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If you are a business that is new to the community or a new organization, please provide us with all pertinent information that may be of interest to our readers.

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WHAT'S UP...

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

FRIDAY

□ Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Bring a lunch.

□ AMBUCS, noon, Brandin' Iron Restaurant.

□ Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All seniors invited.

SATURDAY

□ Dance 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

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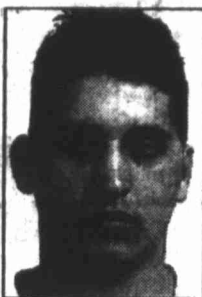
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Police arrest 20-year-old in connection with June 18 double killing

By RICK McLAUGHLIN
Staff Writer

A 20-year-old Big Spring man was arrested Wednesday for the shooting deaths of two Big Spring men on June 18.

Michael Eugene Schubert, 1019 S. Johnson, was picked up at his home by officers of the Big Spring Police Department at approximately 12:30 p.m.



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Tuesday. He is accused of murdering Francisco Xavier Navarro, 22, and Antonio Miguel Armijo, 20, near the sidewalk and driveway of the Johnson Street house.

Schubert is in custody in the Howard County Jail in lieu of \$75,000 bond. Hardy L. Wilkerson, 118th district attorney, said the suspect probably will face arraignment by a grand jury in mid-July. If arraigned, a date for trial will be set, he added.

"After determining that foul play had occurred and having reviewed the statements of witnesses and reviewing the autopsy reports, we have reason to

believe this is a criminal act on the part of the defendant, Michael Eugene Schubert," said Wilkerson.

"All of the witness statements and forensic lab results, along with evidence in the field and the placement of the wounds, led us to certain conclusions and that he (Schubert) did it," Hardy said, "and it does appear that Mr. Schubert shot both of the victims after an altercation at that address."

Police were dispatched to the scene at 2:52 a.m. on June 18 after receiving a report of shots being fired near the house. When police arrived, Navarro and Armijo had no vital signs. Howard

County Justice of the Peace Quail Dobbs pronounced Navarro and Armijo dead and ordered an autopsy at the Lubbock Medical Examiner's Office.

Timothy Flores, 24, also of Big Spring, was found at the scene suffering from blunt trauma injuries apparently after being hit with a heavy object. He was treated at Scenic Mountain Medical Center and released.

Big Spring Police Department officials have declined comment on the case and referred questions to the district attorney's office, but the district attorney has declined to elaborate on the statements made available Wednesday.



HERALD photo/Marsha Sturdivant

Dust particles fill the air as Markus Balderach of Johnston Construction pulls up the stage of the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium in preparation for a new floor. The work is part of a \$175,000 repair project funded through an insurance settlement for hail damage done to the building in May 1996.

Third felony indictment returned in Feb. 27 death of SWCID cyclist

By RICK McLAUGHLIN
Staff Writer

A third felony indictment has been added to the two previous indictments of a 20-year-old Big Spring man accused in an intoxicated manslaughter death.

On Wednesday, a Howard County grand jury indicted Antonio Rodriguez, 1511 Sunset, for driving while intoxicated, third offense, a third degree felony, when he allegedly struck Jessie Lee Walters Jr., a SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf student Feb. 27 about 8:30 p.m.

The grand jury also re-indicted Rodriguez for the intoxicated manslaughter

charge and the failure to stop and render aid charge brought by a grand jury April 29 in the same case.

Rodriguez was the driver of a vehicle which struck Walters, who was riding a bicycle west bound on East Fourth Street, according to police reports.

He was arrested minutes after the accident at Big Spring Mall by an off-duty Big Spring police officer.

The grand jury also returned indictments against seven others on Wednesday, including four true bills for driving while intoxicated, third or more offense.

Others indicted included:
• OMAR S. GONZALES, 37, was indicted for driving while intoxicated, third or more

offense, a third degree felony.

• DENNIS R. NIXSON, 41, was indicted for driving while intoxicated, third or more offense, a third degree felony.

• BOBBIE K. PARHAM, 40, was indicted for driving while intoxicated, third or more offense, a third degree felony.

• JOSE RESENDEZ, 38, was indicted for driving while intoxicated, third or more offense, a third degree felony.

• CRUZ GUTIERREZ, 24, was indicted for burglary of a habitation.

• SHIRLINDA HERNANDEZ, 29, was indicted for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

• TERRY W. POINDEXTER, 45, was indicted for injury to the elderly.

Friends of the Settles planning for haunted house

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

It may seem early to be talking about haunted houses, but that's just what the Friends of the Settles (FOS) are doing as they make preparation for this fall's "Tower of Terror," planned for the last week of October.

"One thing we know," said project co-chairman John H. Walker, "is that there's no more asbestos on either the ground floor or second floor of the Settles, and there's where we'll have the haunted house."

Walker and Mel Prather will co-chair the project, which FOS hopes will raise as much as \$10,000 for the building renovation project.

In addition to the haunted house, which will be in the main lobby area of the former



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hotel, the group also plans to hold another fall festival.

"We have excellent space in the former restaurant and kitchen for groups to have food booths, face painting or whatever," Prather said. "We hope we can get between 10 and 20 booths to take part in the festival."

The group is seeking various organizations around the community to develop a theme and

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StarTek

With incentives offered,
Moore Development waits
to hear from company

By MARSHA STURDIVANT

Staff Writer

No news is still good news from StarTek USA, according to Moore Development for Big Spring executive director Kent Sharp.

"We've not heard the official word, but we've clarified some fine points of our proposal and I'd say it still looks good and I think we've met everything they're looking for," Sharp said Wednesday at a Moore Development for Big Spring board of directors meeting.

StarTek USA, an international company employing 6,000 people worldwide, has indicated an interest in opening a 375-person call center in Big Spring. Negotiations between Moore Development and the corporation have been under way for several months.

Currently, Moore Development officials are anticipating an answer from StarTek concerning its incentive package for the expansion.

"I still think this is a go, they've just got to get all the powers that be to say 'yes' at the same time. Sometimes the big wheels move slowly, and that



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can be frustrating," Sharp said. As part of the negotiation process, StarTek conducted a labor market search in Big Spring about three weeks ago.

Big Spring workers received a thumbs-up from StarTek human resources director Kevin Cory for answering the labor needs of the company for a telephone call center.

Now the community awaits final approval from StarTek officials concerning the project.

Last week, Moore Development delivered an incentive package to company officials, but a personal tragedy delayed their immediate response, Sharp said.

Along with personal reasons, corporate officials have also

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2-year-old in stable condition after being bitten by rattlesnake

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Devin Spivey, 2, is resting comfortably in a Midland hospital today after being bitten on the ankle by a rattlesnake at about noon Wednesday.

Jana Spivey, Devin's mother, said he was bitten on his ankle while playing in their yard, about five miles west of Big Spring.

"He stepped on the snake. He was playing in the yard with his uncle, and he came running in and told us he'd been bitten by a snake. We checked and found the snake bite on his

