SUNDAY June 27, 1999



Community Guide to publish July 25; Information sought

The Big Spring Herald is in the process of updating information for its annual Community Guide, scheduled for publication on Sunday, July 25.

Deadline for providing updated information is noon on Wednesday, July 14.

The Community Guide is used as a year-long source of information on businesses by category, civic and service clubs, churches and a wide variety of other information.

Please provide us with any changes to last year's listing such as a new business address or change in club or organizatiuon contact or, in the case of churches, new pastors — in writing.

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.

We cannot be responsible for any information that is not updated.

Please fax the information 264-7205, attention Community Guide: drop it by the office at 710 Scurry, or mail it to: P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring. You can also reach e-mail jwalker@crcom.net.

To ensure accuracy, infortelephone.

WHAT'S UP...

MONDAY

☐ Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third.

TUESDAY

☐ Intermediate line dance classes, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center.

WEDNESDAY

Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room

□ Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

☐ Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center. Industrial Park.

WEATHER

Today:



TODAY

TONIGHT 67°-69° 100°-102°

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If you 'love a parade,' Saturday's a great day for one — make that two

Features Editor

If you'd like to celebrate the Fourth of July with a red, white and blue parade, you can choose from two this weekend. In Big Spring's Highland South neigh-

borhood, and in Coahoma, parades in honor of the patriotic holiday will both step off at 10 a.m. Saturday. The 31st annual Highland South

Fourth of July parade begins at the corner of Stonehaven and Highland streets, with participants lining up about 9:30

"We'd like this to be for the whole

"People can do just about whatever they want. We want this to be fun for every-

Wash said the parade will include walkers pushing strollers, kids on rollerskates, bicycles and tricycles, pets, golf cars and perhaps a horse or two. Most of the entrants will be decorated in patriot-

The parade proceeds down Highland west to Goliad, where everybody gathers for a brief service of prayer and music. At least 100 people are expected to join

"Most of the people will actually be in and return to the parking lot.

area," said organizer Kellie Wash. the parade," said Wash. "Kids really seem to enjoy it. That's what it's all about.'

> Anyone is welcome to join, simply by lining up in time. A Big Spring Fire Department engine will lead the proces-

In Coahoma, the Lions Club Freedom Parade begins at the high school football stadium parking lot. From there, a line of new and antique cars, church buses, Boy Scouts, motorcycles and kids on skates will proceed south on First to the north service road of IH-20, head east to Sixth, then north back to the high school

There will also be walkers, an ambulance and fire truck, and a variety of other floats and entries from community

groups, clubs and organizations. "We welcome anyone who wants to come join us," said Irene LeMarr, an organizer. "We do this to let everybody know we're proud to be Americans, and that we know how lucky we are.'

The club has some flags to share with spectators, and they are welcome to bring Old Glory along to wave, LeMarr added.

The Coahoma Fire Department will be

Weather sure

has changed

By JOHN H. WALKER

Managing Editor

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And while today's high is

forecast to reach 102 degrees,

the weather this year is nothing

According to the Herald files,

June 27, 1998 was the 12th con-

secutive day that the high tem-

perature had passed the century

mark — and it was the 21st day during the month that the high

temperature had reached at

By contrast, there have been

two days this year when the

Based on recorded high tem-

peratures at the USDA's Big

Spring Research Station, the

average high for the first 27

days of June 1998 was 103.6

degrees - compared to a 99-

But that's not all that has

Take the rainfall, for

While the 1999 year-to-date

total is still more than 1.5 inch-

es behind the 99-year average, it

is more than 1.5 inches ahead of

where the total stood a year ago.

before, during and after the cot-

Average rainfall for this time of the year is 8.17 inches while 6.39 inches have officially been

But farmers and ranchers

around the Crossroads Area

will tell you the official total

isn't close to what some have

dumped out of their rain gauges

And believe it or not, folks are

actually hoping for about three

weeks of dry weather before get-

"I'd like about three weeks

without any rain and with some

good heat," said Howard

County Extension Agent David

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And this year's rainfall has been more timely, falling just

high reached 100 degrees.

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What a difference a year

Last June 27, at 6 p.m., the

time and temperature display at

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Large crowd expected for Independence Day

Managing Editor

In just six days, more than 10,000 persons are expected to pack their way into the Comanche Trail Amphitheatre and Comanche

Trail Park for second the annual "Pops in the Park" celebration.

And as final preparations are being made for the performance, efforts

to raise the last of the money needed to pay

for the activities are ongoing. "As of Thursday noon, we had \$21,460 pledged and inhand," said project chairman Ben Bancroft. "We budgeted \$30,000 to cover all of the costs, so we're still looking at needing to raise \$8,540.

DAMRON

This year's program has been expanded from last year's effort and will include an opening performance by Allen Damron and a larger fireworks' display. Damron has played in the Big

Spring area several times — for... the West Texas Center for the Arts as well as both the Coahoma Community Concert **Series as well as the Crossroads** Community Concerts — and is well-known through the region.

Now 60. Damron is one of the founders of the world-renowned Kerrville Folk Festival and is a regular performer at the Institute of Texas Culture's Texas Folklife Festival.

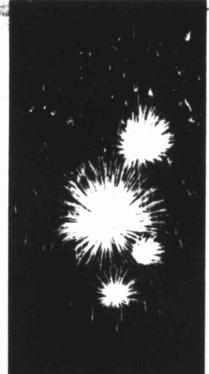
In addition, he has recorded more than 20 albums, cassettes and CD's, appeared in 10 movies — including James Michener's "Texas" and "Alamo, The Price Freedom."

Damron sings and tells stories about Texas history, gets the audience singing along and mixes in a variety of tunes for the kids, as well.

See POPS, Page 2A



More than 10,000 people filed into Comanche Trail Park last year for the Pops in the Park concert and fireworks show. This year's celebration promises to be even bigger, with entertainer Allen Damron joining the show. More fireworks are also planned.



Funding still being sought for Pops in Park program

HERALD Staff Report

With less than a week to go, the July 4 Foundation the organiza tion charged with planning, producing and paying for Saturday's upcoming



Pops in the Park, is more than \$8,000 short of its goal.

"We've budgeted \$30,000 for the program," explained chairman Ben Bancroft. "We'll have collection boxes at the

TO HELP Sendi checks to: Ben Bancroft, 1301 Gregg Street

79720 Amphitheatre for people to

make donations, but I don't want to have to rely on that . I'd like to have everything paid for when we open the gates.'

The Amphitheatre will be open for seating beginning at 4 p.m. and, according to the foundation's schedule, the concessions will open at 4:30.

See FUNDS, Page 2A



Lots of food, drinks and novelty items will be offered again this year at Comanche Trail Park.

The Harley Group decided to buy the imaging camera when member Jim Archer noticed a program about the camera on television, and mentioned it to the them.

"We got to talking to some of the firemen, and they brought in a video," said Barnett. "We watched about two minutes, and decided this was something we needed to do for the fire department."

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Lots of food and drink to be available Saturday

HERALD Staff Report

Don't you dare eat before you go to Comanche Trail Park on Saturday, for there's a wide variety of just about any and everything you could want. "We've gone from four food

booths last year to 16 this year," explained Pam Welch. Welch is a member of the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club, which coordinates the booths to ensure a variety of selections. Nachos? Got 'em.

Baked potatoes? Got 'em. Watermelon? Got 'em. In fact, no fewer than 20 different types of food will be offered for sale by the vendors. In addition, there'll be ice

cream, soft drinks, lemonade, ice tea, sno-cones and that staple of all staples, cold water for what promises to be a hot day. Also for sale will be T-shirts. visors, fold-out fans, 6-inch by

4-inch American flags, glow-inthe dark accessories and bal-Not enough? Then you can get your face painted or buy a

membership in the Hangar-25 Air Museum Concession booths will be

See **BOOTHS**, Page 2A

operated by the Big Spring



HOG focused on raising funds for thermal camera by September By ALLISON THOMAS A thermal imaging camera ing, we can find them a lot the Big Spring Mall. The fire now.'

Staff Writer

With a goal of \$18,000. the Harley Owners Group of Big Spring is still taking donations for a thermal imaging camera they are planning to buy for the Big Fire Spring Department.

BARNETT

uses heat-sensitive technology to allow firefighters to locate people in dark or smoky buildings. The camera senses body heat, so the firefighters can instantly determine if there are people located in a building. They can also "see" through walls with the camera to locate the source of the fire, therefore extinguishing it more quickly.

"A thermal imaging camera can sense all sorts of heat, including body heat. So if we need to find a person in a build-

have vision in smoke atmospheres and in the dark."

Not only for the fire department, the thermal imaging camera will be useful for the Big Spring Police Department. The police can use the heat-sensitive camera to find a lost child in trees, or to locate a criminal in

a building with minimal risk. In February, a thermal imaging camera was on display at

quicker," said Paul Brown of department and HOG arranged the Big Spring Firefighter's for ISG Thermal Systems, the Association. "It allows us to company that sells the cameras, to set up a demonstration. HOG members and firefighters visited with shoppers, and demonstrated how the camera works. The Harley Owner's Group

> hopes to raise the money by Sept. 10, the anniversary of the Harley Shop in Big Spring. "We're getting a little closer to our goal every day," said Barry

Barnett, a member of HOG. "We have just around \$12,000 right

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Mildred M. Atwell

Milded M. Atwell, 69, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, June 23, 1999, at a local hospital. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Monday, June 28, 1999, at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born April 12, 1930, in Brawley, Calif. and married Melvin C. Atwell on April 16, 1982 in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on Dec. 14, 1992.

Mrs. Atwell worked as a truck driver for Price Construction and was a member of World Wide Church of God

Survivors include one daughter, Donna Sexton of Timberon, N.M.; one son, Gary Christensen of Big Spring; and three grandchildren.

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

Henry C. Meurer

Henry C. Meurer, 91, of Fredericksburg and San Antonio, died Monday, June 21, 1999, at Morningside Manor in San Antonio.

Mass was held Wednesday. June 23, 1999, at St. Paul Catholic Church in San Antonio and Thursday, June 24, 1999, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Fredericksburg with the Rev. Phillip Henning officiating. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery in Fredericksburg.

Mr. Meurer is survived by daughters, Elizabeth Crenwelge of Big Spring, Helen Teague and Dottie Duecker, both of Fredericksburg, Emily Banks of San Antonio and Susan Meurer of Grapevine; a son, Fred Meurer of Englewood, Colo.; and a sister, Louise Verstuyft of San Antonio.

POPS

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He is one of only nine performers officially designated by the Texas Legislature as 'Goodwill Ambassador."

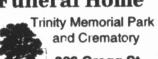
Following Damron's performance, there will be a brief intermission before the Boy Scouts of America and Vietnam Memorial Committee begin the parade of flags. Once the flags are in place, the Color Guard of Spring Department will present the colors as the national anthem is played.

The first portion of the performance by the Symphony and Chorale will include a variety of songs, ranging from patriotic to regional favorites, such as "The Yellow Rose of Texas" and "Deep in the Heart of Texas."

Special performances during



NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH **Funeral Home**



906 Gregg St.

(915) 267-6331 Mildred M. Atwell, 69, died

Graveside Wednesday. services will be 11:00 AM Monday at Trinity Memorial

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

Joe Q. Laijas, 72, died Thursday. His body has been transfered to Floresville, Texas for Rosary at 7:00 PM, Sunday in Vinyard Chapel. Funeral Mass will be 2:00 PM, Monday at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Stocdale, Texas, with burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

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the symphony and chorus' portion of the program will feature Michael Santorelli and Pam Moss singing "Summertime" and John Ross singing Lee Greenwood's "God Bless the U.S.A."

Other music planned for the evening includes Copeland's "Fanfare for the Common Man," and John Philip Sousa's "Washington Post March."

Also on schedule is the "1812 Overture," "This Land is Your "America Beautiful," "Bugler's Holiday," "Battle Hymn of the Republic," "America" and "God Bless

When the orchestra starts to play Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever," a huge, 12-foot high by 20-foot wide American flag made of 846 lances will be lighted and the final aerial display of the night will be launched.

The evening's activities are presented by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Big Spring Herald, Big Spring Symphony and City of Big

PARADES

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"passing the boot," collecting money for the fight against multiple sclerosis during the event.

The Lions will honor war veterans during the parade, and will choose a parade marshal to lead the procession. Also recognized will be Citizen of the Year and Lion of the Year.

To join the Freedom Parade, just gather at the football stadium parking lot in Coahoma

between 9-9:40 a.m. For more information about Highland's parade, call Kellie Wash at 263-0987. To find out more about Coahoma's parade. call LeMarr at 394-4424, Russell at 394-4277 or Pete at 267-1950.

HOG

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Raising money for the thermal imaging camera is not the first charitable project HOG has been involved in. Locally, the Memorial. Nationally, Harley Davidson is a big contributor to the fight against muscular dystrophy.

"The group was formed by Harley Davidson to fight the biker stereotype formed by Hollywood," said Barnett. "We're very family oriented."

Barnett said the purchase of a thermal imaging camera is something that will benefit the entire community. Use of the camera will significantly lower the amount of time firefighters need to search a smoke-filled room, therefore increasing their chances of saving people, he

Anyone who would like to contribute to the purchase of a thermal imaging camera may make their donations at the Harley Davidson Shop on West Third or the State National Bank at 901 Main.

ALLAN'S WEATHER FURNITURE 12 Months No Interest

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Not only has the rain proved beneficial to the cotton producers, but to the rancher as well

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BIG SPRING A ROUND THE TOWN

Greater Big Spring Rotary Club, Division 2 Girls Softball All-Stars, Hangar 25 Air Museum and Lee Cortex.

Demonstration by

Indians ends with

disturbance at store

PINE RIDGE, S.D. (AP) - A

Indian activists turned violent

Saturday as people ransacked a

store and set fires. Two news

photographers were roughed

The four-hour American

Saturday started peacefully in

Pine Ridge and ended with a

two-mile walk to nearby

At Whiteclay, a group of peo-

ple stormed VJ's Market and

threw soda pop, cigarettes and

other merchandise onto the

street. Two fires were also set

in the store but were quickly

Someone also threw rocks at

law officers when they arrived.

At least two news photogra-

phers were roughed up, includ-

ing one from the Los Angeles

Times, who had his camera and

The trouble apparently start-

ed when several people took

down the "Welcome to

Nebraska" sign at the border

and carried it down Whiteclay's

At the rally, three of the

nation's best-known American

Indian activists said Saturday

they intend to respond to racial

tensions along the South

including taking back part of

northern Nebraska that is legal-

ly part of the Pine Ridge Indian

Russell Means, Dennis Banks

and Clyde Bellecourt said the

rally was aimed at calling atten-

tion to alleged anti-Indian prej-udice and racism which they

allege has contributed to the

unsolved slayings of Indians

The editor of the Star-Herald in Scottsbluff, Neb., Steve

Miller, said he had gotten a call

on Saturday from someone in

Pine Ridge who threatened to

"take over the town" unless

Nebraska Gov. Mike Johanns

"The governor doesn't deal with demands," said Chris Peterson, a spokesman for

Johanns. "Making a demand

that the governor travel two

miles or two hours seems fool-

ish, considering the governor's

open-door policy. His home

phone number is listed and he

is always willing to listen and

The rally took place less than

two weeks before a scheduled

along the state line.

arrived by Sunday.

work with people.'

Dakota-Nebraska border

Movement rally

Continued from Page 1A For more information concerning concessions, call Welch Singer/songwriter/storyteller 264-6032. Permits are Allen Damron will take the required for the booths to be in stage at 6 p.m., followed by the the park on Saturday. symphony and chorale at 8:30.

Indian

Whiteclay, Neb.

extinguished.

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Reservation.

The program is scheduled to conclude at 10:20 p.m. with the playing of John Philip Sousa's 'Stars and Stripes Forever," the lighting of a 20-by-12 American flag made out of 846 lances and the launching of the final aerial display.

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to keep lawns alive.

FUNDS

One downside to the rain and cooler temperatures is that the

city is losing a source of revenue with reduced water sales

'We received excellent financial support from the community last year," Bancroft said. According to *Herald* files, more than 100 persons donated in excess of \$27,000 prior to the start of the program last year.

Through Thursday, 45 businesses, organizations and individuals had made monetary contributions and pledges to the program totaling \$21,460. Of that, \$19,440 was in-hand and \$2,020 was receivable.

Individual donors include Ben Bancroft: Charles Beil: John Freeman; Bertis Harris; Doris and Harlan Huibregtse; Dr. James Mathews; Dr. Billy Owen; Daryl Powell; Myra Robinson; Dr. Marc Schwarz: Gene Stokes; Hayes Stripling Jr.; Dan Wilkins and Jerry Worthy.

Business and organizational donors include Big Spring New Car Dealers; Big Spring Symphony Guild; City of Big Spring; Big Spring Convention and Visitors Bureau; Delta Lightning Arrestors; 87 Auto Sales: Fiesta Dodge and Fina.

Also, First Bank of West Texas; Greater Big Spring Rotary Club; Hamby and Hamby; Herman's Restaurant: HEB; K-C Steak House; Lee, Revnolds and Welch: Leonard's Pharmacies; Mouton & Mouton; Nalley-Pickle & Welch and **Neighbors Auto Sales.**

Also, Parks Agency; Partee Drilling; Ponderosa Restaurant; group was very involved in the Saunders Company; Seenic Kid's Zone project, and also contributed toward the Huey heli-copter display at the Victoriam 1 Pest Control, State National Bank; TCA Cable TV; TXU; Veterans of Foreign Wars and

> WesTex Auto Parts. Persons, businesses or organizations wishing to make a contribution to Pops in the Park may do so by sending their check in care of Ben Bancroft, 1301 Gregg St., 79720.

