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Tonight



TONIGHT WEDNESDAY
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Groundbreaking of VA Home is delayed by state

The much-anticipated groundbreaking for the Big Spring Veterans Home has been delayed.

State officials on Monday said a groundbreaking planned for Wednesday in Big Spring and Floresville had been delayed because of the inability of the Veterans Land Board to coordinate the schedules of state officials attending the fete.

Groundbreakings had been scheduled in Bonham and Temple on Wednesday, according to a press release sent out by the VLB. The date had been confirmed by the Herald in a phone call to the VLB last Friday.

VLB officials are now targeting an as-yet-undisclosed date in August as a possible date to turn the first shovels full of dirt.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

□ 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.

□ Quarterback Club, 7:30 p.m. All football parents and fans welcome. For more information call Monika at 263-6729.

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 drk-bigspring@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.

□ Genealogical Society of Big Spring, 7:15 p.m., Howard County Library. Call Bernice Cason at 267-8542 or 267-7236.

□ Texas Tech Ex-Students Association Big Spring Chapter, 6 p.m., Sparenberg Building, 309 S. Main.

□ Masonic Lodge No. 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster. Call Ron Long, 267-8715.

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Failure to pay taxes today will be costly mistake

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

Property owners who fail to pay their 1997 property taxes by 5 p.m. today will discover it to be a costly failure.

That's because at 5:01 p.m., an 18 percent delinquency penalty will be added — plus a 15 percent penalty to pay attorney's fees accumulated in the collection process.

That means a \$500 tax bill that is still unpaid at 5:01 today will have accumulated penalties and interest totalling \$618.75.

Property taxes actually became past due on Feb. 1. Residents who had not paid their property taxes by that date were assessed an additional 7 percent penalty and interest, according to Howard County Tax Assessor-Collector

Kathy Sayles.

Additional penalties and interest included 9 percent as of March 1; and 11 percent as of April 1.

The late penalty increased to 13 percent on May 1 and 15 percent on June 1.

"Unpaid property taxes as of July 1 will be considered delinquent and the penalty and interest goes to 18 percent," Sayles said.

"Also, an additional 15 percent penalty and interest will be added for attorney fees for the delinquency being placed on the county's delinquent tax roll."

While delinquent property taxes mean additional penalties and interest for taxpayers, Howard County has been quite successful in collecting on those delinquencies.

The 1996-97 collection year as far as delinquent taxes are concerned was the

best year ever, according to delinquent tax attorney Drew Mouton.

A total of \$662,941 was collected between four major taxing entities in Howard County.

Howard County had \$157,840 in delinquent taxes collected between July 1996 and June 1997; Howard College had \$79,466 collected; the city of Big Spring had \$112,296 collected and the Big Spring Independent School District (BSISD) had \$313,339.

Each year since 1993, Howard County has had more delinquent taxes collected than the year before.

In the last six and a half years the county has had \$745,844 in delinquent taxes collected, including \$113,945 during the 1991-92 year; \$107,123 during the 1992-93 year; \$89,532 during the 1993-94 year; \$134,525 during the 1994-95 year;

and \$142,879 during the 1995-96 year.

Several residents in the past have entered into Tax Payment Agreements with the county, but according to the Howard County Tax Office a Tax Payment Agreement will not excuse late penalties and interest.

Other entities for which Sayles' office collects taxes include: city of Coahoma, Forsan, Coahoma Independent School District, Forsan Independent School District and the Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District.

The amount of delinquent taxes due all nine local entities for the 1996-97 tax year (taxes due as of Jan. 31) was \$584,228.49 or 2.49 percent of the overall tax levied, according to Sayles' office.

(Former staff writer Carlton Johnson contributed to this report.)

Northside helping students return to class

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

One of the annual events for the Northside Community Center is its back to school program, which allows families in need to be able to purchase clothes and school supplies for students attending Big Spring public schools.

Northside Director Max Webb said this year will be the sixth year the center has done this and this year is teaming up with Wal-Mart.

"The program works because people are given a voucher and are able to pick out their children's clothes," Webb said. "This is much better than just handing out clothes."

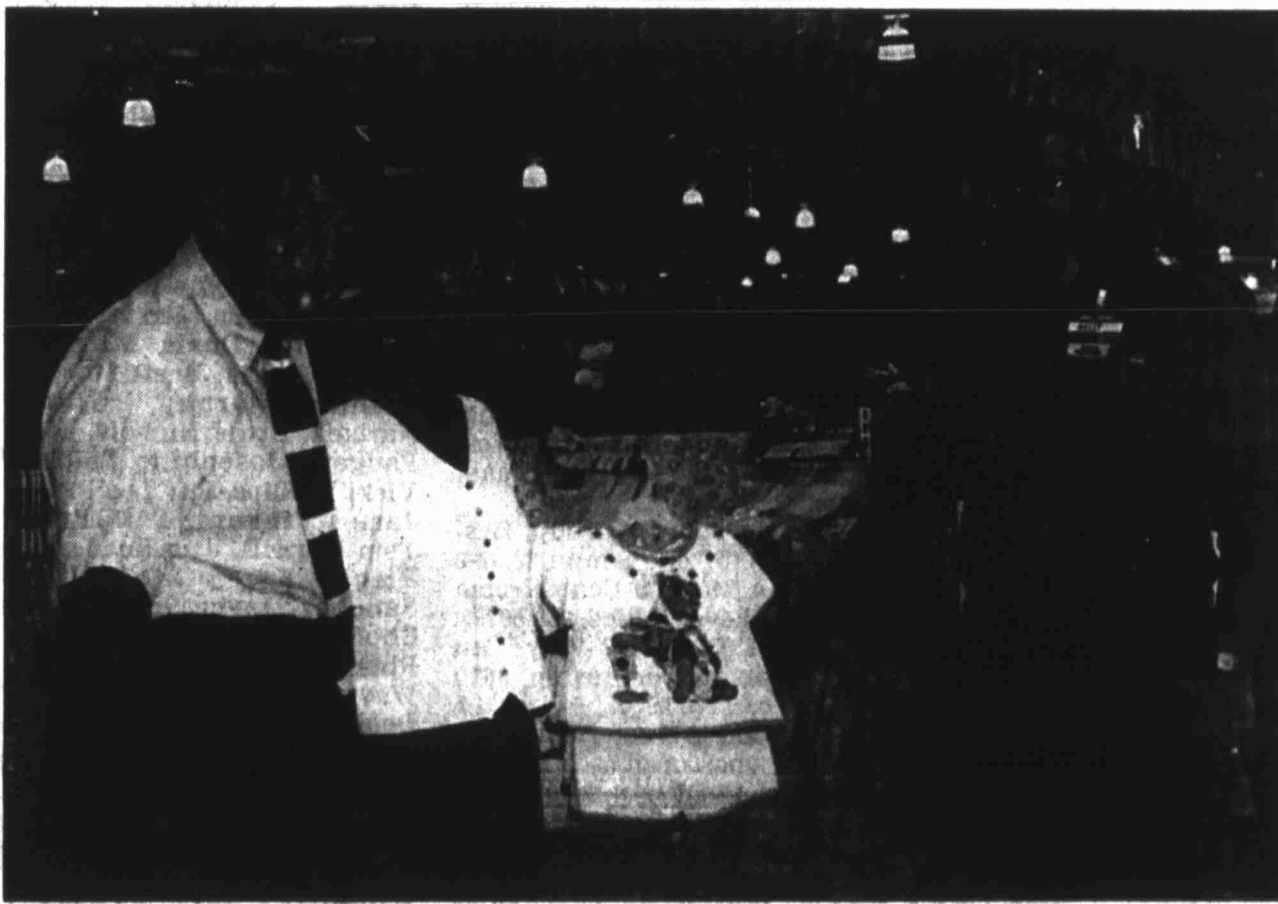
Participants present their nontransferable vouchers to a Wal-Mart clerk when they have finished shopping, according to Webb.

"Despite this program being sponsored by Northside and Wal-Mart, this is a community program, which is based on need," Webb said.

Northside will begin taking applications for the program Wednesday and will continue receiving applications through Friday and again on Monday or until the 100 applications are exhausted.

Each voucher is for \$100 and is divided to provide \$85 for clothes and \$15 for school supplies.

Applications are screened and vouchers are awarded based on income; number of children in the home; employment history; and single-parent status.



HERALD photo/Linda Choate
Northside Community Center director Max Webb, left, with board member Gloria Hopkins and Wal-Mart store manager Kelly Sikes, look at children's clothing which will be part of a back-to-school program at the center. Applications are being taken starting today for needy families to receive vouchers for school clothes for their children.

"Once people are selected to receive a voucher, they will be able to shop a Wal-Mart from Aug. 4 through Oct. 1," Webb said. "We will only fund what we receive and anyone wanting to make a donation for the program may contact the Northside Community Center c/o P.O. Box 1974, Big Spring, Texas 79721."

According to Webb, the cen-

ter is also gearing up for its afterschool tutoring program this fall as well as its GED program.

In recent months, Webb and the center have taken a different direction as far as how it assists people in need.

"It's a matter of taking the bull by the horns and deciding to make a commitment to something," Webb said, referring to

the services provided by the Northside center.

According to Webb, the center has turned its attention toward becoming a resource center.

"My approach to people's needs are different than most," Webb said. "You can do more for people by teaching them

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Chamber official enthused about 'exciting ideas'

By T.E. JENKINS
Staff Writer

Executive vice president of the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce Terri Newton returned recently from Dallas

with new and fresh ideas to improve Big Spring's economy.

The Institute is a professional development program specifically designed to address the challenges faced by Chamber of Commerce executives.

"It was wonderful," said



NEWTON

Newton. "It was strictly for Chamber executives and addressed the common needs and causes of our group."

Newton brings back with her some new approaches to old problems, as well.

"The course really gave me some exciting ideas," said Newton.

"I found out more about the things I should be doing for our members. The whole experience was extremely educational."

"The course really gave me some ideas on how to offer more services for our members, as well as run the office more efficiently to better promote Big Spring. I also have some ideas on how to better recognize our volunteers, which we have spent a great deal of time work-

ing on."

"The program, which used to be completed in six weeks over six years, was recently changed to a four year program."

"There is a fast track program, but the Institute doesn't recommend it until the year 2000 because of the recent changes."

More than 2,200 individuals attend the Institute each year, with graduates of the program receiving a certificate of Chamber management.

Participants learn the latest techniques in membership development and retention, strategic planning, volunteer leadership development, as well as non-dues revenue enhancement.

Prior to attending formal

classes, enrollees are required to complete prereading assignments and home-study examinations.

"There really wasn't any fooling around," said Newton.

"I was really impressed how hard everyone involved worked."

Newton also got time to discuss matters with Dick Loomis, who is in charge of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce in Washington, D.C.

"It was great to get to talk to Loomis one-on-one. It was a very exciting opportunity for me."

"This is my first year attending this course," said Newton. "Next year it's being held in Denver, and I'm really looking forward to attending."

NAACP promotes boycott of Best Western, other motels

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People promotes boycotting three national hotel chains because it says they scored D's in a test of minority business development.

Best Western International Inc.; Adam's Mark Hotels and Omni Hotels Corp. placed in the bottom three slots of a 14-company list, earning a D+, D, and D-, according to the Associated Press.

