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Vets can drop SBP plan now

Veterans who wish to drop their Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) will finally have the opportunity to do so.

The plan, available to all retiring military personnel, was put into action to help relieve the financial strain on the surviving families of retirees, supplementing the retirement income that many families have come to rely on so heavily.

This new action will allow retirees a one-year window in which to disenroll. It began on May 17, and will continue until May 16, 1999.

The commission stresses caution, however. Once someone disenrolls, they won't have the opportunity enroll again. There will also be no refunds of premiums, reports state.

If you have any questions on the SBP, or the one year period in which to disenroll, you can contact the Commission at 1-800-531-7502, 7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

□ Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third. Call Al Vales at 263-6810.

TUESDAY

□ Beginning line dance class will be taught at 9 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628 for more information. All ages welcome.

□ Introduction to Scrapbooking class, 7 to 9 p.m., East Fourth Baptist Church, 401 E. Fourth, fellowship hall. Bring four to five photos and the cost is \$40 for the workshop.

WEDNESDAY

□ Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center in the Industrial Park. Call 398-5522 or 267-1628.

THURSDAY

□ Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright, has free food for area needy from 10 a.m. to noon.

□ Evening line dancing class, 6:30 p.m., Big Spring Mall, the room near Hallmark and Bealls. For more information call Dorothy Kennemur at 398-5522 or e-mail at drkbigspring@xroadstx.com

□ Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. Call Billy Smith at 267-6479.

□ Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classes, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 55 and older.

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

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Tornado sighted in Martin County; no injuries

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Severe thunderstorms in northern Martin County and southern Dawson County resulted in a reported tornado north of Tarzan, according to Martin County Sheriff Mike Welling.

"It just touched down and went back up," Welling said Monday morning.

Welling said no injuries or damage was reported, and Tommy Jacobs, Dawson County deputy and jail administrator, concurred.

"We had reports of water over a farm to market road in the southern part of the

county, and the Sheriff said we had about three to five inches of rain and real high winds," Jacobs said.

Jacobs said Lamesa received about 3/10 of an inch of rain, and Van Gaskins in Knott, said about 7/10 of an inch of rain was reported seven miles northeast of Knott.

"We had high winds, and we heard that a tornado had been spotted practically right next to our house, but my family didn't see anything or hear anything," Gaskins said.

George Matthews, meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Midland, said the storm carried 50 to 60 mile per hour winds.

"This storm moved slowly across the area, and we had a severe thunderstorm warning from 7 to 7:40 p.m. for Martin County.

"These were powerful thunderstorms," Matthews said.

Matthews said three and a half inches of rain was reported in south Dawson County, two miles south of Patricia.

And Martin County received two and one fourth inches of rain six miles south of Patricia, he said.

"We've had reports of wind damage, such as broken tree limbs and damage to outbuildings, but no real damage reported," Matthews said.

Gracie Hanson in Stanton said she

was under a flood warning last night, but she never saw any rain. Hanson also confirmed local reports of a tornado sighting.

"A flood warning? I kept thinking that was odd, and the weather was interesting and we expected something, but nothing. I did hear a tornado was reported north of Tarzan," Hanson said.

And Jacobs, with the Dawson County Sheriff's Department, said he's decided to buy new windshield wiper blades.

"The men asked me why I needed new blades on my windshield wipers, and I said I needed them because sometimes the dust gets a little thick on my windshield," Jacobs joked.



Keagan Hunt (top photo) ropes his "steer" to win the roping contest in Saturday's Stickhorse Rodeo, held on the Courthouse lawn following the rodeo parade. In the bottom photo, Herald managing editor John H. Walker presents Brian Lindsey with the first-place plaque for winning the float competition in the parade. Lindsey's group entered a horse and cowboy barbecue pit on a trailer to win.



HERALD photos/Linda Choate

Deregulation

Public hearing reveals issues to be hotly debated in Austin

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

During a public hearing in Austin last week, State Rep. David Counts was one of several members of the House State Affairs Committee to question claims that residential, small business and farm and ranch consumers would benefit from competition in the electric utility industry.

Last week's public hearing was a preview of what is expected to be one of the more explosive issues when the 76th Texas Legislature convenes in January. Lawmakers will decide whether or not to open electric utilities to competition, something California and several other states have already done.

One of the people questioned by Counts was Jonathan Day, a Houston attorney representing Texas Industrial Electric Consumers, an organization that includes petrochemical, oil refining, steel and other large manufacturing and industrial users of electricity.

Day told Counts his group supports retail competition and believes it will be very good for residential and commercial customers, but could not guarantee any rate cuts as a result of competition.

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COUNTS

Other committee members asked Day whether large industrial users would be willing to pay all of the so-called "stranded costs" as a way to receive one of the major sticking points in the push to restructure the electric utility industry.

Stranded costs are the debt that utilities incurred in building uneconomical nuclear power plants.

The Public Utility Commission (PUC) recently estimated that stranded costs would total about \$4.5 billion if competition began in the year 2001.

Counts argued that as Day was insisting that competition would be good for residential customers, he minimized the size of stranded costs, but when asked if big industrial users would be willing to pay them, he characterized them as enormous.

Counts also chastised PUC Chairman Pat Wood for published remarks in which he threatened the state's electric cooperatives for talking to their legislators about PUC actions.

"This is absolutely wrong, because I listen to my constituents," Counts said, "because that's the only way I know what's going on. I hope

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Seminar on customer service deemed a success

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, in an attempt to provide valuable resources to its member businesses, recently held a seminar focusing on customer service and communications skills, and it was deemed a success according to Amber Rich, chamber vice president for retail development.

The chamber will host another business seminar in September featuring nationally known speaker Dr. Nate Booth. Booth will also speak at the chamber's second community luncheon, also scheduled for September.

The purpose of having these types of seminars is to continue building the customer base of

Big Spring's retail businesses.

"We're trying to have workshops that will help our retail businesses," Chamber Executive Vice President Terri Newton said. "When we discuss topics for our workshops, the subjects of customer service and communications always come up.

"If our shops have better customer service, we feel like we'll see more people coming back to Big Spring to shop," Newton added.

At last fall's Industry Appreciation Luncheon, sponsored by the chamber, area business owners also received some valuable tips on how they could improve their businesses where customers service is involved.

Nationally-acclaimed consul-

tant Kent Burnes of California taught two seminars last August entitled "When Customers Count" and "Sharpening Your Competitive Edge."

At past business seminars sponsored by the chamber, business owners have learned how to build a customer service program that will work for their particular business as well as pay for itself.

According to industry research, customers feel that 77 percent of U.S. businesses suffer from poor customer service.

Local business owners have also benefited from past chamber sponsored events by learning from industry experts the definition of good customer service, the top 10 rules to implementing a service program,

added value services that work, programs that make employees want to be customer friendly, how to spot and fix customer service breakdowns and services that customers will want to pay for.

In an effort to measure how well it has served its membership, the chamber recently sent out its annual membership survey.

According to Lee George, chamber vice president for membership development, 450 surveys were sent out and 55 responses (12 percent) were received.

That percent is very low, but according to Newton, the national average is 8 percent.

Forty-one percent of chamber members who responded rated the chamber as excellent in

meeting their needs; 45 percent rated the chamber as satisfactory; percent did not respond; 4 percent said the chamber did not help; and 1 percent rated the chamber as unsatisfactory.

As for how members have utilized the chamber in the past year, 40 percent have attended chamber sponsored events, 35 percent have called the chamber for information, 22 percent have used the chamber to promote their business, 14 percent have attended seminars and 11 percent used the chamber for networking purposes.

Eighteen percent said the chamber can better serve its membership by providing more information; 15 percent said provide more seminars; and 14 percent said host more networking functions.

VistaCare, Family Hospice announce they have merged

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Scottsdale, Arizona-based VistaCare and Dallas-based Family Hospice, which has an outlet in Big Spring, announced last week that the two hospice companies have merged.

Hospice is a comprehensive, medically directed, team-oriented program of care that seeks to treat and comfort patients and their families at home or in home-like settings. It is a philosophy of care that accepts

death as a natural part of life and seeks neither to hasten nor prolong the dying process.

The merger becomes effective Tuesday, June 30, pending regulatory approval, and will expand hospice services to communities in 15 states. It creates the nation's second largest Medicare-certified provider of care for terminally ill patients. The new company will have revenues in excess of \$75 million.

In announcing the merger last week, VistaCare President and CEO Barry Smith said he is

pleased to combine the resources and patient-care commitment of both companies.

"As we continue to grow VistaCare into a national organization, we are driven by our mission to provide compassionate, clinically sophisticated care to patients and their loved ones."

Family Hospice President and CEO James "Rocky" Reese said Family Hospice sought a partner that matched its standards of quality care to help extend services to other communities.

"VistaCare is led by a team of

health care and business professional who parallel our goals to increase quality standards in hospice," Reese said. "VistaCare's vision and financial resources, combined with the operational expertise and market share of Family Hospice, create an impressive blend of strength that will benefit patients and families as well as the hospice industry."

The merger creates a hospice organization that serves approximately 1,800 terminally ill patients a day in 56 urban and rural communities in Arizona,

Texas, Colorado, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Massachusetts, Missouri, Nevada, New Mexico, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina and Utah.

The new company will be known as VistaCare and will retain the bulk of employees and offices of both companies. Office serving Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico communities will continue to operate under the family Hospice name.

