pete" McDonald; one great-granddaughter, Christine Ann McDonald; his parents, Elvie and Agnes Blackshear; one brother, R.L. Blackshear, and one sister, Trumie Lee Pennington.

Survivors include: one son, Rodney Cline, Big Spring; one grandson; four step-grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; and many nieces and nephews.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 29, 1997, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Mike Vestal, pastor of Sheridan Terrace Baptist Church of Palestine, and Rev. Robert Barry, pastor of Mission Baptist Church of Odessa, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born on July 5, 1917, in Swenson, Texas and married Frank M. Donaghe on Jan. 29, 1938, in Wellman, Texas. He preceded her in death on Nov. 11, 1995.

She moved to Big Spring in 1952 and then to Odessa in 1965. She was a homemaker. She was a member of East 4th St. Baptist Church.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Betty Ann and Leon Kirby of Odessa and Joy and Mike Vestal of Palestine; two sons and daughters-in-law, Willie and Alma Donaghe of Austin and Morrison and Sharon Donaghe of Big Spring; one brother, Nathan Gordon of Torrance, Calif.; three sisters, Allie Mae Ballard of Gardendale, Willie M. Daniels of Okmulgee, Okla., and Dennie Rhoads of Eufaula, Okla.; 11 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

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Valentin G. Torres, Sr. Graveside service for Valentin G. Torres, Sr., 86, Big Spring, will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 29, 1997, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.
Mr. Torres died Saturday, July 26, in a local nursing home.
He was born on Dec. 4, 1910, in San Angelo, and married Maria Loutsia Guerrero on April 25, 1931, in Sterling City. She preceded him in death on Dec. 10, 1972. He lived and worked in Sterling City and Garden City. He retired to Big Spring after 60 years of working as a sheep shearing contractor. He was a Jehovah's Witness.

Survivors include: five daughters, Katherine Patino, Ann Elizabeth Torres, both of Big Spring, Violunda Mercado, West Palm Beach, Fla., Sylvia Aurora Lowery, Oceanside, Calif., and T/Sgt. Blanche Kinsey, Fort Walton Beach, Fla.; three sisters, Josefa Pamez, Pascuala Ruiz, both of Comanche, and Juanita Gaytan, Sterling City; 22 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 4 to 8 p.m. tonight at the funeral home.

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Gladys Cline Graveside service for Gladys Cline, 86, Big Spring, will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 29, 1997, at

Trinity Memorial Park with Rev. Herb McPherson, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, officiating.

Mrs. Cline died Sunday, July 27, in a local hospital.

She was born on Sept. 8, 1910, in Center Point, Howard County. She married Jasper Cline on Jan. 5, 1940, in Midland. He preceded her in death. She had been a lifetime resident of Big Spring and Howard County. She had worked as a laundry supervisor at the Big Spring State Hospital, retiring after 25 years of service. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include: one son, Rodney Cline, Big Spring; one grandson; four step-grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; and many nieces and nephews.

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NUMBERS

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"Our original proposal was to provide ambulance service to the city of Big Spring, but now we've taken on the county's contract, as well as transfer service and now the city is considering reducing our staff," Brown said.

Brown is referring to a memo from Big Spring Fire Chief Frank Anderson dated July 22 concerning the restructuring of the fire department and EMS.

Several areas where time and money might be saved, including report writing, billing and an ordinance restructuring the ambulance service fee schedule, are mentioned in the memo, but what concerns Brown and Gill is the proposal to limit the number of personnel per shift to 20.

Anderson is also proposing that no overtime personnel be called in until a shift falls below 15 people.

Based on cost savings, the service could save \$62,000 to \$92,000 a year, but Brown said this could create problems if EMS personnel is required on multiple calls at once, especially those calls involving cardiac problems.

BSFD personnel have also been advised that, effectively immediately, personnel responding to medical emergencies in fire engines are to respond only to cardiac and respiratory emergencies.

A separate memo from Anderson states, "Upon arrival at emergency scenes, EMS personnel may request a fire truck when it is determined that additional help is required."

According to Brown, if there is a lack of a first responder, the survivability rate of a patient decreases.

"We were guaranteed that we would not have to pull firefighters off their fire trucks to man ambulances," Brown said.

NOTICE

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"Try to get a second opinion. Any time you face a major change in your health or diabetes care, it is a good idea to get a second opinion.

"Ask any questions of any healthcare professional who examines you. What are the likely side effects of a particular treatment? How often will I need the treatment? Will I need new medications? How many patients with this problem have you treated? What were the results?"

"Also, don't be afraid to discuss money with your doctor. Some treatments cost more than others, but the most costly option may not be the best choice for you. Know what the alternatives are and know what your insurance will pay for.

Knowing what diabetes is, how it's treated and the possible complications that can arise is important in controlling the disease.

New treatments exist for many different complications. Laser surgery can repair damage to the eyes; many quick surgical techniques have made it easier to treat the blockage of the arteries. Kidney transplantation has grown more successful for people with kidney disease arising from diabetes.

New methods of treating blocked blood vessels may also help prevent amputation.

Where complications are concerned, the earlier a potential complication is spotted, the better the chances are that it can successfully be treated.

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BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

RED INK

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arate consultants have reached the conclusion that the red ink ambulance service is in is due to administrative problems and billing problems.

As for the problems with transfers with the VA Hospital, Brown said the problems are there because Fire Chief Frank Anderson negotiated the contract with the VA, and the hospital is paying less than other groups requiring transfers.

"Otherwise, we're making good, good money on our transfer business," Brown said.

For example, a typical patient transfer to Dallas is 290 miles, requiring 13.6 hours for the trip at a charge of \$4 per mile.

The cost comes to \$1,160 plus a \$200 base charge for a total cost of \$1,360. Less meals, fuel, salaries and depreciation, the ambulance service makes a net profit of \$597.88 per transfer to Dallas.

The same transfer ordered by the VA hospital would only charge the hospital \$2.40 per mile and a base charge of \$75, for a total bill of \$771. Less meals, fuel, salaries and depreciation, the ambulance service makes a net profit of \$8.88 on a VA transfer to Dallas.

The consensus among city council members and BSFD personnel almost two years ago was that the service should provide a top quality, less expensive service (than AMT) for the citizens of Big Spring.