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Area Sports Committee, Jodeky, St. Thomas Youth Club, Trinity

Baptist Youth and T.J. Castle. Also, Big Spring Symphony Guild, Big Spring Family YMCA, St. Paul Lutheran Church, LOBO and the Big

Spring Humane Society. visit by President Clinton to the Also, Scenic-Cactus Chapter reservation, which includes ABWA, ReeAnn McKinnon,

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TEXAS LOTTERY

LOTTO: 19,22,32,40,48,49 Lottery numbers are unofficial until confirmed by the state lottery commission.

Shannon County, one of the poorest in the nation. A reservation villages, Oglala, was hit by tornadoes earlier this month that killed one man and destroyed about 160 buildings.

Means, Banks and Bellecourt want the presidential trip to include discussion of issues other than poverty.

'You will respond to a tornado. Why don't you respond to the tornado of murders?" demonstration by American Bellecourt yelled at the several hundred people.

SUPPORT GROUPS

SUNDAY

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting. •NA 8 p.m., St. Mary's

Call 268-4189 (pager no.). MONDAY •TOPS Club (Take off pound sensibly), weigh-in 5 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m., College

Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.

Heights Christian church, 21st arrested at 177 WB for possesand Goliad. Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of physical/emotional/sexual

of upcoming groups. Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

and/or spiritual abuse. Call 263-

5140 or 263-2241 for dates/times

•Encouragers Support Group (formerly Widow/Widower support group) will meet Monday, June 7, at 6 p.m. at Furr's Cafeteria. They will also meet Monday, June 21, at 6 p.m., at the First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Runnels (enter through the north door), for a covered dish dinner. Bring a covered dish. •Alzheimer's support group, 7

Lancaster, first Mondays of each month. Call Galynn Gamble at 263-1271. The topic for June 7 will be on "Losing It" •Narcotics Anonymous, 6 3 - JOANN LEDEZMA; 17; was n m. St. Mary's Enisconal

p.m., Canterbury South, 1700 N.

Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.) Alzheimer's support group,

6:30 p.m., Marcy House, 2301 Wasson. Call 268-9041. Association of Retarded

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

Support, sponsored by Howard County Mental Health Center, meets the fourth Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at 409 Runnels, Clyde Alsup Building. AMI meeting to follow. For more information call 263-0027 or 267-7220.

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



REUNIONS

STANTON CLASS OF 1959 is planning a reunion. The following is a list of missing classmates. If anyone knows any information on these classmates, please call Jonnie Foreman at (915)682-5897 or Bobby Shipp at (806)935-4365.

Carl Phillips, Pat Henderson, Floyd Rice, Robert Whitaker, Eldon white, Mary Maxey, Elizabeth Caldwell, James Caldwell, Don Cargile, Jimmy Cornelius, Jimmy England, and Pat Duke.

POLICE

Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Friday and 3 p.m. Saturday.

• MARWAN NASER, 35, was sion of marijuana.

 ERNEST CLARK, age unavailable, was arrested in the 600 block of West Fourth for public intoxication. LETISHA RUIZ, age

unavailable, was arrested in the 1600 block of 17th for driving while license suspended. • MANUEL BAEVA, 18, was

arrested in the 700 block of Johnson on county warrants. YVETTE TALAMANTEZ, 19, was arrested in the 400 block

 RENE VILLA, age unavailable, was arrested in the 400 block of East Fourth on county. warrants.

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 ALICELIS SUAREZ, age unavailable, was arrested at

1002 Main on county warrants. DEBBIE LACKEY, age unavailable, was arrested at 1901 N. Hwy. 87 for public intoxaction!action

arrested at 201 W. Marcy for

 MINOR ACCIDENTS were reported in the 1200 block of Gregg and at 1095 Wasson Road. CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was investigated at 1211 E. 19th.

DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was investigated at 4201 Oak, the 1300 block of Elm, 1202 E. Third and the 1100 block of Gregg.





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Immigration officials say they didn't know Rafael Resendez-Ramirez was wanted for questioning about three murders in Texas and one in Kentucky when they took him into custody early this month in the El Paso area and then let him go.

"He was processed as one of the approximately 1.5 million illegal immigrants captured by the Border Patrol in the Southwest every **Immigration and Naturalization** Service spokesman Russ Bergeron said Friday. "At the time he was in the custody of the Border Patrol, they didn't have any information on his criminal record or of any out-

ply treated like any other illegal immigrant and repatriated."

It appears he did not remain in Mexico long.

Two days after his June 2 release, authorities believe he killed a 73-year-old woman in Fayette County, west of Houston. The following day, they believe he killed a 26-yearold Houston schoolteacher at her home.

His fingerprints then were found June 15 in Gorham, Ill., at the scene of the murder of an 80-year-old man and his 52-yearold daughter.

Charged in the Illinois slayings and wanted for questioning in the other six, Resendez-

standing warrants. He was sim- Ramirez this week earned a Hispanic man with a slight at least 30 aliases, with other connection with a Kentucky spot on the FBI's 10 Most Wanted list.

At least 200 investigators are on an FBI task force based in Houston trying to capture him. A \$125,000 reward has been post-

"I'm comfortable now, since the task force is ongoing, that the immigration service is aware he is wanted," Don K. Clark, head of the investigation, said Friday.

"Mr. Ramirez has not slipped through our fingers. This is another piece of lead information for us. We're acting on it as soon as we got it, and we've just gotten the photograph ...

said. "I don't think it's a blow to our investigation. Clearly we would like to have him right this minute. We would have liked to have him some time ago, but what it does do is give us the most current photograph

mustache, was made after he

was picked up by the Border

Patrol at Sunland Park, N.M.,

"I'm not going to discuss

whether it was a mechanical

error or an error at all." Clark

then deported to Mexico.

hopes somebody may have seen this person.' Earlier photographs show Resendez-Ramirez, considered a

we can get out to the public in

facial hair, or clean shaven and sometimes wearing glasses.

Officials say in each of the murder cases tied to him, the victims lived near railroad tracks. He's believed to traverse the country aboard freight

He has a history of slipping into the United States illegally since 1976, has served state prison time in New Mexico and Florida and had been deported previously at least four times.

Clark noted that when the mugshot photograph was made, his FBI task force, organized June 8, was not yet in business. But Resendez-Ramirez already was wanted for questioning in murder in 1997, a West University slaying in 1998 and two in Weimar in April.

Clark refused to blame the INS for releasing Resendez-Ramirez but acknowledged some frustration when learning late Thursday the man had been picked up and released.

"I don't think you want to know," Clark replied when asked what he said upon learning about the recent custody of the wanted man.

"All I say is that I'm happy that I do have this photograph and that the investigators on the ground do have this photograph so that maybe it'll help us catch up with him."

The INS mugshot, showing a master of disguise and user of Reeling from hogtying incident, neighborhood sees officers' firing as just

Wiggs said her Fort Worth northside neigborhood blazed some trails during the city's growth over the past half centu-

The 69-year-old retiree said the Diamond Hill community she's lived in for decades was the first to serve hot lunches at its public schools and one of the first to see a boom in Hispanic residents.

It also was the first Fort Worth neighborhood where Mexican immigrants were able to purchase lots and build houses in the 1920s and 1930s, she

"It's been a first in a lot things," Ms. Wiggs said Friday, standing in her front yard. Her modest, single-story home was

aging tract homes.

'This is an old neighborhood ... but it's, a quiet place," she

Diamond Hill, also called La Loma — Spanish for "The Hill" now lays claim to another benchmark event: site of one of the worst police brutality incidents in Fort Worth's recent history.

Five city police cops were fired last week for hogtying a man on New Year's Day in La Loma, leaving him tied up until the moments surrounding his death and then conspiring to cover up the incident for more than five months.

"It's a sad day for me and for the department," Fort Worth police chief Thomas Windham

FORT WORTH (AP) - Pat surrounded by rows of other said. He said the force had said he couldn't remember any never endorsed or taught the hogtying technique, which is believed to have caused the death of 31-year-old Luis Enrique Hernandez.

"We were shocked that these officers could have done this, and we were equally shocked that they covered it up," Windham said.

Many residents of Diamond Hill said they were surprised the lethal force incident happened in their usually-quiet neighborhood.

Ms. Wiggs said police are rarely called to the area. One Hispanic man, who was walking La Loma's streets on Friday, said he'd lived there since 1961.

The man, who would only give his first name as "Art,"

other incident before this year where city cops had treated neighborhood residents badly whether white, black or

"Fort Worth police are good, I couldn't find any complaints with them," the man said. "I think what happened here was

just an isolated incident." The lethal force charges led to the firing of officers David N. Stefanos, 30, an eight-year veteran; David P. Alkins, 27, who was commissioned in October 1995; Linn William Goodman, 27. an officer for slightly more than a year; Hector Luis Melendez, 28, also with a year on the job; and John R. "John-John" Ornelas, 25, an officer since December 1995.

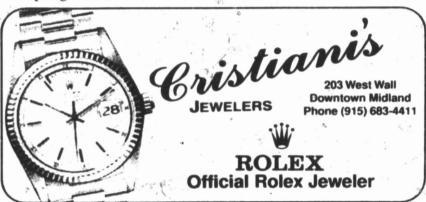
Explorer Post scout who was on a ride-along with the officers at the time, has been implicated in the cover-up. His application to the police academy has since been rejected, the chief said. Windham said the fired cops

hogtied Hernandez after responding to a call at about 2:30 p.m. that the suspect had assaulted a neighbor's teen-age

Hernandez, who suffered from the mental disorder schizophrenia, struggled with officers attempting to interview him. He

Sterling Gilliland, a Police forced to lie face down on the sidewalk while the cops handcuffed him behind his back and then locked the cuffs to leg restraints around his ankles.

"It was awful," said Hernandez's sister, Gricelda Luna, who witnessed the event. Mrs. Luna said she came into into the kitchen after the police arrived and found her brother pinned to the floor by several officers. She retreated to another part of the house before going outside, where she saw him lying hogtied and lying face



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DALLAS (AP) — The automatic stay provision of the 1996 federal Prison Litigation Reform Act was upheld by an appeals court that overturned a prior ruling declaring it unconstitutional.

The case arose as part of Texas' attempt to dissolve the 1992 settlement ending two decades of supervision ordered in 1981 by U.S. District Judge William Wayne Justice of

"The impact of this decision is legal, not practical," inmates' attorney Donna Brorby of San Francisco said Friday after the ruling was released by the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans.

"This is about the state's motion under the PLRA to have the final judgment automatically stayed ... pending a ruling on the motion to terminate the final judgment," she said.

Inmate David Ruiz' lawsuit challenging the system's constitutionality was filed in 1974 and was tried starting in 1978. Following Justice's ruling, the state initiated a prison building boom and made other improve-

A settlement negotiated in 1992 ended active federal supervision, but the state in 1996 attempted to wipe the books clean, Ms. Brorby said.

Justice issued a 167-page ruling on March 1 that said the settlement would remain in place.

The judge acknowledged that the prison system, "through the sometimes strained partnership with the representatives of the inmate plaintiffs in this civil action, has dramatically overhauled its prison system."

But the judge said prison offiensuring protection for inmates while they're behind bars.

"Texas prison inmates contin-

is incomprehensible to most of the state's free-world citizens,' Justice wrote.

Justice added that there continue to be problems with violent prison guards, and he said the system's administrative seg-

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His ruling was also appealed to the 5th Circuit and any final resolution would be subject to the PLRA, which was passed years after the settlement was reached, Ms. Brorby said.







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OUR VIEWS

Bang-up time planned in the park Saturday

aturday in Big Spring will be a special day

indeed. That's because much of the community

will turn out to celebrate the Fourth of July

Our celebrations begin with two parades stepping off

at 10 a.m. — one in Coahoma, another in the Highland

South neighborhood. That evening, everyone can head

out to Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater, to once

again recognize our freedom and show our patriotism

Thanks to a group of local volunteers and corporate

sponsors, our Pops in the Park will be a celebration of

food, music and fireworks unequaled anywhere in the

area. In fact, as they did last year, people from all over

West Texas are expected to flock to Big Spring for this

It will begin at 6 p.m. with a show by Texas singer-

songwriter Allen Wayne Damron, singing Texas

After Damron's performance, the Big Spring

Symphony and Chorus will take the stage. Chorus

director Stan Hanes will lead a group of singers that

is expected to total about 50 this year. Some special

performers will also sing familiar songs in the spirit

They include Michael Santorelli and Pam Moss with,

'Summertime," and John Ross with Lee Greenwood's

Topping off the night's festivities will be a fireworks

display that promises to be "impressive" to say the

least, lighting up the summer sky for half an hour or

more. Nothing is more traditional at this time of year

than fireworks, and this way, children of all ages can

In addition, vendors are lined up to serve a variety

of food, from nachos and hamburgers to barbecue and

burritos in the area around the amphitheater.

Parking, always a challenge for an event of this mag**hitude, is being planned to increase accessibility.**

In short, this is the event of the summer. You don't want to miss it. Watch for updates in the Big Spring

Herald later in the week, and make your plans now to

The concert and fireworks are sponsored by the City

of Big Spring, the Big Spring Area Chamber of

Commerce, the Big Spring Symphony and Chorus, and

the Big Spring Herald. Anyone who can make a dona-

tion to support Pops in the Park should send it to The

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OTHER VIEWS

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"I guess that families in my

district and across the country

will rest easier this weekend,'

Rep. Diana DeGette, D-Colo.,

told the House sarcastically,

"knowing that we're posting

the Ten Commandments in

schools and passing a youth

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According to Rep. Bob Barr.

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of summer and the Fourth of July.

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holiday — a day early.

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Crotchets & Irks opens

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Carol K. Parr of Saginaw, Mich., asks a blanket injunction against the well-padded adverb.

Granted! The court condemns "revert back," "remand back," "descend down" and their ilk. Twenty-two readers of The Cincinnati Enquirer sent the court a headline in March: 'Where's Martin's Mind At?" Aaargh! These are the easy

A second category also may be handled by summary judgment. There is no excuse for "8 a.m. in the morning" and "ATM machine." To say that a sailboat is moving at 7 knots

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per hour is not merely redundant, it's wrong. A knot is a unit of speed equal to about 1.15 statute miles per hour.

The court will decline to enter an injunction banning ALL unnecessary words. Some redundancies are benign. Lighten up! The court has vacated its injunction against 'nape of the neck" and "jugular vein." (The nape is part of the neck; all jugulars are by definition veins.) A restraining order will continue in force against "old adage," "small hamlet" and "sweet confec-

Questions of redundancy have come to the court before. A year ago, reader Tom Stave of Eugene, Ore., sent in a list of 89 shoulder-padded phrases. He began with "aid and abet" and wound up with "wrack and ruin." He wondered why some linkages have become entrenched. What is gained by "cease AND DESIST," "first AND FOREMOST" and "null AND VOID"?

Mr. Stave had an explanation: "We enjoy them because we are all poets at heart, and love to produce rhythms in our speech." The court concurs.

On that score, the court will hear a motion from Sam Laird of Hobe Sound, Fla., to ban the redundant "on." He complains: "Every time I read a sentence such as 'Court will adjourn ON Friday,' it brings me up short, as if I had just encountered a

Reader Laird waxed wroth: "Why do reporters always feel the need to write, 'The game will be played ON Saturday'? Why can't they just write, 'The game will be played Saturday'? What, I ask, does the word 'on' add to the sentence? News writing should be clear and concise and not cluttered up with unnecessary words.

The court inquires, what does "up" add to "cluttered

Two readers petition separately for a ban on "if you will." Joe Thrailkill of West Chester, Ohio, registers a vehement objection: "I hear 'if you will' most from people who pretend to be intellectual, and it comes across as pretentious and annoying. It drives me crazy." James J. Pillar of Urbana, Ill., agrees: "Whenever I hear 'if you will,' I think, 'What if I won't?'

The court will deny the petitions. As a general proposition, pared-down prose is better than sprawled-out prose, but there is a place for the casual phrase. We ought to pause now and then to smell the coffee. No rule of composition prohibits an occasional seventh-inning stretch. "If you will" is a harmless manifestation of parliamentary courtesy, a squirt of oil on the gears of speech.

H.L. Brockman of Charlotte, N.C., is irked by "I myself once believed in flying saucers" and

Court of peeves, crotchets now in session "the editor himself messes up on syntax." The court will issue an admonitory word against the marsupial reflexive - the kind of pronoun that just sort of hangs on. The construction works when special emphasis is required, but the intensifier often is unneces-

> In their commendable effort to write prose that is trimmed of fat, some writers leave out too much. Arthur J. Veser of Cincinnati is irked by a sportswriter who covers horse racing: "Perhaps Churchill Downs' most obscure use came in spring 1918, in the middle of World War I, when potatoes were grown in the infield."

Reader Veser would emend the sentence to read, "in THE spring OF 1918," and the court would concur in his recasting. Our British friends regularly dispense with articles. One goes to hospital or attends university. It sounds herky-jerky to American ears, as if we were speaking Western Union. Been there. Stop. Done that.

The court often cites Professor Will Strunk: "Use no unnecessary words." It is sound advice. But writers should keep in mind the music of language.

Trills and turns and grace notes are not always redundant. They may be as necessary to a concerto as the bang of a cymbal at the end.



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Phone: 1-800-252-8011. What a difference a couple of decades make

y most embarrassing moment and a treasured possession are inextricably linked by a well-meant ges-

ture. Mother knew someone who could get Harper Lee to autograph a copy of "To Kill a Mockingbird." It is one of my favorite books, plus

I'd lived and worked at the

RHETA GRIMSLEY **JOHNSON**

newspaper in Harper Lee's hometown of Monroeville in 1975 and '76. Inside the book, on an enve-

lope, my mother, normally not a presumptuous woman, suggested that Harper Lee write: "To Rheta Johnson From Harper Lee, one author to another.