Locally, Best Western Human Resources Director Rosa

Barron, in Lubbock, said the hotel trains all their employees on harassment of any kind.

"We have a director of training who holds in-house seminars on such," Barron said.

"We've never had a problem, and we don't have any biases. We do not treat any employees differently," she said.

Barron added that Best Westerns are generally located in small towns, and the hotel strives to attract and support what ever type business might need lodging.

"Any convention, even a rodeo, gets our immediate attention. Whatever comes to town

we're interested in," she said.

The NAACP said that the hotels listed in the boycott were graded according to blacks' participation in materials supply, franchising and management, according to the Associated Press.

Skip Boyer, another spokesperson for Best Western, said, "We have never had a disagreement with the NAACP or its objectives and goals. But our problem is, we feel the survey is comparing apples and oranges."

He added that 3,400 Best Western in 77 countries are independently owned hotels, and the type of information the

NAACP requested is not available at a corporate level.

Jeanne Hitchcock, an NAACP spokesperson, said if the necessary information for the grading system was not made available, "it served to their (the hotel's) disadvantage."

Best Western, Omni and Adam's Mark received failing grades because the information they provided the NAACP reflected "poor records in dealing with the African-American community," she said.

Hotels receive about \$80 billion annually, and blacks represent about \$4.6 billion, she said. Cendant Corp. and Promus

Hotel Corp. ranked first, with grades of B and B-. Cendant owns Doubletree Guest Suites and Resorts, Embassy Suites and Hampton Inn & Suites, according to the Associated Press.

Marriott International Inc., and Westin and Choice received a C+; Holiday Inn, Wyndham, Radisson and Hilton earned a C; and ITT Sheraton a C-, the Associated Press said.

Concerning the boycott, NAACP president and chief executive officer Kwesi Mfume said, "Hotels that received a D will not receive any NAACP business dollars."

A gift

Family's help lets team soar

By T.E. JENKINS
Staff Writer

As hopes soar, so will the gymnastics team from Serious Air Acro-gymnastics school in Odessa, thanks to a pair of giving souls here in Big Spring.

All hope seemed lost for the gymnastics team, as the national competitions they had worked so hard to get prepared to begin without them.

The team, led by coach Shirley Detloff, was prepared to leave for Minnesota when they found out that the vehicle they were taking wouldn't make the trip.

"We saw it on channel 7 news," said Cheryl Byrd. "They were doing an interview with the kids, and they said the car needed over \$2,000 worth of repair, and would take about a week to complete."

"Since the kids needed to leave Saturday to make it in time, they were offering to wash cars or clean houses, whatever it took to get a vehicle that would get them there."

"It just seemed like such a waste," said Leon Byrd. "The team had worked so hard to get qualified, it seemed like a shame that they should miss it because they didn't have transportation."

After seeing the newscast, the Byrds decided to donate the use of their 1996 Suburban to the team, and called coach Detloff.

"After the newscast, I was already thinking about loaning the Suburban to the team," said Leon, "but it was my wife who actually vocalized it first. We were in agreement about this from the beginning."

The team, which left on Saturday, is scheduled to return July 11.

"They came and got the Suburban Saturday," said Cheryl. "They are supposed to call us when they get there to let us know everything is all right."

"No one wanted to help these kids, and all of the businesses they approached turned them down. My husband and I felt comfortable about the whole thing, so we called."

"It's just a vehicle," said Cheryl. "We felt like God wanted us to do this, so we did. We're really proud to do so, and we hope we have made some life-long friends in these kids."

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OBITUARIES

Eddie Lou Phernetton

Service for Eddie Lou Phernetton, 54, Coahoma, will be 10 a.m. Thursday, July 2, 1998, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Elwin Collom, pastor of First Baptist Church of Coahoma, officiating. Burial will follow in Trinity Memorial Park.



PHERNETTON

Mrs. Phernetton died Sunday, June 28, in a local hospital. She was born on Sept. 25, 1943, in Big Spring. She married Gus Phernetton on July 23, 1960, in Big Spring. She was raised in Big Spring and attended Big Spring schools. She had lived in Illinois and Florida for 12 years, returning to Coahoma in 1974. She was a hairdresser and had worked at the Downtowner for 11 years but was working at La Contessa at the time of her death.

Survivors include: her husband, Gus Phernetton of Coahoma; three sons, Jim Phernetton, Robbie Phernetton, both of Big Spring, and Jeff Phernetton of Midland; two daughters, Sharon Schattel and Tammy Phernetton, both of Midland; her parents, Elliot and Mary Lou Digby, Big Spring; five sisters, Iwana Huckaby, Vera Rhoades, both of Chandler, Linda McCartney, Kay Grigg, both of Big Spring, and Sandra Powers of Cecilia, Ky.; and seven grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to: The Ronald McDonald House; 1212 Indiana; Lubbock; 79415.

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

Lillian T. Johnson

Lillian T. Johnson, 81, died Sunday, June 28, 1998. She was a resident of Flatonia, San Antonio, Big Spring, Houston and Dallas. She was preceded in death by her husband William Alton Johnson in July 1988 and with whom she is now together again. They married on Dec. 10, 1936.

Mrs. Johnson is survived by: her daughter, Marilil Reeves and husband, Doug, of Plano; sons, Cecil Johnson and wife, Suzie, of Beaumont, Bill Johnson and wife, Jane, of Houston, Tony Johnson and wife, Sandy, of San Antonio, John Johnson and wife, Marijon, of Houston, Tom Johnson and wife, Becky, of Manvel, Joe Johnson and wife, Cindy, of San Antonio, and Daniel Johnson of Lovelady. She was also preceded in death by her son, David Johnson.

She is also survived by her grandchildren, Bobby, Buddy, George, Zack, Kelly, Jimmy,

Michelle Merriman, Stephanie, Theresa, Anthony, Eric Adams, Robert Moore, Renea Moore, Jeff Moore, Michael, Thomas, April and Aimee Johnson, Michael Carson, Emily, Stephanie and Katie-Reeves. She was also preceded in death by a grandson, William Ford Johnson.

She is also survived by great-grandchildren, Michael, David and Donnie Merriman, Jeremy and Joshua Johnson, and Ashley Carson.

Visitation will be tonight from 6 to 9 p.m. at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North, San Antonio. Funeral service will be Wednesday, July 1, 1998, at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Interment will follow in Mission Burial Park North.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Grace Outreach Youth Ministries; 3301 Preston Rd.; Plano; 75093.

Arrangements under the direction of Mission Park Funeral Chapels North, San Antonio.

Paid obituary

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how to be independent." Webb is in favor of the idea of going from welfare to work, but says people have to know that they can do something for themselves.

"I want to develop programs here that give people back their self-respect," Webb said. One of the most important as well as basic things about people is that they need to have something positive in their lives, according to Webb.

"What I'm saying is that people are better than they think they are," Webb said.

Changing the scope of what Northside provides is also a way to eliminate the duplication of services.

As a resource center, Webb says Northside wants to also teach people how to budget the resources they do have.

"If people can manage their lives," Webb said. "What we have established is a society of people that want a quick payoff without having to work for it."

"For people who don't go to college, there are dozens of technical programs that qualify people to be employable," Webb added.

The center's GED or general education diploma program is already up and running, providing training so people can finish their basic education. Webb has arranged to have an instructor from Howard College conduct the program from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays at the center.

Webb is also looking for volunteers to work from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays in the center's afterschool tutoring program for children as well as someone who may want teach art and music.

"My payoff in all of this is being a hands-on person," Webb said. "You can't sit in an ivory tower and delegate things all of the time."

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 Owen Storie, 264-3641.

SATURDAY AT 10 A.M., the Highland South Fourth of July parade will begin from the corner of Highland and Stonehaven Drive, proceeding west on Highland to Goliad.

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Categories for judging and awards include: Strollers, wagons, walkers, pets, tricycles, bicycles, scooters, skateboards and rollerblades, motorized vehicles, yard and mailbox decorations.

For more information, or to participate, contact Julie Wolf, 263-7664 or Kellie Wash, 263-0987.

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.

THERE WILL BE CUB Scout Day Camp July 7-10 at the Hughes Aquatic Base. The cost is \$30 and registration forms are available at the Scout Office, 610 Scurry. Office hours are 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, and 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday. For more information call 263-3407, 263-3255 or 394-4310.

SUPPORT GROUPS

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

•Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

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

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

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

•"Most Excellent Way," 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 Rannels. 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 Rannels (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.

WEDNESDAY
•Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.

•Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas will have Sharon Beam, who is a licensed professional counselor interim specializing in play therapy for children, adolescent counseling and women's issues, available for clients at the First Presbyterian Church, Rannels and Eighth St. Appointments for counseling services are made by calling 1-800-329-4144.

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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, Sheila Crockett, Laura Davila, Teresa Davis, Sandra Denton, Lana Derryberry, Paula Dockett, Karl Evans, Elizabeth Florez, James Forney, Clay Fuller, Mark Garrett, Ellie Garza, Joe Granato, Andrew Grosse, Glorya Hammon, Mitch Harris, Jowannah Hawkins, Oscar Hernandez, Ben Hicks, Don Hollingsworth, David Howell, Ronnie Ille, Tony Jacobs, Maria Jara, Vikki Jenkins, Lee Jimenez, Gerald Johnson, Lloyd Johnson, Dana Kennermer, 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 Narbalz, 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 Sweden, 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.

BSHS CLASS OF '88 is going to be having its 10 year reunion in October. The following is a list of missing classmates:

Manuel Alvear, Thomas Ashley, Juan Baldwin, Kenneth Banks, Beki Bertrand, Michelle Brooks, Nora Chapel, Gary Chavez, Alice Cruz, Josephine Cruz, Unis Drew, Carey Duffy, Thomas Figueroa, Julie Fortner, Yvette Garcia, Albert Garza, Angie Gonzales, Stephen Gonzales, Terry Hart, Mary Ann Herrera, Tracy Hicks, Sammy Hilario, Diana Howard, Sean Jackson, Rebecca Johnke, Paula Jolley, Michelle LaGrand, Patrick Landers, Debbie Lee, Donovan Lucero, Christina Marquez, Gina Martinez, Stephanie Marx, Katherine McDowell, Oscar Melendez, Ronnie Mendoza, Shawn Meredith, Ida Montez, Kelly Myles, Elsie Nieto, Lucinda Oliver, John Osborne, Joann Paredes, Kelly Parks, Dean Payne, Joel Price, Debra Renteria, Diana Rodriguez,

Texas Lottery

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If anyone has any information on the missing classmates, please contact Cheri Wyrick Reibe; 2513 Central, Big Spring; or call 268-9587; or Leslie Patterson Stevens; 2717 Carol Drive; Big Spring; or call 267-6620.

MARKETS

July cotton 81.30 cents, down 60 points; Aug. crude 14.22, down 15 points; Cash hogs steady at \$1 lower at 40; cash steers steady at 62 cents even; July lean hog futures 58.60 down 125 points; Aug. live cattle futures 65.10, down 22 points.

courtesy: Delta Corporation.
Noon quotes provided by Edward D. Jones & Co.

Table with market data including Index 8970.45, Volume 170,287,480, and various commodity prices like Amoco, Atlantic Richfield, etc.