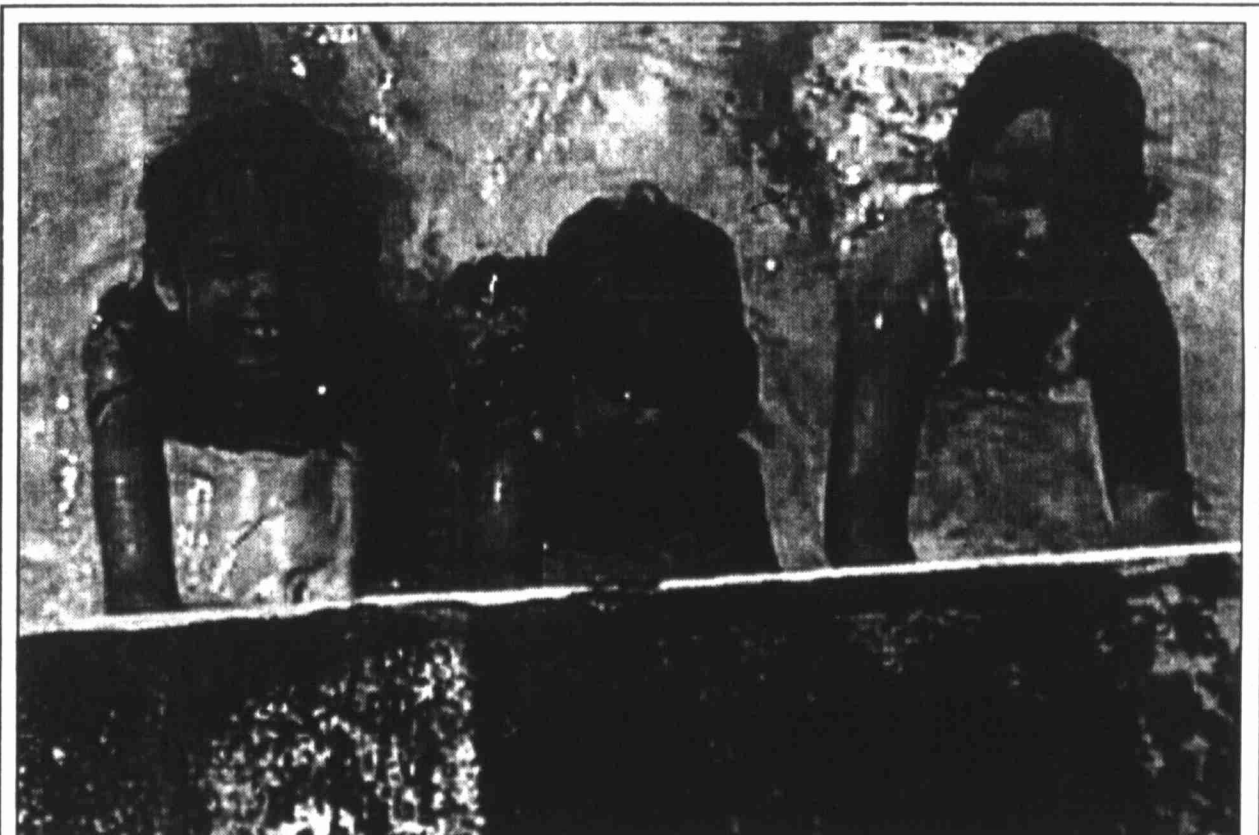
ankle," Spivey said.

She said the family immediately placed Devin in a car and began traveling toward Big Spring. The Spivey's live west of town on Spivey Road, off I-20.

Big Spring Emergency Medical Service paramedics met the Spivey's vehicle coming into town, and transported young Devin to Scenic Mountain Medical Center by ambulance.

From there, a decision was reached to move him to Midland Memorial Hospital, where he was taken by

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HERALD photo/Rick McLaughlin

Local swimming students, left to right, Audrey McAnarney, 8, Erin Slate, 5, and Ashley Buzbee, 5, were practicing their kicks at Comanche Trail Park Pool Tuesday morning.

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Despite reputation, American had more crashes than any other U.S. carrier in last 6 years

DALLAS (AP) — American Airlines, despite a worldwide reputation for safety and training, has had more crashes than any other U.S. air carrier in the last six years, according to investigators who are prompting a review of performance and operations.

The Fort Worth-based airline has suffered two crashes since 1993 that killed a total of 171 people. A larger carrier with a comparable schedule, by contrast, has had one fatal crash this decade.

"We are going to be turning the place inside out, trying to find anything that will improve our performance," Robert Baker, American vice president for operations, told The Dallas Morning News in today's editions. "But if there were a magic bullet, I think we would have seen it a long time ago. We would have found glaring errors or omissions."

An American jet en route to Cali, Colombia in December 1995 crashed into a mountain, killing 160 people. On June 4, an American MD-80 crashed while landing at Little Rock, Ark., during a thunderstorm, causing 11 deaths.

Investigators said four other American planes crashed while landing, causing minor injuries. The planes were dam-

aged, but the mishaps attracted little attention.

In the most recent of these, a Boeing 757 hit the airport fence June 14 in Tegucigalpa, Honduras during an approach that was too low. None of the 190 people aboard was injured.

Although aviation safety experts are considering any possible connections among the accidents, they say that American's problems do not necessarily mean the airline is more unsafe than other major carriers. American, when its record over 15 years is compared with the rest of the industry and number of miles flown, remains among the best.

However, teams of experts from the Federal Aviation Administration and the airline along with outside consultants will begin reviewing safety and training programs. The FAA said it is the first part of what will be a nationwide evaluation of all airlines.

"We want to look at American and see what these events are telling us," Margaret "Peggy" Gilligan, the FAA's deputy associate administrator for regulation and certification, said.

But American officials and outside experts agree that the string of accidents since 1993 is something the airline should worry about.

"It would be irresponsible not to step back and see whether your accident prevention program was working," said C.O. Miller, who headed the National Transportation Safety Board's Bureau of Safety during much of the 1980s.

United Airlines, which is slightly larger than American and flies a comparable schedule, has had one fatal crash since 1990, according to federal records.

The FAA said that a focus will be the company's corporate culture and whether American's highly public and bitter disputes with its pilots' union are in any way affecting operations in the cockpits.

Although American says its pilot training and safety programs have been repeatedly reviewed since its Boeing 757 slammed into a Colombia mountaintop, some longtime pilots contend the company is increasingly bottom line-oriented and has pushed its safety margins by scheduling long flying hours, reducing training frequency and cutting fuel reserves each flight carries.

"We have identified some concerns, both in terms of scheduling practices and training," said Rich LaVoy, Allied Pilots Association president.

Hispanic migrants across country being mistaken for railroad serial killer

COBDEN, Ill. (AP) — With all the reported sightings, from Wyoming to Ohio, it seems suspected serial killer Rafael Resendez-Ramirez is everywhere. For Southern Illinois migrant workers, that perception can hit close to home.

To some concerned residents, a glimpse of a Hispanic face sets off alarms that the Mexican murder suspect may be nearby, migrant workers say.

Resendez-Ramirez has been charged with a double slaying June 15 in Gorham, one death in Kentucky and is wanted for questioning in at least five killings in Texas.

Police say he frequently changes his appearance. But his common looks — 5-foot-7, about 150 pounds, with black hair and brown eyes — fits the description of thousands of Hispanics in the United States.

His elusive nature and ready changes of appearance have people on edge, police say.

A woman in West Frankfort was sure it was Resendez-Ramirez who stole her purse. A Cahokia gas station attendant

said a man asking directions certainly looked like the fugitive.

For many of the migrants, the scare is of little concern to them. They rarely venture into town from the migrant camps where they live and the orchards where they work.

But for Mexican immigrants like Fidel Bartolo, who works at the migrant housing camp in Cobden and has his own home in town, the stares can be a little unsettling.

"It's a little uncomfortable, but it is not a big problem," he said.

In Sparta, about 30 miles north of Gorham, police Chief Alan Young said calls have poured in from residents expressing fear or reporting possible sightings.

"If you're a Hispanic male right now, it's probably not safe to walk the streets," Young said.

An orchard worker in Cobden who gave only his first name, Evaristo, said he understands the fuss.

"We all look the same," he

said. Indeed, migrant worker Guadalupe Murillo — who bears some resemblance to pictures of Resendez-Ramirez — said he feared being mistaken for the killer.

"He's afraid that if he gets in the newspaper, people will think he is Ramirez," said Bartolo. Murillo does not speak English.

The Rev. Adrian Garcia said members of his Cobden church and outreach ministry understand and share the fear created by Resendez-Ramirez.

"It is something they think about, but do not say much about," he said. "They are afraid, too."

Bartolo said things haven't changed that much since Resendez-Ramirez burst into the news.

But some migrants are finding it tough to get to Southern Illinois. Many hitchhike, Bartolo said, and motorists aren't eager to pick up Hispanics these days.

"It is a little harder to get a ride," he said.

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Rain raises Edwards level, but authority urges users to conserve

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Lawns are green and the Edwards Aquifer level is up, thanks to a steady soaking from recent showers.

But weather and water experts are warning another hot, dry period could be in the offing and that rainfall for the San Antonio area remains below normal for the year.