Harper Lee scribbled an addendum: "I don't know her, and don't know what she's written - HL.'

The book she signed, "Best

The old Lee home on South Alabama Avenue is gone now, was gone in 1976. The house next door, where a young Truman Capote lived with his aunt, is long gone, too. They cut down the Boo Radley oak the year I lived in Monroeville; its limbs were diseased. After a new courthouse was built in 1962, there was even a move to raze the 1903 model next door the courthouse with the courtroom that Hollywood set designer Henry Bumstead used as the movie's model.

To tell the truth, other than the mention of Harper Lee's name or her book in a few private conversations, you didn't hear much about

"Mockingbird" during that Bicentennial year. But then I was much about the weekly newspaper business, going along with Monroe County Sheriff Lynwood Sager when he'd discover a moonshine still and hack it to pieces for the camera, writing feature stories on the first cotton bloom of the season or the paper mill that was coming.

Steve Stewart was editor of the paper then. His father, Bill. and a partner bought The

Monroe Journal in 1947 from Amasa Coleman Lee, Harper Lee's father and some say the inspiration for Atticus Finch. Lee was a lawyer, a state politician and the newspaper editor

for 18 years. Steve told me how Harper Lee had spoken to his sixthgrade class after winning the Pulitzer. I remember looking up the front page from the week Harper Lee won the

Alice Lee, Harper's sister and a distinguished lawyer, used to give me rides home from the Planning Commission meeting. I never once dared to ask her a question about Harper. People had warned me she didn't talk to reporters about her famous sister.

The county's prevailing industry was Vanity Fair, which made underwear. "To Kill a Mockingbird" was a footnote, even a point of irritation with some locals. There were usually a couple of copies for sale at the Christian bookstore on the square. That's about it.

What a difference a couple of decades make. Today in the old courthouse there's a sign that says "The Literary Capital of

Alabama," and the courtroom museum features Lee and Capote. A local troupe performs a play based on the movie to a packed house each spring. Vanity Fair has "downsized," and tourism plays a big part in the local economy.

The book's Tom Robinson character, the black man falsely accused of rape, is portrayed each year by real-life County Commissioner Charlie McCorvey Jr., whose father is the longtime courthouse janitor. I spy Charlie in his Tom Robinson outfit in the Texaco when I'm leaving town. (He's in costume to pose for promotional pictures.)

Today, murals with scenes from the classic brighten the sides of old buildings all over town; there's even a giant mockingbird perched over a used car lot.

One thing remains exactly the same. Harper Lee is an inaccessible genius who divides her time between New York and her sister's house in Monroeville.

You might not get it signed exactly as your mother would like, but today, at least, you can find the book and buy it in Monroeville.

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Current high court term shows how crucial next justice will be

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court's 5-4 commitment to giving states more power at the federal government's expense grew more intense in its 1998-99 term. The hardening split, identical to the court's rift over the role of race in American life, emphasized the enormous impact the next president could have with just one appointment.

The just-completed term saw Sandra Day O'Connor and Anthony M. Kennedy, who wield great power from court's ideological center, join the more conservative Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas to dramatically enhance states' rights by eroding Congress' power.

Their more liberal colleagues -John Paul Stevens, David H. Souter, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen G.

Breyer — joined in dissent as a decade-states' sovereign immunity in sweeplong trend continued.

The same division developed in previous terms in a series of rulings that curtailed racial affirmative action when election districts are drawn and government money is spent.

"The next presidential election means a great deal for the Supreme Court's future," said Douglas Kmiec, a Pepperdine University law professor. "The current cast of justices is so closely balanced in terms of ideology that whoever gets elected in 2000 could be deciding the court's philosophy for

the next decade or more.' None of the court's members appears to be contemplating imminent retirement. Stevens is 79, and Rehnquist will turn 75 before the court returns to the

bench in October. In three rulings, the court invoked

ing terms to shield them from being sued by individuals or businesses who claim a state or one of its agencies has violated some federal right. An act of Congress could not trump such immunity, the court said as it banned, among others, private lawsuits against states to enforce patent, trademark or copyright protections.

Other cases focusing on individual rights yielded mixed results.

The court, by striking down a Chicago ordinance, limited cities' authority to use anti-loitering laws to rein in street-gang dominance of terrified neighborhoods

In other law-and-order decisions, the justices said police can search the personal belongings of all passengers in a car whose driver is suspected of possessing illegal drugs.

But the court barred officers from searching people and their cars after merely ticketing them for routine traffic violations.

On personal privacy, the court ruled that short-term guests in someone's home have no constitutional protection against unreasonable police searches. It also ruled, however, that police cannot let TV camera crews and other news media accompany them when they enter someone's home to make an arrest or conduct a search.

Other major decisions, in summary **SEX HARASSMENT**

—School districts can be sued, under a federal law that bans discrimination in educational programs receiving federal money, when officials ignore serious sexual harassment against students by other students.

-Statistical sampling, said to make up for traditional undercounting of racial minorities, cannot be used in the 2000 census to determine how many members of Congress each state is enti-

FREE SPEECH

-The federal government cannot ban full casino advertising in its effort to protect compulsive gamblers. The court said the federal ban unlawfully interfered with truthful commercial speech.

-Victims of on-the-job discrimination can collect punitive damages from employers without proving "egregious" conduct, but employers cannot be forced to pay awards intended to punish them if their managers' misconduct went against the employers' bid to maintain a bias-free workplace.

Watergate-era law set to expire Wednesday due to lack of support

by-side in rare harmonious, over Clinton's impeachment agreement, President Clinton, Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr and Congress will watch the law that led to a presidential impeachment disappear on Wednesday.

The law's political and legislative legacy will live on for years, however.

Clinton, the nation's second impeached president, still has 18 months left in his term. Starr's investigation continues. The debate on Capitol Hill over who should investigate future charges against senior government officials is unresolved.

After 21 years, nearly as many independent counsel investiga- year investigation united other-

trial, lawmakers are not inclined to plunge into that debate.

Congress decides, Until Justice Department investigators will look into any such

"The environment is too politically complicated," said one of the law's original sponsors, Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich.

He insists the government cannot be trusted to investigate itself. Nonetheless, he acknowledged in a recent interview. "We need to give it a bit of a

Starr's unprecedented five-

WASHINGTON (AP) — Side-tions, and white-hot hostilities wise fierce political enemies in the notion that the law that empowered Starr is fatally

Starr stunned lawmakers of both parties in April when he adopted even his staunchest enemies' disdain for the statute. He blamed public outrage over his tactics on the structure of

"If politicization and the loss of public confidence are inevitable, then we should leave the full responsibility where our laws and traditions place it, on the attorney general," he said. The statute, he added, was "constitutionally dubious" and left room for abuse by counsels empowered by it.

Republicans had been making would much prefer to handle cal way to fire overzealous that case for years, particularly, during Lawrence Walsh's investigation of charges that the Reagan White House sold arms to Iran and diverted the proceeds to the Nicaraguan Contras.

But it was Starr's \$50 million investigation of Clinton, which moved from the president's land dealings to his statements under oath about an affair with Monica Lewinsky, that convinced Democrats, too.

"I voted for it. I made a mistake," the Senate's top Democrat, Tom Daschle of South Dakota, told reporters last week. "I believe it was wellintended, but misguided. I

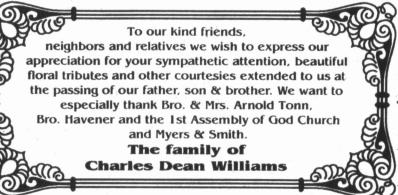
(these) matters in the future within the Department of Justice."

Lawmakers complain the law does not hold such prosecutors accountable for the money they spend or the tactics they use, providing no politically practi-

counsels.

In the absence of an independent counsel law, such investigations will revert to the Justice Department, where they were handled when the "Saturday Night Massacre" occurred.

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White House readies blitz on Medicare overhaul

WASHINGTON (AP) — ment in the next couple of Medicare and Social Security President Clinton dropped a decades, while adding a costly plan to charge well-to-do older people higher Medicare premiums, and White House and Cabinet officials are readying a still-secret Medicare overhaul.

Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala and Friday, a White House official top White House economic said. adviser Gene Sperling were being dispatched to TV's Sunday morning talk shows in the details, this official said an effort to build anticipation Saturday, and they were

prescription drug benefit, are being accorded a Rose Garden debut Tuesday.

Tough decisions on how to public relations blitz on his pay for billions of dollars worth of changes to the retiree health care program were completed

But only a handful of the president's closest advisers knew for Clinton's Medicare proposal: ordered to let Clinton make the

Elvis impersonators, soccer moms, grandparents. Anyone!

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reform as part of his historical legacy.

To that end, he abandoned one plan Friday that could have doomed him to failure: A proposal that would have, for the first time in Medicare's 34-year history, charged 39 million elderly and disabled beneficiaries different amounts for coverage of doctors' office visits and other outpatient medical care, depending on income.

Currently, those premiums — \$45.60 a month in 1999 - are the

baby boom generation's retire he hopes to achieve major anonymity, said administration

officials floating the so-called "means testing" on Capitol Hill last week ran into too much opposition from both Democrats and Republicans to keep it as a viable part of Clinton's plan.

At Vice President Al Gore's urging, the official said, Clinton also scrapped a proposal to charge Medicare patients for home health services.

Under current law, Medicare pays the full cost of such services as part-time or intermittent skilled nursing for the treatment of homeb Details of how the president announcement himself.

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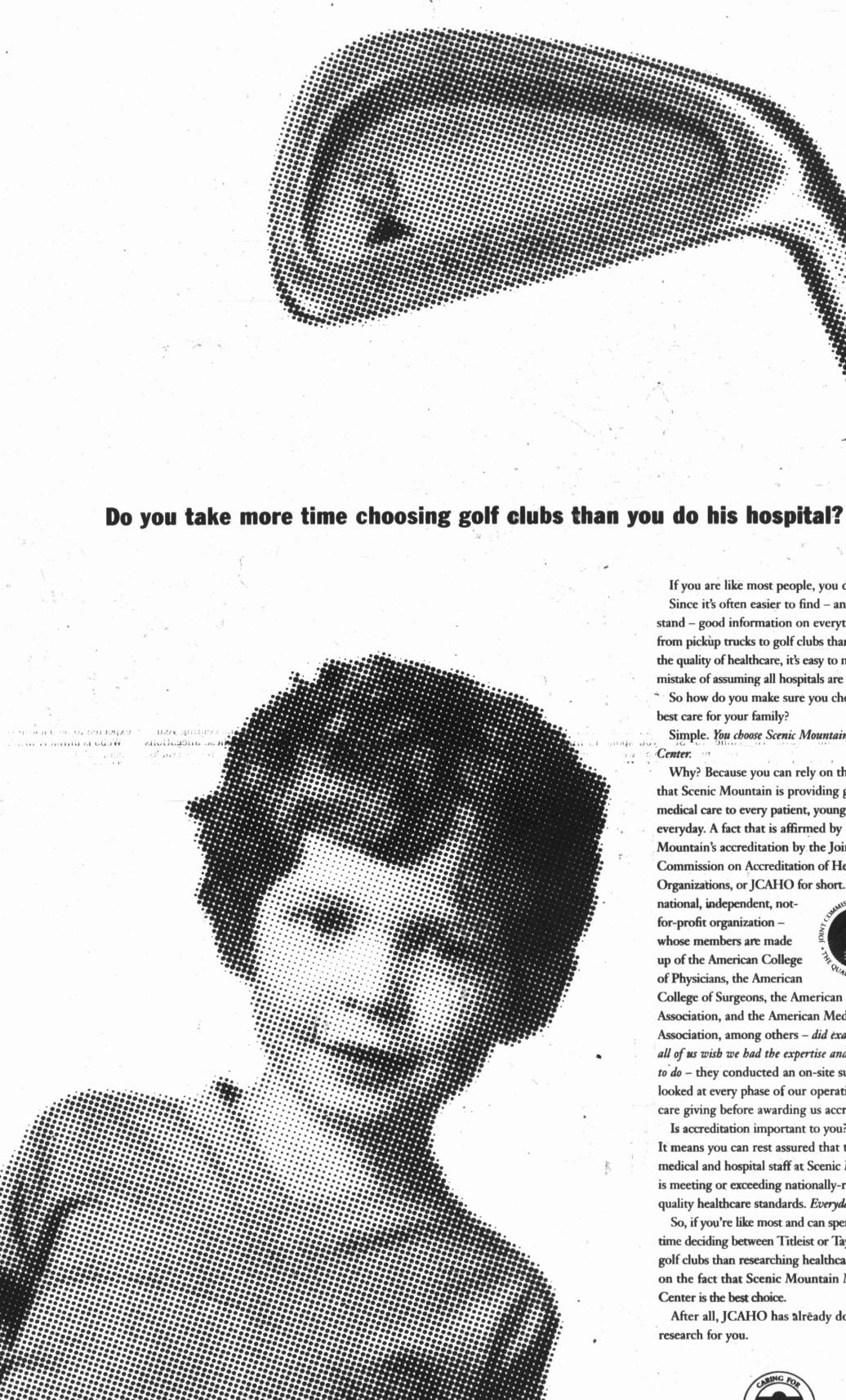
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Financier's past reveals 'bundle of contradictions'

Frankel's friends and family... them rich, only to steal their say they were as puzzled as anybody when he vanished amid accusations that he siphoned billions of dollars from a charity he set up to help sick kids.

Others say that even before he disappeared after a fire at his Connecticut mansion on May 5, the 44-year-old money manager had a history of conning people, and a past riddled with contra-

Friends say that as a young person, Frankel had an insatiable appetite for learning and a brilliant mind. But he dropped out of high school and then took only a few business classes at the University of

He was a genius at gauging the stock market yet often based decisions on the alignment of the stars. He was a socially awkward loner who rarely left his house, but according to police had several women whom he met through personal ads living in a house near his main resi-

Falater didn't deny stabbing his

wife 44 times, hiding the knife

and bloody clothes, dragging

her to their swimming pool and

then holding her head underwa-

But Falater did deny responsi-

bility for her 1997 death because

he claims the entire episode

happened while he was sleep-

A jury on Friday rejected his

"I think it was a strange

defense and convicted the 43-

year-old of first-degree murder.

defense," said juror Theresa

Beaubien. "It seems to me that

there was too much going on for

PHOENIX (AP) — Scott it to be sleepwalking."

Romley.

life savings, according to authorities.

"He's a bundle of contradictions," said Ted Bitter, who sued Frankel after he lost a \$65,000 investment in the mid-1980s. "I think Marty didn't know whether he was telling the truth or a lie.

The two met when Frankel worked at a brokerage firm where Bitter was a customer. They became friends and Bitter stayed with him even after Frankel was fired for not executing enough trades.

After setting up his own firm, Frankel turned to astrology to guide his investment decisions, Bitter says.

"I think it was a crutch so he could deal with his trading decisions," Bitter said. After the money disappeared, Bitter and another investor accused Frankel of fraud and racketeer-

The Securities and Exchange Commission began investigating and took Frankel's broker's

Prosecutors have said they

will seek the death penalty,

although that decision will be

reviewed before a sentencing

hearing later this summer, said

Maricopa County Attorney Rick

"It's not over yet," Falater

told his mother after kissing

her on the cheek before leaving

court. He showed no emotion as

Relatives of Yarmila Falater

did not attend the trial. Her

mother said before the trial she

did not want to be a part of the

proceeding, said prosecutor

the verdict was read.

Juan Martinez.

filed, and the lawsuit was settled.

After the controversy, Frankel moved to Connecticut and set up shop under an assumed name as a personal investor for several insurance companies.

When he disappeared May 5 after a fire in a filing cabinet at his home in Greenwich, Conn., authorities found a handwritten to-do; list with "Launder Money" at the top, according to a May 25 FBI affidavit.

Now, regulators say insurers in Oklahoma, Mississippi, Tennessee, Missouri and Arkansas are missing at least \$218 million.

A lawsuit filed by some of the companies put the loss at \$915

Also missing is as much as \$1.98 billion from the St. Francis of Assisi Foundation. which Frankel established in the British Virgin Islands in August. Investigators suspect the charity was only a front for

But Frankel apparently per-

Falater's family history of sleep-

But experts for the prosecu-

tion said Falater's actions were

too deliberate for him to have

been sleepwalking. They based

that view in part on testimony

from neighbor Greg Koons, who

watched over a wall as Falater

pulled on gloves, motioned to

his dog to lie down, then

dragged his wife's body to the

sleepwalking episode.

He told friends he would make license in 1992. No charges were suaded two Roman Catholic priests - the Rev. Peter Jacobs and Msgr. Emilio Colagiovanni - to take part in the foundation, and to move funds in and out of a Vatican bank account. The New York Times reported Saturday.

Both men say Frankel fooled Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls told the Times that the Vatican had no connection whatsoever with

FBI agents are trying to find Frankel, and his family members say they are mystified.

"I am just as puzzled as anybody else, more so," his mother, Tillie Frankel, 78, told The Blade, a Toledo, Ohio newspaper. The family is no longer talking to reporters.

Another longtime friend from his hometown, Ed Krauss, said he can't believe Frankel what is happening.

"I could understand if it was an accounting error or sloppy bookkeeping but not this, Krauss told The Blade. "It just doesn't make sense."

Jury convicts husband in sleepwalking murder trial

Two sleep experts cited ness, we probably would have acquitted him." said John Merrill. "Greg Koons' testimony walking, job stress and lack of sleep as reasons for a violent was just too damning."

The defense painted Falater, a former Motorola engineer, and his wife of 20 years as a happily married, religious couple. kill his wife.

But Martinez noted the couple had disputes over Falater's desire for more children and his wife's waning dedication to the

Defense attorney Mike Kimerer said Falater had no reason to

Mormon faith.