Public Relations Spokesperson Kelly Acree, rep

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OBITUARIES

Lottie Marie Parks

Lottie Marie Parks, 84, of Big Spring, died on Friday, June 19, 1998, at her residence. Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 23, 1998, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel, with Rick Cunningham, minister at 14th & Main Church of Christ, officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.



PARKS

She was born on November 18, 1913 in Shamrock, Texas and married Charles W. (Buck) Parks on December 14, 1945 in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on December 26, 1997.

Mrs. Parks started her teaching career at the Moore School in Howard County and taught at West Ward and Cedar Crest Schools in Big Spring. She taught for 27 years before retiring.

She was a member of the 14th & Main Church of Christ. She was a member of the Texas Tech Exes, the Big Spring High School Exes, the Texas State Teachers Association and the Retired Teachers Association.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Bob and Angela Parks of Big Spring and Philip and Susan Parks of Mansfield; one daughter, Lisa Parks Jordan of Euless; one granddaughter, Charlene Parks of Phoenix, Arizona; four grandsons, Jerry Parks of Mansfield, Cody Jordan of Euless and Wesley Parks and Taylor Parks, both of Big Spring; two sisters, Ruby Tate of Midland and Pauline Sundry of Big Spring; and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Philip Parks, Bob Parks, Cody Jordan, Jerry Parks, Baxter Moore and Bobby Basham. The family suggests memorials be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tenn., 38105-1905 or the Allison Cancer Center, 301 North N., Midland, Texas, 79701.

The family will be at 2611 Crestline. Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

A.R. Salazar, Sr.

Funeral service for A.R. Salazar Sr., 77, of Big Spring,

will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 23, 1998, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Brother Raul Torres, regional director for Church of God in Prophecy in Lubbock, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mr. Salazar died Saturday, June 20, 1998, at a local hospital.

He was born Feb. 16, 1921, in Santa Anna, Calif., and married Dolores Medellin on May 17, 1947, in Donna. He moved to Colorado City and lived there many years, moving to Big Spring in 1992. He was involved in farming his entire life.

He was a member of the Church of God in Prophecy and a veteran of the U.S. Army after World War II.

Survivors include: his wife, Dolores Salazar of Big Spring; seven sons, A.R. Salazar, Jr., of Colorado City, Jesse Salazar of Amarillo, John Salazar of Cibola, Ariz., Paul Salazar, Rocky Salazar and Mario Salazar, all of Big Spring, and Abel Salazar of Rock Springs; four daughters, Ester Lopez Tovar, Lupe Liedecke and Sara Salazar, all of Big Spring, and Mary Villanueva of Kerrville; two brothers, Jesse Salazar and Mariano Salazar, both of Reynosa, Mexico; 33 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

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

Ruby Fay Hodnett

Funeral service for Ruby Fay Hodnett, 84, of Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. She died Sunday, June 21, 1998, in a local nursing home.

Wynell-Sally Thomas Rayburn

Funeral service for Wynell-Sally Thomas Rayburn, 72, of Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. She died Saturday, June 20, 1998, at her residence.

CONTROVERSY

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you don't plan to punish them for talking to me as you have stated in your published remarks.

"I think at times you overstep your authority, and I have some problems with that" Counts added. "I hope you'll be more cautious in the future and leave public policy to the legislature."

MERGER

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representing the new company, said VistaCare will be the nation's largest hospice company in terms of sites, where services are offered and states covered and the second largest company in terms of patients served.

"Combined, the two organizations will serve nearly 1,800 patients daily at 56 locations in 15 states," Acree said.

BRIEFS

A SCHOLARSHIP FUND HAS been set up in memory of Kenny Richardson at Big Spring High School. To contribute, drop donations by the high school or mail to: 707 11th Place. For more information, call Jamie McVean at 264-6211 or Gwen Storie, 264-3641.

BIG SPRING'S MUNICIPAL POOL has "family night" and "teen nights" planned this summer.

Families are invited to swim together from 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Teen nights are Fridays from 7-9 p.m., and those age 13-17 must show a school I.D.

Pool admission fees of \$1.50 per person apply at these special evening events, as well as

during regular pool hours, 1-6 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Call 264-2484 for more information.

COAHOMA LIONS CLUB IS seeking entrants for its July 4 Freedom Parade. The parade will form at 9 a.m. at the football field, beginning at 10 a.m. This is the year for Coahoma Exes reunions, so a large crowd is expected for the parade. Call 394-4424 for more information.

AN INTRODUCTION TO SCRAPBOOKING class will be Tuesday, June 23, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the fellowship hall of East Fourth Baptist Church, 401 E. Fourth.

Information will be presented on photo safety, recording memories and new techniques for creating beautiful albums. Supplies will be provided to begin creating album pages during the hands-on workshop portion of the class.

Bring four to five pictures. Cost for the workshop is \$20.

LINE DANCING WILL BE taught each Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at Big Spring Mall starting June 25. Anyone is welcome to join the class for no charge. Gather in the room near Hallmark and Bealls in the east end of the mall.

Call Dorothy Kennemur for more information, 398-5522.

THE AREA AGENCY ON Aging needs volunteer ombudsman in Big Spring nursing homes to visit and monitor nursing home residents. A new training session is being scheduled. Call the Permian Basin Area Agency on Aging at 1-800-491-4636.

SUPPORT GROUPS

MONDAY

•Al-A-Teen, 7:30 p.m., 615 Settles.

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

•TOPS Club (Take off pound sensibly), weigh-in 5 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m., Birdwell Lane Church of Christ

•Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of physical/emotional/sexual and/or spiritual abuse. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241 for dates/times of upcoming groups.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

•Encouragers Support Group (formerly Widow/Widower support group) first and third Mondays each month. First Monday meetings are at a local restaurant at 6 p.m. Third Monday meetings are at 6 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church Seventh and Runnels (enter through north door). We have various activities, such as guest speakers, play games, have covered dish supper, visit or go out to eat. For more information call 398-5522 or 399-4369.

•Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.

•New Voice Club, a support group for laryngectomies and their families, 6:30 p.m., 2410 Wason Dr., the house behind the 7-11 store. For more information call 267-2800.

•Alzheimer's support group, 6:30 p.m., Marcy House, 2301 Wason. Call 268-9041.

•Association of Retarded Citizens of Howard County meet 7 p.m. the first Monday of each month at 806 E. Third Street, the HARC bingo building. Call 264-0674 for more information.

•Survivors of Suicide, support group for those grieving a suicide loss, will meet Monday, June 15, at 7:30 p.m. at the Pastoral Care Office of Memorial Hospital and Medical Center, Midland. Dr. Alan Williams will lead the discussion.

TUESDAY

•Support for MS and Related Diseases, 6:30 p.m. second

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Tuesday of each month, Canterbury South. Public invited. Call Leslie, 267-1069.

•Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

•Seniors' diabetic support group, 2 p.m., Canterbury South. Call 263-1265.

•Compassionate Friends support group for parents who have experienced death of a child, 7:30 p.m. first Tuesday in February, April, June, August, October and December in the Family Life Center Building, First Baptist Church, 705 West Marcy. Enter by southeast door. Call 267-2769.

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

•"Most Excellent Way," an addiction support group, 3610 Dixon, call 264-9900.

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

•Family Education and Support, sponsored by Howard County Mental Health Center, meets the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at 319 Runnels. For more information call Shannon Nabors at 263-0027.

•The Big Spring Alliance for the Mentally Ill meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at 409 Runnels (formerly the TU building) For further information call Sondra at 267-7220

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

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

IF YOU HAVE A SUPPORT GROUP LISTING, PLEASE SUBMIT IT IN WRITING.

REUNIONS

THE BSHS CLASS OF 1978 is having a 20-year class reunion in July. We are trying to locate the following people: Paul Abundez, Beverly Adams, Sandra Alarcon, Alice Amaro, Valerie Anderson, John Armstrong, Ronnie Barber, Mark Bergeron, Becky Bettis, Michael Bickford, Michael Blalack, Twayne Bledsoe, Debbie Bonner, Rusty Braun, Clara Brown, Marie Buckner, Bob Burer, Denise Byrd, Isabel Cisneros, Charlotte Coleman, Andre Couvillion, Shelia Crockett, Laura Davila, Teresa Davis, Sandra Denton, Lana Derryberry, Paula Dockter, Karl Evans, Elizabeth Florez, James Forney, Clay Fuller, Mark Garrett, Ellie Garza, Joe Granato, Andrew Grosse, Gloria Hammon, Mitch Harris, Jowonnah Hawkins, Oscar Hernandez, Ben Hicks, Don Hollingsworth, David Howell, Ronnie Ille, Tony Jacobs, Maria Jara, Vikki Jenkins, Lee Jimenez, Gerald Johnson, Lloyd Johnson, Dana Kennemer, Mark Key, Leslie Marie Kimble, Diana Larez, Marty Latta, Ray Leudecke, Tammy Lewis, Mary Helen Lopez, Rafael Lopez, Lynne McBride, David McCutcheon, Tracie McElyea, Kathie McIntire, Tony Mann, James Martin, Jay Martin, Sharon Mathews, Wayne Mayo, Jeff Meeks, William Merrick, Mary Merworth, Doris Mitchell, Alana Morris, Brett Morton, Dianne Murphy, Gilbert Narbatz, Ernie Nichols, Mike Padgett, Josephine Padilla, Vicki Phillips, Roy Lee Pierce, James Pinkard, Pam Price, Tom Purcell, Jim Reed, Phil

Riegel, Karen Riley, Clem Sanchez, Joyce Scott, Chris Shortes, Kenneth Smith, Rhonda Smith, Robert Smith, Wayne Soles, Brad Springer, Debbie Steagald, Jeff Stovall, Craig Strong, Susan Sweeden, Donna Taylor, Wesley Taylor, Shelly Thomas, Casey Thompson, Frank Vasquez, Harry Vela, Gary Don Weeks, Donna Wiley, Tammy Woodard and Chippo Wright.