FIRE/EMS

Following is a summary of Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reports:
Monday 9:40 a.m. — 400 block Glenna Road, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
1:29 p.m. — 18th and Goliad, traffic accident, service refused by two people.
2:57 p.m. — 3600 block 11th Place, traffic accident, service

refused by one person.
8:16 p.m. — 100 block Airbase Road, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

8:27 p.m. — 3200 block Parkway, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

POLICE

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

- ADELAIDO MARTINEZ, 46, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.
- REYNALDO PEREZ, 28, was arrested for public intoxication.
- STEPHEN CRUZ, 20, was arrested on local warrants.
- RANDY MIER, 20, was arrested for public intoxication.
- JOHN JIMINEZ, 17, was arrested for public intoxication.
- JOHNNY DELACRUZ, 18, was arrested for public intoxication.
- RIOS AMADOR, 17, was arrested for public intoxication.
- THEFT in the 2300 block of Wasson, the 1200 block of E. 11th Place, the 3700 block of Calvin, the 1700 block of E. Marcy, the 2000 block of Gregg, and the 400 block of Gregg.
- CLASS C ASSAULT in the 1600 block of Owens.
- ASSAULT in the 400 block of E. 4th, and the 1400 block of Princeton.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE in the 2100 block of Cecilia, the 3800 block of Connally, and the 100 block of W. 16th.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 500 block of Washington, the 700 block of Scurry, and the 500 block of N.W. 10th.
- DOG BITE in the 1200 block of Madison.
- FORGERY in the 2000 block of Gregg.

SHERIFF

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

- JOSE LOUIS ONTIVEROS JR., 19, was arrested for a motion to revoke parole/theft over \$50.
- STEVEN PATRICK MCCOMB, 24, was arrested for the issuance of a bad check.
- DAVID LEE AYERS, 44, was arrested for motion to revoke parole/possession of a controlled substance.
- BUDDY RYERSON, 47, was arrested for driving while intoxicated, second offense.

RECORDS

Monday's high 100
Monday's low 75
Average high 94
Average low 70
Record high 109 in 1946
Record low 60 in 1985
Precip. Monday 0.00
Month to date 0.30
Month's normal 1.56
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Eddie Lou Phernetton, 52, died Sunday. Services will be 10:00 AM Thursday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

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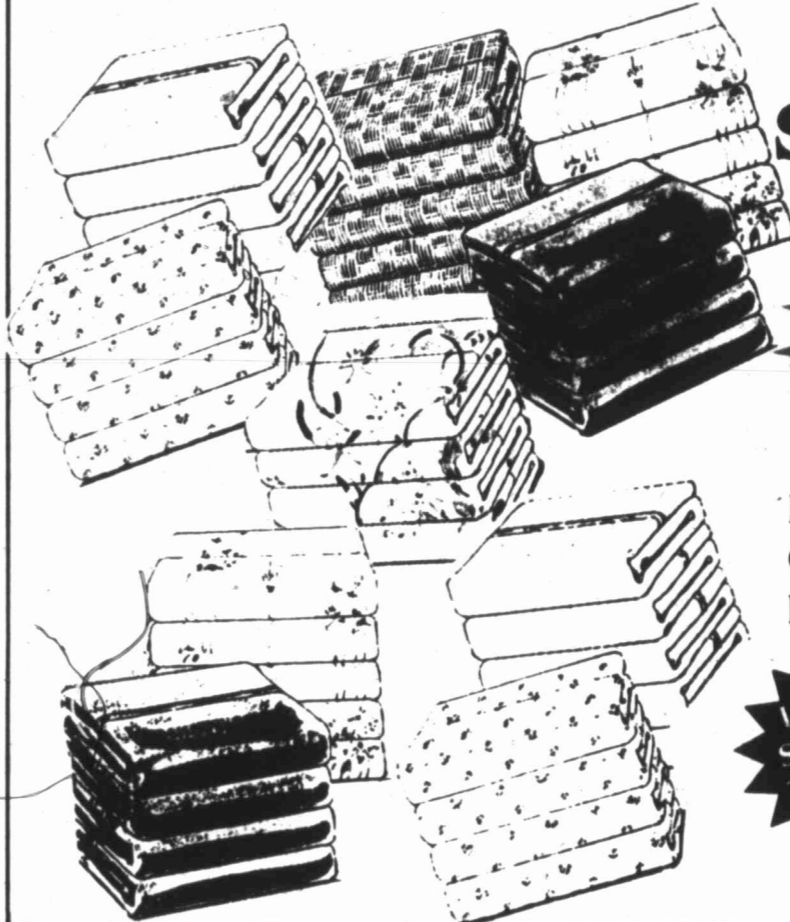
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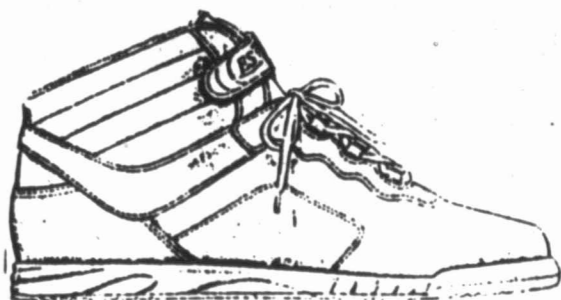
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OUR VIEWS

Sidewinders bring recognition home as well as awards

Once again, the Big Spring YMCA Sidewinders gymnastics team has brought positive, national recognition and attention to our community.

This past weekend, in Hanover, Pa., a young Sidewinders team finished 10th in the nation. Individually, Brooke Lawrence finished second in the all-around competition while Mikelle Faris placed 11th.

Lawrence finished second in the vault and third in the beam while Farris was second in floor exercise and Vanessa Bustamante, making her first trip ever to the nationals, finished seventh in vault.

Now, while some would point out the team failed to defend its national championship, we would offer for your consideration these facts:

- The team's No. 1 athlete, Stephanie Stewart, did not compete because of an injury;
- It was a young team, with no seniors;
- Three of the team members were making their first trip ever to the nationals.

For the uninitiated, gymnastics is a sport where hundredths-of-a-point can separate two or three or four teams ... where a one-point victory is a "wide" margin and where any deviation from the expected can result in tears of joy or defeat.

Our Sidewinders have produced a national champion and a team champion in the past three years. Because of their dedication and work ethic, we don't think it will be too long before this "young" team again rises to the top of the gymnastics world.

After all, our Sidewinders are the cream of the crop.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

I heard on the news recently where the Nation Institute of Health (NIH) has declared new body weight/mass guidelines for Americans. These guidelines are supposed to officially define obesity. I was really impressed.

National weight guidelines, national tobacco legislation, national instant criminal background checks for gun purchases, national legal intoxication levels, federal hate crime laws, mandatory airbags in vehicles, you get the point. It seems that in my relatively short life time that the federal government has caught up with laws, rules, and deregulations covering just about anything from pesticide use on apples to the mandatory use of zip codes.

In my opinion, maybe they are looking in the wrong direction. Our school systems are turning into battlefields, social security is always in danger, drugs are epidemic, illegal immigration is a joke, our criminal justice system is a bigger joke, our streets are not safe, and someone is always trying to sexually harass our President.

However, we can all breathe easier at night knowing that our hard earned tax dollars are at work.

Playing referee in Bosnia, turning Haiti into a democracy, keeping Kuwait's airspace safe, and protecting South Korea, and let's not forget

pumping up oriental stock markets.

On a more local note, the honest taxpayer has to buy a state license in order to drive, fish, hunt and carry a concealed weapon. If that weren't enough, we still have to pay our way into our tax supported parks and recreation areas. The state requires mandatory auto insurance, even though the companies blatantly discriminate based on sex and age. They mandate, without a popular vote, seat belt usage, where you can and can't smoke, when and where you can buy fireworks, and the hours you can buy alcoholic beverages. Don't forget about the countless, licenses, permits and fees. A recent locally passed ordinance, though luckily short lived, would have prevented you from parking your vehicle on certain parts of your own private property.

Yes, it seems as if we are regulated from cradle to grave, and everywhere in between. It's no wonder that people go off the deep end and make national headlines everyday. Writing to your elected officials, from personal experience, is about the same thing as wetting the proverbial pair of dark pants. It gives you a warm feeling, but no one notices.

All I can say is thank God I'm free. (??)

TIM HATCHER
Big Spring

It's all in the manner of construction

Some years ago, humorist Art Buchwald began a column by saying, "I am one of those people who believes that the tobacco companies should advertise in newspapers to get their message of brotherhood across."



JAMES J. KILPATRICK

Notice that my old friend used the singular verb, "believes." I will give you another, from the book pages of the Los Angeles Times in 1994: "Random House is one of the few mega-firms that still reads free-lance manuscripts." Again, note the singular verb "still reads."

But ponder this passage from the L.A. Times Magazine: "I am one of those people who find American rodeo clowns wildly more admirable than Spanish bullfighters ... But I am also one of those people who, like Brother Wolf, eats flesh."

As Milton might have observed, here we have confusion worse confounded. In these constructions, should we

think plural or think singular? Over the past 30 years - years in which I have pondered the matter every night, usually between 2:30 and 4:10 a.m. - I have come at last to the conclusion reached by the editors of Merriam-Webster's Dictionary of English Usage.

The conclusion is: In one-of-those constructions, plural is better, but singular is OK. There's a nice, knockdown decisive opinion for you. Now I can get some sleep.

If I had been editing Buchwald in 1994, I would have suggested that he is "one of those people who believe," rather than "believes," because it seems logical to me that the plural noun "people" demands the plural verb "believe." Similarly, I would have preferred "one of the few mega-firms that still read," instead of "still reads."

In the example from the L.A. Times Magazine, I would have edited for consistency and stayed plural all the way. If I am "one of those people who find," I ought also to be "one of those people who eat."

R.W. Burchfield, editor of The New Fowler's Modern English Usage, recommends plural verbs "unless particular attention is being drawn to the uniqueness, individuality, etc., of the 'one' in the opening

clause." He cites with approval, "Hawaii is one of those places that was always better in the past."

In sum, you pays your money and you takes your choice. I say to-may-to, and you say to-mah-to. I say po-tay-to and Dan Quayle says potatoe. The English language is a fractious horse, not easily brought to bit and bridle.

A related matter has to do with "one of the best" and "one of the only." Here we are governed by the Rule of the Inapt Superlative. If English idioms made sense, which they don't, it would be ludicrous to write that "Mrs. Brown" was one of the "best" movies of 1997, or that Greg Norman was one of the "only" golfers ever to blow a huge lead in a major tournament. Best is best, and only is only.

There is a rationalization. It is to this effect, that "best" is a kind of statistical universe. If 10 restaurants in San Antonio are significantly better than 100 others in the city, the 10 constitute a class. Each of them is "one of the best." If 10 guys have made holes-in-one with a sand wedge, each of the 10 is one of the only ones ever to have done so.

On something else: In The New York Times last year, a reporter identified biographer

Taylor Branch as "an old friend of Mr. Clinton's." In Newsweek we learn about Evelyn Lieberman, "a close friend of Hillary Clinton's."

The possessive forms are known to grammarians as double genitives. They go back to Chaucer's time. In the 1700s they ran into criticism from critics versed in Latin. Some commentators continue to grumble today. We ask, an old friend of Mr. Clinton's WHAT? Is Ms. Lieberman a close friend of Mrs. Clinton's hairdresser? Of her old law partners?

The double genitive often leaves such questions hanging, but the problem is not pervasive.