According to Brown, that has happened, but BSFD administration has not followed the original plan it presented to the council when it submitted its bid to take over the ambulance service in October 1995.

One of the problems the service is experiencing is having to write off hundreds of dollars of uncollectible accounts through Medicare and Medicaid.

To begin with, there is no industry standard to suggest what percentage of billing is ever collected by city run ambulance services, but the BSFD is collecting up to 65 percent, which is great according to BSFD Emergency Services Coordinator Brian Jensen.

An even bigger problem arose in May when Councilman Jimmy Campbell, who was not a member of the council when the ambulance service was switched, suggested that the city look at getting out of the ambulance business.

According to Brown, Campbell's comment caused morale among BSFD personnel to go way down.

Mitch Gill, secretary/treasurer of the fire fighters association, said in 1995 the discussions were all about providing a better service and today the talk is all about money.

"All the city is looking at is the bottom line," Gill said. "The people making the decisions have no working knowledge of an emergency medical services operation. We would love for the council to come out and spend a day with us."

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SWEET

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Artificial sweeteners are good because they give foods a sweet taste, but without the calories and they do not raise the blood glucose levels.

ADA approves the use of three of these artificial sweeteners in moderate amounts: saccharin, aspartame and acesulfame potassium.

Saccharin — can be used in hot and cold foods, but research has shown that large amounts of this sweetener causes cancer in laboratory animals such as rats. Studies show that despite rats being good models for humans where research is concerned, evidence suggests saccharin does not cause cancer in humans.

ADA does recommend that pregnant women avoid heavy use of saccharin.

Aspartame — also known as NutraSweet is a newer artificial sweetener, which is about 180 times as sweet as sugar. It has calories, but adds virtually no calories to food.

People with the rare disease phenylketonuria (PKU) are warned not to eat or drink anything with aspartame.

Aspartame cannot be used in baked goods because it loses its sweetness when heated.

Acesulfame potassium — is the newest artificial sweetener also known as Sweet One or acesulfame-K. This sweetener can be used in baking and cooking because it does not break down when heated, however, the texture of baked goods is not the same as with regular sugar.

According to the ADA, the best route for diabetics to take with sugar or any food item related to their diets is to plan and plan until it feels right.

Working food choices, sugar or artificial sweeteners into a meal plan is a complex, time-consuming task and is most successful when coordinated with a physician and a registered dietitian.

Because there is no one diabetic diet, diabetics have many different food choices.

SPRINGBOARD

TODAY
•Big Spring Evening Lion's Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third. Call Al Valdes, 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.

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

•O'Neal Kunkle Unit No. 47, DAVA special meeting, 6:30 p.m., VAMC room 212.

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

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between 2 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. Monday:

•THEFT was reported in the 1700 block of E. Marcy.

•DOMESTIC VIOLENCE was reported in the 4200 block of Muir.

•FRANK FIERRO, unknown address, was arrested for public intoxication.

•DOMESTIC VIOLENCE was reported in the 700 block of Abrams.

•CRIMINAL TRESPASS was reported in the 1000 block of Birdwell.

•HERBERT LEE JACKSON, 1902 English, Midland, was arrested for public intoxication.

•LETHA LANG, 516 Ridgeroad, was arrested on local warrants.

•TERRY LYNN RICHTER, Golden West Motel #20, was arrested for public intoxication and possession of a controlled substance.

•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 100 block of E. 22nd.

•AGGRAVATED ASSAULT was reported in the 100 block of Sycamore.

•THEFT was reported in the 1900 block of E. Thorp.

•BURGLARY was reported in the 3000 block of Hwy. 80.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents between 2 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. Monday:

•MATILDE RODRIGUEZ, no address given, was arrested for public intoxication.

•LOUIS JOE JOHNSON, no address given, was arrested for possession of marijuana.

•JAMIE CRUZ, 1601 Eubanks Rd., was arrested on warrants.

•THEFT was reported in the 600 block of Driver Rd.

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Clinton starts push for national testing standards for students

LOS ANGELES (AP) — President Clinton has accused the nation's governors of "dragging their feet" on national school standards. Now, he is appealing directly to his former colleagues for support, warning that kids are at risk without heightened education benchmarks.

"If you don't want, even in a strong economy, tens of thou-

sands of people standing around on the street, vulnerable to gangs and guns and drugs and violence, and costing you money — you just want to be narrow minded about — then we had better rededicate ourselves to a national commitment to excellence for every child in education," the president told a Democratic fundraising dinner late Sunday.

Aides described the remarks as a preview, in part, of Clinton's education and welfare message to today's meeting of the National Governors Association in Las Vegas.

Clinton is pushing states to enlist in the Education Department's voluntary program of national testing and performance measures for grade-schoolers in math and sci-

ence.

So far, just 15 urban school districts and six states have agreed — Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, North Carolina and West Virginia — as well as schools operated by the Defense Department.

That prompted Clinton, once governor of Arkansas, to complain last week about the gover-

nors: "They've been dragging their feet."

On welfare, Clinton wants to recognize the governor's success up to now, but implementing the welfare law since it was passed last year by the Republican-controlled Congress.

"But he also wants to understand what remains to be done because welfare reform contin-

ues to be a work in progress," Clinton said.

As for the budget-balancing agreement, Clinton said the president suggested Sunday that a deal could be completed in time for an announcement before the governor's conference.

"I want to see a balanced budget agreement signed," Clinton said.

Lottery breeds new kind of addict

DALLAS (AP) — In Jessica's dreams, she is a millionaire. She wears elegant nightgowns designed by her personal tailor and dines at the finest restaurants. The electric company doesn't hassle her about late bills anymore — she's debt-free. As a reminder of her humble beginnings, she keeps her 1982 Ford Pinto, but her chauffeur drives her in a limousine anywhere her heart desires.

California Lottery Commission spokesman John Schade says legislation to allot a percentage of lottery revenue towards compulsive gambling failed recently, but the bill has prompted more discussion of the issue.

In Texas, the legislation that made the lottery legal in 1981 required that a toll-free telephone help line be printed on the back of all tickets and that some state funds be allocated to support the hot line.

boundaries more than other forms of gambling. All races and ages play the lottery nearly equally, a University of Texas study found.