"The weather is the weather, and it can turn around in a heartbeat," said Greg Ellis, general manager of the Edwards Aquifer Authority.

Only about 10 days ago, water officials warned that the

aquifer's level at the Bexar County index well was at 659 feet above sea level and that the aquifer level was dropping about a foot per day.

Then came the rain. Thunderstorms produced pockets of flash flooding, brought much-needed water to parched yards and replenished the Edwards Aquifer at a rate of about a foot per day.

By Wednesday afternoon, the aquifer's level was 672 feet.

The aquifer is a natural underground water reservoir that several counties use. It is San Antonio's source for drink-

ing water.

Ellis said the aquifer's quick rise and fall lately demonstrates the volatility of the water resource. The state established the Edwards Aquifer Authority to come up with aquifer pumping regulations.

When the aquifer level dips to 650 feet, the first stage of mandatory water conservation sets in. Rules vary according to the local governmental entity, but in the San Antonio area lawn watering and car washes generally are limited.

A year ago, the region was in the midst of a four-month

drought that saw the aquifer level sink to 640 feet.

The Edwards Aquifer Authority in April began a cloud-seeding effort concentrated over the aquifer recharge zone in an attempt to boost precipitation by as much as 15 percent.

"We think it's been very successful," Ellis said, but added that evidence on whether the program has worked may take years to collect. Cloud-seeding was halted after last Saturday because of the rain.

So far for the month of June, San Antonio has received 3.25

inches of rain, slightly above the month's normal rate of 2.95 inches, said Cristy Mitchell, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service.

Historically, June is a month that can be wet or dry in this region, according to weather service records. For instance, 7.3 inches of rain fell in San Antonio in June 1997, while only a half-inch was recorded in June 1980.

For the year, the city has received a rainfall total of 10.51 inches, below the normal of 14.71 inches at this point, Ms. Mitchell said.

The forecast for the coming days calls for the possibility of scattered showers in the area.

What lies ahead this summer is difficult to predict, Ms. Mitchell said, noting that dry weather could dominate or wet tropical activity could move in from the South.

Because the future is uncertain, the Edwards Aquifer Authority is urging water users to conserve regardless of the aquifer's level.

"Any conservation they do today is water that will be in the aquifer and around for use tomorrow," Ellis said.

Wet spring, warm weather bring hordes of mosquitoes to Texas

DALLAS (AP) — When Howard Bass began his job with the U.S. Post Office 26 years ago, he knew he was expected to deliver mail in rain, sleet and snow.

What he didn't know about were the mosquitoes.

Bass is one of the millions of Texans who are currently enduring a bumper crop of the blood-sucking insects, which are showing up across the state in huge numbers this year thanks to a steady dose of spring rain.

"There's a bunch of those things out there," Bass said. "Last year there was none, but I've been getting bitten every day lately."

Entomologists across the state have confirmed what many others already knew — the mosquito population is as large as it's been in years.

Scientists say the reason for the increase lies in the frequency of the spring rain, not the quantity. Mosquitoes can only flourish in standing water, so they need a consistent source of water — rather than heavy downpours — to survive.

"The rain has been spaced out and sporadic enough so that it's always damp and there's always standing water," said Paul Fournier, supervisor of entomology for

the Texas Department of Health. "That's conducive for mosquitoes and a lot of other bugs."

After hot, dry conditions kept insects away last summer, this year's combination of moisture and warm weather across the state has proven to be the perfect breeding ground for many insects, including bees, wasps, fleas and spiders.

But Fournier said the biggest nuisance is still mosquitoes. Only female mosquitoes bite, and they have been known to suck three times their weight in blood during their life span of two to three weeks.

"Generally, mosquitoes aren't going to fly any farther than it takes to find a blood meal," Fournier said. "When they find blood, they don't leave."

Experts say there are 81 different species of mosquitoes in Texas, but only a dozen are considered problematic in the way they transmit diseases.

Three varieties — the common house mosquito, the aedes aegypti and the aedes albopictus — are chiefly responsible for most of the bites in Texas. They are also the most likely to spread diseases such as encephalitis and dengue.

Symptoms of encephalitis include swelling of the brain, stiff neck, dizziness,

headaches, confusion, coma, and in some rare cases, death. There have been no reported cases of encephalitis this year, but there were four cases in Houston last summer.

No reports of dengue (pronounced DING-ee), a flu-like disease, have occurred in Texas this year either, but six people in the state contracted it in 1998. Because it usually takes until July or August for mosquitoes to acquire diseases from birds, experts aren't ruling out the possibility of more human cases this summer.

"Encephalitis can be pretty serious, and it could be fatal," said Julie Rawlings of the Texas Department of Health. "It's definitely something that people should be aware of."

In addition to buying insect repellent and citronella candles, entomologists and horticulturists recommend even simpler steps to avoid annoying mosquitoes.

Doty Woodson, a horticulture extension agent, said picking up small receptacles such as soda cans and water dishes can make a huge difference.

"You'd be surprised at how little water mosquitoes need to survive," she said. "They've really adapted well to the human environment, and it's not like they're leaving soon."

NATO commander greeted by cheering ethnic Albanians in Kosovo's capital

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP) — NATO commander Gen. Wesley Clark, greeted by a cheering crowd of ethnic Albanians in Kosovo's capital, said today he believes the horrors being uncovered in Kosovo provide clear justification for the alliance's punishing bombing campaign.

"What you see here is the magnitude of the horror that required NATO action," said Clark, who along with NATO Secretary-General Javier Solana surveyed bombed out buildings in Pristina. NATO peacekeepers and Western forensic specialists have uncovered mounting evidence of atrocities in the Yugoslav province.

Several hundred ethnic Albanians surrounded them, clapping and chanting "NATO! NATO!"

One elderly man in a traditional conical white hat gave Solana a kiss on the cheek and a big hug as tears streamed down his face.

"I never knew how I would see this. But I'm very moved, very moved," Solana said.

"We are very proud of you," Burim Jakupi, 27, told Clark in English. Clark smiled and responded, "We're proud of you."

Solana and Clark, accompanied by NATO's commander in Kosovo, British Lt. Gen. Mike Jackson, were to meet later

with both Serb and ethnic Albanian representatives in Pristina.

They arrived a day after attackers armed with AK-47s fired at U.S. Marines in the southeastern Kosovo town of Zegra. The Marines, who called in attack helicopters, killed one of the assailants and wounded two others. A NATO spokesman in Pristina, Jan Joosten, confirmed today that the attackers were Serbs.

No Marines were injured, but the shooting underscored the risks facing NATO troops trying to restore security after 17 months of ethnic war.

The U.S. peacekeeping contingent in Kosovo will be fully in place by late July with 7,000 troops, according to Army Brig. Gen. John Craddock, the commander of American forces in Kosovo.

FBI forensic experts began gathering evidence at two sites in the western Kosovo town of Djakovica. The U.S. ambassador-at-large for war crimes issues, David Scheffer, said their work would be vital to uncovering evidence Serbs tried to hide or destroy.

The Serb army and the military police "violated so many different laws of war that they were almost the perfect model of how not to conduct warfare," he said.

"There's a profusion of atrocity sites throughout Kosovo,"

Scheffer said. "They are popping up every day."

On Wednesday, foreign and defense ministers from Britain, France, Italy and Germany inspected mass graves and other sites, seeing evidence of the brutality that raged across Kosovo until Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic accepted an international peace plan.

After one visit in southwestern Kosovo, a visibly shaken Joschka Fischer of Germany said "the most important point" was to ensure that those responsible are tried at the U.N. war crimes court in The Hague, Netherlands.

British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook visited the site of an alleged massacre in Velika Krusa, cited by the international tribunal in its indictment of Milosevic for war crimes. He promised not to give up seeking Milosevic's arrest.

Despite the brutality of Milosevic's forces, the British foreign secretary appealed to ethnic Albanians to set aside their hatred of the Serbs and allow the United Nations and other international institutions "to pursue the task of doing justice to those who died."

"Let us here in Kosovo break the cycle of violence and build a peaceful, nonviolent future for the future of the children of all communities of Kosovo," Cook said.