The New York Times generally gets it right: Actor Robert Redford was "a friend of Wallace Stegner's," not a friend of Wallace Stegner's. The Seattle Times smoothly avoided ambiguity by speaking of "Susan Webber Wright, a former student of Clinton's." A student of Clinton would be a graduate writing a master's thesis.

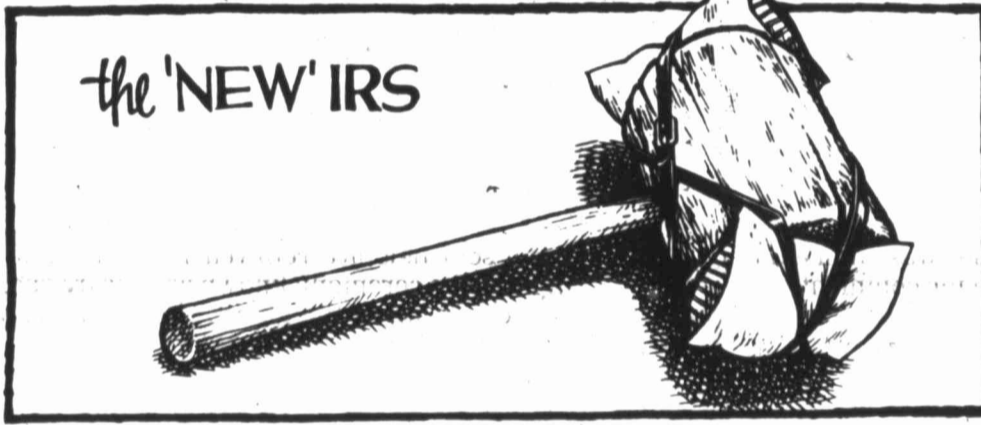
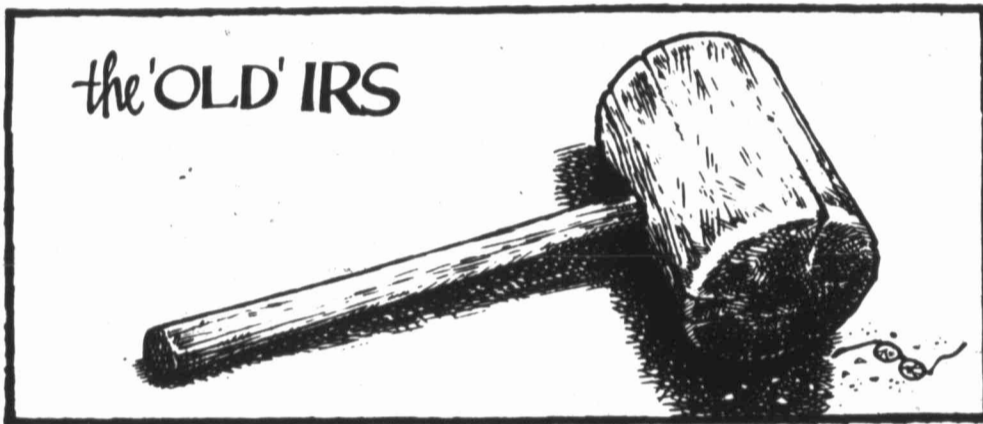
The best advice I can offer is to ask if the apostrophe is really needed (and to ignore the AP Stylebook). If it isn't, strike it out. There's a difference between a picture of Sue and a picture of Sue's. Let us be clear, be clear, be clear!

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Campaign finance overhaul elicits yawn

By DONALD M. ROTHBERG
Associated Press Writer

Disclosure of shoddy fundraising practices by both parties made campaign finance reform a hot issue early this year. But it now is clear that Congress cannot agree on meaningful change and the public does not much care.

Most members of Congress are in their home districts for the July Fourth recess and few are likely to encounter any demands that they do something about the way political money is raised and spent.

"It comes at the bottom of the list of things that people want," said Curtis Gans, director of the nonpartisan Committee for the Study of the American Electorate. "Their eyes glaze over when they look at particular solutions."

Money proved too powerful for the forces that tried to curb its influence in politics. So too did a public cynicism fed by the perception that the elected officials who raise and spend that money won't do anything to change the system.

"There's more cynicism than I've ever seen," said Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., a principal architect of the campaign legislation that died in the Senate early this year, victim of a Republican filibuster.

Former Vice President Walter F. Mondale, who joined with former Sen. Nancy Kassebaum Baker, R-Kan., in

seeking public support for change in campaign laws, said they encountered a mood "somewhere between cynicism and lack of optimism about the possibility of reform."

President Clinton spoke out strongly on the need for new campaign finance laws and endorsed the bill pushed by McCain and Sen. Russell Feingold, D-Wis.

"There is no substitute for strong, bipartisan campaign finance reform legislation passed by the Congress," the president said. But his advocacy of reform was somewhat diminished by awareness that some of the worst abuses took place in Clinton's 1996 re-election campaign.

McCain also was in the forefront of the failed effort to pass broad legislation to toughen regulation of tobacco and discourage smoking by teen-agers. That, too, was a victim of money, although McCain said it was not necessarily political money.

The Arizona senator said major credit for the defeat of the tobacco bill should go to the \$41 million advertising campaign by the industry. Ads portrayed the legislation as a huge tax increase rather than an effective means of curbing smoking.

Frank Newport of the Gallup Organization said polling last week found only 36 percent of people saying the tobacco bill should have passed and 44 per-

cent saying it should not have.

In an indication of the effectiveness of the industry advertising campaign, the Gallup survey found 50 percent agreeing that the measure was "mostly a bill to provide money for government spending by raising taxes." Forty-one percent thought it was intended to reduce teen smoking.

Newport said campaign finance and tobacco are "recessed issues" — matters that if you remind people about them "they'll say something ought to be done."

But ask those same people what issues matter the most to them, and campaign finance overhaul is rarely mentioned. One reason for the failure of both tobacco and campaign finance legislation was the lack of a clear perception by the public that the proposals were the right approach.

"I don't think there's agreement even on the nature of the problem," said Gans, the student of voting trends. "I don't believe money is as evil as people claim."

Strict limits on contributions "advantage millionaires and people with large Rolodexes" who can raise huge sums of money, he said.

But McCain refuses to give up. "There will be more scandals, there will be more revelations," he said. "It's not going to go away."

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Clinton fields questions on popular Chinese talk show

SHANGHAI, China (AP) — With callers lighting up the switchboard, President Clinton fielded questions on a popular radio talk show today, bantering with Chinese citizens about the Asian economy, World Cup soccer and how he stays in shape.

The exchange was tame by U.S. standards.

Clinton called the experience, his first talk show foray overseas, a "historic occasion" and suggested he'll do more of them to get a better idea of what ordinary citizens are thinking. He also vowed to work for more Chinese-American educational and cultural exchanges.

"The more we do these things, the more we will be able to work through our differences and build a common future," the president said. "And besides that, it will make life more interesting and more fun."

With the questions fed through an interpreter, the toughest came from host Zuo Anlong, dealing with Clinton's opposition back home and whether he had the courage to convince critics that his trip to China was the right thing to do.

Clinton said his televised exchange on human rights with Chinese President Jiang Zemin in Beijing and the broadcast of the president's remarks at

Peking University should quiet his critics.

"I think the American people will see when I go home that this was a good thing that I came here," Clinton said.

In Beijing, the Chinese government was already declaring the visit a success, though Clinton doesn't leave until Friday. Foreign Ministry spokesman Tang Guoqiang said it "deepened the American understanding of China."

Clinton's talk radio appearance followed a 90-minute session with Shanghai community leaders at the city's new Internet-connected library. They told him vast changes

were occurring across Chinese society from the arts and media to business and law to religious practices.

Clinton agreed, saying there is "a new China emerging in the world that is more prosperous, more open and more dynamic."

Responding to a question, Clinton carefully spelled out U.S. policy toward Taiwan, a politically charged issue since China regards Taiwan as a renegade province. The president adhered to finely worded diplomatic language that broke no new administration ground, although it was the first time he had publicly stated the specific

U.S. policy.

"We don't support independence for Taiwan, or two Chinas, or one Taiwan, one China," he said. "And we don't believe that Taiwan should be a member in any organization for which statehood is a requirement."

White House spokesman Mike McCurry said, "It's no surprise the United States would reiterate U.S. policy." But he acknowledged Taipei might be upset by Clinton's words, seeing it as leaning toward Beijing.

Before the radio broadcast began at noon, Clinton confessed to being nervous. By the end of the fast-paced program,

Clinton said he wished he could have taken more questions.

Zuo, whose animated chatter kept the show moving at a clip, said callers waiting to ask other questions wouldn't get a chance.

"There is not enough time!" Zuo shouted.

Radio call-in shows are popular in Shanghai and cover topics from people's financial troubles to their love lives.

For an hour, callers jammed phone lines to Shanghai Peoples' Radio. There was none of the abuse that Clinton endures at home from Rush Limbaugh, Don Imus or other critics.

Midwest, East brace for more as floods rage

MOUNT VERNON, Ohio (AP) — For Robert and Sandy Brennan, the last few days have been filled with fear and water.

"You sit here and you look at the sky, and you wonder if it's going to come through," a mud-covered Brennan said Monday as he and his wife inspected their flood-wracked house about 40 miles northeast of Columbus.

"You wonder if the basement walls are going to give in and you're going to lose the house. We're barely making it now. The only decent thing we've got is the house."

The Brennans were among thousands of people in the East and the Midwest struggling to save their homes as areas already plagued by floods received still more rain in punishing storms.

At least 23 people have died or have been reported missing since the series of storms first plowed through over the weekend. That includes 11 victims in Ohio, where showers dumped up to 9 more inches of

rain on Monday. And even more rain was expected in the Ohio Valley, Great Lakes and Northeast later today.

"It's nature's wrath. Nothing you can do about it."

—retired engineer
Harold Davis

Flooding wasn't the only problem.

In Missouri, Iowa, Illinois and Indiana on Monday, damaging winds approaching 90 mph and heavy rains snapped power lines and shattered windows. About 900 people evacuated the terminal buildings at Kansas City International Airport.

Many Iowans were caught by

surprise as tornadoes whipped through the middle of the state. Gov. Terry Branstad declared eight counties disaster areas.

Cars, trailers, pickup trucks were stopped at every underpass along Interstate 235, which heads into downtown Des Moines, as motorists got out of their cars and huddled underneath the trestles.

A tornado in Granger, Iowa, a town of 620 about 20 miles northwest of Des Moines, leveled a duplex and severely damaged about six houses.

In central Illinois, winds gusted up to 95 miles per hour, and about 106,000 electric customers across the state were without power. Four people were treated for storm-related injuries.

More than 25,000 central and southern Indiana residents were without power early today after high winds and pounding rain whipped across the state for a second day.

Water-logged West Virginia and Ohio were still recovering from getting up to 10 inches of

rain overnight Monday.

"It's nature's wrath. Nothing you can do about it," retired engineer Harold Davis said as he put together a makeshift barricade that included an antique dining room table.

Supports held up a crumbling wall of his basement in Mount Vernon, and a pump was sucking out water that had reached 40 feet. Davis, who has lived in the house for 43 years, intends to stay.

At least 9,000 people — mainly in southeast Ohio — have been evacuated since the storms began.