If you have any information to help in this endeavor, please call Jackie Swinney at 263-1137.

MARKETS

July cotton 76.10 cents, up 96 points; July crude 12.40, up 56 points; Cash hogs steady at 2 cents higher at 43.50; cash steers steady at 63 cents even; July lean hog futures 62.10 down 50 points; June live cattle futures 63.47, down 12 points.

courtesy: Delta Corporation. Other markets were unavailable to us by press time.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Friday and 1 p.m. Saturday:

•WILLIAM BUDLONG, 41, was arrested for public intoxication.

•DIANNA FIERO, 35, was arrested for Class C assault.

•STEVEN SEDBERRY, 20, was arrested for aggravated sexual assault.

•TOMMY CAMPBELL, 42, was arrested for public intoxication.

•JAVIER PINEDA, 17, was arrested for possession of marijuana under two ounces.

•JUAN CORDOVA, 21, was arrested for possession of marijuana under two ounces.

•ALVIN NOYOLA, 45, was arrested for public intoxication.

•CARLA SHAW, 41, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

•KATHY FOSTER, 35, was arrested on local warrants.

•STEVEN MAGANA, 20, was arrested for public intoxication.

•DISTURBANCE/FIGHT in the 1500 block of Wood; and the 500 block of N. Birdwell.

•THEFT at 11th and Settles; 400 block of S. Gregg; 18th and Gregg; 4th and Owens; 1200 block of E. 11th Place; 2300 block of Wason; 400 block of Lancaster; and the 100 block of Lamesa.

•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 1900 block of Wason; and the 100 block of N. Cottonwood.

•BURGLARY OF A HABITATION in the 200 block of Carey.

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 1 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. Monday:

•REYNALDO PEREZ, 27, was arrested for public intoxication.

•GILBERT MONTANEZ, 41, was arrested for public intoxication.

•JUDY HILDEBRAND, 46, was arrested on local warrants.

•ANTHONY PACE, 26, was arrested for public intoxication.

•LITTLE LAWRENCE, was arrested for public intoxication.

•THEFT in the 1700 block of E. Marcy; 600 block of S. Aylesford; 3600 block of Dixon; and the 2300 block of Wason.

•BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE in the 2900 block of Old Hwy 80.

•BURGLARY OF A HABITATION in the 200 block of E. 6th; 600 block of Caylor; and the 1400 block of E. 15th.

•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 1900 block of Gregg; 200 block of E. 1st; 500 block of S. Bell.

•ASSAULT in the 100 block of Stanford.

FIRE/EMS

Following is a summary of Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reports:

SATURDAY
2:45 a.m. — 1300 block Ridgeroad, trauma call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

6:50 a.m. — 3200 block Parkway, medical call, patient transported to SMCC.

8:42 a.m. — 600 block NW 8th, medical call, service refused.

9:20 a.m. — 3200 block Parkway, medical call, patient transported to SMCC.

2:09 p.m. — 1800 block Settles, medical call, service refused.

4:11 p.m. — 1100 block N. Lamesa, medical call, patient transported to SMCC.

4:25 p.m. — 900 block Goliad, trauma call, patient transported to SMCC.

5:29 p.m. — 3200 block Parkway, medical call, patient transported to SMCC.

10:53 p.m. — 1600 block Cardinal, trauma call, patient transported to SMCC.

SUNDAY
8:01 a.m. — 3200 block Parkway, medical call, patient transported to SMCC.

8:59 a.m. — 4800 block Wason, trauma call, patient transported to SMCC.

11:13 a.m. — 1100 block N. Gregg, medical call, patient transported to SMCC.

2:15 p.m. — 200 block Refinery Road, trauma call, patient transported to SMCC.

10:24 a.m. — 1100 block Johnson, medical call, patient transported to SMCC.

1:07 p.m. — 400 block E. 4th, medical call, patient transported to SMCC.

6:34 p.m. — 1700 block Lancaster, trauma call, patient transported to SMCC.

11:25 p.m. — 3200 block Drexel, medical call, patient transported to SMCC.

11:45 p.m. — 1100 block Johnson, medical call, patient transported to SMCC.

12:43 a.m. — 100 block Airbase Road, structure fire, extinguished by responding units.

RECORDS

Sunday's high **
Sunday's low **
Average high 94
Average low 69
Record high 109 in 1960
Record low 60 in 1945
Precip. Sunday 0.00
Month to date 0.30
Month's normal 1.38
Year to date 4.79
Normal for the year 7.91
**Statistics not available

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24th & Johnson 267-8288

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906 Gregg St.
(915) 267-6331

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Texas heat linked to two deaths, blazes as summer starts

By The Associated Press
With two deaths and several blazes already blamed on rising temperatures, the stage is set for a long, hot Texas summer.

A warning is posted through Monday for residents of North Texas, where moisture in the air is expected to push heat-humidity values to between 105 and 115 degrees.

The only good news in the midst of the heat wave is that the haze plaguing Texas for the past several weeks has dissipated — at least for now.

A 2-year-old Hillsboro girl who was left inside a car for more than an hour was the latest to die of heat-related causes.

Sheena K. Dunbar died Friday morning at Cook Children's Medical Center in Fort Worth of hyperthermia.

Sheena's mother had taken the girl with her to run an errand Wednesday afternoon, but left the child inside the car when she returned to the family's residence, said Hillsboro Police Chief Richard White.

"When the mother went back out, she had succumbed to the heat," White told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

"We certainly would encourage people to be especially aware of leaving anything — family or pets — in an enclosed area like that," said White.

He said the distraught mother is cooperating with law officers and that no decision has been made whether to file charges.

An autopsy report is pending from the Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office. It provisionally ruled the child's death "accidental."

Wednesday's temperature reached 99 degrees. Many Texas cities Saturday were in the triple digits, with readings from 100 to 113. It was 107 at Cotulla and 113 at Childress, Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport had 102 degrees in the second straight day over the century mark.

Temperatures Sunday, the

first day of summer, peaked in the 80s in the Panhandle while readings elsewhere reached into the upper 90s. Houston's Bush Intercontinental Airport reached 100 degrees, breaking the 1936 record.

The other heat-related fatality occurred June 1 when 23-year-old Jason Bradley Stogsdill of Arlington died while bicycling near Joe Pool Reservoir. The high temperature that day was 101. His death was caused by overheating combined with a pre-existing heart disease.

Conditions are also favorable for brush fires because vegetation is high from heavy winter rains and dead from the dry

spring, firefighters say.

Despite the wet winter, farmers in South Texas and elsewhere face the prospect of a second drought in three years. Agricultural losses of \$517 million this year and an overall economic loss of \$1.7 billion are projected.

In Fort Worth, a string of small blazes began Saturday along a southeast side railroad track.

"We have been gearing up," Fort Worth Deputy Chief Hugo Esparza said.

No longer around to provide some protection from the sun is the haze caused by smoke from fires in southern Mexico. The

smoke had been blowing north into Texas, prompting health alerts and pollution warnings. But a change in wind direction has pushed it elsewhere.

"We've developed a more easterly flow in the Gulf of Mexico down where the worst of the fires are," Alan Moller, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Fort Worth, said Sunday. "There's still smoke down there, but much of it's being pushed westward by the easterly winds."

Still, don't count on the clear skies to last. Another wind shift could cause the haze to return as quickly as it disappeared, Moller said.

Clinton justifies trip to China, despite doubts

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton insists his visit to China this week will advance America's interests. But he faces a rough sendoff from members of Congress who do not like the trip and are intent on making that clear.

Clinton leaves Wednesday for the first visit by an American president to Beijing since George Bush in February 1989, several months before the suppression of the Tiananmen Square democracy protesters.

He will be welcomed officially on the square and hold talks with President Jiang Zemin, the man who rose to power in the wake of that crackdown.

"We have chosen a pragmatic and principled course; expanding our areas of cooperation with China while dealing directly with our differences, especially over human rights," Clinton said in an essay in this week's Newsweek magazine.

"I am going for one reason — to advance America's inter-

"If I walked out of the White House and I spread my arms and I proved I could fly, some people would claim that I had done something wrong."

-Bill Clinton

ests," he wrote.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, interviewed Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press," gave assurances that Clinton would meet a wide range of people in China, and "throughout the trip I think that the president will make very clear how we feel about the Chinese human rights record."

But the visit has drawn sharp criticism from some Republicans and human rights advocates. They say it is wrong to have normal relations with a government characterized by human rights abuses, weapons proliferation, unfair trade practices and allegations that tried to influence American elections

through illegal contributions.

"He's going over under a deep dark cloud with lots of investigations going on on Capitol Hill," and the trip should be delayed, Sen. Tim Hutchinson, R-Ark., said on CNN's "Late Edition."