All-white jury convicts Klansman represented by black ACLU attorney

HILLSVILLE, Va. (AP) — An all-white jury convicted a Ku Klux Klan leader of cross-burning, rejecting claims by his black ACLU lawyer that he was legally exercising his right to free speech.

Barry Black, 51, of Johnstown, Pa., was fined \$2,500 but spared jail time. He faced up to five years in prison for violating a state law against burning a cross to intimidate any person or group of people.

The imperial wizard with the International Keystone Knights of the Klan declined to testify, had no response to the verdict and refused comment after court Wednesday.

Black's lawyer, David Baugh of the American Civil Liberties Union, argued that while the act might make people uncomfortable, it was legal, and he expects to appeal.

"The cross was burned as a part of their ceremony, not because they want to intimidate anyone," Baugh said. "Mr. Black has the right to express, by sign or gesture, any feelings he has."

Baugh told the jury he knows the Klan hates blacks, but "in America we have the right to hate."

Prosecutor Greg Goad said Black has every right to free-

dom of speech. "What is different here is that nobody has the right to intimidate others," Goad said.

Sgt. Rick Clark of the Carroll County Sheriff's Office testified that while he was monitoring the rally in August 1998, a black family drove up, saw the burning cross and drove away quickly. "They appeared to be upset," he said.

A white woman who lives next to the pasture where the rally was held testified the sight of a flaming 25-foot cross frightened her. She said a Klan member speaking over a public address system advocated the shooting of blacks and Mexicans.

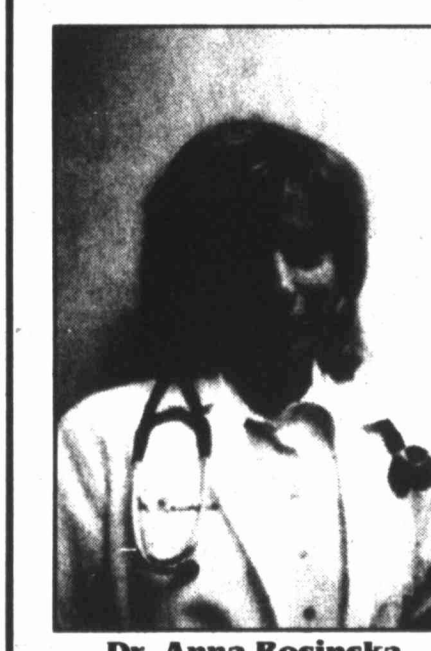
Goad said Black indicated his intent to intimidate to a deputy on the way to jail. "Mr. Black said, 'When is the white man going to stand up to the blacks and Mexicans in this neighborhood?'" the prosecutor said.

Less than 1 percent of the 26,000 residents of Carroll County in the mountains of southwestern Virginia are black.

Before trial, Baugh said he found the KKK's views offensive but took the Klan leader on as a client because "we cannot afford any erosion of the First Amendment."

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ous outcry, summed up by a trio of postings on one Internet Web site:

"Don't get me wrong, I DO have a life. But I have watched AW for over 25 years and feel like they are part of my family!"

"I doubt if I will ever get 'hooked' on another soap again."

"I HAVE WATCHED IT FOR THIRTY YEARS! ALL I HAVE TO SAY IS GOODBYE NBC!"

Why did NBC decide to pull the plug?

Was it simply because, among the 11 daytime dramas, "Another World" languished near the bottom in viewership? Because it was a series in which NBC had no financial interest — unlike its replacement, which NBC will own?

Or do you really give a flip about the soap opera genre?

In any case, a moment's reflection is due at the passing of an enterprise, any enterprise, that has served so many millions, and for so long.

When "Another World" premiered on the nation's TV sets, most of them were black-and-white (as was "Another World"). Instant replay for sports events was just six months old. The Beatles had made their first appearance on "The Ed Sullivan Show" only three months earlier.

"Another World" was born with a legacy. It was created for Procter & Gamble Productions (which also owns "The Guiding Light" and "As the World Turns") by Irna Phillips. Known as the Mother of Soap Operas, she, in 1932, had conceived "Painted Dreams," a daily radio serial generally considered the very first soap. Thus did "Another World" have breeding as well as seniority.

"When you have an old building," erupts Charles Keating with plummy English resonance, "do you tear it down and put up some new structure? Or do you refurbish that old building — especially if it's rather well made?"

The pony-tailed, London-born "Another World" star, who as roguish Carl Hutchins was thought killed last year in a mysterious plane crash, is startlingly back for the final few "Another World" hours.

Having finished a tender reunion scene with Carl's overjoyed wife Rachel (played by

reigning "Another World" diva Victoria Wyndham), Keating tarries on his way out the door, to sound one final call-to-arms.

"Save the old, for God's sake!" he trumpets. "Save the old, and make it work!"

Then, his job done on this next-to-last taping day, he makes a splendid exit into the Brooklyn afternoon.

For its entire 35 years, "Another World" originated at NBC's Brooklyn Studios facility, which, even more so than the show, is steeped in history.

Somewhat out-of-place today in this working-class neighborhood, the older of the two sound stages was built in 1915, in what then was a moviemaking mecca of the silent-film era.

Acquired by NBC in the 1950s, Studio 1 soon was paired with a second studio. From those cavernous stages aired some classic television shows: "The Bell Telephone Hour," "Hallmark Hall of Fame," the "Peter Pan" starring Mary Martin, "Perry Como" and "The Cosby Show," as well as "Another World," which in recent years has occupied both studios.

NBC will soon be putting them up for sale.

Now Wyndham, sleek in Rachel's silk skirt and blouse, returns to her dressing room.

Since 1972, she has played Rachel, the lowborn lass who became the matriarch of Bay City's elite Cory family. Wyndham's entire adulthood has been charted along dual paths: her own and Rachel's. She has lived two lives. Until now.

"You do not look forward to taking off the character and putting her in the trunk," says Wyndham, most of whose belongings are already boxed. "I've been going through night after night of dreaming about this: People divvying up the costumes and saying good-bye."

Radiating soapdom's never-say-die attitude, where even cancellation need not mean defeat, Wyndham brims with hope for the world she is leaving behind — and for the woman.

Rachel, she predicts, "is going on, you know? She has her life. I know she's going to be vigorous and busy. And now that Carlo's back, she'll be happy."

Wyndham's eyes are misting. "That's a pretty good place to leave her."

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foods on other holidays throughout the year. On New Year's Day, for reasons which I cannot explain, we enjoy a Southern meal of pinto beans cooked at least eight hours with large chunks of lean ham, served with cornbread and little onions. It's so good! For many years we invited 30 or more friends to our home on July Fourth and served them barbecued hamburgers and baked beans. This became a prelude to the fireworks display, and much fun and laughter.

There are many other traditions. Immediately prior to the Thanksgiving dinner, each person is given two kernels of Indian corn to symbolize the blessings he or she is most thankful for that year.

A basket is passed, and every member drops in the corn while sharing his or her two richest blessings from God during that year. Our expressions of thankfulness inevitably involve people — children, grandparents and other loved ones.

As the basket moves around the table, tears of appreciation and love are evident on many faces. It is one of the most beautiful moments of the year.

The great value of traditions is that they give a family sense of identity and belonging. All of us desperately need to feel that we're not just part of a busy cluster of people living together in a house, but that we're a living, breathing family conscious of our uniqueness, our character and our heritage.

That feeling is the only antidote for the loneliness and isolation that characterize so many homes today.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. James C. Dobson's "Focus on the Family" appears each Thursday as a cooperative effort of Scenic Mountain Medical Center and the Big Spring Herald. Letters to Dr. Dobson may be sent to P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, Colo., 80903.

Breakfast for 500 is all part of a day's work for chuckwagon cook

AFTON (AP)— Many people might not be able to resist the sweet aroma of steaks darkening over a fire, or bacon frying in the early morning.

But Jerry Slaton has resisted many times. In fact, he rarely finds time to eat when he's cooking with his chuck wagon.