More thunderstorms were expected today in Ohio and 11 counties in the east were under a flash flood watch until this afternoon. A total of 24 counties were under a state of emergency.

Nearly 8 inches of rain pounded the West Virginia town of Clendenin in two days. The result was mud and debris sliding down clay-covered hillsides, coating the town and inundating its drainage system.

Pentagon: Exhumed 'Unknown' said to be Air Force pilot Blassie

WASHINGTON (AP) — Solving a mystery dating back to the Vietnam War, the Pentagon has identified remains exhumed last month from the Tomb of the Unknowns as those of Air Force pilot Michael J. Blassie.

The identification, made after the remains were restudied using DNA analysis, was made public in a Pentagon telephone call to the family of another of the servicemen whose remains officials thought might be in the tomb.

The official who called "just said they had got the results back and that the body was Blassie's," said Althea Strobbridge, the mother of Capt. Rodney Strobbridge, an Army

helicopter pilot. Blassie's family in Missouri had pressed for the exhumation. None was immediately available for comment.

Another Pentagon official confirmed that the remains belonged to Blassie. He commented only on condition of anonymity. Officials said an announcement was expected Tuesday.

The tomb, in Arlington National Cemetery, holds the remains of an unidentified U.S. soldier from World War I. Adjacent to it lie the remains of unknown service members from World War II, the Korean War, and, formerly, the Vietnam War.

The site is guarded night and

day, in all kinds of weather, by a ramrod-straight service member.

The sentinels are relieved in an intricate ceremony known as the "changing of the guard," a popular tourist attraction.

Both Blassie and Strobbridge were shot down on May 11, 1972, around An Loc.

The Pentagon said circumstantial evidence, including identification and gear from a plane like 1st Lt. Blassie's A-37 fighter, were found with the remains, but initial blood- and body-type evidence — which his family later questioned — suggested the remains were not his.

That is why his identification was ruled out years ago, military officials said.

Blassie's family had asked for the exhumation, saying they were convinced it was their relative laid to rest at the tomb 14 years ago.

"We're waiting and preparing for him to come home," his mother, Jean Blassie, said two weeks ago after the Pentagon announced a good DNA sample had been recovered.

In Perry, Iowa, Mrs. Strobbridge said the news brought mixed emotions.

"He's still MIA," missing in action, she said of her son. "I don't know whether to cry or be happy. I didn't know I would feel this way."

Pentagon officials had indicated that Strobbridge and Blassie were the most likely candidates

for identification.

The Pentagon had scientists check the remains for a genetic match with Blassie or eight other servicemen who went down in airplanes or helicopters around the same time in 1972 in the war zone where the remains were found.

The identification was made with DNA test methods developed since the early 1980s, when the remains initially had been declared unidentifiable.

"We disturb this hallowed ground with profound reluctance," Defense Secretary William Cohen said at the ceremony.

But he added, "If advances in technology can ease the lingering anguish of even one family,

then our path is clear."

At the time, cemetery historian Tom Sherlock said the likelihood was strong that, through DNA advances, the nation will never again fight a war that produces unidentifiable casualties.

It has not been decided whether other still-unidentified Vietnam-era remains will be placed in the tomb, said a senior military officer working on the issue.

"That will be something that higher officials will have to decide," said the officer, who also spoke on condition of anonymity.

He indicated the White House and Congress would have to be consulted before the matter could be resolved.

Residents urged to leave homes as Florida continues to burn

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Hours after Vice President Al Gore praised firefighters for stopping the flames from destroying any homes in Florida's most fire-devastated county, an unoccupied home burned.

Authorities urged residents in southern Volusia County to flee Monday, so homeowners packed their vehicles with belongings and watched from about a mile away as black smoke rose up in the air.

"I'm so sorry," Gore said to Justo and Josephina Urquiza, hugging the couple in front of what was left of their home in a burned-out subdivision in Flagler County.

Since Memorial Day, fires have burned almost 237,000 acres — mostly forest and scrubby swamp land — from one tip of Florida to the other. The fires have destroyed 78 houses and threatened several subdivisions.

The Federal Emergency

Management Agency has spent \$35 million in Florida and expects to spend another \$35 million by the time the fires are out, Gore said.

In the Seminole Woods subdivision in Flagler County, 19 homes were destroyed by fires June 6.

"We lost everything in this neighborhood and I'm telling you it's difficult," Bob March, who intends to rebuild, told Gore. "The house didn't mean anything. It's what's in the

house that makes a home."

Fires have ravaged 80,000 acres in Volusia County. The flames threatened nearly 200 homes in one subdivision.

Sheriff's deputies at first wouldn't let Shanna Stuart and her 15-year-old son, Ryan Varner, retrieve their two rottweilers and two cats from their home, which was within hundreds of yards of the fire.

"You can either let me go down there or arrest me here," Mrs. Stuart told deputies.

Postage stamp now planned for January's mail

WASHINGTON (AP) — The cost of mailing a letter will go up by a penny early next year, the Postal Service's governing board announced today.

The new rates, approved by the independent Postal Rate Commission earlier this year, will take effect Jan. 10, 1999, board chairman Sam Winters said.

The new rates will boost the cost of mailing a first-class letter by one cent, to 33 cents. A variety of other increases will

affect other classes of mail.

"This penny increase is the right amount at the right time," Winters said at the postal governors' monthly meeting.

"The rate adjustment is being made to provide a continuing investment in America's communications future," he said.

"The decision to implement the rate increase in January ends wide speculation about when it would take effect.

Congress last week urged a delay in implementing the new

rates. Winters said the January date was picked after "customer and congressional input."

Although the Postal Service has made a profit of more than \$1 billion in each of the last three years, Winters stressed that the agency "does not, does

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He noted that the accumulated debt of the agency has been reduced but not eliminated and the rate increase is necessary for the agency to continue operations and to make necessary investment in new equipment.

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IN BRIEF

Coahoma coed ragball tournament Friday, Saturday

The annual Coahoma coed ragball tournament will be Friday and Saturday at the Coahoma softball complex.

Entry fee is \$10 per person. There is no limit to the number of players on each team, but there must be at least five men and five women on the field.

For more information, call Cindy or Troy Kerby at 394-4748.

Crossroads Summer play set to continue tonight

Sweetwater maintained its half-game lead over Grady in Crossroads Summer Girls Basketball League play Monday with a 49-15 drubbing of Big Spring.

Grady kept pace, however, with a 39-30 win over Ira, while third-place Sands suffered a 42-41 overtime loss at the hands of Odessa.

Stanton moved into fifth place in the standings with a 41-35 win over Sterling City, while Coahoma upset Garden City, 40-26.

Tonight's schedule calls for two junior varsity games as Big Spring I plays Sands at 5:30 and Big Spring II plays Colorado City at 6:30.

In varsity action, Coahoma and Sands will square off at 7:30, followed by Garden City and Ira at 8:30, while Gib Sprig and Sweetwater will play the nightcap at 9:30.

Women's Club planning benefit golf tournament

The Big Spring Women's Club will host a benefit golf tournament on July 18 at the Big Spring Country Club.

Proceeds will be used to pay for improvements to Kid's Zone.

The four-person scramble with teams made up of A, B, C, D handicaps. The entry fee is \$40 per person, plus cart rental.

For more information, call the country club at 267-5354 or Julie Wolf at 263-7664.

Stallings second in 800 at Can-Am Series meet

Former Stanton High School and University of Florida track star Jeremy Stallings finished second in the 800 meters Saturday at the Canada-American Series meet held in Boston.

Stallings time was 1:48.70.

Rose Magers-Powell sets camp for July 27-31 run

Former Big Spring Lady Steers and U.S. Olympian Rose Magers-Powell will conduct a volleyball camp July 27-31 at Big Spring High School's Steer Gym.

Camp sessions for girls in the fourth through sixth grades July 27-29 from 9 a.m. to noon, while those in the seventh through ninth grades will have a 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. session on July 29 and 9 a.m. to noon sessions on July 30-31. Registration fees for both groups will be \$80.

For those in the 10th through 12th grades, the sessions will be from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. for the entire five-day run of the camp. Registration for the older group will be \$95.

Registration forms are available at Athletic Supply, Neal's Sporting Goods and the BSHS Athletic Training Center.

ON THE AIR

TODAY: BASEBALL

6 p.m. — Atlanta Braves at Tampa Bay Devil Rays, TBS, Ch. 11.

7 p.m. — Chicago White Sox at Houston Astros, ESPN, Ch. 30.

7:30 p.m. — Los Angeles Dodgers at Texas Rangers, LIN, Ch. 98.

WEDNESDAY MORNING: TENNIS

11 a.m. — Wimbledon, men's quarterfinals, HBO, Ch. 15.

McGwire tops NL list for All-Star starting spots

NEW YORK (AP) — All those home runs made Mark McGwire a shoo-in to start in the All-Star game. All Sammy Sosa can hope for, however, is a chance to be a backup.

McGwire, leading the majors with 36 homers, was the top vote-getter in NL results announced Monday. He was the fans' choice to start for the sixth time overall, the first five coming when he played for Oakland.

"I think it's going to be great," the St. Louis slugger said over the weekend. "It's been great that I've been able to play in the All-Star game so many years for the American League, and now I get to do it for the National League."

But Sosa, whose 19 home runs in June set a major league record for most homers in any month, has to hope he's picked as a reserve for next Tuesday night's game at Coors Field at Denver.

The Chicago Cubs star, who has hit 32

homers, finished sixth among outfielders and was only 12th overall in the fan voting.

New York Mets catcher Mike Piazza, the NL's top vote-getter the past two years while with Los Angeles, earned another starting spot. He was the first Mets player picked to start since Darryl Strawberry in 1989.

Larry Walker of the host Colorado Rockies will start in the outfield, along with San Diego's Tony Gwynn and San Francisco's Barry Bonds.

Atlanta third baseman Chipper Jones, Atlanta shortstop Walt Weiss and Houston second baseman Craig Biggio join McGwire in the NL's starting infield.

The AL starters were scheduled to be announced today. The pitchers and reserves for both leagues will be released Wednesday.

McGwire, expected to highlight the

home-run derby a day before the game, received 3,377,145 votes and finished far ahead of runner-up Andres Galarraga.

Piazza was second overall in NL voting at 2,731,079. Charles Johnson (811,813), who took Piazza's place behind the plate in Los Angeles, was second.

In close votes, Weiss earned his first All-Star appearance by edging Cincinnati's Barry Larkin, 1,159,960 to 997,591. Jones (1,574,512) beat out Colorado's Vinny Castilla (1,343,129).

In the outfield, Gwynn (2,485,229), Bonds (1,897,156) and Walker (1,744,949) finished ahead of Colorado's Dante Bichette (1,213,700), Houston's Moises Alou (1,205,369) and Sosa (1,112,234).

Gwynn will be making his 11th start in the All-Star game, while it will be the eighth appearance for Bonds.

Biggio (2,298,691) easily beat out New York's Carlos Baerga (744,568) for his seventh appearance.