Since 1982, 75 percent of all adult Texans have played the lottery at least once.

However, less educated players tend to spend more. Players with only a high school diploma comprise 36 percent — the largest chunk — of those who spend more than \$250 a year on the lottery.

That is the fantasy that Jessica says has ruined her life. She blames the state of Texas. The dream is so clear and compelling that she buys 50 to 100 lottery tickets every week, leaving bills unpaid and sometimes, the cupboard empty.

She is one of thousands of Texans, and millions nationally, who have found themselves addicted to the lottery, national and state gambling experts say.

Last year, funds the Texas branch of Franklin's group, which has answered 220,000 calls since it started. It's headed by Sue Cox, a sworn enemy of the lottery legislation.

"I've come to believe that helping is more fulfilling than fighting," Ms. Cox says. "Addiction is why so many people were opposed to gambling in the first place, but now that it's legal, we can't ignore it."

Jessica, whose name was changed to protect her identity, is not a worst-case scenario. Counselors tell stories about callers who say they spend \$200, buying whole rolls of tickets.

Store clerks call the hot line to report players who spend their entire paychecks on tickets. One clerk says he has a customer who routinely drives to his corner store on a near-empty gas tank. Instead of filling up, he buys lottery tickets and walks home, leaving his car behind.

"It attracts people who have never walked into a casino. It's completely different than skill gambling," said Joanna Franklin, executive vice president of the National Council on Problem Gambling. "We certainly have a growing number of states that are beginning to see the lottery as a problem."

The Texas Lottery Commission has considered adopting a measure that would require all lottery television commercials to show the hot line number.

"It has always been a concern to us that people not be overly encouraged to play the lottery when they should not be," said Harriet Miers, chairwoman of the Texas Lottery Commission.

"Every time a lottery addict goes into a gas station, they have to resist the urge to buy tickets," said Charlie Jones, who operates a problem-gambling clinic in Dallas. "This is something you can never get away from. And it reaches those who have money as well as those who don't."

Counselors also note that scratch-off tickets lure addicts.

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Quote of the Day

"What makes our country unique is our commitment to being open, to making our leaders accountable."
-Janet Reno

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OUR VIEWS

Teens should help decide activities

We noticed in last Monday's Herald, when asked what activities Big Spring needed for teens, eight local young people largely agreed on the concept. They all said, in one form or another, that they wanted a teen club, center or gathering place.

And we agree. A place for teens to get together without threat of alcohol and drug use, but with their favorite music and activities, is a good idea.

Take the Teen Nights now being offered at the Eagles Lodge. Every Friday during the summer, the lodge is geared to teens, without the unhealthy influences that might be present at less-organized events.

But nothing will appeal to all teenagers. And there certainly is no easy answer to this age-old dilemma. Often, when adults try to create something for teens, it just doesn't fit the bill.

But teens left without a gathering place they can call their own, or activities they can truly enjoy, may be left to wander aimlessly at the mall or create an impromptu mob in a parking lot.

In a community like ours, which is full of young success stories — athletes, scholars, musicians and many others who have accomplished much before they reach age 20 — we have another solution.

In fact, we have a challenge. It would be wonderful to see young people get involved in the process for themselves, to see them create the type of gathering place they seem to want.

By going through the proper channels, working with adult community leaders and local organizations, we know it can be done. This area is full of examples. The Settles window project, the Old Settlers Reunion, Kids' Zone, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial — just to name a few.

By putting our ideas into action, we can build the type of community we all want. That applies to young and old alike.

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Brennan did justice to Supreme Court

WASHINGTON -- In half a century of journalism, I've been privileged to know several Supreme Court justices, but none as well as those judicial soul brothers Thurgood Marshall and William J. Brennan, Jr. They teamed up to change America and do justice like no other jurists in the nation's history, and that is why a bit of my heart and soul melted away Thursday when I learned that Brennan had died at the age of 91.



Carl Rowan
Syndicated
Columnist

I had never seen Bill Brennan posture in any way as the leader of a social or judicial revolution. He was just an incredibly humble man entrusted with awesome powers who had synthesized "The Golden Rule" of many religions and restated it in the 1,360 opinions and hundreds of dissenting that he wrote during 34

years on the U.S. Supreme Court. I remember asking his reaction to the people, angry over his unwavering support of a woman's right to an abortion, who would pay to have banners flown over commencement and other audiences crying, "DEATH TO JUSTICE BRENNAN!" or "DEATH TO JUSTICE BLACKMUN!" I expected angry rhetoric, but Brennan only said quietly, "If these people could love themselves more, they would love personal liberty more."

So this leprechaun of a man went on saying what he had written in *Eisenstadt v. Baird*: "If the right to privacy means anything, it is the right of the individual, married or single, to be free from unwanted governmental intrusions into matters so fundamentally affecting a person as whether to bear or beget a child." Millions of Americans have applauded the late Justice Marshall for his role in using the Supreme Court to extend freedom to the nation's poor and its racial outcasts. Few know how Brennan was the guardian angel of the down-trodden long before Marshall

won a seat on the high tribunal, or the extent to which he influenced the first black justice, who became the conscience of the court.

The year before Marshall became an associate justice, the late great Chief Justice Earl Warren wrote of Brennan: "He administers the Constitution as a sacred trust, and interprets the Bill of Rights as the heart and life blood of that great charter of freedom. His belief in the dignity of human beings -- all human beings -- is unbounded. He also believes that without such dignity men cannot be free."

Brennan was steadfast till his death in his belief that the death penalty, which he called "unusually severe and degrading punishment," does not comport with human dignity.

Brennan was harshly criticized, especially during the presidency of Ronald Reagan, as an "activist" judge who based decisions on things that were not to be found in the Constitution. Brennan responded with an assertion that "The ultimate question must be what do the words of the text mean in our time. For the genius of

the Constitution rests not in any static meaning it might have had in a world that is dead and gone, but in the adaptability of its great principles to cope with current problems and current needs."

Brennan was simply masterful at adapting the great principles enunciated by our forefathers to problems that the framers of the Constitution could never have imagined -- such as obscenity on television or smut on the Internet.