She was not wearing her wed-Jurors agreed that Koons' tesding ring when her body was "If there had been no eyewit-

Slain priest mourned after congregation discovers body

BRISTOL, Conn. (AP) -When the Rev. Robert Lysz finding him in the church recfailed to show for 7:30 a.m. Mass at St. Matthew Church, parishioners began the prayer service without him.

They hadn't paid much attention to a heap of vestments near the altar. But then they noticed blood spatters on the floor."

robes, he found Lysz's body. It was, he said, like "getting a punch in the stomach."

Ouellette, 32, with murder after tory with Lysz's credit cards, said Police Chief John DiVenere. He was held on \$1 million bond and scheduled for arraignment on Monday.

Lysz, 50, a native of New Castle, Pa., was ordained in May 1975. He came to St. When parishioner Tom Matthew - a large, modern McNamara pulled back the brick church in a quiet, residential neighborhood — in 1988.

ioners held a vigil outside the Authorities charged Michael Roman Catholic church Friday

evening.

timony was key.

Lysz "was a good priest and a good man," said Arthur Audet, St. Matthew's associate pastor. "His nature was to want to help

Parishioner Jesse Corciullo said Lysz "always remembered you as an individual and what you spoke to him about, as if you were the only person in his life. His love for this community was unsurpassed."

Connecticut in the past two him in his priestly ministry.'

decades. The Rev. Robert McBride, 48, was fatally shot in 1982 in Bridgeport near an apartment complex on the city's west side. A Bridgeport man was convicted of the crime a year later.

"The death of a brother priest always touches the lives of all. priests" said Archbishop Daniel Cronin of the Hartford Diocese.

But the circumstances sur-

rounding Father Lysz's death Lysz's death is the second will profoundly impact all who slaying of a priest in knew him, and who served with

BALTIMORE (AP) — A federal judge has ruled that Linda Tripp's recordings of conversations with Monica Lewinsky must be turned over to

Starr ordered to turn

over Tripp recordings

Maryland prosecutors, clearing a potential roadblock to trying Ms. Tripp for breaking state wiretap laws.

Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr must turn over the recordings followed a request for the tapes by State Prosecutor Stephen Montanarelli, The (Baltimore)

Sun reported Saturday.

The judge's order that

Ms. Tripp's attorney, Joe Murtha, said he will challenge any indictment brought against his client on the grounds that she is protected by federal immunity given to her in exchange for the tapes.

"This in fact would taint their investigation to the point where it might be the basis for dismissal of an indictment," Murtha said, adding he doesn't feel the tapes will add to the prosecution's case because they shouldn't be admissible.

Starr granted Ms. Tripp federal immunity in the investigation of the president, but the protection doesn't spare her from state prosecution. The February.

maximum penalty is five years in prison and a \$10,000 fine for each wiretapping offense.

The identity of the judge that signed the order was not immediately clear, and Montanarelli refused to discuss the order.

Ms. Tripp secretly taped conversations in which Ms. Lewinsky, the former White House intern, discussed her affair with President Clinton. Ms. Tripp gave the tapes to Starr, who detailed the affair in evidence he presented to Congress. The president was impeached, but escaped removal from office.

Maryland state law forbids anyone from intercepting phone conversations without the other party's consent.

Ms. Tripp has admitted in federal grand jury testimony that she taped Ms. Lewinsky in 1997 after she was warned that doing so was illegal in Maryland. Montanarelli has been seeking those tapes since the state's case began last July.

A Howard County grand jury has yet to indict Ms. Tripp, who lives in Columbia. The panel convened earlier this month for the first time since

Top VMI cadet dismissed for allegedly demanding sex

LEXINGTON, Va. (AP) — The said in a telephone interview dismissal of Virginia Military Institute's top cadet for allegedly demanding sex from female 'to the efficient working of cocadets does not represent a widespread problem, the head of the formerly all-male school said Saturday.

Jerry Webb II was expelled last month for conduct unbecoming a cadet after he was accused of seeking sexual favors from three freshmen. Webb, of Casper, Wyo., had previously been chosen as the regimental commander of the Corps of Cadets for the coming year.

*As soon as these allegations came to light in the barracks, the cadet Honor Court and the administration moved with prudent rapidity to do necessary,"

Superintendent Josiah Bunting

Saturday. "It was really the first major challenge we've had education here so far as sexual misconduct, sexual harassment is concerned.

"I don't believe we have a systemic problem," he said.

The school was forced to admit women three years ago when the U.S. Supreme Court found its admission policy unconstitutional.

The school said the women involved in the accusations are expected to be back in the fall. Webb is unlikely to appeal his dismissal, Bunting said.

There was no immediate response Saturday to a telewhat was phone message left at the home VMI of the only Jerry Webb listed in

Head of nuclear weapons complex submits resignation

top Energy Department official in charge of the nation's nuclear weapons complex has submitted his resignation to President Clinton.

Assistant Secretary Victor gations of Chinese nuclear spying at the nation's laboratories, the newspaper said.

Reis refused to comment on his departure to the Washington Post Saturday. But some officials speculated it was a result of a disagreement with Secretary Richardson. Reis reportedly

supports a bill drafted by Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., that calls for the creation of a semiautonomous agency responsible for the nuclear weapons laboratories nationwide.

Richardson is opposed to such Reis quit Friday following alle- a move and has his own plan to reorganize the department that calls for creating a new undersecretary for nuclear stewardship to oversee the weapons complex.

Energy Department An source was quoted saying Reis may be among the employees held responsible for security failures at the labs.

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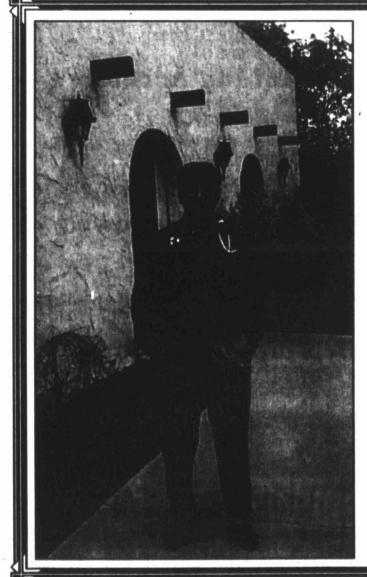
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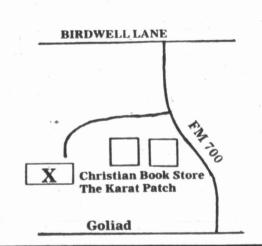
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Clinton suggests Serbs consider ousting Slobodan Milosevic

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton suggests the Yugoslav people rethink whether they want Slobodan Milosevic to remain in power in view of atrocities in Kosovo, but he insists a \$5 million-reward for the arrest of the Serb leader and associates on warcrimes charges is not an invitation to assassination.

At his news conference Friday, Clinton also said Belgrade will get no aid to repair NATO bomb damage if Milosevic's fellow Serbs continue to endorse his effort to drive the ethnic Albanian majority out of Kosovo, a rovince of Serbia. "I wouldn't give them one red cent for reconstruction,' declared

The Serbs are "going to have to come to grips with what Mr. Milosevic ordered in Kosovo" and "they're going to have to get out of denial."

"And then, they're going to have to decide whether they support his leadership or not, whether they think it's OK that all those tens of thousands of people were killed. And all those hundreds of thousands of people were run out of their homes and all those little girls were raped and all those little boys were murdered," Clinton

"They're going to have to decide if they think that is OK.

Clinton also responded sharply when a reporter asked about the \$5 million U.S. reward offered for the arrest of Milosevic and associates for alleged war crimes.

"We have not put a price on Mr. Milosevic's head for someone to kill him. ... So let's get that clear," the president said. He added he has rigidly followed a policy adopted during the Ford

administration banning the assassination of foreign leaders.

At the same time, Clinton deplored attacks on Serbs in Kosovo by returning refugees. "NATO is not letting it happen," he declared. "We're doing what we can to stop it and I'm concerned about it. I'm not particularly surprised, after what they've been through."

Earlier Priday, the administration cautioned Montenegro, the smaller but more democratic partner with Serbia in the two-republic Yugoslav federation, not to seek independence from Belgrade.

disintegration "Further Yugoslavia would not serve to promote peace and stability in the Balkans," State Department spokesman James P. Rubin said.

"Moreover, independence would not

be a panacea for the challenges that Montenegro faces.

At the same time, Rubin urged Belgrade to accommodate Montenegro's desire for greater auton-

The spokesman was responding to a Washington Post report from Montenegro's capital of Podgorica that officials there are drafting proposals to replace the federal arrangement with a looser confederation that would make Montenegro the political equal of Serbia. Failing that, Montenegro would hold a referendum on independence, th**e newsp**aper said.

It was Kosovo's demand for a restoration of its political autonomy, which Belgrade rescinded in 1989, that led to its civil war and the 11-week NATO bombing campaign that ended Milosevic's ethnic cleansing campaign.

"Failure by Belgrade to recognize and accommodate Montenegro's calls for democratization and need for greater autonomy will aggravate the widening political gap between

Montenegro and Serbia," Rubin said. Meanwhile, the return of ethnic Albanian refugees to their villages in Kosovo continued Friday, and the State Department reported that some refugees who had planned to come to the United States from refugee camps

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were returning to Kosovo instead. To date, 8,723 refugees from Kosovo refugees have been brought to the United States, Rubin said.

About 5,000 more have been approved for admission, but in recent days about 40 percent of those scheduled to fly to the United States have failed to appear, "leading us to assume that they are returning to Kosovo," he said.

China overpowers Hong Kong courts in immigration case

HONG KONG (AP) - After two years of mostly hands-off ontrol of Hong Kong, China showed its power Saturday, telling Hong Kong's highest court it had ruled wrongly in an immigration case and had to start interpreting the law differ-

The Hong Kong government had asked China to intervene in the case that threatened to flood the territory with migrants from the mainland, saying it hopes this was a one-time plea for help from Beijing.

But critics said the territory was surrendering some of its autonomy in a dangerous precedent. Since returning to Chinese rule in 1997, Beijing has largely left the former British colony alone, allowing anti-communist protests, active opposition parties and a fiesty

Outside government headquarters, hundreds of would-be migrants from the mainland and political activists shouted and waved signs, accusing Hong Kong leader Tung Chee-

hwa of ruining the territory's reporters that appealing to rule of law — viewed as crucial to the former British colony's position as an international finance center.

Tung accused critics of ignor-

ing the "the constitutional basis on which we have solved the problem," saying they are trying to spread misinformation through the international news media. "We treasure the rule of law

as one of the most important pillars of Hong Kong's success," said Tung, who also told

Beijing "is not something we would like to do again if we can help it."

Critics scoffed.

"Mr. Tung, in his statement today, kept repeating that he cared about the rule of law,' said Law Yuk-kai, director of the Hong Kong Human Rights Monitor. "He seems to believe that if he keeps saying that, people will overlook what he has actually done. He will go down in history for having fatally damaged the legal system,

Most Hong Kong residents can go to mainland China freely, but mainlanders must have permits from Chinese immigration offices to travel in the other direction. At immediate issue in the

which was Hong Kong's pride."

case was how many Chinese children born to Hong Kong parents have the right to live in affluent Hong Kong, where generations of migrants have come in search of a better life.

Hong Kong's Court of Final Appeal found in January that Hong Kong's constitution, the Basic Law, granted any mainland Chinese with one Hong Kong parent the right to live - even if the parent obtained residency rights after the child was born.

Hong Kong's government panicked, saying about 1.6 million people could flood in over the next decade to a city of 6.8 million that is already one of the most congested places on earth. Hong Kong's social and education systems could not cope, the government warned.

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South Korea urges North to guarantee safety of foreigners

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — South Korea threatened today to halt all business ventures with North Korea if the impoverished Stalinist state does not guarantee the safety of visiting South Koreans.

The warning, adopted at a ocurity-related Cabinet ministers, came after North Korea detained a South orean tourist for six days for allegedly tempting a tour guide from the North to defect - a charge denied by South Korea.

North Korea released the woman Friday.

Only hours after her release, however, the U.S. State Department said North Korea Visitors to the isolated North

apparent business trip nine days ago and was not granting consular access. The American was not identified.

Washington has no diplomatic ties with North Korea.

South Korea's Yonhap news agency, quoting unnamed sources, identified the detained woman as Karen Han, 58, a Korean American business woman operating out of Beijing.

She was arrested in the Najin-Sonbong special economic zone near the North's borders with China and Russia. Han was married to a retired American military general, Yonhap said.

arrested an American on an have said police kept close watch on their activities. Hit by widespread famine, North Korea has had to open up to outside investment but urges its population to maintain a "mosquito net" against capitalist

> "When we pursue business projects in the North from now on, the safety of our citizens will be the top priority," said a South Korean government news release after today's meeting.

Prime Minister Kim Jong-pil, who chaired the meeting, said that until North Korea guarantees the safety of South Korean visitors, Seoul will block business ventures between the ment with the North.

countries, including a tourism project that has become a prime source of scarce foreign currency for the North.

The South Korean tourist, Min Young-mi, 38, was handed over to the Hyundai Group, the South Korean conglomerate that sponsored her tour.

After she returned home early today, officials whisked her off in an ambulance for a medical checkup and debriefing. She was not allowed to talk with reporters.

The woman's detention threatened not only the tourism project but also President Kim Daejung's policy of seeking engage-

A new Holocaust memorial for Germany's new capital approved

It has long been Germany's most controversial construction proposal: variety - and how to build a national Holocaust memorial in Berlin remembering the 6 million Jews killed under the

On Friday, after more than four hours of debate, parliament authorized a monument and approved a design by New Your architect l'eter Eisenman. a defining moment in a decade of national soul-searching.

We're not building this memorial for the Jews or for other victims. We're building it for us," parliamentary president Wolfgang Thierse said. "With this memorial there can be no more denial or indiffer-

The parliament's vote opens the way for groundbreaking next year on Eisenman's design, a vast field of 2,700 close-set concrete pillars on a plot about the size of two football fields in the heart of Berlin.

An exhibition and multimedia document center will be partly underground at the site.

Lawmakers voted 314-209, with 14 abstentions, in favor of the project.

"This was an important and honest and responsible decision," said Michel Friedman, a leading spokesman Germany's Jews. "More than two-thirds of the people's representatives said yes to memory, yes to remaider, yes to history but also was to continuity of learning for young people from the past.

Building the monument in Berlin has relevance, because the government this year completes its move from Bonn to the prewar capital, the staging ground of Hitler's genocide.

The debate surrounding the Holocaust memorial started with its inception in 1989, when TV journalist Lea Rosh founded a private initiative for remembering "the murdered Jews of



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IN BRIEF

Howard College inks Wall softballer to scholarship

On Friday, Howard College Lady Hawks softball coach Andy Mace traveled to south to sign Wall Lady Hawk Valerie Goetz to a letter-of-

Goetz, who played shortstop of Wall's first-ever team, was an All-District 2-2A selection on a team that advanced to the area round of the playoffs before being eliminated.

According to reports, Mace first saw Goetz last summer when she was playing for Ballinger in a tournament.

Howard College finished 45-19 in its inaugural season, earning national Top 20 recognition at one point.

YMCA schedules fun run July 3 at Comanche Trail

The Big Spring YMCA will host a fun run and walk at 8 a.m. Saturday, July 3, at Comanche Trail Park.

The event's start and finish line will be near the Figure 7 Tennis Center. Participants will be charged

a \$5 entry fee. Adults will cover at 3.5-mile course during the run, while children 12 and younger will

run a one-mile course. The adult age group will be split into two age groups and medals will be awarded to the top finishers in each of the age groups. In addition certificates will be awarded to all

participants. For more information, call the YMCA at 267-8234.

Tournament, skins game scheduled for July 10-11

Chicano Association of Big Spring's annual Golf Scholarship Tournament and Skins Game has been scheduled for July 0.11 at the Comanche Trail

scramble, the tournament will staged Saturday and Sunday. The field will be flighted following Saturday's round. The Skins Game will be Saturday.

Fees for both events are \$85 per person and includes mulligans and a dinner on Saturday.

For more information, call **264**-2366.

Figure 7 Tennis Center sets clinic for July 7-8

Jeff Bramlett, the national high school tennis coach of the year, will join local professional Jim Blacketer in conducting a Doubles Tennis Clinic on Wednesday and Thursday, July 7-8, at the Figure 7 Tennis Center in Comanche Trail Park.

Clinic sessions will be from 9 a.m. to noon on both days. Bramlett, a native of Midland, is the varsity tennis

coach at Class 4A powerhouse

\$an Antonio Alamo Heights. Entries for the clinic will be limited. For more information, contact Blacketer at 264-

Softball, ragball tourneys scheduled for July 10

The Spring City Softball and Ragball Tournament has been scheduled for Saturday, July 10, at the Roy Anderson Baseball/Softball Complex.

Slated as a fundraiser for the complex, the tournament is being sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Sports Committee. Entry fees for the 20-team softball tournament will be \$100 per team, while the fee for the 12-team ragball tourna-

ment will be \$80 per team. For more information, call Chris Cole at 264-2100 or Jesse Rios at 264-6129.

ON THE AIR

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL 3:30 p.m. - Rangers at Mariners, Fox Southwest. 7 p.m. — Dodges ar Giants,

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Andre Agassi seńds message, qualifiers oust Krajicek, Haas

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) rather quickly on grass," Tired of fooling around, Andre Agassi swatted a two-fisted backhand. Had the ball been a weapon, it would have beheaded his fearless young foe at the

Still, it sent him somersaulting backward onto his bottom. Message sent and match point delivered, Agassi smiled with a

hint of malevolence toward the chastened Alberto Martin before smacking a 125-mph ace to end matters Saturday, 6-2, 6-0,

"The sets can sneak away

Agassi said of his lapse in the third set when he seemed more like a spectator than a player.