Slaton retired from Patton Springs school district in 1993 after 31 years as the ag teacher and went out and found himself an antique chuck wagon. He's been cookin' ever since.

"I cook on ranches for the cowboys working out there," Slaton, 61, said. "We do a breakfast at O'Donnell every year where we feed 500."

Born and raised in Afton, Slaton knows enough people to run his chuck wagon business by word of mouth only, he said. He hosts meals for wedding receptions, reunions, rodeos and fairs. He also travels the area to chuck wagon competitions and has taken home several awards and plaques.

"I usually win with my mcoller, peach or peach apricot," Slaton said. "Meat, I guess that's my downfall. I use a lot of spices in my meat. I think it's too much for some of these judges."

Slaton gets to exercise his rustic cowboy knowledge during competitions. He's not allowed to use any plastic items or conventional, modern utensils, he said.

"A lot of these chuck wagons are rigged up to where you can't use anything but salt, pepper, sugar, cinnamon and baking powder," Slaton said.

To enter a competition, everything has to be authentic, Slaton said. And supplies aren't cheap. He said a chuck wagon costs up to \$10,000 and cast-iron cooking pans and dutch ovens usually cost around \$150.

"You stop at antique stores and junk stores," he said. "This old stuff is hard to find."

Cooking for up to 500 people is no easy task, even with the help of his companion Dawn Slaton and their son, Shannon. And Slaton takes pride in making sure each person who comes through his line gets a hot meal, he said.

To feed 500 people, Slaton and his crew make 1,500 biscuits; 100 dozen eggs; 66 pounds of bacon; 40 pounds of sausage; 10 gallons of gravy; and a lot of coffee," he said.

Slaton said he enjoys traveling around the area including Texas, New Mexico, Kansas and Colorado. He's made a lot of friends and has a scrapbook filled with memories.

"This one time we were in Hobbs, New Mexico, set up at the junior college and we got ready to go to bed," Slaton said. "I got on my cot and about 30 minutes later, water came everywhere."

Slaton had driven a stake

through a water pipe while setting up camp. The sprinkler system came on, drenching everything Slaton had with him.

"It was two hours before we got it turned off," he said.

On another trip, Slaton got a little overheated.

"Shannon said, 'Dad, you're on fire,'" Dawn Slaton said. "And we were all just busy. He kept saying, 'Dad, you're on fire' but nobody paid attention. Finally, he yelled, 'Dad, you're on fire.' Now Jerry wears a shorter apron so it won't catch fire."

Oftentimes getting up around 3 a.m., Slaton rushes around to get breakfast prepared, slinging 30-pound dutch ovens and pans, and washing dishes in old tubs. Then he gets ready to serve lunch. Once in a while he can sneak in a nap, and usually goes to bed soon after supper is served.

"Believe it or not I may go cook and not even eat a meal," he said. "By the time I get a chance to eat, I'm too tired."

Despite all the cooking he does, Slaton said he still enjoys making meals at home for his family, and they rarely eat out at restaurants.

"It just doesn't compare to what Jerry makes," Dawn Slaton said. "He's probably the only man in Dickens County who goes to bed with his cookbooks."

Sanderson belt-buckle business has 'trophy' for every rodeo cowboy

SANDERSON (AP)— Their gleam alone may serve as adequate reward for all the years of eatin' dust in the rodeo arena. For all the sprains and bruises. For the hard tumbles. For the broken bones.

An award-winning buckle has the magical ability to stretch a rodeo cowboy's boasts out over a lifetime.

One of the most popular creators of these silver and gold trophy belt buckles is Mike Jeffrey, who only recently relocated his million-dollar business to the castaway town of Sanderson, population 900.

"I was born and raised in East Texas and lived in a little bitty town of 800. So we're used to small towns," the sil-

versmith said with a country smile.

From the Broken Arrow Silver Company, positioned conspicuously along Highway 90 in downtown Sanderson, Jeffrey and his team of Native American silversmiths turn out hundreds of the precious

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been," McFarlane said from his Tempe, Ariz., office.

Officials at Toys "R" Us headquarters in Paramus, N.J., were also surprised to hear that the adult version ended up on its shelves.

"We bought the version that does not say those things," said Rebecca Caruso, a company spokeswoman.

Toys "R" Us stores throughout the nation were asked

Tuesday to pull any of the "horny" dolls from the shelves.

Ms. Caruso said only the Atlanta-area store had the shirtless doll, while most others had McFarlane's "softer" version.

But that version isn't exactly child-friendly. Among its expressions: "Would you fancy a shag?" Shag is a British obscenity for sex.

Information clubs, book discussions, church groups, and other organizations are in the process of updating our information for Community Guide, to publish on Sunday, July 25. Please provide us with any changes to last year's listing in writing. Deadline for updated information is noon on Wednesday, July 14. Clubs, community groups and organizations, please provide us with meeting times, places and contact person. Churches, we need the name, address and phone number. Please fax the information to: 264-7205, attention Community Guide; drop it by the office at 710 Scurry, or mail it to: P.O. Box 1451, Big Spring. You can reach us by e-mail at: jwalker@ccrom.net.

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objects each year.

Though outfitted with a gallery of artifacts and jewelry, the silver shop does little business in Sanderson proper, Jeffrey said. But rodeos around the globe are familiar with his handicrafts, purchasing buckles year round.

Last year the company brought in about \$500,000. Barely more than \$1,000 came from locals and passing tourists, he said.

Jeffrey said he rodeoed himself — until he wised up. "I did it all my life when I was younger. But I got too old and broke up and I finally got some sense."

All three of his children ride in rodeos today, he added. Each week Broken Arrow Silver Company, relocated from Arizona last year, makes between 75 and 150 buckles that sell for anywhere from \$115 to \$800.

The process begins with flat, rectangular sheets of nickel or solid silver. Once rounded and shaped, more silver or gold lettering is soldered across the face. Jeffrey is known for the buckles he produces with a blackened background, achieved by oxidation, he said.

When rodeo cowboy Cleat Stevens entered the store, his Broken Arrow buckle won at the 1996 Slim Brown Memorial Rodeo gleamed at his middle.

"It's about the prettiest buckle I've ever owned," Stevens gushed. "I get a lot of compliments on it."

But try as he might, Jeffrey never has been able to master the art of engraving.

"It's just a talent that's strictly in your head," he said. Fortunately, Jeffrey employs one who is well versed in the art of engraving.

Allison Al Yazzie, an employee of seven years and member of the Navajo tribe, has worked with silver since he was 26. His hand moves fluidly along the crevices of the buckle, as Jeffrey shakes his head.

"If there was a pattern or something, I could learn it," Jeffrey explained.

Broken Arrow was created two years after Jeffrey founded the Cowboy Sports News, a rodeo newsmagazine.

They now provide for many of the world's largest rodeos from Australia to Canada and across the nation. Included in that number is the Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association's Texas Circuit Finals.

"It's the dream of a cowboy's life to win a buckle from certain large rodeos. And it's a dream of ours, too, to be able to make that buckle."

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ODDS-N-ENDS

TROUTVILLE, Va. (AP) — Just before the wedding ceremony in Mona Sams' backyard, a guest glanced at one of the hay bales doubling as seating and saw something unusual.

"This is the first time I've been to a wedding where the bride is eating the chairs," said Stan Willenbring.

Indeed, Megan Alexandria Sams was busily picking apart one of the bales with her teeth. If she weren't a llama, people probably would have dropped their wine glasses.

The Saturday wedding ostensibly blessed the union of Megan and her llama groom, Red Thistle's Epitome. But those who attended said it was more a celebration of the life work of Ms. Sams, Megan's owner and an animal therapist.

Ms. Sams has six llamas, but she decided to mate Megan, who works best with children. So in March, she and a friend went to a llama show looking for an eligible bachelor.

The new bride and groom are already expecting. The little llama is due in about a year.

ROSLYN, Wash. (AP) — Rocky Mountain Spam balls, Spam chowder, Spam and eggs and raw Spam were among the delicacies at the Manly Men Festival and Spam Cook-off.

The event drew hundreds of participants and thousands of spectators for the weekend festival, which included a parade, a tool belt competition and a street dance.