But there was never anything pompous or arrogant about Bill Brennan. He did not engage in fakery and showed no inclination to abuse the vast powers that he wielded. He never tried to lord it over jurists he knew were burdened by a lesser sense of righteousness than his own.

Brennan was one of a very few white men I've known who seemed totally free of racism and greed. Thus by his very life he kept hope alive that man might someday make this fragile planet a beacon of the love and respect for other mortals that Brennan brought to his long and marvelous life.

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The internet is knocking but I won't go in

I've been invited to some unusual places in my life -- a wedding on a remote island in the Caribbean, a 40th-birthday-party scavenger hunt in the mountains...



Mickey Gulsewite
Columnist

But no invitation is as unusual as the one I received today. It was from my vacuum sweeper company: "VISIT OUR WEBSITE AND LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR VACUUM SWEEPER!" "Why?" I wondered. If it works, I don't need to know any more about it. If it doesn't work, I'm calling another vacuum-sweeper company.

But that invitation will have to wait for now. Because I've already received 4,000 other invitations this year to which I haven't yet responded.

Are all of these websites really necessary? Isn't it enough that I purchased the item? Must I also travel to their home page?

"Visit us at www.spot remover.com!" ... "Visit us at www.lipstick.com!" ... "Visit us at www.motor oil.com!"

Are all of these websites really necessary? Isn't it enough that I purchased the item? Must I also travel to their home page? What fascinating tidbit could I possibly not be aware of regarding my fabric softener? Who but the proud parents of the person who invented the Dust Buster would want to visit the website and read more about it?

And yet, there they all are, like a bunch of self-absorbed dinner hosts. They continually badger me to stop in for a visit,

and then can't stop rambling on about themselves when I do: "We revolutionized the pickle-curing process in 1972!" ... "No one knows more about aluminum in-line lighting fixtures than we do!" ... "We've been the fungicide leader for over 52 years!" ... "It might interest you to know that our mattress springs were voted number one at the mattress-spring convention this year!"

Just when I think the website advertisers couldn't possibly have another word to say about themselves, they try to engage me in an on-line game about themselves. They want me to take their toilet-paper trivia quiz. They'd like me to play

their click 'n' match egg-substitute game.

And then FINALLY they do stop talking about themselves and ask me a question: What do I think of them?

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Remember the good old days? Remember when it was possible to simply purchase the bottle of grape juice without knowing there's a biography on it you should also be reading? Remember when advertisers knew that taking 30 seconds of your time was pushing it?

Of course I empathize with all of the tiny companies out there who feel they must have a website to compete and stay current with today's market. I even applaud an industry that has created so many jobs for web-page designers.

But the next time I have a few extra minutes to go visiting, it's going to be a corner of the earth increasingly hard to find in the '90s: a room with nowhere to plug in my modem.

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McLemore, Goodwin provide one-two punch in Rangers win

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CHICAGO — Texas manager Johnny Oates may have finally found his one-two punch.

Mark McLemore, dropped to the No. 2 spot in the batting order, drove in two runs and scored the tie-breaking run on a wild pitch in the seventh inning as the Rangers beat the Chicago White Sox 5-4 on Sunday night.

Oates inserted newly acquired Tom Goodwin into the leadoff spot, moving McLemore down a notch. The combination, Oates said, reminded him of his days with the Los Angeles Dodgers in 1977-78 when Davey Lopes and Bill Russell batted 1-2.

"It looked pretty good to me," Oates

said. "Actually, first is his (Goodwin's) least productive spot. But I like our lineup with him at the top."

It didn't matter to either McLemore or Goodwin.

"It gives us a lot of flexibility at the top of the order," said McLemore, who was batting .329 in 39 games since moving back into the leadoff spot on June 14. "The only thing about the leadoff spot is that you may get one more time up than everyone else."

"Being in the lineup was enough for me," said Goodwin, acquired from Kansas City on Friday night in a trade for third baseman Dean Palmer. "I just wanted to get in a game and get the first at-bat over with."

With the game tied 3-3 and one out in the Rangers seventh, McLemore

doubled off Tony Castillo (3-4) for his third hit of the game and advanced on Rusty Greer's groundout. Matt Karchner relieved Castillo and his first pitch to Juan Gonzalez skipped past catcher Jorge Fabregas to the backstop, allowing McLemore to score.

McLemore also hit a run-scoring groundout in the first and hit a home run leading off the third as the Rangers won their third straight. Texas now is 10-23 in one-run games.

"It's a win," Oates said, "and the guys are playing with confidence."

Will Clark led off the eighth with his 11th homer to give the Rangers a 5-3 lead, helping them withstand a homer by Frank Thomas in the bottom half, his 24th.

"We had a lot of opportunities all

weekend and we could not get the big hit," Thomas said of the White Sox, who have lost 10 of their last 14 games.

John Wetteland pitched the ninth for his 22nd save in 28 opportunities, leaving runners at first and third with two out.

Robin Ventura, playing his fourth game in his comeback from a fractured and dislocated ankle, went 3-for-4, including a two-run single in the Chicago sixth to tie the game.

"Robin is healthy," White Sox manager Terry Bevington said. "I think we all keep forgetting that. He's probably the best third baseman in the American League. We weren't worried about him."

"We all have to kick ourselves in the

tail and get going because we can't keep relying on Cleveland losing," starter Danny Darwin said.

Eric Gunderson (2-0) gained the win with 1 2/3 innings of relief.

Goodwin tripled in his first at bat for the Rangers leading off the game against Darwin and scored on McLemore's groundout. Rookie Fernando Tatis led off the Texas second with his first home run to make it 2-0.

Ventura doubled in the Chicago second against Texas starter Tanyon Sturtze, advanced on Harold Baines' groundout and scored on Mike Cameron's sacrifice fly.

McLemore led off the Texas third with his first homer since Sept. 15, 1996, to put the Rangers up 3-1.

Reid pads lead with Duel in the Desert win

Morrow's Saturday success becomes Sunday frustration

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

What a difference a day makes!

Nothing could be more telling of that fact than the experiences of Big Spring's Rick Morrow and Coahoma's Travis Reid during Sunday's elimination round of the Duel in the Desert.