Majors take day off

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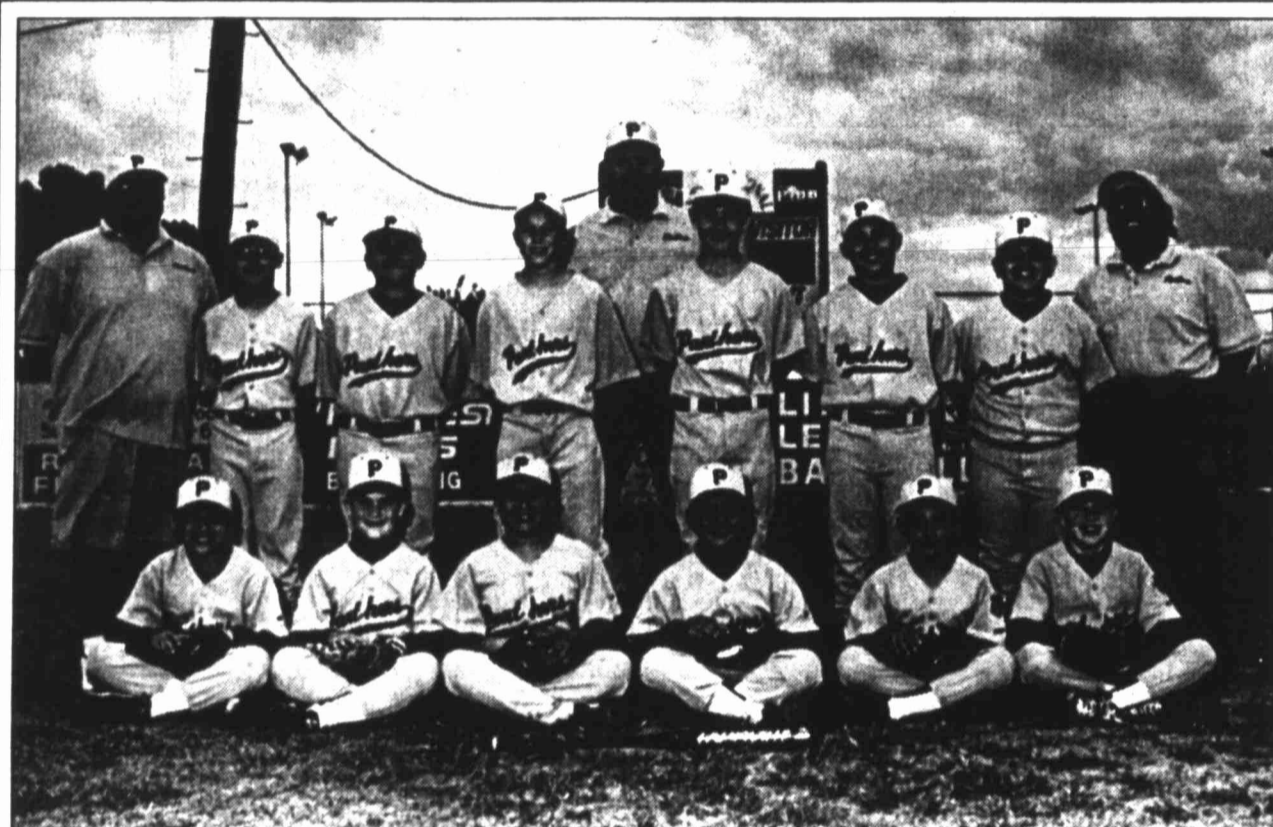
Big leaguers should be well rested today.

Baseball took a rare break Monday, without a single game scheduled.

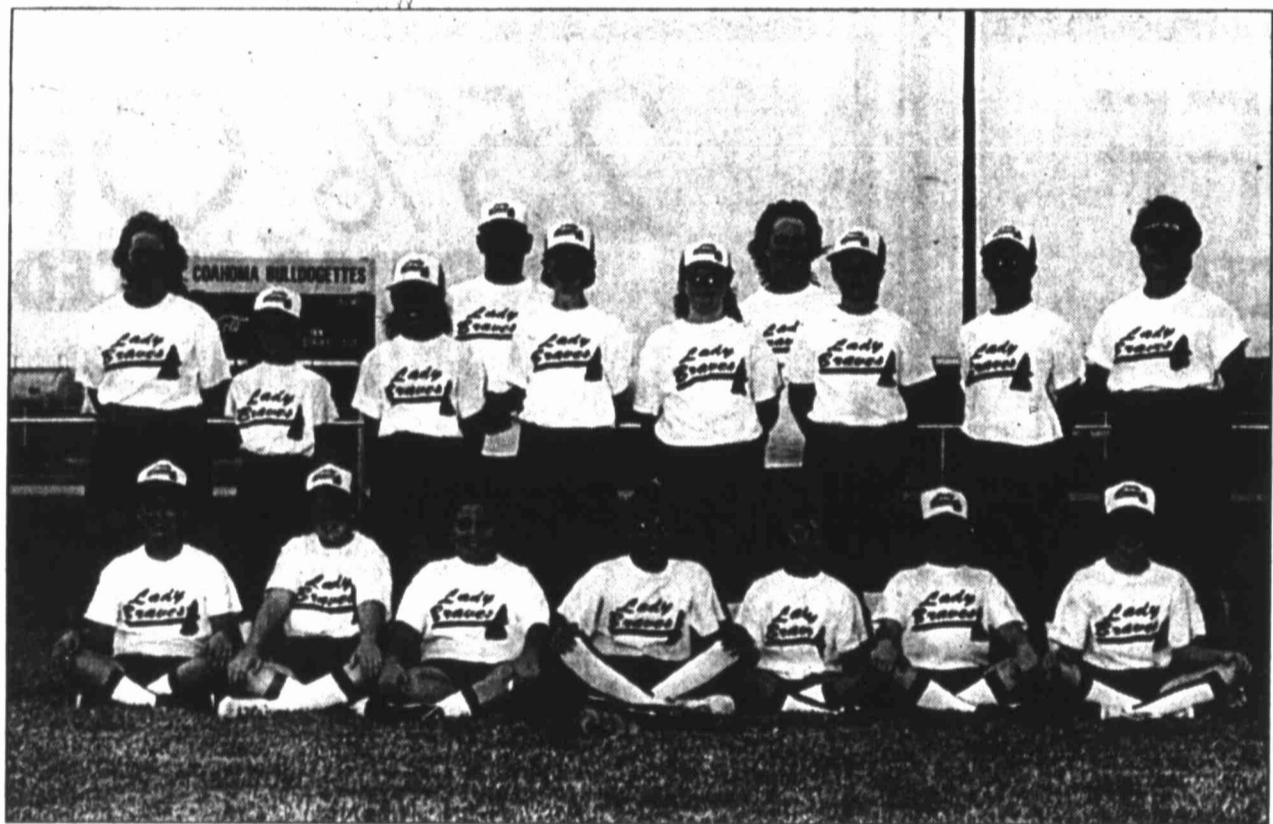
It marked the first time since April 30, 1973 — aside from All-Star periods and labor problems — there was a day during a season without any games.

"I was stunned when I realized it hadn't happened in 25 years," said Seymour Siwoff of the Elias Sports Bureau, which compiles the big league statistics. "I think it's just a matter of pure coincidence."

If there had been a rainout during interleague play, games could have been made up Monday.



Members of the International League Panthers, who finished first in the Majors, include (front row, from left) Bo Morellon, Clay Kuykendall, Alex Franco, Chris Garcia, Brandon Ontiveros, and Gabriel Ortiz. Back row, from left, Raymond Ontiveros (coach), Chris Carrillo, Ricky Ornelas, Johnny Boren, Tom Kuykendall (assistant coach), Ernesto Muniz, Jeremy Cerda, Matthew Islas and Pete Carrillo (assistant coach).



Members of the Lady Braves, Coahoma's Division II champions, include (front row, from left) Michelle Villa, Sarah Dunn, Valerie Martinez, Natalie Hilario, Shannon Hall, Kala Mann and Emily Savelle. Back row, from left, Julie Bartlett (chaperone), Sarah Bartlett, Gabrielle Hilario, James Teeler (coach), Elisha Teeler, Haley Butts, Amy Dunn (manager), Megan Cox, Ruby Garcia, Rose Teeler (coach).

Houston businessman set to make formal proposal for NFL franchise

HOUSTON (AP) — Bob McNair has a deadline and a mission to meet it first.

NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue met Monday with the Houston businessman who hopes to land a new football franchise.

Tagliabue offered no guarantees but praised the city's plans for a new stadium and invited McNair to make a formal presentation to owners at their October meeting.

Houston and Los Angeles are competing for one expansion franchise that the NFL expects to award. The league wants to have the new team in place by 2002.

"Whoever is prepared first gets the 32nd franchise," McNair said. "Right now, it's our belief that we've made a lot of progress and we're in front of the competition and I want you to remain in front."

He has everything in place to make his proposal except a formal agreement among the city, Harris County and the Houston

Livestock Show and Rodeo as to who will pay for what part of a new stadium.

"We have momentum and if we continue to make progress, hopefully, we'll have an agreement in place in 30-60 days for our presentation," McNair said.

Tagliabue and Carolina Panthers owner Jerry Richardson — chairman of the NFL stadium committee — met with McNair, Mayor Lee Brown and Harris County Judge Robert Eckels to see what progress the group has made in its attempts to replace the Houston Oilers.

"There is competition but they (NFL) can't speak for all interests," McNair said. "They want teams in Houston and Los Angeles. I think getting our proposal in soon will be key to who gets the expansion franchise. The other city may not get a team for four or five years."

Tagliabue liked the stadium plan.

Wimbledon Henman leads way into men's quarters

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Henman lives.

For the third straight year, Tim Henman has reached the Wimbledon quarterfinals, raising Britain's hopes of having its first male champion since 1936.

Feeding off the frenzied support of the Centre Court crowd, the 12th-seeded Henman downed U.S. Open champion Patrick Rafter of Australia 6-3, 6-7 (7-3), 6-3, 6-2.

"To walk out on a court when it was full as that, it gives you a buzz," Henman said. "I think I've shown in the past and I've shown again that I do respond to that."

Henman described Monday's win as "one of the best, if not the best" victory of his career. With so much focus on the England soccer team's progress at the World Cup, he said he felt less pressure than ever before.

"I do feel very, very relaxed about the whole situation," Henman said. "I surprised myself a little bit, how relaxed I was."

Rafter, the No. 6 seed, received treatment for a lower back problem in the fourth set and said he was playing at "90 percent."

Still, Rafter was holding his own in the fourth set and earned a break point. But Henman then served a second-serve ace to save the break point and won four straight games to close out the match.

"That's an instinct," he said of the ace. "I went for it, and hit the line and that was probably the most important second serve of the match."

Henman next faces No. 3 Petr Korda, the Australian Open champion who downed John van Lottum in straight sets. Korda strained his left Achilles tendon in the third set, but said he plans to play Wednesday.

"If it's going to be nice weather, I'll be there," he said.

Based on the weather so far, that's no certainty. Monday was

the fifth day affected by rain delays, and more showers were forecast.

Henman, who beat Korda in their last meeting in Key Biscayne this spring, said the left-handed Czech is "probably one of the most dangerous players" in the draw.

"He can hit winners from all over the court," Henman said.

The same goes for Goran Ivanisevic, who served 44 aces in his third-round win over Daniel Vacek.

Ivanisevic, a two-time Wimbledon finalist, came into this year's tournament as a forgotten man after a terrible slump that saw him win only one match in his last five Grand Slams.

But the 14th-seed Croat, scheduled to face Todd Martin in the fourth round, believes he might be on the verge of a breakthrough victory in a major.