Agassi hadn't lost a set in the tournament until then, and he said he was startled to see the 20-year-old Spaniard make a couple of good shots after rolling over so easily in the first two sets.

"All of a sudden he was taking a rally shot and kind of hitting a short chip, almost like a drop shot," Agassi said. "I found myself behind, and he was running with a little bit of confi-

Wimbledon

dence there."

Agassi punctured that confidence with a couple of key shots in the fourth set, most tellingly a big, gutsy second serve when he had break point against him at 3-3

"The last thing I wanted to do was just kind of serve a (soft) second serve in there and let him get a whack at it," Agassi said. "Because the worst case scenario is he's going to gain a

lot of confidence from having me on the ropes. I'd rather do the missing in those situa-

Agassi closed out the game with an ace, broke for 5-4 and polished off the match with his hardest serve of the day.

Agassi, seeking his second Wimbledon title a few weeks after winning his first French Open, caught a big break when 28-year-old Australian qualifier Wayne Arthurs served 28 aces to knock off No. 14 Tommy Haas in three straight tiebreakers. Haas bumped Agassi out of See WIMBLEDON, Page 10A

Wimbledon in the fourth round

last year.

Though Arthurs hasn't been broken on serve in the tournament, and has faced only six break points in three matches, the No. 163-ranked player hasn't faced anyone who can return like Agassi.

"I refuse to be broken," Arthurs said, not entirely facetiously. "It's my goal.

"It doesn't matter who it is. If I'm serving this well, then I could beat anybody. I could beat

Spurs

NBA championship long time coming for former ABA team

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Red McCombs admits he was a little naive when he and a few fellow businessmen brought the Dallas Chaparrals to town to become the San Antonio Spurs in 1973.

"I felt like we would probably win a national championship within three or four years,' McCombs said.

Twenty-six years later, McCombs and the city finally get to celebrate.

The Spurs defeated the New York Knicks 78-77 on Friday to win the NBA championship, a feat long coveted by a former American Basketball Association franchise that always seemed to lag behind other teams in profits, publicity and prestige.

"To put San Antonio on the map like this, just awesome." said Spurs center David

Jubilant fans jammed downtown streets Friday night, highfiving strangers, honking car horns and waving Spurs banners to cheer the first NBA title

by an old ABA team. 'It's been 26 long years. This is the best thing to happen to San Antonio and the best thing to happen to the San Antonio Spurs," Spurs chairman Peter

Holt said in New York Anticipating the victory, local leaders planned the official championship party even before Friday's game. A river parade and Alamodome pep

rally are set for Sunday. The celebration is a long way from the days of the old ABA.

McCombs and Angelo Drossos led an investor group that agreed to bring the Dallas Chaparrals to South Texas. The group would lease the team for \$1 and assume \$400,000 in debt while taking a year to decide whether to buy and keep the franchise.

At their first game in October 1973, the Spurs drew 5,879 spectators to HemisFair Arena to watch San Antonio lose to the San Diego Conquistadores.

By acquiring Swen Nater and then George "Iceman" Gervin, the Spurs grabbed fans' attention the first season. But crowds were rarely large.

The ABA floundered and ultimately folded. San Antonio political and business leaders lobbied to make sure the Spurs

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CHRONOLOGY

The San Antonio Spurs, formerly the Dallas Chaparrals, moved to the city in 1973 as part of the American **Basketball Association. Here** are some franchise highlights leading up to their first NBA title in 1999:

• Oct. 10, 1973 — Spurs play their first game in San Antonio, losing to the San Diego Conquistadors 121-106 in front of 5,879 spectators in HemisFair Arena.

• Jan. 30, 1974 — San **Antonio acquires George** Gervin from the Virginia Squires in exchange for cash after legal battles among the Spurs, the Squires and the

 Dec. 13, 1974 — Bob Bass is hired as coach to replace Tom Nissalke.

• June 17, 1976 — Spurs are officially accepted into the National Basketball Association along with three other ABA franchises -Denver, Indiana and the New York Nets.

• Oct. 22, 1976 — San Antonio makes its debut in the NBA under new head coach Doug Moe, defeating the Philadelphia 76ers 121-118 on the road.

• April 10, 1977 — Spurs complete their first regular season in the NBA with a 44-38 record and as the league's top-scoring team with an average of 115 points per

 April 9, 1978 — George "Iceman" Gervin scores 63 points in a loss to New Orleans, including a franchiserecord 33 points in the second quarter, to claim his first scoring title. Gervin finished the regular season with an average of 27.2 points per

 May 11, 1979 — Spurs beat Washington Bullets 118-102 to take 3-1 lead in their first-ever conference finals. **But San Antonio loses three** straight and is eliminated one

See YEARS, Page 10A

For Coahoma's Nichols, it was which sport as much as where

lengthy, difficult decision process came to a close Wednesday afternoon for Coahoma's Blake Nichols when he formally committed

University. While perhaps not the most acclaimed athlete in Crossroads Country, Nichols had a somewhat more difficult choice to make than contemporaries like Tory Mitchell of

Big Spring and Kyle

Herm of Stanton

who've had a higher

to play golf next year

at Abilene's McMurry



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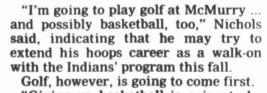
profile in signing NCAA Division I letters of intent with the University of Miami and Rice Even though Division I recruiters

his door, Nichols probably had more options to weigh before committing with McMurry. The biggest decision

weren't knocking down

facing the Coahoma grad this summer may not have been which school he wanted to attend, but which sport he wanted to play. In fact, that decision

may not be fully made. **NICHOLS** even, though he's made the decision to attend McMurry.



"Giving up basketball is going to be tough," he admitted. "Anybody that's ever been around me knows how tough that's going to be for me. I can still remember the first basket I made.'

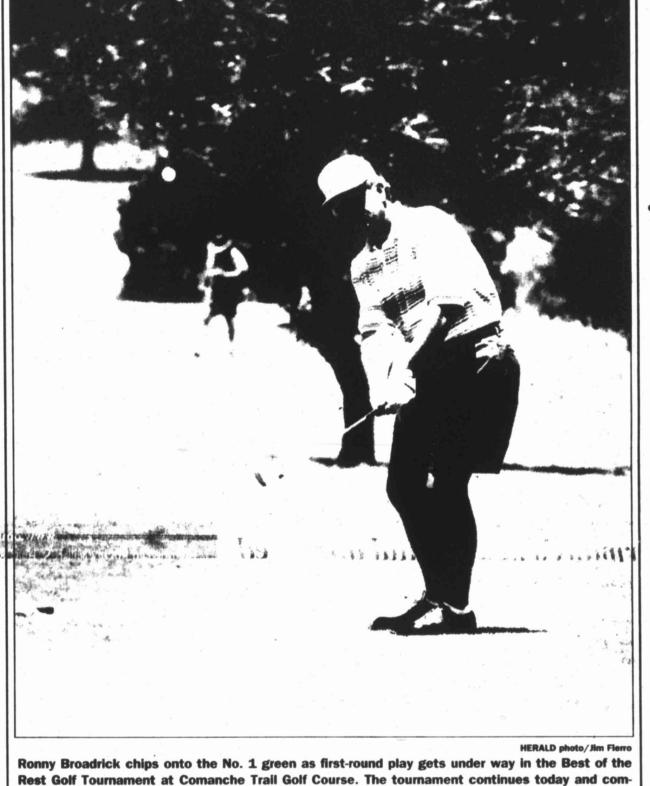
The decision-making process was made difficult for Nichols simply because he's been an all-district performer in four sports — football, basketball, baseball and golf — and received scholarship offers in all four.

The football offer came from Butler College, a small school in North Dakota. It drew the least consideration, Nichols See MOSELEY, Page 10A

explained, simply because he didn't want to go to school that far from home But seven schools were interested in

Nichols the basketball player, including Lamar University in Beaumont and Angelo State, after he was named the most valuable player in District 3-2A earning that honor over Stanton's Herm who was selected at the Texas **Association of Basketball Coaches** 'play er of the year in Class 2A.

In addition to the all-district honor Nichols was a third-team all-state selec tion and a first-team all-region pick. He was also selected to all-area teams selected by the Abilene Reporter-News. **San Angelo Standard-Times** and the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal.



Three-way tie at top as wide-open LPGA Championship reaches last day

WILMINGTON, Del. (AP) -Juli Inkster's 16-year pursuit of the career Grand Slam has come down to an 18-hole sprint

plete results will be in Monday's Herald.

in the LPGA Championship. Trying to win her second major championship in three weeks, Inkster made her first bogey in 51 holes on No. 18 for a 2-under 69 that dropped her into a three-way tie for the lead Saturday at DuPont Country

Cristie Kerr, in contention for the first time in any tournament, birdied the 18th for a 69 to join Inkster and Nancy

Scranton (66) at 10-under 203. "I like my position," Inkster said. "I'm tied for the lead and I've given myself a chance to win the tournament. That's all I

A victory Sunday would make Inkster only the second woman to win all four of the LPGA's modern-day majors. Pat Bradley completed the sweep 13 years the LPGA lii

Championship. "There was more pressure to win the Open because I had a four-shot lead and it was my tournament," Inkster said. "Here, it's everybody's tournament.'

Nineteen players were within four shots of the leaders going into the final round, and Meg Mallon proved Saturday that the winner might be able to start from even further back in

the back. Mallon tied the major champi- See LPGA, Page 10A

onship record a 63 to finish one stroke out of the lead. "It was anyone's ball game today," Mallon said.

Defending champion Se Ri Pak, Rosie Jones and Liselotte Neumann were also at 9-under 204. The group at 205 included Lorie Kane and former U.S. champion Nicholas, while Laura Davies

and Kelli Kuehne were another

stroke back Inkster made a bogey on the second hole of the tournament on Thursday, but has been virtually flawless ever since. She birdied both par-5s on the back nine to put herself in the lead, but then missed a 12-foot par

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were one of the four ABA teams selected to merge into the NBA

Then-Mayor Lila Cockrell remembers calling NBA owners to ask for a few minutes to talk up the Spurs. She also persuaded the City Council to hire local attorney Pat Maloney to attend NBA proceedings.

"We were not wishing to intimidate, but we just wanted to send a message that we really wanted to be considered very seriously," Mrs. Cockrell said. "I just kind of think that did some good.

As part of its entrance into the NBA, the city raised the roof of HemisFair Arena to accommodate 6,600 additional seats. By its final years of use in the early 1990s, the arena's capacity was about 16,000.

Under head coach Doug Moe, and with Gervin's finesse and signature finger-roll, the Spurs enjoyed some playoff success during their early tenure in the

One of the most disappointing moments, though, came in the 1979 playoffs when the Spurs beat Washington Bullets 118-102 to take 3-1 lead in their firstever conference finals. San Antonio lost three straight and was eliminated one victory shy of the NBA Finals.

The team's trip to the championship round wouldn't come until 1999, after No. 1 draft pick Tim Duncan joined fellow top draft pick Robinson in the Spurs' Twin Towers lineup featuring the two 7-footers.

Winning an NBA title has enormous implications for the Spurs and for San Antonio, sports and civic leaders say.

'It's real exciting for the city," Mayor Howard Peak said. "It's been a unifying experience. It crosses every conceivable line.

Economically, the championship run has been a boon for the team and the city through ticket sales, extra revenues for the city-owned Alamodome and hotel rentals and other expenditures by visitors.

The NBA Finals have given the city national media attention that may boost its tourism industry and could prompt major corporations to look more closely at San Antonio as a

place to do business, Peak said. 'Some people don't know anything about San Antonio," the mayor said. "What they are learning now is San Antonio is a big city and it has a lot to offer.

That's what McCombs had in mind when he brought the Spurs to town.

LPGA

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putt on the final hole. Still, it was her 16th consecutive round under par. Instead of letting her command performance in the U.S. Open become a distraction, Inkster looks like

she is using it as a springboard

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into history.

"She's got to have a lot of momentum," Scranton said. "She's very confident because she's produced over and over. I would think she'll be feeling pretty good."

Besides Bradley, the only other woman to win the career Grand Slam was Mickey Wright, when the four majors were the LPGA Championship, U.S. Open, Titleholders and Western Open from 1955-66.

"Not many have done it." Mallon said. "That just shows the diversity of her game. There are horses for courses, but Juli is one of those who can ride momentum anywhere.

Mallon's only goal on a steamy afternoon was to get close enough to the leaders to make a run at her second LPGA Championship title.

She became the 22nd player and only the fourth woman — to shoot a 63 in a major championship. The last woman to do was Mary Beth Zimmerman in the 1997 Dinah

Teeing off 2> hours before the leaders, Mallon birdied the first two holes from 10 feet and never backed down. All 17 of her birdie putts were inside 18 feet, and she made eight — but none on the par-5s.

"Hopefully, I left enough skid marks that the leaders won't make too many putts," she said. "I was hoping they were paying attention, but I was hoping they weren't getting inspired.'

Scranton, hampered by shoulder injuries, has missed only three greens in regulation the past two rounds and is excited about her chance to win for the first time since 1992. Her only other victory was a major, the 1991 du Maurier Classic.

Kerr, a 21-year-old who came to the LPGA Tour straight from high school three years ago, acquitted herself well after two bogeys early on the back nine. She will be playing in the final pairing Sunday with Scranton.

"You can't focus on one person or even the person you're playing with," Kerr said. "There's just a ton of people. It's going to be a horse race.'

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Western Junior College Athletic Conference champion Odessa College was interested in Nichols as a baseball recruit after seeing him return to the Coahoma program after a twoyear hiatus and play a pivotal role his senior season in helping the Bulldogs return to the Class 2A state tournament.

The golf programs primarily interested in Nichols as a golf recruit were McMurry and Howard Payne University.

The determining factor proved to be familiarity.

"I know some people in Abilene and coach (Russ) Evans is a good guy," Nichols explained in announcing his choice, noting that he'll major in physical therapy.

In opting for McMurry's golf offer. Nichols seems to be adopting the same school of though

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his father, Kim, who was his basketball and golf coach in high school.

"I'm not sure his best opportunity isn't golf," Kim Nichols said several weeks ago when his son was still weighing his options. "There's really no telling how well he could play if that was what he really concentrated on.

A four-time all-district selection in golf. Nichols advanced to the Region I, Class 2A tournament in each of his four schoolboy seasons, winning the District 8-2A medalist titles during his sophomore and junior

He was the District 3-2A runner-up this season and finished fifth at the regional meet, closing the season with a stroke average of 73.

In this corner there's little doubt that Nichols will be a tremendous success in anything he puts his mind to.

After all, one has to remember that he missed his junior football season in 1997 undergoing rehabilitation following back surgery.

Anyone could have understood if Nichols had decided to concentrate on just one sport after that process.

Instead, all he did following that back surgery was return to the basketball court, and despite never returning to full form until this season, led the Bulldogs to the Class 2A basketball playoffs.

He followed that by successfully defending his 8-2A individual golf title and then returned to be a four-sport star this year.

John Moseley is sports editor of the Big Spring Herald.

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Agassi."

A bold statement, indeed, from a player who was ranked 1,200 a couple of years ago and has never been ranked higher than No. 135 in seven years.

As it turned out, Arthurs' victory wasn't even the biggest upset of the day. That came courtesy of Switzerland's Lorenzo Manta, a qualifier ranked No. 196, who ousted 1996 champ and No. 5 seed Richard Krajicek 6-3, 7-6 (7-5) 4-6, 4-6, 6-4 on Court 2, the so-called "Graveyard of Champions."

Five-time and defending champion Pete Sampras had the day off, but he surely applauded Krajicek's loss. The big **Dutchman has four consecutive** wins against Sampras and is the only player to beat him at Wimbledon since 1992.

But it won't happen this year. Manta sent a pair of backhand returns whistling down the line in the final game to finish off Krajicek, who lost despite serving 23 aces.

Alexandra Stevenson is still living out her fantasy in her Wimbledon debut.

The 18-year-old Californian qualifier ousted No. 11 Julie Halard-Decugis 6-3, 6-3 to reach the fourth round on a good day for American women. Lisa Raymond beat 1994 champion Conchita Martinez 6-3, 6-1, and No. 3 Lindsay Davenport downed Laura Golarsa of Italy 6-3, 6-2.

Stevenson entered the tournament as an amateur. Though she is turning professional, she will not be eligible for Wimbledon prize money.

Stevenson has gotten coaching from Don Budge, Tracy Austin and Pete Sampras' sister, Stella. Bobby Riggs once put \$100 bills under cones on the court, and Stevenson got the money if she knocked over the cones

Now Stevenson works with Craig Kardon, who guided Martina Navratilova until her retirement, and it's all paying

Defending champion Jana Novotna beat Maria Antonia Sanchez Lorenzo 6-4, 6-3. Jelena 16-year-old the Dokic, Australian qualifier who upset Martina Hingis in the first round, rallied past Anne Kremer 6-7 (7-9), 6-3, 6-4.

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victory shy of the NBA Finals. • March 1, 1980 - Doug Moe is replaced as head coach by his assistant,

• Oct. 10, 1980 - Spurs begin the 1980-81 season under new head coach Stan Albeck. San Antonio, the Houston Rockets and the expansion Dallas Mavericks are now in the Midwest

Division of the Western Conference. April 15, 1983 — Spurs announce All-Decade Team of George Gervin, Artis Gilmore, Mike Mitchell, James Silas and Mark Olberding. That same night, Gilmore scores his 20,000th career point.

 Dec. 28, 1983 — Morris McHone, a former assistant who replaced Stan Albeck as head coach in June after Albeck went to New Jersey, is succeeded by Bob Bass. McHone lasted less than two months at the helm.

 Feb. 28, 1984 — The franchise retires James Silas' number 13. • Oct. 27, 1984 - San Antonio begins its season under new head coach Cotton

Fitzsimmons.