Morrow, who spent most of the day Saturday with the fastest time of any of the 53 drag boat drivers entered in the Southern Drag Boat Association-sanctioned event, saw his chances evaporate when his shifter malfunctioned in his opening race.

Reid, who had been somewhat frustrated with the times his "Can't Touch This" pro limited jet class entry posted in Saturday's qualifying runs, literally left the competition in his wake Sunday.

"We were off a good bit ... about 3 mph from what we usually run," Reid said after driving to a 9.892-second, 107.015 mph win over James Hosier of Albuquerque in the finals. "The air is so dry, these engines just aren't going to run as well as they will other places. You need some moisture in the air to reach their

maximum."

The win helped Reid improve his first-place spot in the SDBA points standings. He entered the event with 1512 points and a slim, four-point lead over Gary Snow of Blum, who failed to make the final.

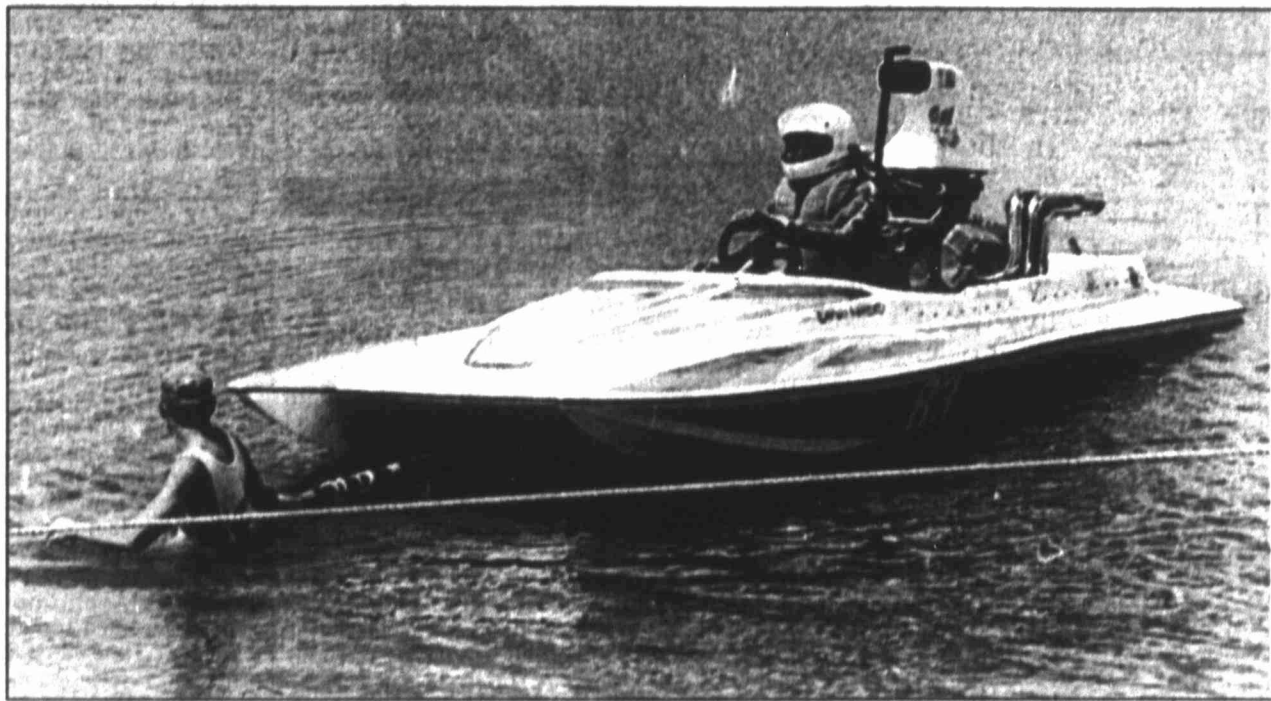
Reid's win was even more impressive in that Hosier was red-lighted for leaving the starting line early and was still beaten soundly in the quarter-mile run.

"He was trying to make me leave before I wanted to and wound up red lighting himself," Reid smiled. "There are all sorts of games played on those lights. You just have to stay focused and concentrate on leaving when you normally leave."

Reid was among several of the events winners who announced their winnings would be donated to a fund benefiting the family of the late Tom Cantrell.

Cantrell, a native of Gail and the world record holder in the top fuel hydro class, was killed two weeks ago during a race in Chowchilla, Calif.

Morrow, the SDBA's 1996 points champion in his pro eliminator class but has seen virtually everything that could go wrong do so this year, saw



Justin Williams prepares to tether James Michaels' "Rebel 4" to the racing line at Moss Lake during Sunday's elimination rounds of the second annual Duel in the Desert.

his season of discontent continue.

"We've got an air shifter on the boat ... the lights came down, I kicked it in and it just didn't catch," Morrow said, finding it impossible to show his disgust. "It should have been a gravy pass ... it just didn't happen."

It was particularly frustrating for Morrow when Chuck Bethel of Snyder won the class with a 8.569-second run at 143.541 mph, and runner-up Ron DePriest of Grandview managed to break the starting light but was unable to complete the final run.

Morrow's qualifying runs had all been better than Bethel's winning time.

"After the way we ran yesterday, I thought we'd win this one pretty easy," Morrow admitted. "I'm very disgusted."

Jimmy Tucker of Big Spring managed a second-place finish in the 10-second pro eliminator class, driving his "Killin' Time" to a 10.774 clocking, just off the 10.413 seconds turned in by "Miss Calculation" driven by Steve Douglas of Stephenville.

Another member of the West

Texas Drag Boaters group, which helped organize the event, that earned a top place was James Ray of Midland, who's "Tequila Sunrise" finished second in the seven-second pro eliminator class.

In the lake racer classes, Randall Roberts of Andrews drove "Brief Encounter" to a win in the 0-70 mph division; James Conway of Big Spring finished second in the 70-80 mph division; Tanner Kizer's "Petty Cash" won the 80-90 field; and Ken Reedy of Denton drove "Joker's Wild" to the 90-100 division title.

Maggert's fade gives rookie win

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

CROMWELL, Conn. — Rookie Stewart Cink won his first PGA Tour title Sunday, a one-stroke victory in the Greater Hartford Open that was secured when Jeff Maggert bogeyed the final hole.