"What is our real policy?" exiled Chinese dissident Harry Wu asked on ABC's "This Week." "Engage only by money? Only engaging in money means (an) appeasement policy."

Clinton, in an interview with Chinese reporters, said the Chinese people should understand that "in our system there are some people who criticize everything I do. If I walked out

of the White House and I spread my arms and I proved I could fly, some people would claim that I had done something wrong."

But in the case of China, he said, "I think my critics are wrong."

While Clinton is preparing for his trip, Hutchinson said the Senate will take up several small bills he is backing that would toughen U.S. policies against China's human rights abuses.

In the House, a bipartisan panel is beginning to investigate the possible transfer of U.S. satellite technology for Chinese missile improvements. At issue is whether the administration ignored national security risks for the business interests of a company run by a major Democratic contributor.

Both the House and the Senate must act this week on China's most-favored-nation trade status, which Clinton extended for another year.

Lightning, desert-like dryness combine to keep fires burning

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The good news is that thunderstorms were expected to rumble across fire-ravaged Florida, bringing some natural help in dousing out-of-control wildfires.

The bad news? Thunderstorms also bring lightning.

More than 80 fires had been started in the past 24 hours, mostly by lightning strikes, and 80 to 90 new fires were expected daily unless Florida received some rainfall, fire officials said Sunday.

Mother Nature may not be able to keep up: The National Weather Service forecast just a 30 percent chance of rain today.

The smoke hung over much of north Florida all weekend, forcing temporary closures of several major roads and interstates, including a 40-mile stretch of Interstate 95 in northeast Flagler County. It reopened late Sunday.

At least a half dozen new major fires — many believed to have been sparked by lightning — have burned 14,000 acres throughout Volusia County, about 40 miles north of Orlando.

"The dragon seems to just keep coming out at us, again and again, quicker than we can contain it," firefighter Ron Bateman told The Orlando Sentinel. Five new fires were sparked early today.

Since Memorial Day, fires have burned 76,000 acres in 39

counties, damaging 72 homes and 41 other structures in Florida. President Clinton has declared the entire state a fire disaster area, and a statewide outdoor burning ban remains in effect.

Nearly every part of Florida has been affected by fires, from the Apalachicola National Forest in the Panhandle to the marshy brush of the Everglades at the southern tip of the state.

The U.S. Forest Service said that 80 percent of the state was at a drought index level equivalent to a desert, breaking a 67-year-old temperature record in Tallahassee with a reading of 101 degrees.

"Wind has been a factor, but what happens is fires will join together and create a firestorm and they create their own wind," Bateman said. "The fires have been so erratic that firefighters have found themselves caught in the middle of a fire."

But the only injury reported was a case of heat exhaustion to a firefighter on Saturday, he added.

On Sunday, officials warned Helen and Fred Stephens and dozens of others to be ready to evacuate their homes in Perry, about 50 miles southeast of Tallahassee.

But the couple, who had already lost their home to fire 13 years ago, weren't leaving without a fight.

"I'm not leaving until my hair sines," Helen Stephens told The Palm Beach Post.

Justice: Checks halted 69,000 handgun sales in '97

WASHINGTON (AP) — Presale checks under the federal Brady law blocked the sale of some 69,000 handguns in 1997, more than half because the prospective buyer was a convicted felon or was under a felony indictment, the Justice Department says.

The rejections amounted to just 2.7 percent of the 2,574,000 applications nationwide for handgun sales during the year, the department's Bureau of Justice Statistics reported Sunday.

Since the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act took effect in February 1994, through last Dec. 31, there have been 242,000 purchases stopped because of the checks, out of a total of 10,356,000 purchase applications, the bureau estimated.

Felony convictions or indict-

ments for the would-be handgun buyer accounted for 61.7 percent of last year's rejections.

The second most frequent reason for denial was a record of domestic violence, which was responsible for 11.2 percent, including 9.1 percent who had misdemeanor domestic violence convictions and 2.1 percent who were under court orders restraining them from harming or stalking an intimate partner or child.

An additional 5.9 percent of the denials were for buyers who turned out to be fugitives from justice.

State law prohibitions accounted for 6.1 percent of the rejections, drug addiction for 1.6 percent, mental illness for 0.9 percent and local law prohibitions for 0.9 percent.

The remaining 11.7 percent of the denials came from all others

barred from handgun purchases under the Federal Gun Control Act of 1968, including illegal aliens, juveniles, dishonorably discharged servicemen and people who have renounced U.S. citizenship.

The estimates were based on a sampling of the chief law enforcement officers whose agencies conduct the background checks.

Beginning this November, presale checks will be required for all firearms, not just handguns, purchased from federally licensed dealers. The dealers will make the checks through an automated system that Justice Department officials have said will be operable by then.

Unless a state has set up an approved permit system, the dealers will use computers or the telephone to contact the

FBI's national instant criminal background check system directly or go through a state agency serving as an FBI contact point.

Last week, Attorney General Janet Reno urged states to do their own criminal background checks, rather than leave them to the FBI. "No one knows more about state records" than the states themselves, she said.

About half the states have so far agreed to do their own checks.

Gun dealers will likely pass on the cost of the check to customers. The Justice Department wants states to perform the background checks to save money at the FBI and to prevent confusion over different state laws. The FBI plans to charge \$13 to \$16 per background check to states that will not do their own.

Microsoft's Gates monopolizes Forbes' billionaires list

NEW YORK (AP) — Bill Gates topped Forbes magazine's rankings of the world's richest billionaires for the fourth straight year as the magazine tightened the criteria for its rankings by including only the "working rich."

The chairman of Microsoft's net worth jumped 40 percent from a year ago to \$51 billion.

While fighting a government antitrust lawsuit against Microsoft, the world's largest software company, Gates easily fended off rivals to his billionaires' throne. The combined riches of Wal-Mart founder Sam Walton's heirs still fell \$3 billion short, ranking No. 2 with \$48 billion.

The wealthiest individual on the list behind Gates was investor Warren Buffett, No. 3 at \$33 billion. Rounding out the top five were Microsoft cofounder Paul Allen at \$21 billion

and Canada's Kenneth Thomson, head of publishing giant Thomson Corp., at \$14.4 billion.

The 12th annual list, which excludes dictators and royalty, is a companion to Forbes' rankings of 400 richest Americans, which is slated for its Oct. 12 issue.

One notable new member of the billionaires' list was the family of former Indonesian President Suharto, whose 32 years in power enabled him to amass stakes in about 3,200 Indonesian companies and a family fortune of about \$4 billion, Forbes said.

If royalty were included among the top billionaires, the Sultan of Brunei would have ranked third at \$36 billion. The oil-rich sultan was richer than Gates until this year.

Forbes tightened the criteria for its rankings this year by

"including only the 'working rich.'" Listed are billionaires who have built their own fortunes or are working with their inheritance rather than the silver-spoon set that is living off its wealth, Forbes said in its July 6 issue, released Sunday.

The new criteria dropped several billionaires from the list, including the \$15.3 billion Quandt family of Germany, a majority shareholder of BMW who ranked No. 10 last year; L'Oreal's founding Bettencourt family of France, worth \$11.4 billion; and sisters Barbara Cox Anthony and Anne Cox Chambers, \$7.1 billion heirs of the U.S. media company Cox Enterprises.

Indonesia's Suharto became eligible after quitting under pressure last month amid the country's economic crisis. Asia's financial retreat reduced its representation among the

top 200 billionaires to 44 from 56 last year. American billionaires on the list rose to 70 from 60, while Europeans accounted for 52, up from 44.

Among business kingpins who made the list were media tycoon Rupert Murdoch at \$5.3 billion; British entrepreneur Richard Branson at \$1.9 billion; and Japanese real estate and transportation mogul Yoshiaki Tsutsumi, once the world's richest businessman, at \$5.7 billion.

The average net worth of the top 200 billionaires was \$4.7 billion.

Mount McKinley British climbers rescued

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — A rescue helicopter picked up two British climbers today from Mount McKinley, where they had been stranded for more than three days. They were hospitalized in good condition.

"The weather cleared enough that we were ultimately able to get (a helicopter) up to 19,000 feet," said Ken Kehrer, a spokesman for Denali National Park.

The climbers, Martin Spooner and Carl Bougard, were lifted off the mountain in body harnesses attached to ropes from the rescue helicopter at 2:45 a.m. Alaska time, Kehrer said. Spooner had suffered an ankle injury.

They were then flown to the 14,000-foot level where they got into the helicopter and were taken to the Kahiltna Glacier, 7,000 feet below, he said.

From there they were taken to

Talkeetna where they were flown to Alaska Regional Hospital in Anchorage. Nursing supervisor Deborah Whitethorn said they were both admitted in good condition.

She said she could give no detail on the extent of Spooner's injuries or whether either one suffered from frostbite.

The two British military men had been stranded without food since Thursday, when Spooner fell 300 feet while trying to reach McKinley's 20,320-foot summit.

Bougard decided to stay behind with the injured Spooner.

With the wind chill, the temperature on the mountain, the highest in North America, had hovered around 100 degrees below zero.

Spooner and Bougard were spotted Sunday evening by an Alaska National Guard C-130.

West Texas tries to interest aerospace industry

SAN ANGELO (AP) — "Fort Stockton, we have a problem." The problem is getting state officials and the aerospace industry to take West Texas seriously when it comes to evaluating possible spaceports.