 Oct. 24, 1985 — An era ends when George Gervin is traded to Chicago in exchange for David Greenwood. After his career as a player, Gervin returns to the Spurs as a community relations repre-

 Oct. 31, 1986 — New head coach Bob Weiss leads the Spurs into a new • June 22, 1987 — San Antonio uses

the top pick in the NBA Draft to select center David Robinson of the Naval Academy. Robinson signs with the team but must fulfill a two-year Navy commit ment before playing.
• Dec. 5, 1987 — Spurs retire George

Gervin's number 44. In his 12 seasons with San Antonio, Gervin scored 23,602 points and won the NBA scoring title fou

 May 28, 1988 — Car dealer B.J. "Red" McCombs buys the Spurs for \$47 million from fellow investors. One of his first moves was to fire Bob Weiss and hire Larry Brown as coach.

 Nov. 4, 1989 — David Robinson appears in his first regular-season NBA game, leading-the Spurs past the Los Angeles Lakers 106-98 with 23 points and 17 rebounds. Six months later, Robinson is named NBA Rookie of the Year and the Spurs celebrate their first winning season in six years.

. Jan. 21, 1992 - Larry Brown is fired as coach and replaced by Bob Bass, the team's vice president of basketball operations, for the remainder of the season.

· April 15, 1992 — Longtime college coach Jerry Tarkanian is hired to take over as Spurs coach for the next season. Dec. 18, 1992 — Jerry Tarkanian is fired after a rocky start and is replaced by John Lucas 24 hours later.

 March 26, 1993 — A group of 22 investors led by Bob Coleman and Robert McDermott buy the Spurs from Red McCombs for \$85 million.

 May 20, 1993 — San Antonio loses to the Phoenix Suns in the Western Conference semifinals in the last game at HemisFair Arena. The Spurs spent two decades playing in the downtown build-

 Oct. 1, 1993 — San Antonio trades Sean Elliott to Detroit in exchange for Dennis Rodman, who went on to lead the league in rebounding the 1993-94 season with an average of 17.3 rebounds per

. Nov. 5, 1993 - The Alamodome officially becomes the Spurs' new home as the team plays its first regular-season game in the domed stadium, defeating the Golden State Warriors 91-85.

 April 24, 1994 — David Robinson scores a franchise-record 71 points in the final game of the regular season, a 112 97 victory over the Los Angeles Clippers. May 31, 1994 — Gregg Popovich

becomes general manager.

• Aug. 29, 1994 — San Antonio hires Orlando Magic assistant Bob Hill as head coach after John Lucas left the team.

• Nov. 4, 1994 — The Spurs' season opener is delayed for 50 minutes when a fireworks display triggers the Alamodome sprinkler system, drenching fans, players, coaches and the court.

. May 23, 1995 - David Robinson is named the NBA's Most Valuable Player, becoming the first player in franchise history to win the award.

June 1, 1995 - Spurs fall to the Houston Rockets, 100-95, in Game 6 of the Western Conference Finals, ending the longest playoff run by San Antonio in David Robinson's career to that point.

 Oct. 2. 1995 — Dennis Rodman. after two seasons of providing drama and distraction, is traded to Chicago for Will Perdue.

• May 6, 1996 - George Gervin is inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Mass. • July 10, 1996 reject a \$120 million proposal from Gavin

and Joe Maloof of New Mexico to buy the • Sept. 18, 1996 - Local businessman Peter Holt reveals he is increasing

his ownership stake in the Spurs. Holt becomes the team's largest investor with a 31-percent interest. • Dec. 10, 1996 - Gregg Popovich

fires coach Bob Hill during a road trip and names himself as his successor.

 May 17, 1997 — After an injury-plagued year that kept David Robinson Draft Lottery and later use the No. 1 pick to select Tim Duncan of Wake Forest.

San Antonio had finished the season with a franchise-worst 20-62 record. · June 26, 1997 — Tim Duncan is welcomed to San Antonio with a street party in front of the Alamo. Duncan says he

hopes to help the Spurs win a champi Oct. 31, 1997 — Tim Duncan appears in his first NBA game alongside fellow 7-footer David Robinson, Six months later. Duncan follows in Robinson's footsteps and is named

Rookie of the Year. · March 20, 1998 - Spurs retire Johnny Moore's number 00. Moore's career was cut short by Desert Fever, but he appeared in 519 games over nine seasons as point guard, averaging 7.4 assists per game

· Dec. 15, 1998 — A proposal to build a new Spurs arena in an abandoned rock quarry using tax-increment financing is shot down by the North East School District, which votes to end negotiations

for the project. Jan. 21, 1999 — Spurs acquire playoff-tested veterans Mario Elie. Jerome Kersey and Steve Kerr as training camp

begins · Feb. 5, 1999 - The lockout-shortened season begins.

• Feb. 28, 1999 — San Antonio loses to Utah and drops to 6-8 for February, prompting speculation that coach Gregg Popovich could be fired.

 March 2, 199 — Spurs defeat the Houston Rockets 99-82, initiating a ninegame winning streak. San Antonio goes 31-5 the rest of the regular season and secures homecourt advantage throughout

 May 15, 1999 — San Antonio defeats the Timberwolves at Minnesota to win their first-round playoff series 3-1. May 23, 1999 — Spurs defeat the

Los Angeles Lakers to sweep their

Western Conference semifinals series 4 • June 6, 1999 — San Antonio beats the Portland Trail Blazers to sweep the Western Conference Finals 4-0 and advance to the NBA Finals for the first time in franchise history after losing their previous four trips to the conference

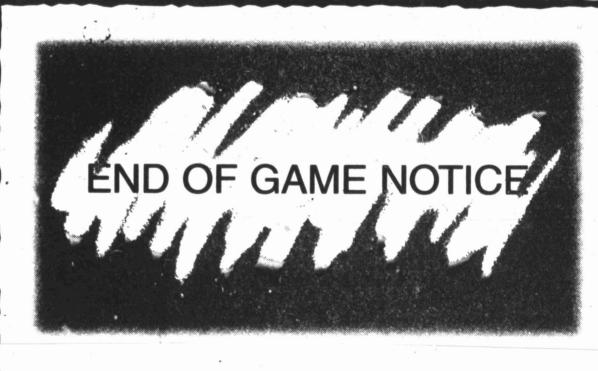
 June 16, 1999 — Led by Tim Duncan's 33 points and Jaren Jackson's five 3-pointers, the Spurs defeat the New York Knicks 89-77 in the Alamodome to win Game 1 of the best-of-7 NBA Finals.

• June 18, 1999 - The Spurs defeat the New York Knicks 80-67 in the Alamodome to take Game 2 in the finals led by Tim Duncan's 25 points and David Robinson's 16 points. June 21, 1999 — Allan Houston

scores 34 points as the New York Knicks beat the San Antonio Spurs 89-81 at Madison Square Garden to win Game 3 and pull to 2-1 in the series. June 23, 1999 — San Antonio

rebounds from its loss two nights earlier and defeats the Knicks 96-89 to win Game 4 and take a 3-1 series lead thanks to Tim Duncan and David Robinson combining for 42 points, 35 rebounds and seven blocked shots. June 25. 1999 — Point guard Avery

Johnson hits a game-winning jumper to give the Spurs a 78-77 victory over the Knicks and the team's first NBA championship. 101 1110 avide attance that









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BoSox score 17 runs as Pedro Martinez cruises to 14th victory

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON — Boston scored 11 runs in the first inning and Pedro Martinez cruised to his major league-leading 14th victory as the Red Sox beat the White Sox 17-1 Chicago Saturday.

Nomar Garciaparra had two homers and five RBIs for the Red Sox, who scored their most runs since a 17-1 victory over Texas on Aug. 5, 1997. Brian Daubach homered and drove in four runs, and Jason Varitek homered and had three RBIs.

Mike Stanley also homered for the Red Sox, who have won seven of their last eight. Boston's five homers tied-a season high.

It was Boston's biggest first inning since Aug. 13, 1933 against the Philadelphia Athletics, when the Red Sox also scored 11 runs. It was their biggest inning overall since scoring 11 in the third against the New York Yankees on May 31, 1998.

Martinez (14-2) gave up one run and three hits in ive innings. He also struck out four, raising his league-leading total to 165.

John Wasdin finished with four hitless innings for his sec-

Chicago starter James Baldwin (3-8) gave up seven runs and six hits in the first

before being replaced with two tries. outs by Scott Eyre.

It was the most runs against the White Sox since April 2, 1998, when they lost 20-4 to

Mariners 5, Rangers 4

SEATTLE — David Bell's RBI single in the eighth inning gave the Seattle Mariners a 5-4 win over the Texas Rangers on Saturday in the next-to-last game in the Kingdome.

After today's game against the Rangers, the Mariners will move across the street into new Safeco Field, a \$517 million ballpark built on the impetus of the team's 1995 AL West title run.

After allowing the Rangers to tie the score on Roberto Kelly's three-run double in the top of the eighth, the Mariners came back to take the lead.

Charles Gipson walked off Mike Venafro (2-1) and John Mabry sacrificed him to second. Bell then hit a grounder through the middle off Tim Crabtree to make it 5-4.

The Rangers' bullpen took a loss for the second time this week after winning 17 of their first 18 decisions.

Jose Paniagua (4-6) got the victory although he blew his sixth save in seven opportunities in eighth. It was the Mariners' 12th blown save in 29 chances. Jose Mesa pitched the ninth for his 15th save in 17

Yankees 7, Orioles 4

BALTIMORE — David Cone pitched eight innings of five-hit ball to earn his first victory at Camden Yards, and Tino Martinez homered and drove in three runs as the New York Yankees extended their winning streak to five by beating Baltimore 7-4 Saturday.

Cone (8-3) struck out six, walked one and allowed one run, lowering his ERA to 2.60. The right-hander, who retired 13 straight at one point, was 0-4 with a 5.40 ERA in six lifetime starts in Baltimore.

Todd Erdos gave up a two-run homer to Jeff Conine and an RBI single to Rich Amaral in the ninth. Mariano Rivera struck out B.J. Surhoff for the final out of the game to record his 20th save.

Baltimore's Jason Johnson (1-2) matched zeroes with Cone before a fifth-inning homer by Shane Spencer gave New York the lead for good.

Chuck Knoblauch had two hits and drove in a run for the Yankees. Derek Jeter, celebrating his 25th birthday, singled twice to take over the AL lead in hits with 106.

Cal Ripken hit a 435-foot home run for the Orioles, who lost their fourth straight.

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Carter shot a 5-under 66, while

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Steve Flesch, David Sutherland,

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six shutout innings for his first major league win and the Minnesota Twins beat the Detroit Tigers 1-0 Saturday

Mays (1-2), making his second big-league start, allowed only four hits with three walks and three strikeouts to win a duel with Detroit's Dave Mlicki.

Bob Wells and Mike Trombley finished the five-hitter with Trombley getting four outs for his 11th save.

The Tigers have been shut out a major league-high eight times this season, including twice by the Twins.

Mlicki (3-7) pitched a six-hitter to lose for just the second time in six starts. Mlicki pitched his fourth complete game of his career and first since last Aug. 30 for Los Angeles against the Mets.

Reds 8, Astros 1

HOUSTON — Steve Parris pitched seven innings of one-hit ball and Sean Casey had three hits Saturday to lead the Cincinnati Reds to their sixth straight victory, 8-1 over the **Houston Astros.**

Parris (5-1) allowed only an infield single to Carl Everett in. the first inning and an unearned run in the seventh as the Reds closed within one game of the first-place Astros in the NL Central. Parris walked

Stan Belinda and Gabe White finished the combined two-hitter, sending Houston to its third consecutive loss and fifth in six

Sean Bergman (4-5) lost his third straight outing, allowing five runs on seven hits in five

Casey, who entered the game hitting .379, went 3-for-5 with two singles and a two-run homer off Scott Elarton in the seventh. It was his 16th of the season and gave the Reds a 7-0

Phillies 6, Cubs 2

CHICAGO - Sammy Sosa's 300th career home run was not enough for Chicago on Saturday as the Philadelphia Phillies beat the Cubs 6-2.

Bobby Abreu and Rico Brogna each hit two-run homers in the first inning and Robert Person (1-1) won for the first time in four starts for Philadelphia.

Person left after allowing Sosa's NL-leading 27th home run with one out in the sixth. The homer was hit to straightaway center field.

Sosa came out of the dugout for a curtain call for the crowd of 40.466 when the scoreboard announced Sosa's milestone. Sosa became the 83rd player to reach 300 home runs.

The Cubs (35-36) have lost 13 of 16 games and dropped below chances.

12. They have lost five straight at Wrigley Field.

Steve Trachsel (2-10) dropped his sixth straight decision, giving up five runs and six hits in five innings. Trachsel, who is 0-6 with an 8.47 ERA in eight starts since May 15, leads the majors in losses.

Dodgers 7. Giants 6

SAN FRANCISCO — Todd Hundley's second homer of the game, a three-run shot in the ninth, gave the Los Angeles Dodgers a 7-6 win Saturday over San Francisco, the fifth loss in a row for the Giants.

Hundley's third homer in less than 24 hours came a halfinning after Ellis Burks, who came off the disabled Saturday, hit a three-run shot as the Giants scored four runs in the eighth to take a 6-4 lead.

Hundley, who hit a two-run shot into the upper deck in right field in the third inning, hit his 10th homer of the season off Robb Nen (3-2).

Nen, who was charged with his fourth blown save of the season, came in to start the ninth and allowed a double to Dave Hansen and a single by Eric Young before Hundley's homer.

Alan Mills (2-1) got the win despite allowing three runs in the eighth. Jeff Shaw pitched the ninth for his 18th save in 19

Europeans, trades dominate early NHL draft

BOSTON (AP) — Maybe they should rename the NHL entry draft the European Hockey League entry draft.

For the first time, Europeans were chosen with the first four picks Saturday. And for only the third time, a European was taken first.

"There is more scouting being done in European countries,' New Jersey general manager Lou Lamoriello said. The top pick was Patrik

Stefan, a powerful forward from

the Czech Republic selected by the Atlanta Thrashers. The Thrashers hope he can, eventually, provide offense they couldn't get when they chose 26 players in Friday's expansion

draft. They obtained the choice,

first held by Tampa Bay, as part of a flurry of pre-draft trades. Vancouver had the next two picks and chose twins Daniel and Henrik Sedin, who play in the competitive Swedish Elite League and wanted to stay

'Having all the Europeans is a little bit of a coincidence.' said Toronto assistant general manager Anders Hedberg, also from Sweden. "It doesn't matter where they come from. They're chosen on projection (to play in the NHL) and talent.

together in the NHL.

Pavel Brendl from the Czech Republic was chosen by the New York Rangers with the fourth pick, obtained in a trade with Tampa Bay. He had 73 goals in 68 games last season with Calgary of the Western Hockey League, one of the Canadian Juniors leagues that consistenly turns out top NHL talent.

Stefan had 11 goals in 33 games with Long Beach of the professional International Hockey League but had his season shortened by two concussions. That apparently didn't bother Atlanta and Stefan said he's fine now.

Stefan and Brendl are considered the only two drafted players likely to play in the NHL next season.

"Brendl's not European. He

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Philadelphia general manager Bobby Clarke said. "It's ridiculous to say that they are European when they have to get trained in Canadian junior nockey.'

The first non-European taken was Tim Connolly with the fifth pick by the New York Islanders. who play not far from his Baldwinsville, N.Y. home.

"It's a great honor being the highest U.S. player drafted," Connolly said. "I don't feel pressure. Pressure is when you don't have a job and have six kids to feed.

The first five players taken were all forwards. Then Nashville chose goalie Brian Finley of Barrie of the Ontario Hockey League with the sixth pick. The first defenseman drafted was Branislav Mezei of Belleville of the OHL by the Islanders with the 10th pick.

Of the 28 players chosen in the first round, 15 were from Europe, although some of them played junior hockey in Canada or the United States.

Before Stefan, the only Europeans drafted No. 1 were Mats Sundin of Sweden by Quebec in 1989 and Roman Hamrlik of the Czech Republic by Tampa Bay in 1992.

"It's not a trend." Hedberg said of the European emphasis in Saturday's draft. "That may not be the case next year.'

There was a distinct trend Saturday toward deals. Seven of the first 11 picks were made by teams who traded for them.

The biggest names changed teams later when Anaheim sent the 15th pick and center Travis Green to Phoenix for defenseman Oleg Tverdovsky. Green had 13 goals and 17 assists last season, while Tverdovsky was one of Phoenix's top defensemen with seven goals and 18 assists.

Tampa Bay originally had the first pick for the second straight year - it chose Vincent Lecavalier in 1998 but ended up without a firstrounder.

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HARRISON, N.Y. (AP) - Jim GOLF Carter and Duffy Waldorf tamed Westchester Country Club's

greens Saturday and finished tied for also made birdies at Nos. 9, 10 the lead after three rounds of and 18.

Carter has never won in nine full years on the PGA Tour. His best finish has been third.

Waldorf had a more erratic round with three bogeys, four birdies and an eagle. The eagle came on the par-5 fifth hole when he drilled a 2-iron from 245 yards within 5 feet of the cup and made the putt. He also made birdie putts of 20 feet on 13, 25 feet on 14, chipped in from 30 feet on 17 and tapped in for a birdie on the par-5 18th The field was bunched in after hitting driver-driver to the large part because hot, breezy side of the green and putting weather made Westchester's within 2 feet with a 3-wood.

Waldorf has only one PGA victory, the 1995 Texas Open. Janzen, the Buick Classic winner in 1994 in a duel with Ernie Els, shot a 2-under 69

despite taking 32 putts. Leonard is playing his first tournament ever here and said Saturday he was only starting to learn where and where not to land the ball on the tricky greens. He birdies in a round that got a had a 66 Saturday.