"You hate to see it end like that, on a negative note," said Cink, who was in the clubhouse when Maggert self-destructed at No. 18, ending what looked like a guaranteed playoff. "But it's over."

Cink closed with a 4 under par 66 for a 13-under 267 total, matching the tournament record set by Greg Norman in 1995. Maggert, who carried a two-stroke lead into the final round, finished with a 69 and in a three-way tie for second.

At No. 18, Maggert pushed his drive into the rough on the left side of the fairway, just short of a bunker. Using a utility wood, he then hit his approach to the right of the green, getting a bad lie in deep rough. His wedge then bounced too far past the flag for him to save par.

Matching Maggert's 268 were Brandel Chamblee and Tom Byrum, who each had a chance on the final hole to tie Cink.

Mark Calcavecchia, who was and was alone in 11th place with a 271.

Cink, an Alabama native who lives in Georgia, won three times on the Nike Tour last year. He is the fourth first-time winner on the PGA Tour this year. The \$270,000 prize pushed his earnings to \$496,873 this year.

One of his best highlights came at No. 17, where his tee shot bounced to the left of the cart path, with a downhill lie. Instead of playing safe and laying up in front of the water, Cink went for the green. The ball cleared the pond by only inches but bounced on the green and went left, well within reach of a two-putt for par.

"It was a tough shot, a tough lie. But you never know if you're going to be in that situation again (tied for lead). You've got to go for it," said Cink, who made his professional debut at the 1995 Greater Hartford Open, finishing tied for 18th.

A fitter and healthier John Daly completed four straight solid rounds in his first tournament since leaving the U.S. Open early. He closed with a 68 for a 4-under 276 total.

"It's been a pretty good week," Daly said. "Just to get back in the groove of things ... It felt good just to play four rounds."

For most of the day it was a two-way race between Maggert and Cink.

Astros heating up; Mariners seem to own Yankees

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mike Hampton and the Houston Astros can stand the heat of July.

Maybe playing home games in the Astrodome has something to do with it, but on one of the warmest days of the year throughout the country, the Astros remained the hottest team in baseball.

Hampton earned his fifth victory this month and Sean Berry homered and tripled as Houston won its ninth straight Sunday, beating the Montreal Expos 7-2.

Houston moved within one victory of its club-record 10th straight win. The Astros have done so three times, most recently from May 26-June 4, 1989.

In other NL games, it was Atlanta 3, Cincinnati 2; St. Louis 6, Florida 4; Colorado 4, Cubs 0; Los Angeles 7, Philadelphia 1; San Diego 5, the New York Mets 3; while San Francisco and Pittsburgh split a doubleheader, San Francisco taking the opener 6-5 in 13 innings before Pittsburgh won the nightcap 10-7.

In the American League, it was: Seattle 3, New York 2; Baltimore 9, Minnesota 0; Cleveland 4, Oakland 2; Kansas City 3, Toronto 2; Boston 6, Anaheim 5; and Milwaukee 11, Detroit 7.

"I just hope it carries on over into the rest of the season," Hampton said of Houston's winning ways. "I'm just

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happy to see the team on a roll. We're building confidence with every game. To come back the way we did last night makes you believe you will never lose. I came out feeling great today."

Hampton (8-7) pitched his fourth complete game in six starts, scattering eight hits with no walks and six strikeouts.

Expos starter Jim Bullinger (6-10) allowed eight hits and seven earned runs over 5 1/3 innings.

Braves 3, Reds 2

At Cincinnati, Greg Maddux pitched six innings for his eight consecutive win as the temperature on the artificial turf reached 152 degrees.

Atlanta won two of three games in the series — Jack McKeon's first as Reds manager — and improved to 7-1 this season against Cincinnati.

Maddux (15-3) allowed one run on four hits and one walk, struck out five.

Cardinals 6, Marlins 4

At St. Louis, Delino DeShields homered twice and got his 1,000th career hit for the Cardinals.

DeShields hit a two-run homer in the third off Kevin Brown (9-8), then connected for a solo shot off Rick Helling in the seventh.

Moises Alou hit two homers for Florida, his second leading off the ninth, and Charles Johnson homered off T.J. Mathews to bring the Marlins within two before Dennis Eckersley got two outs for his 25th save.

Rockies 4, Cubs 0

John Thomson pitched eight shutout innings as Colorado posted its first four-game sweep of Chicago.

Thomson (3-6) allowed six hits, struck out a career-high eight and walked none for his first win since June 11.

Jeremi Gonzalez (7-4) struck out Larry Walker three times. Walker went 0-for-4 and dropped to .386.

Dodgers 7, Phillies 1

Roger Cedeno's homer triggered a five-run sixth inning and Tripp Cromer also homered as the Dodgers completed a three-game sweep.

Tom Candiotti (7-3) won consecutive starts for the first time since June 21-25, 1995. The right-hander, demoted to the bullpen in spring training, allowed one run and seven hits in 7 1/3 innings.

Padres 5, Mets 3

Ken Caminiti's seventh-inning bloop RBI double scored Quilvio Veras with the go-ahead run for the Padres. Tony Gwynn tied the game with a sacrifice fly, giving him a career-high 91 RBIs.

Veras went 4-for-4 as San Diego won

its 13th in 16 games, while New York dropped to 3-3 on its 11-game road trip.

Giants 6, Pirates 5

Pirates 10, Giants 7

Pinch-runner Shawn Estes scored from third on Marc Wilkins' (6-2) wild pitch in the bottom of the 13th in the opener.

Doug Henry (3-4) pitched one scoreless inning as the Giants ended a season-high three-game losing streak.

In the nightcap, Kevin Young hit a pair of two-run homers and the Pirates withstood three ninth-inning home runs to earn a split.

Mariners 3, Yankees 2

Who says Yankee Stadium is in a rough neighborhood? For three days, the Mariners ran around the famed ballpark like they owned it.

Seattle completed its first sweep in New York Sunday with a 3-2 victory over the Yankees. It was the Mariners' fifth straight win and moved the AL West leaders 16 games over .500.

The sweep also certified another notion: the Mariners own the Yankees.

Since winning the final three games of their 1995 playoff series against New York, the Mariners have won seven of 10 games between the clubs this season and 19 of the last 25.