But backers of the bids by Pecos and Terrell counties say the hot, dry weather and desolate terrain around Fort Stockton and Sanderson could be assets for a launch and re-entry port for reusable rockets.

Fort Stockton and Sanderson are the state's only two inland locations participating in a study of possible spaceport sites, according to the San Angelo Standard-Times.

The five other areas are locat-

ed along the Gulf Coast: the Brazoria County Partnership, the Chambers-Jefferson Counties Partnership of Southeast Texas, the Galveston County Economic Development Alliance, the Mid-Texas Coast Coalition and a Harlingen-Kingsville partnership.

The study is being coordinated by the Texas Aerospace Commission, a state agency "dedicated to the continuing development of the aviation and space industries throughout the state."

The Commission says it works closely with aviation and space companies, economic development organizations, and other government and quasi-

government agencies to provide the best business environment possible to attract, retain, and expand aerospace business throughout the state.

Each of the seven areas participating in the spaceport study paid the TAC between \$12,500 and \$14,000 for a technical assessment of its site.

As part of the assessment process, the participating communities will undergo site inspections beginning this week to determine their suitability for a spaceport.

Aerospace Corp. of California, which has been involved with military and commercial research and development since 1960, will do the assessments.

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OUR VIEWS

Burn, fireworks bans ensure safer summer for all in the county

It's an understatement to say that conditions are right for a grass fire. Pastures and rangeland are so parched they have become a ready fuel for the tiniest spark. Pushed by gusting winds, a small fire could quickly become an inferno, sweeping the countryside. The consequences could be devastating.

Already this year, more than 118,000 acres of grass and brush have gone up in flames across the western third of Texas. About 20,000 of those acres are in Howard County.

Hoping to take control of an already dangerous situation, County Judge Ben Lockhart on May 7 imposed a temporary ban against burning in the county. Four days later, Howard County Commissioners Court unanimously extended the ban indefinitely.

Now, with the celebration of the birth of this nation coming up, that same commissioners court has placed a ban on aerial fireworks in the county. It was the right thing to do.

We're as patriotic as anyone, but shooting off fireworks over dry county fields is just too much of a risk. Someone's celebration could easily turn into tragedy.

Big Spring residents are no doubt already aware that there are ordinances against open burning or the discharge of fireworks within the city limits.

We could point out that ignoring the county bans on burning and setting off fireworks are misdemeanor offenses that carry the weight of fines, some up to \$1,000. But we'd rather make a common sense appeal to play it safe.

Hopefully, rains will come so that the the bans can soon be lifted. If not, at least Howard Countians won't be deprived of all the rat-a-tat-tat cracks, booms and whistles of rockets as they soar through the night air and burst into colorful sparkles of light. That's because the bans won't have an effect on the Pops in the Park patriotic concert and fireworks display, set for July 3 at the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheatre.

Sooner, we hope rather than later though, summer showers will bring about an end to the danger. Until then, we all have to be careful, knowing that the carelessness of just one could cause problems for many.

OTHER VIEWS

A certain school of thought holds that trade deficits are a good thing: Other nations give us stuff — cars, crops, computers — and, in return, we give them paper, in this era of electronic fund transfers, not even paper. Electronics.

That theory is about to be sorely tested. As the Asian recession worsens, their exports grow cheaper, while U.S. exports, thanks to a strong dollar and a strong economy, grow more expensive.

The difference is the trade deficit, a record \$14.5 billion in April.

If the trend holds, the U.S. will run a record trade deficit of \$149 billion, a whopping increase over last year's \$110 billion.

There are two dangers. One is that protectionist-minded lawmakers will demand, or, worse, enact, trade restrictions, reversing progress toward freer trade.

The other is that the slumping Asian countries will export their economic woes here. The two immediate solutions at hand are to convince China to lower its barriers against U.S. exports and investments and to persuade Japan to snap out of its recession by opening its markets.

The size of the trade deficit is not as important as the

direction, and the direction — an ever greater deficit — is worrisome.

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Like an immutable force of nature, the international illegal drug trade tends to follow the line of least resistance.

Throughout most of the 1990s, an estimated 70 percent of the cocaine that was intercepted en route from Colombia to the streets of American cities had moved through Mexico.

But the federal government's intensified effort to secure the boundary and increase the resources of the Border Patrol ... have caused many cocaine traffickers to take the high seas instead of using the overland route.

Gen. Barry McCaffrey, U.S. drug policy chief, said ... Haiti is emerging as the key transshipment point for Colombia drugs destined for South Florida.

With no functioning government and a fledgling civilian police force, Haiti needs all the help it can get from U.S. drug fighters to prevent the cocaine cowboys from turning it into the Western Hemisphere's pipeline-of-choice for illegal drugs.

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The selfish millionaire's unworthy life

By STEPHANIE SALTER
Scripps Howard

Almost 100 years ago, Andrew Carnegie implored his mega-rich compadres to give away a good chunk of their fortunes so that they might accomplish two goals:

Even though the imbalance between them and the have-nots, and escape the "condemnation of the selfish millionaire's unworthy life."

Today, in the midst of millionaire-lousy America, Carnegie's plea might be in the nascent stages of resurrection. Despite the obscene (and growing) gap between the very rich and the destitute, all kinds of well-off and just plain comfortable folks are beginning to think about someone besides themselves.

On June 27, an organization of fairly radical fat cats called "Responsible Wealth" will meet at the Claremont Resort in Oakland, Calif., to discuss ways in which they can "take action to create a fairer economy and shared prosperity."

A relatively new group of about 250 wealthy but low-profile individuals, Responsible

Fewer than half of adult Americans even have a will or legal plan for their estate. Only 6 percent of those who do have a plan have included something for a charity.

Wealth isn't satisfied just to give away money. No, the organization is founded on the belief that there is something very wrong with just 1 percent of the population owning 40 percent of the nation's wealth while one in four children lives in poverty.

The members of Responsible Wealth say that rich people benefited disproportionately from the amassing of the national debt, so rich people ought to carry the biggest share of the burden in reduction of the debt. They think it is wrong that debt reduction is happening instead through welfare and social service cuts to children, the poor and disabled.

Unbelievable but true, they're for serious campaign reform,

too. If you're rich or (more likely for readers of this column) if you know a rich person, you can contact Responsible Wealth at 617/4232148 or by email at rw(at)stw.org.

Meanwhile, the national group Leave A Legacy aims to raise the charity consciousness of just about everyone who isn't on welfare.

Thanks to generous tax breaks for charitable trusts, bequests and other gifts, most people in the middle classes and above can make a lasting difference with their dough. And it doesn't have to hurt. The trick is to build the giving into a last will and testament.

Some significant numbers: Beginning with the wealthy, at least eight in 10 Americans who earn \$1 million or more each year leave not a penny to charity in their wills.

Americans, age 60 and older, have amassed a collective personal fortune of \$10 trillion.

Among estates that are worth at least \$600,000, only 17 percent bother to leave anything to charity.

Fewer than half of adult Americans even have a will or

legal plan for their estate. Only 6 percent of those who do have a plan have included something for a charity.

While 70 percent of the population donates something each year to religious institutions, non-profits or sundry causes — for a total of \$130 billion — more than half of all charitable giving comes from people whose annual earnings are \$50,000 or less.

In other words, you don't have to be rich to be a philanthropist. You just have to think about giving after you're gone.

Among possible ways to make your money do posthumous good: Buy a new life insurance policy and name your favorite cause as beneficiary; change the beneficiary on an existing policy, or name a charity as the beneficiary of an IRA or pension plan.

Leave A Legacy has lots of other helpful (and free) ideas and information. You can call 888/7470454 or visit the website, <http://www.leavealegacy.org>.

Meanwhile, remember Andrew Carnegie. You don't have to be a millionaire to escape the condemnation of a selfish, unworthy life.

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Tobacco bill just so much smoke

By JAY AMBROSE
Scripps Howard

In the debate preceding the collapse of a major piece of anti-tobacco legislation the other night, Tom Daschle, the Democratic leader of the Senate, became so angry and so confused that he blurted out that smoking kills 1,000 American teens a day. It does no such thing, of course, seeing as how it ordinarily takes a half century or so for the addiction to lay someone low. But this inadvertent misstatement should come as no surprise. This whole, vast, cumbersome bill was a gross misstatement predicated on a series of lesser but equally erroneous assumptions.

The biggest fallacy of all was that the legislation would reduce teen smoking by 60 percent. As one reporter found in trying to check the veracity of this figure, it derived not from any study, but from a goal announced in the early going. Somehow this target got confused with the results of some research, which did indicate there would be a drop in teen smoking by raising the price of

a pack of cigarettes by \$1.10 over five years. However, other, more persuasive research indicated no such thing would transpire and many social scientists said the bill, at best, would be a shot in the dark.

Another fallacy was that the big, bad tobacco companies would be the only ones paying plenty, when, in fact, those doing much of the paying would be the one-quarter of American adults who happen to smoke. Except for the occasional columnist, hardly anyone bothered to note that these smokers are people, too, not somehow less worthy than the rest of Americans, but decent people, family people, and, as surveys show, disproportionately low-income people.