Of the 11 cooks in the Spam contest, Andy Lopez won first place for the Manliest Dish with his Huevos Spamcheros, which was also the spiciest.

Egyptian writers:

They spurn a lonely room of one's own

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — High above a courtyard near the Egyptian Museum, where the clinking of glasses on tile tabletop punctuates the lively and loud conversations of afternoon tea drinkers, laundry hangs limply from tenement balconies.

A light breeze plays with the cigarette smoke of the talkers who sit in the Cairo Atelier discussing everything from censorship to current trends in literary criticism to the pretensions of the new crop of poets.

No lonely room of one's own for Cairo's writers. The oral storytelling tradition in this hurly-burly capital lives on in serious chitchat in places like the Atelier, which triples as literary club, cafe and art gallery.

Then there's the Story Club a few blocks away, or the Union of Writers just across the Nile, or any of a number of cafes and bars and tea rooms and even, increasingly, salons in private homes.

Critic Ibrahim Fathi knows

it's possible to fritter away every evening in like-minded company somewhere in Cairo. But in the interest of getting some work done, he limits himself to once a week at the Atelier, a dilapidated villa with that narrow courtyard.

"People always came here to meet each other, to speak about their writing, to exchange books," he said. "New trends in literature are discussed and proclaimed here."

"You can predict what every

critic will say — he said the same thing about this poem, that book, this collection," Fathi said. "So people get fed up. Then new sprouts come up, and they have new things to say."

Every Tuesday night, the Atelier holds a panel discussion on a new novel or the latest literary debate. But it's not unusual to find only a few people on the rows of chairs set up for the formal event, ignored by the dozens holding their own informal sessions, chairs tottering on

uneven paving stones. At his own table, Fathi held forth one night about a group of young poets dubbed the "grasshoppers."

"They claim to devour all the old traditional poetry," Fathi explained. "They are against all great themes, all grand narratives. They are living on the margins. No patriotism or socialism or nationalism — they consider all these things to be rubbish."

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FISHING REPORT

Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for June 24. (Report also available on Web at www.fishing.com.)

CENTRAL
BROWNWOOD: Water stained; 78 degrees; 3' low; black bass 5 pounds are excellent on topwaters. Crappie are good on minnows fished at night around lighted docks in 5 to 15 feet of water. Sand bass and hybrid strippers are excellent on topwaters fished across from Flat Rock Park towards the Christian Retreat.

BUCHANAN: Water clear; 83 degrees; black bass are good on 3/8 or chartreuse Terminator spinnerbaits, Junebug Top Dog lizards and SpillFire topwaters. Crappie are good on minnows fished at night under lights. White bass are good on Rat-L-Top, Horizon Park Minnows and live minnows fished on the points. Striped bass are also on the shad and trolling bucktail jigs in 30 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish are good on dough and cheesebaits. Yellow catfish are good on trotlines baited with goldfish and carp.

PROCTOR: Water stained; 75 degrees; black bass are good on topwater and jerkbaits fished along the edge of the dam in 5 to 10 feet of water. Crappie are good on minnows fished at the dam in 15 to 20 feet of water. Hybrid strippers are good on live and cut shad fished around the east end of the dam in 5 to 15 feet of water.

SOUTH
AMSTAD: Water fairly clear; 86 degrees; 39.5 low; black bass are good on topwaters fished early and midday on Carolina-rigs and spinnerbaits. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs fished up the Devils River around cover. White bass are slow. Striped bass are slow. Channel and blue catfish are good on cheesebait fished in the shallows. Yellow catfish to 23 pounds are good on trotlines and dropbaits baited with live perch and goldfish.

WEST
ALAN HENRY: Water slightly stained; 72 degrees; 4' low; black bass to 7 pounds are good on 10 to 12 inch pumpkinseed worms and spinnerbaits fished on flats early in the day and in deep channels later in the day. No reports on smallmouth. No reports of Alabama Spotted bass or smallmouth bass. Crappie are good on live minnows and jigs fished off the crappie dock at night and in deep structure near river channels. Channel and blue catfish are good on minnows, stink bait, liver and shrimp.

ARROWHEAD: Water clear; 70 degrees; 5' low; black bass are good on chartreuse crankbaits with an orange belly fished in 2 to 5 feet of water around Henrietta Bridge. Crappie are good on minnows fished in 5 to 8 feet of water around the dericks. White bass are good on minnows and chartreuse jigs fished in 5 to 8 feet of water around the dam with schooling. Striped bass are fair on silver spoons fished in 4 to 6 feet of water. Blue and channel catfish are good on cheesebait and cut shad fished in 4 to 8 feet of water. Yellow catfish to 26 pounds are fair on perch and large minnows fished in 7 to 14 feet of water.

COLORADO CITY: Water slightly stained; 72 degrees; 12.5' low; black bass are fair. White bass are fair on minnows and small crankbaits (better at night). Crappie are fair on minnows and small jigs fished off crappie docks. Red fish are good on live shad and perch. Catfish are good on shad and perch.

FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water slightly stained; 72 degrees; 13.5' low; black bass to 7.5 pounds are good on spinnerbaits fished in 2 to 5 feet of water. Crappie are slow on minnows and jigs fished in 5 to 6 feet of water. Sand bass are fair on small minnows and jigs fished in 3 to 4 feet of water. Hybrid strippers are good on shad and minnows fished in 7 to 10 feet of water. Blue catfish are excellent on minnows, shad and liver fished in 10 to 15 feet of water in the mouths of creeks. Yellow catfish are good on perch, carp and goldfish fished in 8 to 16 feet of water near the dam.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water clear; 76 degrees; 5' low; black bass are excellent on Carolina-rigs fished in 5 to 8 feet of water around grass beds. Crappie are good on minnows and small jigs fished in 15 to 18 feet of water around the dam and Henrietta Bridge. White bass are excellent on small minnows and slugs where they are schooling. No reports of hybrid strippers. Channel catfish are good on cheesebait fished in 3 to 5 feet of water in the mouth of Sandy creek. No reports of blue or yellow catfish.

KEMP: Water stained; 72 degrees; 3' low; black bass are fair on Flat-L-Trap fished in 2 to 5 feet of water. Sand bass are good on minnows fished in 2 to 5 feet of water. Crappie are poor on minnows fished in 4 to 5 feet of water. Striped bass are poor on live bait fished in 20 to 25 feet of water. Blue and channel catfish are excellent on worms, shrimp and punch bait fished in the mouth of the river. Yellow catfish are poor on trotlines baited with goldfish.

NASWORTHY: Water stained; 76 degrees; black bass are good on worms, jigs and spinnerbaits fished in 1 to 5 feet of water on reed beds. Crappie are poor on minnows and jigs fished in 5 to 5 feet of water. White bass are on small crankbaits and jigs where they are schooling. No reports on redfish or hybrid strippers. Channel and blue catfish are good on punch bait and cut bait fished in 5 to 10 feet of water. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with goldfish and perch.

NOCONA: Water stained; 82 degrees; 3.25' low; black bass to 7.25 pounds are good on purple worms and crankbaits fished in 5 to 20 feet of water. Crappie are good on chartreuse jigs and minnows fished in 15 to 25 feet of water. White bass and hybrid striped bass are excellent on lipless crankbaits and sandy shads fished in 5 to 15 feet of water with some schooling action. Channel and blue catfish are good on prepared baits and shad fished in 10 to 15 feet of water. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with perch and goldfish.

OKA CREEK: Water clear; 76 degrees; 10' low; black bass are good on plastic baits, crankbaits and minnows fished in 4 to 12 feet of water. White bass are excellent on minnows and jigs fished in 2 to 12 feet of water. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs fished in 4 to 12 feet of water. Blue and channel catfish are fair on stink bait, minnows, goldfish and liver. Yellow catfish to 28 pounds are good on perch, liver, goldfish, minnows and worms.