The loss dropped New York 5 1/2 games behind first-place Baltimore.

SPORTS BRIEFS

From staff and wire reports

Crossroads Summer League results

Thanks to a forfeit by league-leading Greenwood Thursday evening, Forsan moved into a second-place tie with Stanton at 6-3, just one game off the pace in the Crossroads Summer Girls' Basketball League's junior division.

In the other junior division game Thursday, Big Spring I took a 19-8 win over Big Spring II.

Greenwood's senior division squad knocked off Sands II, 25-18, Thursday while Sandy City took a forfeit win over Stanton and Coahoma took a 39-23 win over Sterling City.

Tonight's schedule calls for Big Spring I and

Greenwood to open junior division play at 8:30 p.m., followed by Stanton and Garden City at 8:30.

Senior division play begins at 7:30 with Garden City playing Sands II, while Sands I and Forsan play the 8:30 game and Big Spring faces Grady in the 9:30 nightcap.

CGA scholarship applications being taken

The Chicano Golf Association of Big Spring has announced that applications for the Charlie Gonzales Scholarship can be picked up in the Howard College Financial Aid Office from July 23 through Aug. 8.

CGA officials said the scholarship will be

awarded and be available for the 1997 fall semester at Howard College.

Office hours at the college's financial aid office are from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Hunting permit applications accepted

Applications for public hunting permits on O.H. Ivie Reservoir Wildlife Management Areas are being accepted by mail beginning July 15 and continuing through Aug. 15 at the O.H. Ivie Reservoir Field Office.

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A public drawing for the permits has been scheduled for 10 a.m. on Sept. 17 at the field office located near the north end of the dam. Applicants are welcome to attend the drawing if they so desire.

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HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR TUESDAY, JULY 29: You feel lucky this year, even when plans spin out of control. Spontaneity, sometimes lunacy, is the norm rather than the exception! No matter, you are all the more excited by the challenge when arrangements go awry and certainty seems a distant dream. It is in flexibility that true security remains alive and well. If you help others go with the flow, everyone will win. If you are single, you could have two or more relationships concurrently. You can handle it; can they? Be considerate of another's frailties. If attached, you and your mate have more fun, but you will have to learn to laugh more. Release ego. GEMINI is the best!

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Loved ones display an outrageous side. You'll either be rattled by their obvious attempt to shock you or entertained. Allow another to explore and try on different attitudes for size. Acceptance and support bring you closer together. Tonight: Curl up with a good book.***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You are bombarded from many different directions. You end up on overload, with nerves frayed. Fend off stress with a yoga workout at lunchtime, then disappear as soon as you can. A pleasant communique awaits your return home. Tonight: Visit your folks.***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You command attention on this wacky day. It doesn't get more fun than this. Keep a financial move under wraps; if you don't have to disclose it, zip your lip! Make the element of surprise work for you. Tonight: Dance the night away.***

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You don't have to be anxious or fearful; you're on to something real! Tonight: Cuddle.***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) It takes most of the day to unwind from a hectic morning. Don't take anything personally or fly into defense mode. Use your characteristic reason on yourself, and take the same advice you would give to a friend. Tonight: Go to bed early.***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Drop your defenses. Get past the belief that relating poses a threat. Overreacting could create a chain reaction; something that wasn't really an issue before becomes one. Believe that you can rise to the occasion, and check your armor at the door. Tonight: You are appealing.***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You're in one of those invincible moods; nothing can stop you from attaining your goals. You could go overboard with enthusiasm but are certainly justified in your optimism. Show your appreciation to loved ones, who stand by you through it all. Tonight: Dance with the kids.***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) A partner acts up. Responding in kind snowballs, to exacerbate an otherwise manageable situation. Use discretion, diplomacy and common sense. When the dust settles, you both see it all as humorous! Tonight: Get closer.***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Finances take center stage in the most unusual way. You have chosen a deck of wild cards! Try your luck, but also check your accounts. Methodically assure that all is well. A romantic relationship becomes passionate. Tonight: Embark on an adventure, if you're game.***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Luck hits you like lightning. Something you decided to do has an effect that surpasses original hopes. Not even you could have planned this better! The truly miraculous happens; pay attention to life's incidentals. Tonight: Who knows?***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) It won't be completely effortless, but you succeed. Consider cause and effect in your life; your actions might have unwelcome side effects. Seek stability in your career, and a low-maintenance relationship. You have enough drama in your life as it is! Tonight: Do absolutely nothing.***

Up-front breakfast attire take visiting coupleback

DEAR ABBY: For the past six years, my husband and I have vacationed in Florida, where our friends "Myrtle" and "Gary" share their home with us for a week. We aren't moochers; we buy groceries, pay for their meals when we eat out, and drive our car when we go places.

This year, however, something strange happened. Myrtle came to the breakfast table wearing only a transparent lace nightgown. Nothing was left to the imagination. This happened twice, but since my husband and I were guests in their home, I was reluctant to suggest that she wear a robe. Perhaps she meant nothing by it, but she made other subtle passes at my husband during our stay.

I kept quiet because I feared that if I objected or made a scene, the vacation would be ruined for everyone.

My husband was also taken aback by Myrtle's bold display. Neither of us can imagine why she behaved this way after all our years of friendship.

What should I have done? And what should I do if she repeats this seductive behavior next year? - CONFUSED UP NORTH

DEAR CONFUSED: It's water under the bridge now, but at the time, you could have talked to her privately and suggested that she cover herself appropriately, or you and your husband could have packed up and moved to a hotel.

Next year, decline their hospitality and make hotel reservations - and if they ask you why, tell them.

DEAR ABBY: I have been divorced from my wife for several years and I now live with my girlfriend. My ex-wife and my girlfriend have become very friendly and spend extended periods of time on the telephone with each other. This makes me very uncomfortable.

I have made my feelings clear to both of them, but I cannot insist they stop. They have the right to choose their own friends.

Is it common for ex-wives and girlfriends to take a shine to one another, or is this unusual? - UNCOMFORTABLE IN PHOENIX

DEAR UNCOMFORTABLE: Consider yourself fortunate. Many individuals find it impossible to keep peace between ex-partners and the person with whom they are currently involved.