Whatever its problems, the bill could have passed if the Clinton administration had not grown greedy for its revenues as a source of money for financing politically popular programs, such as child care, and if the Republicans had then not decided to take some of the cash for tax cuts elsewhere. The tobacco companies had agreed to fork over the extraordinary sum of \$368 bil-

lion to pay for supposed social costs that smoking had not, in fact, generated, but suddenly they were facing enlarged payments of \$516 billion and had had a chief inducement stripped from them: The Senate had decided not to put caps on damages in liability suits against the companies as had initially been proposed.

When the tobacco companies changed their mind about cooperation, those favoring the bill acted as if it made no difference. The problem was that the tobacco companies then spent \$40 million on TV ads lambasting the bill, and it began to look like some in the public had been influenced and might not turn on those opposing this particular bill. A vote that could have led to consideration of the legislation then failed. The Democrats pledge to use that vote against the Republicans in congressional elections, which might work. It shouldn't.

The Democrats and some Republicans also say a similar measure will someday pass. Maybe so, but that won't mean that all the misstatements would then somehow be correct.

Mallard Fillmore
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North Texas PGA Juniors here today, Tuesday

Youngsters from throughout North Texas will be playing in the North Texas Section PGA Junior Golf Tournament stop in Big Spring today and Tuesday.

The entire tournament field, divided into age groups between 8 and 18, will play Monday at the Big Spring Country Club start at 8:30 a.m.

On Tuesday, the younger players, those between 8 and 12, will again play the BSCC course, while the older youngsters will play at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

While the field for play at the country club is filled, Comanche Trail superintendent Jack Birdwell noted that there are still a few spots open in the 12-13 boys, 14-15 boys, 16-18 boys and 15-18 girls divisions.

Those wishing to play at Comanche Trail on Tuesday must have registrations and entry fees entered by Monday.

Best of the Rest tourney to follow new formats

The annual Best of the Rest Golf Tournament will be held Saturday and Sunday at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Comanche Trail superintendent Jack Birdwell said this year's tournament will follow a different format with the championship flight being pre-flighted for two rounds of two-man low ball play.

The tournament's remaining flights will also be pre-flighted based on handicaps for 36 holes of two-man scramble action.

Entry fees are \$160 per team.

In addition to the tournament, a Friday shootout is scheduled with play in every flight with enough interested players. A shootout party is set for Friday evening and a dinner will be held following Saturday's final round.

For more information, call Birdwell at 264-2366.

Cloverleaf Tournament slated at Big Spring CC

The Big Spring Country Club will hold its Cloverleaf Golf Tournament, a two-woman scramble, on Thursday.

For more information, call Lane Reynolds at 267-3424 or Pam Welch at 264-6032.

Angels top Rangers, 10-7

At Anaheim, Calif., Darin Erstad drove in four runs and Jason Dickson (8-4) won his seventh straight decision as Anaheim won for the 18th time in 21 games.

Erstad's three-run double keyed a five-run second off Matt Perisho (0-2), and the Angels scored five more runs in the third to take a 10-0 lead.

Dickson, pitching with a broken index finger on his throwing hand, allowed seven hits and four runs in six innings.

The Rangers closed within 10-7 in the ninth before Troy Percival got his 23rd save in 25 tries.

Astros best Reds, 3-1

Pete Schourek, who pitched for Cincinnati from 1994-97, helped Houston send Cincinnati to its eighth straight loss.

The Astros swept the Reds in a three-game series for the first time since 1992.

Schourek (4-5) gave up one run and five hits in six innings. Former Astros pitcher Pete Harnisch (6-3) has lost two straight starts for the first time this year.

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BASEBALL
6:30 p.m. — Atlanta Braves at New York Yankees, TBS.
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7 p.m. — Iowa Barnstormers at Nashville Kats, ESPN2.

Sidewinders face uphill battle to defend national title

By JOHN H. WALKER

The odds are long against the Big Spring YMCA Sidewinders defending their YMCA national team title this week in Hanover, Pa. but, as coach Russ McEwen says, anything can happen.

"We won by about a half-point last year and the year before we were in third by about 35-hundredths of a point," he pointed out.

Still, without team leader Stephanie Stewart, out following an ankle injury at the AAU Junior Olympics national

championships last month in Seattle, it will be an uphill battle team-wise for the Sidewinders.

"The team title will be tough, if not impossible," McEwen admitted. "Some things would have to happen for us (to win) that would be out in left field."

McEwen will take five team members to Pennsylvania for the meet, which gets under way Wednesday morning with the preliminary round.

Brooke Lawrence, who won the national championship in the junior division all-around competition last year, and Mikelle Farris, who finished fourth at

that meet, will lead a young Sidewinders team at the meet.

Joining Lawrence and Farris are Vanessa Bustamante, Sterling Gee and Megan Haynes.

"We're a young team," McEwen explained. "Since Stephanie's not going, we won't have a single kid in the senior division."

McEwen said a team from New York City, one of the Sidewinders' major competitors, is heavy in senior entries.

In contrast, Bustamante, Gee and Haynes will be making their first trip ever to the national championships.

Competitors at the meet will compete in four events — floor exercise, vault, bar and beam.

McEwen said Stewart is doing well physically, but that "mentally, she has to be very, very devastated."

"The year before, she won the national championship and last year, she finished second. This year, she's not going."

McEwen said the team will have the opportunity to work out in the gym at Hanover, about 30 miles from Gettysburg, on Tuesday. Opening ceremonies will be Tuesday night with the meet slated to get under way Wednesday.



HERALD photo/Linda Choate

Charles Oldham of Lubbock rides "Black Magic" to a 78 score during Friday's third night of the 65th Big Spring Cowboy Reunion Rodeo at the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl. Oldham and Robey Condra of Dayton, Texas, tied for top money Friday night but missed out on the top two places for the rodeo itself.

Some early results stand, others bested as 65th Cowboy Reunion Rodeo closes

By JOHN H. WALKER

Managing Editor

There was a bit of the old mixed with a bit of the new as the final results of the 65th Big Spring Cowboy Reunion Rodeo were posted last Saturday night.

Lisa Ogden of Gail, ranked No. 3 in the world in barrel racing, had her Wednesday night time of 17.27 seconds stand throughout the week to take top money in that event while Howdy Cloud of Beaumont won top money in bull riding with his 84, posted on the first ride of the night Saturday.

Cloud rode "White Lightning" to the top money, but got a bit more of a ride than he had expected when Cloud,

trying to get loose and off of the bull after completing his ride, was tossed head over heels into another chute.

Cloud's 84-point ride erased the 83-point effort Mike Petty of Zephyr posted during Thursday's second performance.

Other final results showed Bubba Miller of Woodville on top of the bareback standings with 156 points while Jeff Yates of Corsicana won the calf roping with an average of 18.1 seconds. Yates posted a 9.1 to win Saturday's go-around, as well.

The saddle bronc title went to Craig Latham of Texhoma. Latham posted an 81 to win the event.

Ennis' Byron Walker won the steer wrestling with a 7.5 to

wrap up the event championships.

Beau Mayo of Stephenville won the Saturday go-around in bareback bronc competition with a 78, while Steven Anding of Kaufman took second with a 73.

In saddle bronc riding, Roy Sutherland of Peaster posted a 79 while Jeff Miller of Coleman recorded a 78 in Saturday's go-around, while Del Rio's Barry Simpton's 4.2 seconds was good enough to take Saturday money in steer wrestling.

Go-around money in barrel racing stayed close to Howard County on Saturday when Sterling City's Tina Wilson turned in a 17.96 seconds to edge Shannon Merworth of Sidney, who posted an 18.08.

Also on Saturday, Cloud's 84 edged Blu Bryant of Nacogdoches, who had an 80. Bryant entered the Big Spring rodeo as the No. 1-ranked bull rider in the world.

In Mutton Bustin', 6-year-old Jake Moore of Forsan hung on for dear life and an 85 score to take top honors for the night.

Also on Saturday, rodeo clown Quail Dobbs received a standing ovation following completion of his final routine. Dobbs, who has been on the circuit for nearly 40 years, is retiring after this year.

While he has said he will still participate in rodeos close to home, 1998 represents his farewell tour at stops such as Cheyenne, Dodge City, El Paso and Houston.

A tree, a chip-in and another Open for Janzen

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — From the time he walked off the 13th tee toward a sure-fire birdie that would give him a share of the lead in the U.S. Open, Lee Janzen never looked at another scoreboard.

He didn't need to. There were signs all over The Olympic Club in the final round that made it obvious how it would end.

Only when Payne Stewart's 25-foot birdie putt to force a playoff slid by the hole on the 18th green did Janzen allow himself to believe.

"I guess it really didn't dawn on me that I could actually win the tournament until that moment," Janzen said.

By playing the last 15 holes in 4-under while Payne Stewart was hanging on by the seat of his plus-fours, Janzen closed with a 2-under-par 68 on Sunday to win the U.S. Open, the only player to match par for 72 holes against formidable Olympic.

"Nobody in contention shot under par except Lee Janzen,"

said Stewart, whose 74 left him at 1-over 281 and one stroke behind.

Just five years ago, Janzen again combined rock-steady play, nerves of steel and a little luck at Baltusrol to win his first U.S. Open.

All the components were in place again on a day when Tom Lehman finished disappointed, Tiger Woods finished out of contention for the fifth straight major and Casey Martin finished making history in a cart.

Janzen's victim in 1993 also was Stewart, who had the lead this time, but not for long. And then there's the tree.