Flesch, one of the few left-hanwith birdies on Nos. 1 and 2. He ders on the PGA Tour, had five birdies in a 66. He said he has Larry Nelson, whose balky putplayed well this week because he has driven the ball accurately, hitting 37 of 42 fairways off

Sutherland had three birdies and did not make a bogey in

Carter, Waldorf tied after third at Buick Classic

shooting a 68. Perry finished with birdies at 17 and 18 to shoot an even-par 71. Jeff Maggert, the secondround leader with Perry at 6 under, held a piece of the lead

at 7 under midway through the round Saturday but played himself out of contention with bogey 5s on Nos. 11, 12, 13, 15, 16 and a double-bogey on 18.

Senior Players

eagle — took command of the Senior Players Championship during Saturday's third round.

Irwin, one of five players who started the day two strokes behind second-round leader Graham Marsh, birdied the first three holes and never looked back. An eagle on No. 13 sealed a round of 8-under-par 64 and a four-stroke lead over Marsh, who shot 70.

Spaniard Jose Maria Canizares shot 68 for 207 to tie Jacobs shot 68s, Aoki had 70.

ter held him to 69 over the TPC of Michigan. Still, the brilliant play crafted

by the leaders was almost overshadowed by the withdrawal after nine holes of Jack Nicklaus, who designed the course.

Nicklaus, complaining of pain around the left hip he had surgically replaced in January. said he apparently tried to play too much, too soon after the operation.

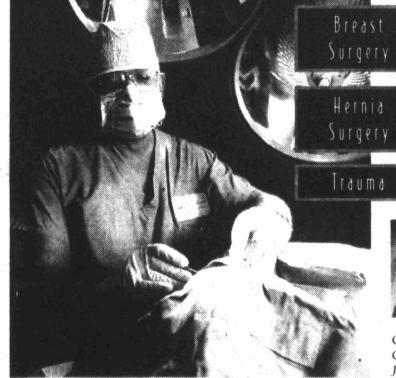
'Hopefully, I'll be all right for the U.S. Senior Open (July 8-11 in Des Moines)," Nicklaus said. "I'll play it by ear."

This was only the third time DEARBORN, Mich. (AP) - in his long and distinguished Hale Irwin, with trademark career that Nicklaus, 59, has ball-striking — plus a timely withdrawn from a tournament. The first was the 1981 World Series, where he had to be carried from the practice area. A sore back also forced him from the 1983 Masters.

"You know, it's certainly not my choice," Nicklaus said. "I've always finished."

Senior rookie Bruce Fleisher, the circuit's leading money-winner at \$1.1 million was tied at 208 with John Jacobs and Japan's Isao Aoki. Fleisher and

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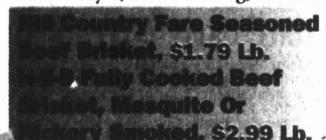
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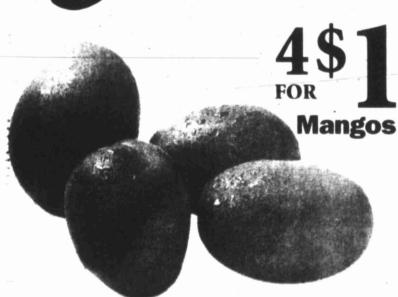


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er backyard is a little piece of paradise for Pat Vines. The Big Spring homeowner has created a garden of herbs, flowers, native plants and a pond with fish. It attracts birds, butterflies and even squirrels.

"In this part of Texas, it is really hard to grow the things you see on television and in books," Vines said. "I've been putting in more and more native plants, and I've been having a lot more success.'

Vines collects seeds everywhere — from friends and neighbors, along the side of the highway, from nurseries and stores

"I just throw the seeds out, and if one comes up, I've done good," she said. "Everything I do

is an experiment." That includes large, lush bundles grown from only one seed, plants that bloom before they should, or after, and absolutely not one

drop of pesticides. "I use all organic pest control," Vines said. "I basically leave everything alone and it does

balance out." Vines said she "watches" plants that attract pests, and has noticed that soon, predators move in and take care of the problem. Her dill plants are currently home to caterpillars that

eat as much as they want. "I don't mind sharing with them; they're going to become beautiful butterflies." Vines

Although she admits to spending quite a bit of time in the garden, Vines also said she rarely pulls weeds. She does add soil conditioners and sand to help with drainage.

The ground throughout her garden is mulched with bark chips.

Soaker hoses provide water, which the plants have not needed much lately. Herbs, which make up much of her garden, also don't need much water anyway.

Her love of gardening started with frag tasty herbs, which she still loves.

"I enjoy having something that you can walk around and taste or smell," she said.

These days her collection includes thyme, horehound, rosemary, lemon verbena, skullcap, mint, chocolate mint, doublemint, lemon mint, Russian sage, African and cinnamon basil, and many others.

Some of them she collects, dries, and keeps in jars for cooking and medicinal use. "I'm all for modern medicine," she said, "but there are a lot of those old remedies that we've lost, that we shouldn't have."

She grows loofa, which is dried into bathing sponges, on a climbing vine. Pennyroyal near her pond is said to be a good natural mosquito repellent.

Her garden, Vines said, had no real plan; her gardening motto is "break all the rules."

For example, she often moves her plants if they don't seem to do well in one location. From observation and experience, she said she has learned more about plants than she ever could get from books.

"Plants may not have brains, but they are living creatures," she said. "It's amazing how much you learn about life by

spending time with plants." She said she has also grown to appreciate

"I noticed I had some red ants, and my first reaction was to get out the ant poison," she recalled. "But I decided to let it go for a while, and then I discov-



ered they are food for horned toads.'

Vines now has one of the increasingly hardto-find lizards living in her garden area. The gardener said she especially enjoys

showing the plants to her grandson. "I'd love it if the next generation could learn

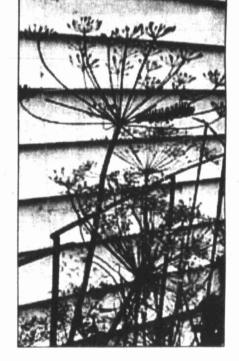
the love of plant life." And her hope, she added, is that other people will discover the serenity and pleasure of a backyard garden.

"No matter how small or modest your place is, there's no reason it can't be your own little

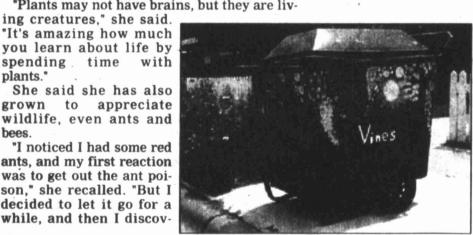


In the photographs: Top left, a bucket of apple mint grows next to a guardian angel in Pat Vines' garden. Top, right, quotations and clever sayings complement the plant life in this little backyard paradise. Above, Pat Vines sits on the concrete bench that makes a nice picnic spot. At left, small flowers and large rocks share a space. Below, left, Vines has even decorated her dumpster, making it a rare sight around town. Below, a pond is partially covered with lily pads. At right, her dill is home to caterpillars since butterflies prefer to lay their eggs on the plant.









Dining out wouldn't be the same without call of the wild moose

People often ask me if we've lot. tried this new restaurant, or that one. I usually respond with a blank, hungry look.

The truth is, most of the Jensen family's "dining out" these days is done straight out of a bag. Or sitting in those little rotating chairs near a large plastic playground.

You see, we have an infant at home. Dining out has entered a new dimension.

' It's a place where the hostess, after a pleasant greeting, picks up a couple of menus and starts walking, walking and walking until you think you may have left the building and are now somewhere in the back parking during church.

In some restaurants, babies have a place of their own - a place often in the back, hidden

away from the other diners. Now, don't get me wrong. There are plenty of child-friendly places. But can you blame a restaurant for wanting to be child-friendly and friendly to those who prefer a calm, serene atmosphere.

Like I said, we don't go out much anymore, but at a steakhouse recently in another town, we were seated in a room of our own, with glass walls reminiscent of the "cry room" where you take noisy babies

Everything was fine until the else — quickly!" hostess seated a middle-aged couple next to us. Then

Hannah, 9 _ months, began making loud, grunting sounds that rivaled the call of a wild moose. She makes

these noises often. either means, "I'm hungry. that Move spoon faster," or "That's not what I want. Try something

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The couple pretended not to be staring warily at our table, but they couldn't help it. It was obvious their dining experience was in jeopardy. They spoke loudly of visiting the salad bar and left quickly, never to be seen again.

Soon the hostess seated another couple next to us — a couple with two small, noisy children. Hannah became so enthralled with watching them that she

hardly uttered another sound. In some cases, carrying an infant along is like a free ticket anywhere — front of the line, front of the airplane, first in

though you were holding a stick of dynamite with the fuse

And in some ways, you are: In an average restaurant, one baby can create a mess rivaling that left behind by an entire Little League team at a pizza

buffet. There's one rule of eating out with a baby in tow — never look back at the table when you are ready to leave. You will be overcome with horror at the minefield of dropped food, silverware, napkins, etc., that you will double the tip.

Wait a minute: Scratch that, the restroom. But in other DO look back, and DO increase

cases, people look at you as the tip. Your server probably deserves it.

Dining out is definitely not what it used to be for me. Most things aren't what they used to

be for a new mother. But sometimes, if I close my eyes for a moment, I can picture the way it was, or at least

the way I think it was. I picture myself in a posh restaurant, wearing a dry-cleanonly outfit without a trace of baby spitup or food on it. I'm sitting at a spotless table, listening to soft music, and slowly lifting a fork of real, grownup

You know, that's an awfully boring picture.

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Leroy and Bettye Teague celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 26, 1999, with a reception at the Dora **Roberts Community Center** hosted by their children and grandchildren.

He was born in Wharton, and she was born as Bettye Anna Porterfield in Haskell. They met in 1948 when they both worked at Burkhead Co. in Lamesa. They were married on June 24, 1949, in the Methodist Church in Rawlins, Wyo.

Mr. and Mrs. Teague have three children, Denice Smith of Troy, Mo., Angie Phillips of Fairfield, Calif., and Gala Maley of Mesquite. They also have four grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Teague have lived in Wyoming and Montana for the first year of marriage, moved to Lamesa and finally to Big Spring in 1956.

Mr. Teague retired from the VA Hospital Engineering Department in 1980, and his



MR. AND MRS. LEROY TEAGUE

wife is a retired seamstress. Mrs. Teague has been a member of the North Birdwell Lane **United Methodist Church for 33** years. He was an avid fisherman for years and she has been involved in quilting for family, friends and the community.

Pictured: "Blanche" Black

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Kristine E. Mereness, daughter of Don and Kristi Mereness of Forsan, enlisted in the U.S. Air Force's Delayed Enlistment Program on June 17. Mereness graduated from

Forsan High School and is scheduled for enlistment in the regular Air Force on Oct. 13. Upon successfully completing Air Force's six week basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, she is scheduled to receive technical training in an administrative aptitude area career field.

Marine Lance Cpl. Derck M. Hicks, son of Virginia L. Taylor of Big Spring, recently completed a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific \received meir and Indian Oceans and \including rabies. Arabian Gulf, while assigned \\ "Spanky" Mix breed, buwn the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), embarked aboard the ships of the USS Boxer Amphibious

Ready Group. The 1996 graduate of Big Spring High School joined the Marine Corps in September

STORK **CLUB**

Caleb Victor Mendoza, boy, June 8, 1999, 7:03 p.m., seven pounds 11 ounces and 20 inches long; parents are Victor and Yolanda Mendoza.

Grandparents are Willie and Hope Mendoza and the late Jose and Lucia Ruiz, all of Big

Braylee Kay Jennings, gírl, June 18, 1999, 9:17 a.m., six pounds nine ounces and 19 inches long; parents are Holley and Jim Bob Jennings.

Grandparents are Pat and Joy Armstrong of Big Spring, and Cindy Jennings of Amarillo.

Addyson Jean Fillpot, girl, June 21, 1999, 1:18 a.m., seven pounds and 20 inches long; parents are Jay and Angela Fillpot of Fort Worth.

Grandparents are Frankie Chandler, Bonnie Chandler, both of Big Spring, and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Fillpot of San Angelo.

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GETTING **ENGAGED**



Jeromy Moss of Houston, will exchange wedding vows on July 17, 1999, at the First Baptist Church in Midland with Bro. Waymon Swapes officiating.

She is the daughter of Wayne and Brenda Barber of Midland, and the granddaughter of Billy and Bennie Barber, Big Spring, and Harold and Lola Graves, Stanton.

He is the son of Randall and Julie Moss of Miller Place, N.Y.



PFC Robert Hull and Crystal Flynn would like to announce their | engagement approaching marriage.

They are both 1998 graduates with white star, male, 8 of Big Spring High School. He is in the Army stationed at Special Note: All dogs and Fort Meyer, Va. cats presently available for He is the son of Danny and adoption at the shelter have

Debbie Hull of Big Spring, and Mary Hulf of Panama City, Fla.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Elynn of Say Antonio, and Kathryn Rodgers of Big Spring

They will be married in Big Spring on Aug. 14, 1999, and will return to Virginia for the remainder of his service.

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NEWCOMERS

New residents of Big Spring welcomed recently by Joy Fortenberry and the Newcomer Greeting Service include:

Floyd and Marian Phillips and children Rami and Malcom. Fort Worth. He is employed by K-Bob's Restaurant.

daughter Anħ Shorts, Myeshia and son Bo, Lamesa. She is employed by the Permian Basin Council of Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

Garland and Holly Gandy and sons Todd and Karl, Midland. He works for Signal Homes. John H. and Shirley J. Smith,

Las Vegas, Nev. He works for Century Steel Co. Lisa Gonzalez, Abilene. She is

employed by the Big Spring State Hospital. Vance and Robin Moore and sons Jordan and Blake, Garden

City. He works for Price Construction.

Date and Tonya Kesterson

and daughter Kacy, Fort Worth. They are both employed by SWCID.

Local students of West Texas A&M University students were

Bachelor of Science from **Howard Payne University.** named to the President's List, The following students made and Dean's List for the 1999

the Dean's List for the Spring Hsiao-Hsuan Li, freshman in semester at Texas Tech pre-medicine; Stephanie K. University: Talbot, junior in pre-medicine;

Jill Leanne Yancey of Forsan, Amy Lynn Parrish Smith, Brian Eugene Burchett, Adrian man in nursing were among De La Rosa, Kelly Leigh Hollar, Jeffrey Matthew Moss, and Meredith Kristin Tissue, all of Big Spring. ferred on 487 West Texas A&M

WHO'S

Those making the President's List include:

Elisa Michelle Hinojos. Stacey June Hollar, Anandam Srinand Mandyam, Jessie Ann Perez, Steven Preston Prater, and Stefanie Janine Waggoner, all of Big Spring.

The following students graduated from Texas University in May 1999:

Spring commencement exer-Jill Leanne Yancey, of cises at Tarleton State Forsan, received a Bachelor of Science, Mandee Kristina University were held May 15 on Fernandez received a Bachelor Local students graduating of Arts, Elisa Michelle Hinojos included: Summer Chaniel received a Bachelor of Science, Stacey June Hollar received a Rawls with a BS in Animal Production, Melissa Ann. Bachelor of Interior Design, Shanks with a BA in English. and Ruben Ortega Valdez, III and Jeffery Layne Wright with received a Bachelor of Arts, all a BS in Criminal Justice, all of of Big Spring.

> Texas 4-H students received financial boost for education \$700,000 as worth of fouryear, \$10,000 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Scholarships were presented during ceremonies June 8 at the Texas 40H Roundup in College Station.

Among those receiving scholarships were: Lindsay D. Moates, a Big Spring High School graduate, and Katie Jo



MOATES

Yates, a Grady High School graduate.

Moates is the daughter of Sheree and Mike Moates. She plans to attend Howard College or Texas Tech University and major in Agriculture/Animal Science.

Yates is the daughter of DeAnn and Jody Yates. She plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in **Agricultural Economics.**

Steven T. Hoelscher of Garden City, has been awarded the Ag Workers Mutual Auto **Insurance Company and Texas County Agricultural Agents** Association Scholarship of \$1,500.

Hoelscher is the son of Harold and Ann Holescher. He has been a member of Glasscock County 4-H for 10

Honors won in 4-H include: Consumer Judging: 5th place team at state in 1996, 1st individual at District in 1997 and 1998, 2nd place individual at District in 1996, Shooting Sports: Sr. All-District Trap Team in 1997, High Scorer in County in 1996, Safest Gun Handler in County in 1995.

His career goal is to become a computer analyst. He plans to attend Texas A&M University and major in Computer Science.

Brantley Sean Wright, 2, recently competed in the 1999 West Texas

Beauty Pageant. Wright won first place in both the beauty division and the per-

sonality division. He also placed second in the photogenic division. He now

Spring.

WRIGHT

advances to the Royalty Division in Odessa on July 5. He is the son of Jon and Kathy Wright of Big Spring, and the grandson of Mike and Kathy Johnson, and C. Roy and Glenda Wright, all of Big

People in the News

LONDON (AP) - t what

was the Walrus trying to say?

An alternative set of lyrics to

John Lennon's enigmatic song

"I Am the Walru nay help

— handwritten by Lennon —

is the centerpiece of a collec-

tion of Beatles memorabilia

that will be offered at an auc-

tion at Christie's in

some lucky fan find out.

September.

have to take chances.'

NEW YORK (AP) - Even though she is from a show business family, Bridget Fonda says she was paralyzed by stage fright early in her career.

"I'd go on stage, and later I couldn't remember a thing I'd done," the actress, who has been in more than 30 movies. said in this Sunday's Parade magazine. "I'd think, 'I'm the worst person in the class.' They all looked at me like I should know better because of my heritage.'