"It was not easy for me, all this talking. He's gone, and he's never going to be back again," Ivanisevic said. "But every time when I am on that court, I know I can beat anybody. My matches are like horror thrillers. You cannot expect anything. I made the movie, but I don't know the end."

Pete Sampras, meanwhile, faced a fourth-round match today against French qualifier Sebastian Grosjean. Sampras served 29 aces in a straight-set win over Thomas Enqvist, while Grosjean ousted No. 16 Felix Mantilla.

Richard Krajicek, the 1996 champion and No. 9 seed, was due to face Wayne Ferreira for a place in the quarters.

In women's play, the quarterfinalists in the bottom half of the draw were set Monday when No. 2 Lindsay Davenport, No. 6 Monica Seles, No. 16 Nathalie Tauziat and Natasha Zvereva all advanced in straight sets.

Seles will face Zvereva.

NBA lockout set for midnight

NEW YORK (AP) — The NBA's summer of labor discord tips off tonight at midnight Eastern time.

That's when the lockout begins and all business will come to a halt: No trades, no free agent signings, no practices, no resolving the Michael Jordan question.

After going more than a week since the last talks on a new collective bargaining agreement, the league announced Monday what everyone knew was coming — a lockout that could wipe out games for the first time in NBA history.

"We need a way to slow down salary growth to bring it in line with our revenue growth," commissioner David Stern said. "The current system does not work."

"We can't afford to play next season under the current system. That's just the reality. That's why owners elected to lockout," Stern said.

The move came as no surprise. Players were told throughout last season to expect a long work stoppage, and talks were going nowhere before breaking off.

The biggest question now is when it will end.

"We spent all of this year urging players to save their money so they would be able to survive a lockout," union director Billy Hunter said. "We've taken continuous polls among the players, and they are prepared to go the distance."

Stern even acknowledged that the impasse could last into November, when the season opens, or even into 1999.

"Yes, that is fair and accurate. There are a number of clubs that will do better not operating than operating. That's something the players don't seem to understand," Stern said.

This will be the third lockout in league history. A lockout in the summer of 1995 lasted three months; in 1996 it lasted only a few hours.

The old agreement was to run for six years, but the owners had the right to reopen it if the amount of designated revenue being paid toward player salaries exceeded a certain level — 51.8 percent of basketball-related income.

The owners say they are now devoting 57 percent of those revenues to player salaries, a total of almost \$1 billion.

The impending lockout already caused 12 NBA players to be removed from the team scheduled to compete next month at the world championships in Greece. USA Basketball, the governing body for the national team, will replace them with a team of Americans currently playing overseas, minor leaguers and possibly some collegians.

Despite meeting nine times since April, the owners and players have made only minimal progress on a new agreement to replace the one expiring at midnight tonight.

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BASEBALL
American League
Chicago White Sox—Recalled RHP John Snyder from Calgary of the PCL. Optioned LHP Tom Fordham to Calgary.

TEXAS RANGERS—Signed RHP Ryan Dittfurth, C Jeremy Jones and RHP Justin Beckenmyer.

NL—Suspended San Francisco Giants 3B Charlie Hayes for two games and fined him an undisclosed amount for arguing balls and strikes, personal profanity directed at an umpire, and menacing behavior, including charging towards an umpire in a June 25 game.

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Signed C Jeffrey Closser and RHP Andrew Good.

ATLANTA BRAVES—Assigned RHP Mark Wohlers to Richmond of the International League.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
CLEVELAND CAVALIERS—Waived C Shawnelle Scott.

MIAMI HEAT—Announced the resignation of Scotty Robertson, scout.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
ATLANTA FALCONS—Agreed to terms with LB Keith Brooking on a six-year contract.

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—Signed WR Kio Sanford. Agreed to terms with RB Clifford Ivory.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE
CALGARY FLAMES—Announced a second affiliation agreement with Johnstown of the ECHL.

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS—Named Dirk Graham coach and Denis Savard and Lorne Molleken assistant coaches.

NASHVILLE PREDATORS—Signed D Ville Peltonen and D Kimmo Timonen.

OTTAWA SENATORS—Announced the resignation of Pierre Gauthier, general manager.

MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

Table with columns: American League, East Division, West Division, National League, East Division, West Division. Rows include teams like New York Yankees, Boston Red Sox, Toronto Blue Jays, etc., with columns for W, L, Pct., GB.

Monday's Games

No games scheduled

Today's Games
San Diego (Ashby 10:5) at Oakland (Haynes 6:3), 2:15 p.m.
Montreal (Perez 6:7) at Boston (Avery 4:2), 6:05 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
N.Y. Mets (Nomo 2:8) at Toronto (Williams 8:3), 12:05 p.m.
Arizona (Telemeac 2:2) at Chicago Cubs (Wood 7:3), 1:20 p.m.

AL LEADERS
BATTING—Rodriguez, Texas, .358; BWilliams, New York, .353; HMorris, Kansas City, .351; TWalker, Minnesota, .332; Thome, Cleveland, .329; Segui, Seattle, .328; MVaughn, Boston, .327.

NL LEADERS
BATTING—BJordan, St. Louis, .348; LWalker, Colorado, .336; Gwynn, San Diego, .336;

TEXAS LEAGUE

Monday's Games
Arkansas 8, Arkansas 8
Jackson 6, Shreveport 3, 10 innings

Today's Games
El Paso 16, Wichita 4
Midland 11, San Antonio 7

Wednesday's Games
Arkansas at Tulsa
Jackson at Shreveport
El Paso at Wichita
Midland at San Antonio

TEX-LA LEAGUE
Monday's Games
Abilene 4, Greenville 2
Lubbock 8, Amarillo 5
Alexandria 5, Rio Grande 1

Today's Games
Rio Grande at Alexandria

Wednesday's Game
Rio Grande at Alexandria

Germany, Netherlands post clutch World Cup victories

PARIS (AP) — Both favorites won. Both by 2-1. That doesn't come anywhere close to telling the story. The story was in the face of Edgar Davids, running toward a sea of orange in the stands, his left index finger thrust in the air as he celebrated his first goal for his country. It was a second-half game-winner during injury time Monday that lifted the Netherlands into the quarterfinals.

"I put all of myself into the final shot, and I scored," said the 25-year-old midfielder, breaking a two-year media silence to discuss the 25-yard blast that eliminated Yugoslavia in the 92nd minute.

The story also was the sight of Germany's aging veterans, sprawled on the grass, gasping for air, their tired legs cramping in 91-degree heat. They didn't just win, they survived a heart-stopping scare, needing two goals 11 minutes apart deep in the second half to beat Mexico.

"I wouldn't want to go through such a game every day," German coach Berti Vogts said. "My team went through 90 minutes of torture. We won with our fighting spirit. They found the strength to win a game that was nearly lost."

Steve Sampson gave up his job as U.S. coach Monday, just a few days after he vowed not to resign.

The U.S. Soccer Federation announced the resignation of Sampson, who was severely criticized by his players after the United States lost all three of its games and finished last of the tournament's 32 teams.

"We were naive to think an inexperienced coach would see the value of experienced players," forward Eric Wynalda said of the first American coach to lead a U.S. team at a World Cup. "We should never let this happen again."

The back-to-back second-round thrillers left the quarterfinals bracket with two empty places, to be decided today when Romania played Croatia at Bordeaux and England sought to avenge the 12-year-old "Hand of God" defeat in a much-anticipated match against Argentina at Saint-Etienne.

On Monday night, North African French youths clashed with English fans at an outdoor screen showing the Netherlands-Yugoslavia game. At least 10 people were arrested — nine French and one English.

In terms of cliffhanger value, today's games have hard acts to follow. On the heels of the World Cup's first "golden goal" — France's sudden-death overtime victory over Paraguay on Sunday — came not only Germany's comeback, but also the Dutch survival and the first missed penalty kick of France 98.

The crossbar was still vibrating long after Yugoslav striker Predrag Mijatovic nailed it with a penalty kick that could have given Yugoslavia a 2-1 lead in the 51st minute. His predecessors at the tournament were 14-for-14 from the spot.

"This is the worst moment in my career," Mijatovic said. "The Dutch goalie is tall, so I decided to shoot high and under the bar. It didn't work. I'm sad for my teammates."

The Netherlands will play the Argentina-England winner in the quarterfinals Saturday, the same day Germany faces either Romania or Croatia.

European champion and three-time World Cup titlist Germany trailed Mexico 1-0 when Juergen Klinsmann tied it in the 75th minute. Oliver Bierhoff then outleaped defender Raul Lara to put home a 12-yard header in the 86th to clinch the victory. It was the third goal of the tournament for both strikers.

"The way we fought in this hot weather makes us incredibly optimistic for the next games," said Klinsmann. "We have tremendous fighting spirit."

England has been waiting since 1966 to redress Diego Maradona's dubious goal, the one he punched into the net in Argentina's 2-1 quarterfinal victory in Mexico. The referee never saw it.

"That feeling of injustice has stayed with us a long time," said England coach Glenn Hoddle, who played in that match. "We have got a chance of readdressing that balance and turning that result round and getting it out of our system."

French city tense after clashes involving English, locals before World Cup game

SAINT-ETIENNE, France (AP) — A sudden show of force by riot troops seeking to avoid violence before a World Cup playoff between England and Argentina triggered insults, scuffles and wild baton charges early today in the center of this industrial city.

Police arrested several English football fans and local youths. There were some minor injuries, mostly caused during crowd stampedes.

In a separate incident by the stadium, local French-Tunisian youths insulted and attacked English fans, apparently in retaliation for skirmishes in Marseille two weeks ago, and English fans fought back. Police intervened, arresting about nine locals and an Englishman.

Local youths burned several cars. Trouble downtown began shortly after 11 p.m. Monday night, when a huge outdoor screen that showed the Netherlands-Yugoslavia game went blank. Its last image was a message saying it would not show the England-Argentina match tonight.

Also at 11 p.m., bars and restaurants shut their doors. Hundreds of police with riot helmets and shields moved in to clear the area.

Until then, hundreds of Englishmen, scores of Argentines, and a number of French youths had been drinking peacefully together in the balmy open air. A band played on a makeshift stage, and stands served up beer and hot dogs.

But the mood was already tense. Only 2,000 tickets had been made available in England for perhaps 30,000 people who are coming for the game. Scalper prices approach \$800 each.

Some English fans yelled at the police and began singing what has become their World Cup trademark in the face of

police and local opposition: "No surrender, no surrender to the IRA" — a reference to troubles in Northern Ireland. Within minutes, there were scuffles in the streets.

Police officials had no immediate comment, but all sides — including British police hooligan spotters — faulted the French police.

"Why did they do that?" asked Ben Murphy, 22, an English engineering student from Lincoln, as he watched columns of nervous police in riot gear, backed by burly plainclothes officers, tighten cordons around the brightly lit City Hall square.

"This was ridiculous, just looking for trouble," said Mariano Recalde, 26, a lawyer who flew from Buenos Aires to watch Argentina play. "We're just trying to get to our hotel, but we're blocked in on all sides. The cops panic easily here, don't they?"

Farid Belaid, 22, a French-Algerian printer from a working-class suburb of Saint-Etienne, blamed the police for overreacting against young Arabs and English fans who, he said, they assumed were all troublemakers.

As police charged, some of the English threatened television cameramen, photographers and reporters, blaming them for the trouble.