At Baltusrol, Janzen was headed for double bogey when he risked hitting a 5-iron over a tree. He caught it low; the ball split through two branches and Janzen escaped with par.

He was lucky to get his ball back this time. After his tee shot didn't come down from the tree, Janzen turned around started back to the fifth tee to

play another shot.

"I thought, 'This isn't right. My ball is stuck in a tree,'" Janzen said. "I'm going to be lucky to make a double."

He was lucky the wind picked up off the Pacific Ocean, jostling the ball loose into the rough. Janzen hacked it out to the fairway, flew the green into the first cut of rough and then chipped in for par.

Remember his chip-in at No. 16 that gave him control of the '93 Open?

"I started thinking," Janzen said. "Payne Stewart, a chip-in and a ball in the tree. Where have I heard this before?"

But the Open requires much more than a break or two. Janzen took the gift and repaid Olympic with perhaps the grittiest final round of U.S. Open golf since Tom Kite beat the wind at Pebble Beach in 1992.

After his improbable par at No. 5, Janzen never came close to another bogey. He made three birdies, all inside 8 feet,

and made a par on No. 17 after playing it in 5-over the first three rounds.

Stewart was trying to become the first player since Tony Jacklin to win the Open wire-to-wire. History also was on his side — when Stewart won the Open in 1991 at Hazeltine, he had at least a share of the lead all four days.

He also had a solid game for four days, which wasn't the case Sunday.

A bogey on No. 12 erased the last of his five-stroke lead. A bogey on No. 13 dropped him one behind.

Stewart made his only birdie of the day on No. 14, but gave it back two holes later and ran out of chances to make it up.

Janzen was the only one to take advantage. Lehman, four strokes behind and playing in the final group in the U.S. Open for the fourth straight year, hit a spectator with his first shot of the day and never made birdie in a round of 75.

Juniors, Seniors name All-Stars

By HERALD Staff Report

The Howard County Youth Baseball Association has released its All-Star teams, including the names of the 13-year-old All-Stars who will be defending the District 3 championship won a year ago at the Roy Anderson Complex.

Members of the 13 (Junior League) All-Stars include Brandon Mendoza, Michael Ornales, George Quintero, Roy Holland and Taylor Fraser of the Rangers; Mario Hernandez, Eric Chavez, Dustyn Beauchamp and Drew Viscaino of the Wolverines; Nathan Clements and Jon Eilenberger of the Mariners and Billy Bob Walker of the Braves.

The Junior League tournament will again be held at Roy Anderson Complex while the sub-sectional tournament, held a year ago in Snyder, will be hosted by Big Spring as well.

The Junior League tournament will begin on Monday, July 6 with sub-sectional play scheduled to get under way two days after junior play is completed.

Named to the 14-15 (Senior League) All-Stars include Ryan Guinn, Willis Morrison, Jason Choate, Bowe Butler and Aaron Olague of the A's; Ricky Yanez, Isaac Willborn and Mike Solis of the Rockies; Chase Ward and Travis McMillan of the Bulldogs; Andy Neel of the Rangers, Justin Belcher of the Outlaws and Mike Smith of the Patriots.

The Senior League tournament will be held in Odessa beginning July 6.

Report: Jackson leaving Bulls

CHICAGO (AP) — One Chicago Bull down, how many more to go?

After six NBA titles in eight years, the running of the Bulls has begun, with coach Phil Jackson the first to say goodbye.

Jackson made good on his pledge that this was his last season, turning down an offer from Chicago chairman Jerry Reinsdorf to coach another year, agent Todd Musburger confirmed Sunday. Jackson's departure was first reported in an interview with Newsweek magazine, which went on sale today.

"I said no, it's time for me to step away and enjoy some different things," Jackson told Newsweek.

"For me, it's the perfect conclusion to a wonderful team. There's nothing we can do to top this anymore. Now it's time to step back from the game for a while."

Neither Jackson, Reinsdorf nor Bulls general manager Jerry Krause returned messages left for them Sunday by the AP. But Reinsdorf told the Chicago Tribune that Jackson was offered a deal for at least his same \$6 million salary, regardless of whether Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen return.

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Maintenance Supervisor needed for apartment complex. Must be AC Certified. Responsible for preventative maintenance & make ready's. Salary depends on experience. Apply in person @ Barcelona Apartments, 538 Westover Rd. No phone calls please.

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Fiber Glass Systems N. Lamesa Hwy. 87 has 1 opening for 2nd shift, 3pm-11pm for Maintenance. Experience helpful. Apply at 2nd bldg. - Administration office Tuesday-Friday, 9am-11am.

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Town & Country Food Store, Full & Part time position open in Coahoma, Big Spring & Stanton. Able to work all shifts. Apply at 1101 Lamesa Hwy. EOE., Drug test required.

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 Must Sell: Doublewide in Garden City. 3 bdr. 2 bath, 2 living area on three lots. 2 yrs. on note, make offer. Call 915-354-2465

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3 bdr, 1 bath. Approx. 3 ac. with barns, corrals & water well in city. \$35,000 by owner. Call 264-0605.

3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, ref. air. Quiet neighborhood, new paint, storage bldg. \$47,500. Call 267-8870.

3/2/2 in Coahoma CHVA, water well, fenced back yard, above ground pool, large shop in rear. 394-4557.

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3 bd., 1 bath. 3225 Auburn. \$450/mo, \$150/dep. Call 267-6667.

3 bdr.-2bth. home in College Park Edition. \$450/mo + \$225/dep. Call Home Real Estate at 263-1284 or Joe Hughes (agent) @ 353-4751.

3 bedroom, 1 bath. 501 Johnson. Call 267-3841 or 556-4022.

3/2 Den. nice area. \$475. 3/2 CP Duplex \$435. No pets. 267-2070.

3904 Hamilton: 3 bdr. 1 1/2 bath, C/H/A, living room & den, fresh paint, refrigerator & stove. \$485/mn. \$250/dep. 267-7449.

FOR RENT: 3 br., 1 1/2 b, C/H/A. \$375 + dep. Ref. Req. 1010 Bluebonnet. 263-8195.

For rent on West side, large 2 bedroom house, fenced back yard, stove & refrigerator. HUD Depo. required. HUD old 267-6179.

ATTENTION CLASSIFIED CUSTOMERS
 IF YOU NEED TO CANCEL OR MAKE CHANGES IN YOUR AD, PLEASE CALL BY 8:00AM THE DAY THE CHANGE IS TO OCCUR.

OUR OFFICE HOURS ARE 7:30AM-5:00PM.

PUBLIC NOTICE
 Sale to satisfy landlords lien of furniture, clothes, household and other miscellaneous items. Now stored at AAA Mini Storage, 3301 East FM 700, Big Spring, Texas of the following tenants:
 Lori Juarez
 Auction will be held at 7:00 P.M. July 2nd, 1998 to the highest bidder.
 Location: Spring City Auction 2511 West Highway 80 Big Spring, Texas 79720 1928 June 15 & 22, 1998

PUBLIC NOTICE
 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS The Big Spring Independent School District shall receive sealed bids for the following athletic areas:
 Golf Supplies
 Boys Baseball Supplies
 Girls Softball Supplies
 Boys Track Supplies
 Specifications and bid documents may be secured from the school district's Business Office, 708 Eleventh Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720 or phone number (915) 264-3620. Bids will be publicly open and read immediately following the deadline for receiving the bids. Bids received after the opening date and time will be returned unopened. Bids will be presented for consideration to the Board of Trustees on August 13, 1998, at 5:15 p.m. at their regularly scheduled board meeting. The Big Spring Independent School District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.
 1916 June 15 & 22, 1998

PUBLIC NOTICE
 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS Sealed bids will be received from bidders by the Big Spring Independent School District in the Administration Building, 708 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720, until 2:00 p.m., Central Standard Daylight Time, July 2, 1998, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. A qualification statement, fully completed by the bidder, must accompany the bid proposal. The proposal shall be for the following identified project:
 Tennis Court Rehabilitation and Improvements for the Big Spring Schools
 Any bid received after the time stipulated for receipt will be returned to bidder unopened. All proposals must be submitted on the form included in the specifications. Plans and specifications may be obtained from the office of the Big Spring Independent School District, 708 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720, Attention: Ron Logback, Assistant Business Manager, or W. R. Peacock & Assoc., 4045 N. W. 64th, Suite 620, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73116. A \$25.00 deposit will be charged for any plans and specifications. This deposit will be refunded, after the bid is considered by the Board of Trustees, upon request from the bidder.
 A pre-bid conference will be held on June 20, 1998 at 10:30 a.m. at the Figure 7 Tennis Center.
 The bids will be presented to the Big Spring Board of Trustees for their consideration July 9, 1998 at 5:15 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Big Spring Independent School District, 707 Eleventh Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720.
 The Big Spring Independent School District reserves the right to modify or to void a contract as deemed in the best interest of the school district.
 1928 June 16 & 22, 1998

HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 23:

Make the most out of the extraordinary opportunities that tumble into your life this year. Your imagination, creativity and ability to energize others remain extremely high. Opt for travel, more education and any other eye-opening, intellectually broadening experiences. Allow people who are different into your life. If you are single, romance grows. This could be "the" relationship you've dreamed of. If attached, you need to work on occasional oversensitivity. Much is happening in your life; make an effort to focus on your mate's needs as well. **CANCER** is a kindred spirit.