OH. RIVE: Water clear; 80 degrees; 8' low; black bass to 9 pounds are good on Carolina-rigged plastic baits fished in 20 to 30 feet of water on points in the main lake with some schooling action. Crappie are good at night on minnows and jigs fished in 40 feet of water along river channels. White bass are fair on top water baits and spoons fishing the day with some schooling activity and on slabs and minnows at night fishing under lights. Catfish to 60 pounds are good on trotlines baited with live bait.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear; 79 degrees; 1.5' low; black bass good on jigs and Power Worms fished in 5 to 20 feet of water. White bass are slow on minnows fished in 10 to 20 feet of water. Striped bass to 15 pounds are good on live shad fished in 20 to 30 feet of water. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs fished in 5 to 15 feet of water. Blue catfish to 20 pounds are good on cut shad, perch and Cheetos fished in 20 to 40 feet of water. Yellow catfish are slow on perch fished in 20 to 30 feet of water.

SPENCE: Water slightly stained; 74 degrees; black bass are good on minnows and top waters fished on points in the lake. White bass are excellent on small crankbaits fished in the main lake where they are schooling before 7AM and after 5PM. Crappie are slow on minnows fished in 12 to 15 feet of water on under water bluffs near Paint creek. Striped bass to 27 pounds are good on cut bait and live shad fished in 23 to 40 feet of water. Channel and blue catfish are excellent on minnows and nightcrawlers fished near the dam. Yellow catfish are good on perch and goldfish fished in the north end of the lake.

STAMFORD: Water stained; 70 degrees; 7' low; black bass are good on large minnows fished in shallow water pitching near large stumps. Crappie are poor on minnows fished in 10 to 15 feet of water. No reports of white bass. Yellow catfish to 35 pounds are excellent on trotlines baited with shiners, shad and perch. Channel catfish are good on trotlines baited with shad and perch. Blue catfish are excellent on punch bait and cut shad fished in 1 to 3 feet of water in the mouths of creeks with new water.

SWEETWATER: Water clear; 72 degrees; 11.5' low; black bass to 8 pounds are good on Carolina-rigs fished in 10 to 12 feet of water under water humps and with some top water action. No reports on Crappie. White bass are good on Rat-L-Trap and cast masters fished on points in the main lake where they are schooling. Blue and channel catfish to 8 pounds are good on stink bait in new water. No reports of yellow catfish.

TWIN BUTTES: Water stained; 75 degrees; black bass are fair on spinnerbaits and crankbaits fished in 1 to 8 feet of water along the dam and on dark colored plastic worms fished in cover up Middle Concho. White bass are poor on minnows and cast masters fished along the dam. Crappie are poor on small jigs and minnows fished in 5 to 10 feet of water in brush along the channels in Spring Creek and Middle Concho. Channel, blue and yellow catfish are good on trotlines baited with live perch.

WHITE RIVER: Water stained; 70 degrees; 8' low; black bass are fair on spinnerbaits and minnows. Crappie are fair on small minnows fished by the dam and in the river in 6 to 10 feet of water. No reports on walleye. Catfish are good on worms, minnows and chicken livers fished in the river.

Especially for kids and their families
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Summer is the Busiest Time!
The Emergency Room

Emergency rooms are special places in hospitals where people can get quick medical help. Some kids have accidents and are taken there. Others get sick and can't wait for an appointment with their doctor in his or her office. To find out what goes on in an emergency room -- or "ER," as it is often called -- The Mini Page visited Children's National Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

"I like working with kids," an ER doctor told us. He said that figuring out the medical problem is and deciding how to help is like being a detective.

A doctor turns to ask a parent questions.

Emergency room staffs include:

YOU BROKE IT. WE WILL GET IT.
Doctors, who make diagnoses and recommend treatments.

LET ME CHECK YOUR VITAL SIGNS.
Nurses, who gather information and help treat patients in the emergency room.

WHAT IS YOUR ADDRESS?
Secretaries and clerks, who register patients and keep records.



Two triage nurses take a patient's vital signs.

Emergency Registration (Triage)

A visit to the Emergency Room



"WE CAN GO HOME NOW."



"Your blood pressure, to tell you how hard your heart is pumping. (The nurse pumps the ball, which tightens the cuff around your arm a little.)"

"Your pulse, or the rate your heart is pumping."

"Triage" is a French word meaning "to sort." It's where you first sign in.

All emergency rooms are different, but here's what often happens in one. Since more urgent cases move ahead of others, you might have to wait. During triage, or when you register, nurses decide who is next in line. Try to answer questions as honestly as you can. The nurse will check your vital signs, including:

- how much oxygen you have in your blood.
- your temperature.
- You go to the waiting room and wait to see the doctor.
- When your turn comes, you go to an examination room. A doctor examines you and makes a diagnosis.
- You are sent home, or you are admitted to the hospital if you need further care.

In many cases, stitches are not needed to sew up cuts. A special skin glue does the job instead. It comes in a little tube.

The Mini Page's Countdown is a checklist of fun ideas designed especially for kids. Each idea includes a checklist, an illustration, and a list of materials. Send your ideas to: Mini Page Countdown, P.O. Box 41902, Kansas City, Mo. 64141. Make checks payable to Andrews McMeel Publishing.

Go dot to dot and color.

MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes
WHAT DO YOU CALL A FAIRY WHO NEVER TAKES A BATH?
STINKERBELLE!
Q: What bus sails the ocean?
A: Columbus!
Q: What do you give a sick bird?
A: Tweetment!
(sent in by John Lamphere)

Rookie Cookies Recipe
Alpha Betty's Apples
You'll need:
• 4 apples, cored
• 1/3 cup brown sugar
• 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
• 1/3 cup walnuts, chopped
• 1 cup water
What to do:
1. Place apples in an 8-by-8-inch baking dish.
2. In a small bowl, combine brown sugar and cinnamon. Mix well.
3. Add chopped walnuts. Mix well.
4. Fill each apple with equal amounts of brown sugar mixture.
5. Pour water around apples.
6. Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven for one hour.
Makes 4.

SUMMER SAFETY
Words that remind us of summer safety are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: SUMMER, HELMET, SEAT BELTS, WINDOWS, POOLS, FIREWORKS, FIRES, STRIPES, SUNBURN, HOT, TICKS, RABIES, BITES, HEAT, BURNS, AWARE, WARN.
A I U S U M M E R B W I A E P
B W I N D O W S J V C A J B O
F I R E S E R A W A H C R K O
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H S K C I T B U R N S T A E H

Mini Spy ...
Mini Spy and her friends are exercising early in the morning before it gets too hot. See if you can find:
• butterfly
• letter C
• word MINI
• fish
• elephant's face
• coffee pot
• frog
• letter U
• mushroom
• heart
• number 3
• caterpillar
• key • bell • bird • letter Y • question mark

What the doctor ordered Think Safety
An emergency room doctor told The Mini Page that avoidable injuries often happen when kids are having so much fun that they forget to play it safe.
Around the border are pictures of things that should make you think of a summer safety rule.
Use the pictures to finish the sentences below.
1. Drink lots of _____ so your body won't become dehydrated.
2. Watch out for broken glass and sharp objects when you go _____.
3. Do not lean on _____. You might fall out of a window if you do.
4. Be sure an adult is watching when you are swimming in a _____.
5. Be sure to wear long pants and long-sleeved shirts when walking in the woods to avoid _____.
6. Kids should never handle _____, even on the Fourth of July.
7. When you see _____ coming, seek shelter. If you are in the water, get out.
8. When the family is having a cookout, stay away from the _____ and never start the fire yourself.
9. Never stand up in a _____ so you won't tip over and fall in the water.
10. Do not pet or approach a _____ unless you have the permission of the owner.
11. When walking on _____, always keep the adults you are with in sight.
12. Rub on _____ when going out in the sun so you won't get sunburned.
13. Do not climb _____ and other high objects. You might fall.
14. Don't do too much _____ in the hot weather. Keep cool.
15. Wear _____ and _____ when out in the sun.
16. When crossing streets, obey the _____.
17. Always wear a _____ when cycling.
18. _____ are not playgrounds. Play in safe areas.
19. Fasten your _____ when traveling.
20. Learn to identify _____ so you won't catch something that makes you itch.
21. Take _____ so you will be safer around water.