An Englishman with shaved head and earrings threw beer on one French photographer. Among obscenities, he shouted:

"It's because of you they call us hooligans."
Shortly after, another English fan told the same photographer: "Take your cameras and leave. You're not welcome here."
Two British policemen in football-fan dress, who spoke only on the condition of anonymity, said that French police might have avoided trouble by quietly isolating potential troublemakers ahead of time, while keeping their main force out of sight.

He confirmed that Scotland Yard had lent experts to spot fans likely to incite trouble. But, he added with a laugh, "Who's to say the French will listen?"
The British agreed that a match between England and Argentina, with their 32-year-old football grudge and the Falklands War of 1982, had serious potential for violence.

Nelson wants Nowitzki's decision today

DALLAS (AP) — Dirk Nowitzki has heard the sales pitch and taken all the tours. He has been toasted and cheered, even before hitting a single jump shot in Dallas. He even got a new suit — the first of his life.

Now the German wunderkind must deliver an answer, and Dallas Mavericks general manager-coach Don Nelson wants it by today: Will Nowitzki play in the NBA this season or Europe?

The 6-foot-11 forward was scheduled to fly back to Germany today on the eve of an NBA lockout that will rule out any further negotiations with the team until it's over.

Nelson fears that will only open the door for Nowitzki to negotiate with European teams. "I would feel very uncomfortable if he would go back to Germany without making a commitment and have all summer to entertain other offers, talk to other teams," Nelson said Monday.

He then turned up the heat by hinting that Dallas might have to look elsewhere for help if Nowitzki decide.

"I am going to assume that we'll have to play without him," Nelson said. "And then we'll have to look to fulfill that need that we have in another way."

Nowitzki, who wore his new suit to meet reporters, said the pressure doesn't bother him. "I don't feel any pressure," he said. "I'll just call my parents ... and speak with Holger (agent Holger Geschwinder) over it and I want to sleep over it."

There were reports that Nowitzki's decision would come down to a Monday night barbecue at Nelson's house, where he met with his prospective new teammates, including Michael Finley and Shawn Bradley. If he felt comfortable, he was likely to say "yes."

The German arrived in Dallas on Sunday following a three-day European recruiting trip by a Mavericks contingent.

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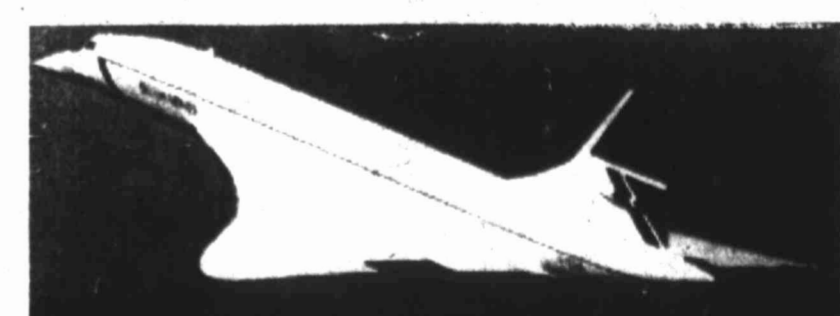
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LVN needed for charge position, night shift. 12 hour work shift, every other weekend off. \$10.25/hr. with benefits including mileage, insurance, vacation and double pay for holidays. Come by Loraine Manor Inc. 402 Campbell Ave. in Loraine for an application and interview. EOE

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Maintenance worker needed with advance carpentry skills. Part time evenings and/or weekends. Call 267-9998.

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Experienced, scraper operators needed for a construction job in the Lubbock area. For information please call Personnel Director at D.E. Rice Construction Co. 806-274-7187.

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The Big Spring Herald Circulation Department has an immediate opening for the position of District Sales Manager. Applicants must be hard working with the knowledge and ability to sell. People friendly a plus. If you are ready for the challenge apply, at: Big Spring Herald 710 Scurry Big Spring, Texas 79720 No Phone Calls Please
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The Big Spring Herald Business Office has an opening for a part-time clerk. Must be able to use 10-key, typewriter, computer. Daily job duties include: Cash Sheet Posting & Maintaining A/R Accts. Customer Contact (Calls & Correspondence) Monthly billing of Accts/Rec. Contact Dianne Marquez in the Business Office at 710 Scurry No phone calls please

The perfect part-time summer job. The Big Spring Herald is now taking applications for carriers in these areas: Kentwood Area Mittle-Owens Marshall-FM 700 Hilltop Area Indian Hills Edwards-Dallas Lancaster and 4th
Contact: The Big Spring Herald Circulation Department 263-7335 Ext. 240 or 242

Accounting
SunRise Care and Rehabilitation of Stanton, a division of SunRise Healthcare Corporation, is currently seeking a Facility Accountant.
FACILITY ACCOUNTANT
As the Facility Accountant/Business Office Manager, you will be responsible for accounts receivables, Medicare/ Medicaid/Private Billings, patient trust funds and payroll. You must be high energy, team-oriented, and able to communicate effectively with facility customers. The ability to meet deadlines is essential.
To apply, please send resumes to: SunRise Care and Rehabilitation of Stanton, PO Box 400, Stanton, TX 79782. Or inquire within at: 1100 W. Broadway, Stanton, TX 79782. Phone: (915) 756-2841.
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TUESDAY

JUNE 30

Table with 24 columns (KMD, KPEJ, KERA, FAM, KOSA, WFAA, KWES, WTBS, UNI, DISN, NASH, TMC, SHOW, HBO, KMLM, A&E, DISC, TNT, FSN, ESPN, AMC, BET) and 12 rows of program listings.

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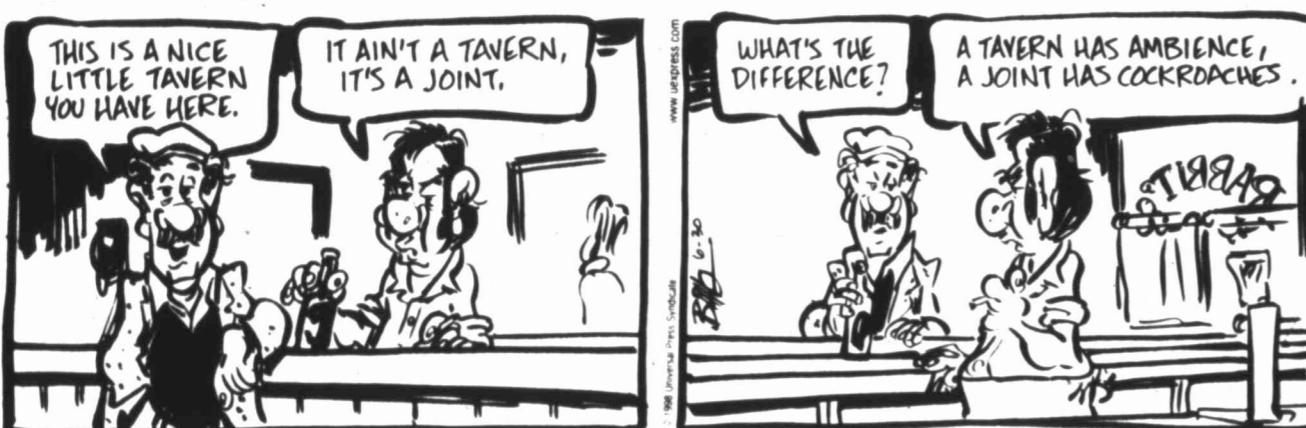
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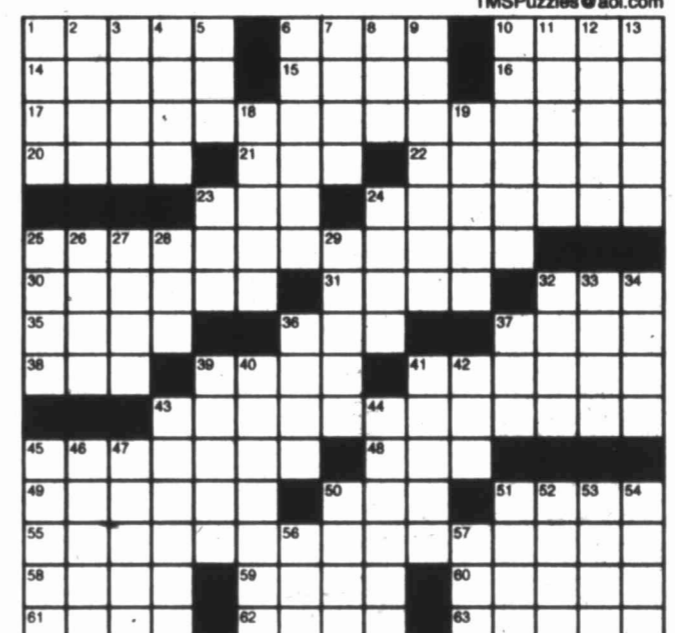
THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, June 30, the 181st day of 1998. There are 184 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On June 30, 1971, the 26th Amendment to the Constitution, lowering the minimum voting age to 18, was ratified as Ohio became the 38th state to approve it.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

- ACROSS
1 Saintry glows
6 Cabbage dish
10 Cries of contempt
14 Sheep-ish?
15 Per person
16 Lotion additive, often
17 Jane Seymour film
20 ...the night before...
21 Help
22 Potted
23 Samovar
24 Autobiography
25 What Sam played, again
30 Bracing devices
31 Dampens
32 Cruise or Selleck
35 Instrument with seven pedals
36 Wapiti
37 Indonesian island
38 Adam's mate
39 Green gem
41 Shim
43 Crosby, Stills, and Nash song from "4 Way Street"
45 Full of bounce
48 Hiatus
49 Roman salad?
50 "Over There" cont.
51 Body toss
55 Step by step
58 Do roadwork
59 Be inclined
60 Carpentry tool
61 Ogled
62 Skywalker's teacher
63 Rectify

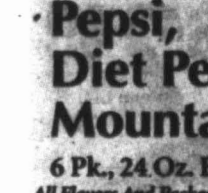


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AREAS EBB SLOW
VILLA LOU TERI
ITALY LYRA IVAN
VANESSA SIBLING
NOT TRUE
RAPS ADDS STAGS
AGE ALONE ATTIRE
VERONICA SCLOSET
ENIGN LORE LEI
STELE OTTO PENN
SLUR SPA
VICTORIAS SECRET
ARLO GAGA DIEGO
MAIN ENOS ANDOR
PEPE SAGS LOOSE

- DOWN
1 Emcee
2 Swear
3 Peruvian capital
4 Singles
5 Put in stitches
6 Keeping company with
7 Clarified fat
8 Top marksman
9 Most bleached
10 Dugout gofer
11 Excuse
12 Four-bagger
13 Sows
18 Rabbits' kin
19 Makes
23 Strike-caller, in brief
24 Easily imposed upon
25 Painful throb
26 Serb or Croat
27 Biblical weed
28 Mischievous child
29 Young hooter
32 Mexican menu item
33 Het chamber
34 Female horse
36 Skittish
37 Toothlike projection
39 Book before Micah
40 With furor
41 Chic
42 Vigor
43 Leaned to one side
44 "The Night of the..."
45 Micro follower?
46 Philippine island
47 Co-star of 17A
50 Oh my gosh!
51 Part of a wineglass
52 In person
53 Prayer ending
54 Combination of cards
56 Modern: pref.
57 Pie mode

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