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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Monday, July 28, the 209th day of 1997. There are 156

days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On July 28, 1945, a U.S. Army bomber crashed into the 79th floor of New York City's Empire State Building, killing 14 people.

On this date: In 1540, King Henry VIII's chief minister, Thomas

Cromwell, was executed. The same day, Henry married his fifth wife, Catherine Howard.

In 1794, Maximilien Robespierre, a leading figure of the French Revolution, was sent to the guillotine.

In 1821, Peru declared its independence from Spain.

In 1868, the Fourteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, guaranteeing due process of law, was declared in effect.

In 1896, the city of Miami, Fla., was incorporated.

In 1932, Federal troops forcibly dispersed the so-called "Bonus Army" of World War I veterans who had gathered in Washington, D.C., to demand money they weren't scheduled to receive until 1945.

In 1943, President Roosevelt announced the end of coffee rationing.

In 1959, in preparation for statehood, Hawaiians voted to send the first Chinese-American, Hiram L. Fong, to the Senate and the first Japanese-American, Daniel K. Inouye, to the House of Representatives.

In 1965, President Johnson announced he was increasing the number of American troops in South Vietnam from 75,000 to 125,000.

In 1976, an earthquake devastated northern China, killing at least 242,000 people, according to an official estimate.

Ten years ago: Attorney General Edwin Meese told the congressional Iran-Contra committees that President Reagan was "quite surprised" the previous November when Meese told him about the diversion of Iran arms-sales profits for use by the Contra rebels.

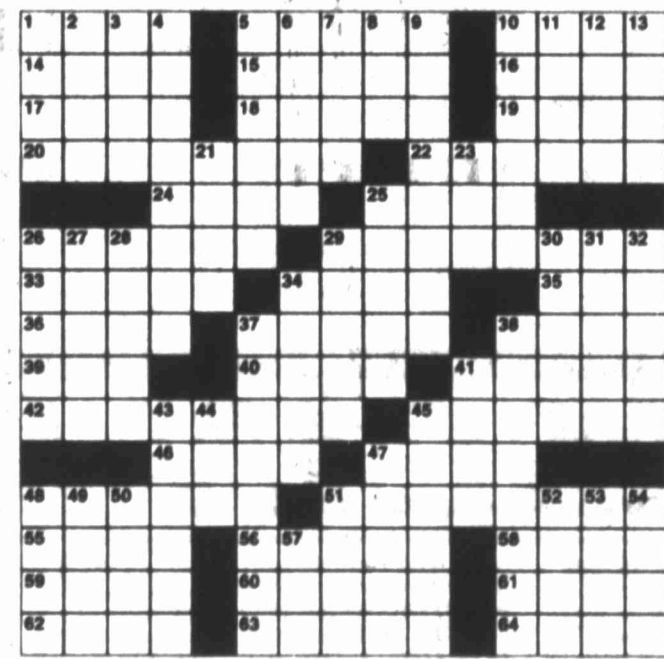
Five years ago: Democrats counterattacked a day after aides to President Bush had accused Democrat Bill Clinton of lacking foreign policy expertise. Iraq opened its Agricultural Ministry to U.N. weapons experts after a three-week standoff. At the Barcelona Olympics, the U.S. women's 400-meter freestyle relay team won the gold medal.

One year ago: Federal investigators reported "very good leads" in the hunt for the Olympic bomber, a day after the explosion in Centennial Olympic Park in Atlanta. President Clinton, addressing a veterans convention in New Orleans, called on Congress to pass expanded anti-terrorism measures.

Today's Birthdays: "Polka king" Frankie Yankovic is 82. The president of Peru, Alberto Fujimori, is 59. Former Sen. Bill Bradley, D-N.J., is 54. "Garfield" creator Jim Davis is 52. Rock musician Rick Wright (Pink Floyd) is 52. Singer Jonathan Edwards is 51. Actress Linda Kelsey is 51. Actress Sally Struthers is 49.

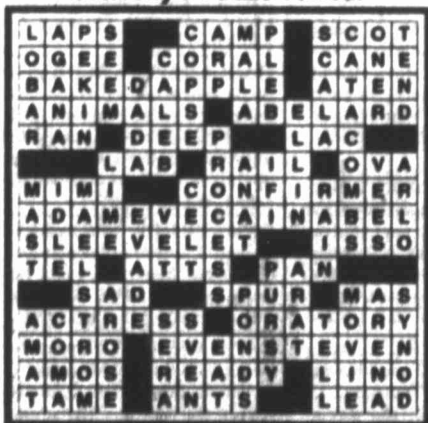
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by Roger Jurgovan 07/28/97

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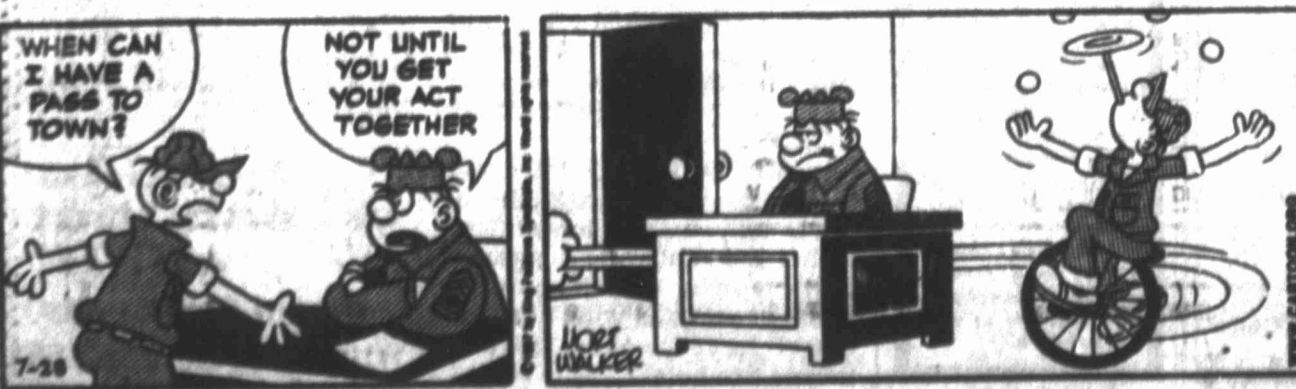
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