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) Opportunity strikes, if you are willing to go with what seems like an odd conversation. Check out hunches right now. Verification helps anchor a money matter. Emphasize home, security and greater freedom. New beginnings are possible. Tonight: Happy at home.***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Handle money matters early on. You feel as if someone has too many ideas for spending your money. Decline gracefully. Listen carefully to your intuition; it will lead to greater stability. Schedule a meeting for later. It could go on for a while. Tonight: Go to a favorite spot.***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Little can stop you, but you need to consider all options before making a career decision. There are many potential paths you can take. Listen to instincts. You can obtain your goal because of your solid sense of direction. Financial matters ease up slightly. Tonight: Go shopping.****

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Take a back seat for the earlier part of the day. What goes on is informative, especially concerning a boss. You can make a powerful decision that allows a new beginning. Be willing to put yourself on the line. Others need to listen to what you have to say. Tonight: Personality-plus.****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Gather with friends, and celebrate. Your vision of the future might be substantially changed. Listen more carefully to someone who generally has your financial well-being in mind. Together, you devise many different earning possibilities. Tonight: Make it a personal night.****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Be prepared to take responsibility. An important associate comes through, offering the kind of support you need. A restriction helps you in the long run. Pull back and evaluate. Today's decisions could stick. You are heading for suc-

cess. Tonight: Do exactly what you want.***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Take a risk, and reach out to someone dear. A boss, who has far more authority than you, makes a decision. You find an associate nothing less than chintzy. New beginnings occur professionally. Read between the lines, then follow through with action. Tonight: Work late.***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Opt to continue working with someone. On some level, you might want to do your own thing; however, that will not work right now. A co-worker might be resistant to change. Coax him. Make long-distance calls; reach out for others. Caring abounds. Tonight: A new mental adventure.****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Others put a lot on your plate. Claim your power, take action and make what you want happen. Creative potential seems thwarted, but a partner helps out. New beginnings in a relationship are possible. Financial security remains key. Tonight: Up for a close encounter?****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Dig your heels in, and get work done. A family member can be difficult, as you see and already know. There is no changing this person. A caring relationship could develop into more, if you want. Meetings attended could be significant. Tonight: Welcome a new suggestion.***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Your imagination and innovative ideas come to the rescue in many a difficult situation. Again, someone calls for your assistance. Be careful about how much you give away. Remain realistic about your work. A project contains the seeds of a new beginning. Tonight: Extra hours at work.****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Don't let a demanding family member distract you. Open up talks, and come to new understandings. It is easier to put the kibosh on a risk, but not now. If single, an encounter could lead to a lot more. Laughter spices up current relationships. Tonight: Put on your dancing shoes.***

BORN TODAY
 Actor Bryan Brown (1947), singer June Carter Cash (1929), actor Ted Shackelford (1946)
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Sibling revelry has gone on for far too many years

DEAR ABBY: I have a close friend who has a boy, 11, and a girl, 8 1/2. They sleep together



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

one unofficial photographer — the person who never forgets to bring a camera and take pictures of all events. I am that person in our group of friends. I love to take pictures and realize the importance of recording special times. Of course, everyone wants copies of these pictures. I usually make copies and give them to my friends. However, it costs me money to buy the film and batteries for my camera, and to develop the film and order extra copies. It would be very awkward to ask friends to pay for these pictures.

Here is my suggestion: For anyone who has that friend who is always giving you pictures, how about giving them some film? Don't say that you don't know what kind to buy; any camera shop can tell you what would be standard. What a nice treat to give to the person who so generously treated you many times.

Abby, many "photographers" will thank you for printing this. — SNAPPING AWAY IN GREER, S.C.

DEAR SNAPPING: I've got the picture, and I'm pleased to share it with my readers. Now let's see what develops.

CONCERNED
 DEAR CONCERNED: No, that behavior is NOT OK. This boy and girl should have been separated years ago, around the time they began showing an interest in each other's genitals. According to my experts, the kinds of activities you described are too sexually stimulating for children their age. Where is their mother's common sense?
 DEAR ABBY: With all groups of friends, there is always the

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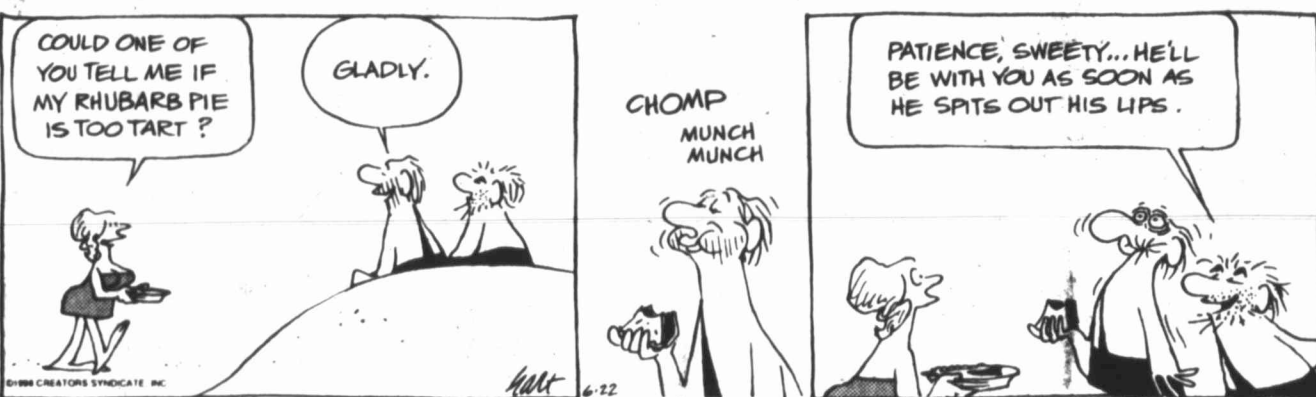
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, June 22, the 173rd day of 1998. There are 192 days left in the year.

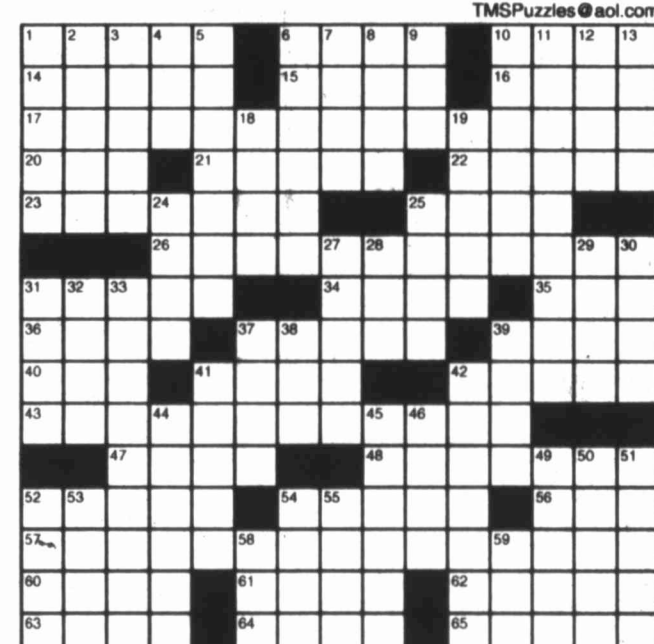
Today's Highlight in History: On June 22, 1945, the World War II battle for Okinawa officially ended; 12,520 Americans and 110,000 Japanese were killed in the 81-day campaign.

On this date: In 1611, English explorer Henry Hudson, his son and several other people were set adrift in present-day Hudson Bay by mutineers.

THE Daily Crossword

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- ACROSS
1 Involuntary muscle contraction
6 Fill
10 Bullets, briefly
14 Nouveau
15 Periods
16 Highlander
17 Feeling wonderful
20 Military entertainment grp.
21 Swings to and fro
22 Seething
23 Paid by the day
25 Venetian-blind element
26 Secret place?
31 Vaults
34 Rara
35 John Lennon's Plastic Band
36 Currier's partner
37 Admission ticket
39 Pismires
40 Top
41 Haul
42 Upslopes
43 In too deep
47 Few and far between
48 Let up
52 1965 song, "Entertainment!"
54 Arrive at
56 Call for ewe
57 Ace place?
60 One of Adam's sons
61 Westernmost of the Aleutian Islands
62 Comic
63 Took a horse
64 Abrasive tool
65 Scornful facial expression



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Saturday's Puzzle Solved



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- DOWN
1 Larynx ailment
2 Washer cycle
3 Player
4 Unit of conductance
5 Digestive enzymes
6 Scandalize
7 Bohemian
8 College cheers
9 Half an African fly?
10 Ancient Greek marketplace
11 Long races
12 Run like cheese
13 Ye... Shoppe
18 Had debts
19 Stratagems
24 Club fees
25 Agitated state
27 Track events
28 Julius Caesar's eggs
29 Pot starter
30 Coin flip
31 Missile shelter
32 Tel...Jaffa
33 Formed an association
37 Finished
38 Shoshone tribe member
39 Coadjutant
41 Bulk of the body
42 Bacon slices
44 Noisemaker
45 Intensity
46 Per unit
49 Way overweight
50 Prima evidence
51 Malingering
52 Ski tow
53 Impoverished vagrant
54 Ecclesiastical court
55 Newts
58 Disfigure
59 Oxford fellow

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