WRITE the LETTER in the box

Look through your newspaper for stories about accidents. Discuss how they could have been avoided. Next week, read all about the Star-Spangled Banner.

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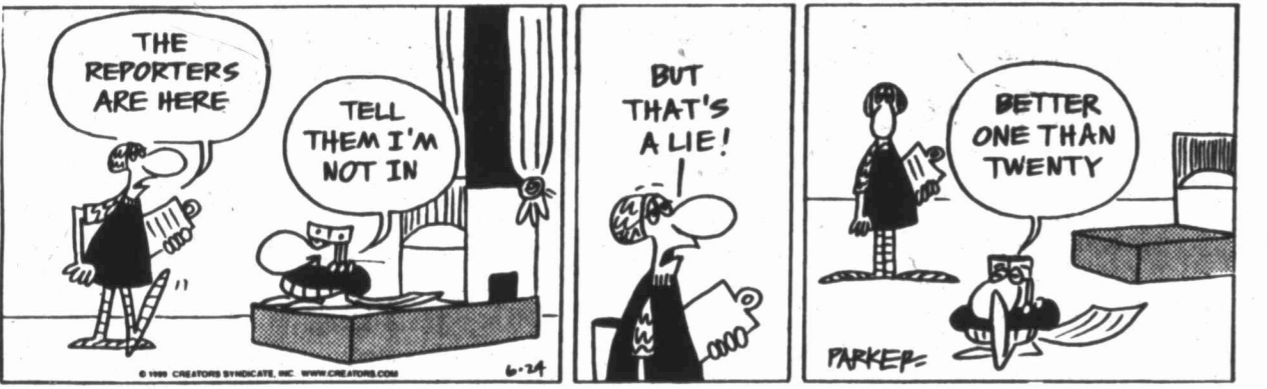
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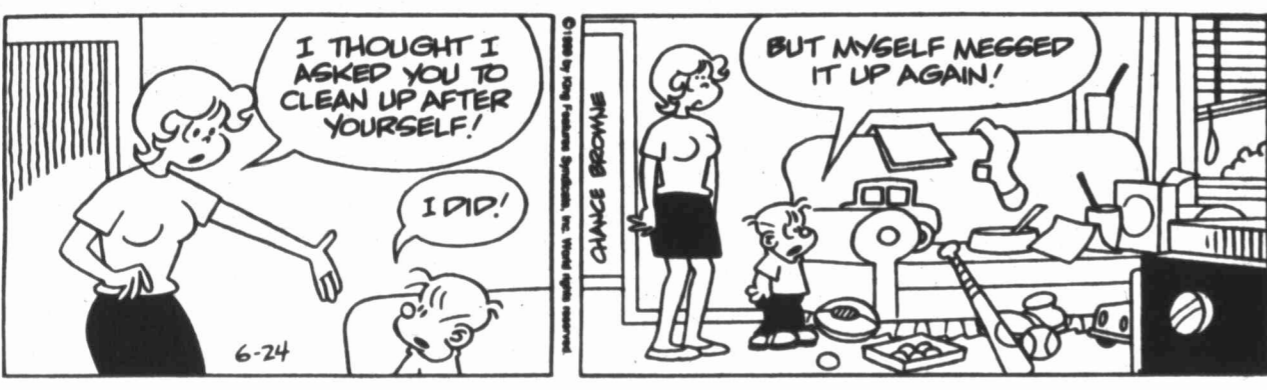
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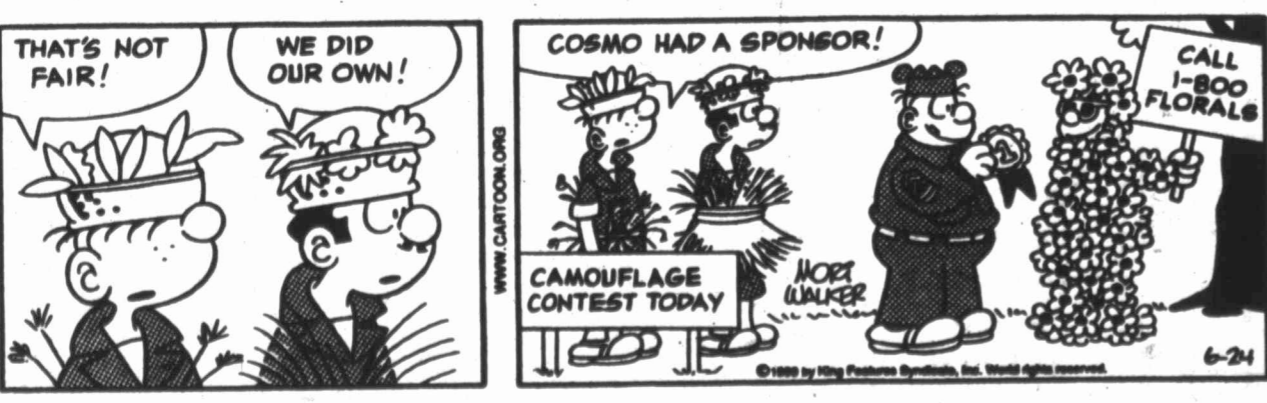
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The Associated Press Today is Thursday, June 24, the 175th day of 1999. There are 190 days left in the year.

THE Daily Crossword

- ACROSS 1 Actress Pinkett. 5 Spiral pin. 10 Catch. 14 Track shape. 15 Maiden in Koranic paradise. 16 Where the Inca ruled. 17 Tennis ranger? 19 Moon rovers, briefly. 20 Aviator Post. 21 Ducks and dodges. 23 Moreover. 26 Man of Graceland. 27 Atlanta team. 28 Calm. 29 Errand boy. 30 Tablelands. 31 Dickens hero. 34 Employ. 35 Helped. 36 Ms. Lisa? 37 Court divider. 38 Bury. 39 Thwarts. 40 Over thar. 42 French resort. 43 Swain. 45 Painter's board. 46 Merchant. 47 Impertinent. 48 Type of pasta. 49 Establish speed in tennis? 54 Behold, to Caesar. 55 Wax grandiloquent. 56 Graven image. 57 Very German. 58 Nostril. 59 Turner and Williams. 60 Perplexing problem. 28 Passover feast. 30 Corner joint. 32 Cove. 33 Out of fashion. 35 Ian of Jethro Tull. 36 Long/Hanks movie, with "The". 38 Concerning: Lat. 39 Erroneous. 41 More unctuous. 42 Converts into money. 43 Carpentry tools. 44 Clear a frosted windshield. 45 Page or LaBelle. 47 Christmas tree topper. 50 Historic time period. 51 Summer time quaff. 52 East coast cape. 53 Chicago transp.

On this date:

In 1314, the forces of Scotland's king, Robert Bruce, defeated the English in the Battle of Bannockburn. In 1497, explorer John Cabot spotted land, probably in present-day Canada - the first recorded sighting of North America by a European. In 1509, Henry VIII was crowned king of England. In 1793, the first republican constitution in France was adopted. In 1842, author-journalist Ambrose Bierce was born in Meigs County, Ohio. In 1908, the 22nd and 24th president of the United States, Grover Cleveland, died in Princeton, N.J., at age 71. In 1940, France signed an armistice with Italy during World War II. In 1948, the Republican National Convention, meeting in Philadelphia, nominated New York Governor Thomas E. Dewey for president. In 1968, "Resurrection City," a shantytown constructed as part of the Poor People's March on Washington D.C., was closed down by authorities. In 1987, comedian-actor Jackie Gleason died at his home in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., at age 71. Ten years ago: Following the crackdown on China's pro-democracy movement, Zhao Ziyang was deposed as Communist Party general secretary, and was replaced by Jiang Zemin. Five years ago: President Clinton struck out at his conservative critics and the media, complaining in a speech in St. Louis that unfair and negative reports about him were feeding a cynical mindset in America. One year ago: President Clinton left on a nine-day visit to China amid a swirl of controversy over his policy toward the Beijing government. AT&T Corp. struck a deal to buy cable television giant Tele-Communications Inc. for \$31.7 billion dollars.

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved



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