So how did the daughter of Peter Fonda and granddaughter of Henry Fonda overcome her fear?

"I'm stubborn," she said. 'I've learned that when it's

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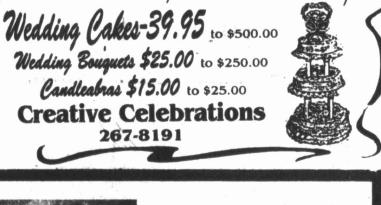
something you care about, you from those sung on the Beatles' "Magical Mystery Tour" album, released in 1967. The line in the recording about the "crabalocker fishwife pornographic priestess," for example, appears as "pornographic policeman."

The lyrics are expected to A sheet containing the lyrics fetch about \$150,000.

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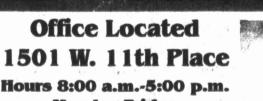
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FRIDAY-CLOSED

MONDAY-Chicken, rice,

TUESDAY-Enchiladas, span-

WEDNESDAY-Hamburger

steak, potatoes, mixed vegeta-

bles, salad, milk/rolls, pudding.

THURSDAY-Chicken salad

lettuce/tomatoes,

sandwich, french fries, baked

SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAMS

potato rounds, ranch style

TUESDAY-Chicken strips,

mashed potatoes, gravy, green

beans, jello w/fruit, hot roll,

WEDNESDAY-Cheeseburger,

salad, french fries, pinto beans,

THURSDAY-Chicken nuggets,

mashed potatoes, gravy, green

Odds-n-Ends

BOULDER CITY, Nev. (AP)

Lt. Dan lost his to head to

some bad guys. But not to

Lt. Dan is a plastic dummy that sits in a roadside patrol

car in an effort to slow speed-

He was decapitated by three

guys who tried to steal him after a night of drinking, Sgt.

into the back of their truck under a spare tire, Reed said. When they tried to drive off,

the wheels of their vehicle got

Two police officers soon arrived and noticed Dan in the

"He said, 'Help me, Help

Timothy Smitherman, 21, his

brother, Jeffrey Smitherman,

18, and Dustin Belinski, 19, all

of North Las Vegas, were

arrested and charged with bur-

glary, damage to a police vehi-cle and grand theft.

SANFORD, Fla. (AP) -

Seminole County has drawn

the curtain on performances of

'Macbeth'' in the buff at a

County commissioners on

Tuesday unanimously passed a

law banning nudity in estab-

lishments licensed to sell alco-

hol. The move followed several

nude performances of

Shakespeare's "Macbeth" and

other theatrical skits at Club

The dancers had been trying

to take advantage of a law

exempting theatrical perfor-

The new county law plugs

mances from a ban on nudity.

Juana in Casselberry.

that loophole.

stuck in the dirt.

me," Reed joked.

local strip club.

Jim Reed said Wednesday. The three men busted the patrol car window and put Dan

worry, he's back on the beat.

beans, peaches hot roll, milk.

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FRIDAY-CLOSED

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Computers change hair, clothes in yearbook portraits

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Daniel Young's parents were appalled when the high school senior shaved his head just before yearbook pictures were taken.

When a portrait company told the Youngs it could use computer imaging to restore the boy's hair, they jumped at the chance.

"He did not like it one bit," says his mother, Toni. "We didn't mind because we were

paying for it, after all.' Digital photo retouching is making it easy for students and their parents to take care of bad hair days, remove

braces — even change clothes. Retouching photos is hardly a new practice. Airbrushing to correct redeye or remove pimples is common. But the digital process used by Young's portrait taker, T.D. Brown of Cranston, R.I., is quicker and more sophisticated, and generally costs \$19 to \$49, depending on the complexity of the job.

The Youngs, whose son went to high school in Madison, Conn., gave the company an idea of Daniel's hair color, how he parted it and how long it was.

The company took it from there. (The Youngs also had the company put their son in a tuxedo instead of just a shirt and tie.)

"It's not dead-on — I mean, I look a bit like Superman but they did pretty well with it, considering the circumstances," says Young, now a 19-year-old at Keene State College in New Hampshire.

Most orders, however, consist of removing unruly strands of hair or taking out braces.

T.D. Brown built its imagealtering system with technology developed by Eastman Kodak. The portrait company posts photos of a model in different poses on its Web site for customers to look at.

"People come to us and say, 'I like that smile, that pose, that background or those clothes.' We take those bits and pieces and make one,' says vice president Craig Brown.

Brown says 65 percent of his student customers opt for touchups using technology that has been around since the early 1990s.

The practice alarms Bradley Wilson, executive director of National Press Photographers Association. Wilson, a former yearbook adviser, says the yearbook should be a record of things as they were, not as students or parents would like them to have been.

'Twanged' has lost its tang

"Twanged." Carol Higgins Hamptonite, Chappy Tinka. Clark. Warner Books, Inc., New York, New York. April, 1999.

326 pages. \$7.50

Brigid O'Neill is bubbling over with enthusiasm and delight as she rides a rising wave in the country music field. Hoping to bring her even more luck, she plans to play a fiddle that was given to her in Ireland when she appears at the big Fourth of July concert in the Hamptons. The fiddle carries with it the blessing of being lucky, but also the Irish n e s s . curse that bad fortune will Chappy's cirbefall anyone who removes it cle

from the Irish Isle. Earlier in the year, Brigid had met private investigator Regan Reilly at a party when they were both visiting Ireland. as the mid-summer concert draws closer, Brigid knows she will need some protection around her. When she finds out friends and family in the hires Regan as a bodyguard for

the week before the concert. As time for the concert grows close, Brigid and her musical very wealthy, but eccentric ened.

However friendly Chappa

appears on the surface, he has an ulterior motive for everything he does.



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tances includes a feng shui specialist, a "guru" and Chappy's "yes" man who stumbles and bumbles through his various assignments.

acquain-

Regan stays busy trying to keep Brigid safe as she receives that Regan will be visiting numerous threats to her life, as well as the safety of the fiddle. Hamptons during July, she Despite Regan's best efforts, one of Chappy's guests is found floating face-down in the pool, the fiddle is snatched minutes before the concert, and group move into the home of a Brigid's future career is threat-

The fast-paced action continues through the book, but often the situations seem contrived and too easily solved. Trying to pull the various subplots together, Carol Higgins Clark dilutes the motley array of predicaments by having a ready solution for each of them.

Clark's characters are likable and consistent. In the effort to have one or two offer some humorous relief, the writing describes them with a burlesque-type quality that makes them seem soppy or tragic.

There's no denying that Carol Higgins Clark is an adequate writer, but she doesn't have that peppery, sharp quality to her work that her mother, Mary Higgins Clark, consistent ly produces.

"Twanged" is a rather pleasant, emotionless tale. If you're looking for something to offer excitement, leave this one on the shelves.

RATING: (**) two out of four=Like potato chips without

EDITOR'S NOTE: For the last several years. Big Spring Herald readers have enjoyed Pat Williams' paperback book reviews. This is her last one.

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octuplets home from hospital

HOUSTON (AP) - All the surviving Texas octuplets are now home from a hospital

Hospital spokeswoman Melissa Quiroz said Ikem is in good condition, but she declined to discuss what kind of diet or special care has been prescribed for him and his

brothers and sisters. lkem was the oldest boy of the octuplets. He had been in

in December of 1998. He had abdominal surgery in March, but since then has been progressing well, and has been breathing on his own for the

Pediatricians have not indicated that the children have shown any signs of the longterm problems that can face babies born prematurely.

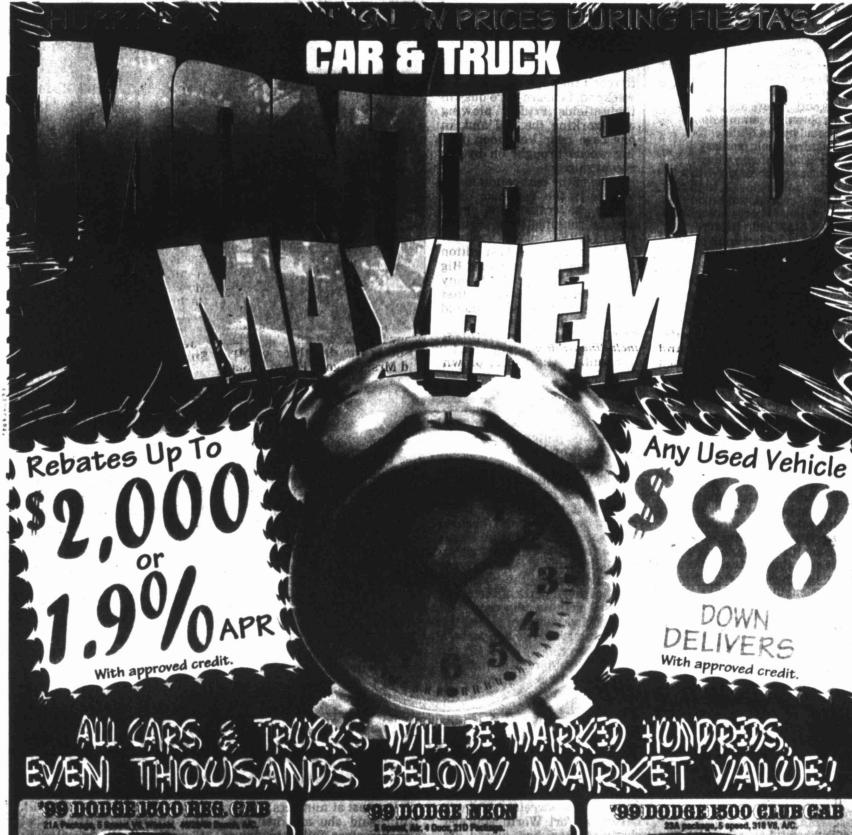
Last of the

The last of the octuplets to leave Texas Children's Hospital was Ikem, the firstborn of two boys to Nkem Chukwu and her husband, Ikye Louis Udobi.

intensive care since being born

past three months.

Doctors say Ikem weighed seven pounds, 12 ounces when he was released — up from his birth weight of just one pound and one ounce.





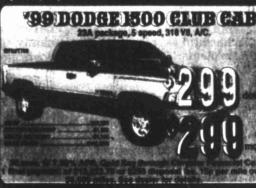
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Key U.S. senator offers alternative plan to crop insurance reform

WASHINGTON (AP) — The lion Congress has set aside over chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee weighing in with his ideas for helping farmers cope with lost crops and declines in commodity prices

Instead of reducing the premiums farmers pay for federally subsidized crop insurance as is favored by lawmakers from the Plains and the South, Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., wants to give direct payments to growers to spend as they choose.

Lugar's proposal would consume the lion's share of \$6 bilthe next five years for overhauling the crop-insurance system.

To get the annual payments, farmers would be required to take some steps to reduce their financial risk, such as buying insurance or obtaining contracts with processors for their crops, according to committee aides who outlined the proposal.

"Once farmers are fully educated as to the contents they will be very supportive," said Keith Luse, the committee's chief of staff.

Lugar doesn't plan to intro-

until next week, but it's already drawing criticism from lawmakers, farm groups and the insurance industry.

Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D., accused Lugar of favoring the Corn Belt at the expense of other regions of the country where the weather is less dependable and the insurance is more critical.

"It really undermines the crop insurance system. If you're going to have a serious system of national crop insurance it's got to be designed to help farm-

duce his proposal in the Senate ers manage risk. It's got to be part of a national program,' Conrad said.

> State leaders of the American Farm Bureau reacted coolly to Lugar's ideas when they were briefed late last week on them, said Mary Kay Thatcher, a lobbyist for the group.

The heart of Lugar's proposal is an annual "risk management" payment to farmers that would run for three years, starting in 2000. The 2000 payment would equal 29 percent of the fixed "market transition" payments that most producers are

currently getting under the 1996 "Freedom to Farm" law. The risk management payment would rise to 36 percent in 2001 and 37 percent in 2002.

Starting in 2001, growers would be required to show they had taken two of eight possible steps to reduce their risks. In addition to buying insurance or contracting with processors, those steps would include attending classes on marketing, reducing debt or trying new

Farm-state lawmakers hoped to overhaul the insurance sys-

tem this year, but Lugar's proposal points to the difficulty in reaching a consensus among different regions of the country.

Most members of Lugar's committee already are sponsoring one of two bills designed to appeal to either the Plains or the South.

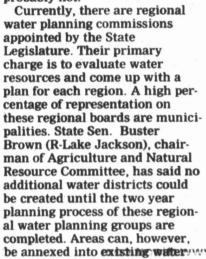
"It's what makes crop insurance so difficult to do. How do you do a national policy that addresses all these varied concerns of producers all across the country?" said Tom Buis, a lobbyist for the National Farmers

Water rights a sticky issue

ho will be managing our water in the future? The question that land owners and

ranch operators may need to be asking is "Will I still be managing my water resources in 10 Without some

type of local authority such as an underground water district, the answer is probably not.



DAVID

There are two types of water resources that a land owner may nave. Groundwater and surface water, both of these sources have to be recharged or they will deplete themselves. Water resources will continue to be more important in the future to all citizens of Texas, especially landowners and agricultural operators. Because water will be such a valuable resource in the future, one thing is for sure, someone will be managing it to make sure the needs of all concerned are met. If there is not a mechanism in place for local control, such as a water district, the state will manage the resource.

Recent rains have been of benefit to most agricultural producers of the county. The rains have been spotted over Howard County and West Texas. Some parts of the county have received as much as nine inches of rain since April 1 while other parts have gotten as little as two inch-

Most of the cotton that was planted in May is progressing nicely. The plant is large enough that wind and sand damage is not as harmful as it would be to younger plants. The most cotton and best cotton is in the northeast part of Howard County. Several fields have had to be replanted to cotton because of thin stands, washing out or covering the cotton up.

I estimate that 80 percent of the cotton is up as of now. Every kind of situation that is possible is there. Some fields have adequate moisture to make a fair crop while the majority of the fields will require additional moisture to make a crop.

All producers will need to make a good crop due to the projected price that they will receive for their cotton. Most cotton analysts are projecting 50 cents to 52 cents per pound at harvest time. It is hard to pay for that \$100,000 tractor and \$25,000 truck with 50-

cent cotton in any operation. Most ranchers within the county would like to see it continue to rain, while most farmers would like two weeks of clear weather and then more rain around July 4. One thing for sure, we do not ever want to pass up a rain in West Texas because I can promise you it will likely be hot and dry in July and

(David Kight is Howard County Extension Agent-Agriculture. He may be reached at 264-2236.)

Farmer's latest prayers answered with heat, sunshine

What's needed now is three week-long stint of hot weather

By JOHN H. WALKER

Managing Editor

Crossroads Area farmers have had their prayers answered — twice.

First, there was the look heavenward as farmers prayed for rain — and after the rains came there was the prayer for that standard West Texas commodity sunshine and hot

With temperatures expected to reach the century mark this weekend, farmers were busy in their fields Friday, plowing and working the soil and, in one case near Vealmoor, hoeing weeds brought on by the recent rains.

Some of the best cotton in the area is in the Vealmoor area, where several fields have stands ranging from 10-to-14 inches tall.

"It's some of the best cotton we've ever had,' explained Big farmer Johnny Middleton. "And now that we're getting the heat, it should really take off."

While some farmers in the area received too much rain, Middleton said he couldn't complain.

"We got five inches, and we never had more than a quarter or half-inch of water standing,' he said. "The ground was just soaking it up like a sponge.'

Howard County Extension Agent-Agriculture David Kight said cotton in Howard County looks better than cotton to the north because of the heavier rains received in the South Plains and Lower Panhandle.

"Right now, if we don't get any more rain, the cotton in the northern parts of the county will make a fair crop," he said. "If we get more rain at the right intervals, we can make a real good crop.

"We need more sunshine and dry conditions. I would definitely like to see warm, dry



This cotton, in a field located about one-quarter mile west of Vealmoor, is already more than a foot tall. Some of the best cotton in the Crossroads Area is located in the northern Howard County region.

conditions for three weeks, then a good, timely rain."

Cotton is up and through the surface through much of the Crossroads Area, with the best cotton in the northern parts of **Howard County.**

In the Ackerly area, cotton is between eight and 12-inches tall, but heading west of Ackerly on FM 2002, the cotton was just starting to break through the surface near the Flower Grove Community.

Cotton along Texas 137 in

northern Martin County was also spotty, as it was along FM 846 near Merrick and Knott, but in the Lenorah, Grady and Tarzan areas, the crop looked

to have a good start. In Mitchell County there are still spots in some bottoms that are too wet for heavy equipment, but overall, the crop is

up and through the surface. Area ranchers are just as happy about the rain as cotton producers, with the range land

greener now that in the past

three-to-five years.

Kight said the rains provided much-needed moisture to grazing lands that are usually in danger of being too dry at this time of year — and have largely gone without precipitation through much of the 1990s.

"As far as the grasslands, and beef and cattle production, they can really use the rain," he

(Staff writer Allison Thomas contributed to this report.)

Town & Country sale completed to managers

HERALD Staff Report

Company officials of Town & Country Food Stores, Inc., announced Friday that the internal management buyout of the company has now been

Previous key officers and management are the new owners of the company.

With the sale, former board chairman and CEO F.L. "Steve" Stephens will retire, as will former senior vice-president Jim Little, Don Allison, former company president, will serve as chairman of the board and

Stephens said, "We believe that this internal purchase will allow the company to maintain the corporate culture which has developed over the past 33 years, enhance the stability of employee security and benefits, and maximize the company's value both today and in the future. We also felt that it was important to keep the company ownership in existing management hands.

New board chairman and CEO Don Allison said, Frankly, we believe that out employees and the communities in which we operate will notice no difference at all in the way we conduct our business. The higher quality of our stores, which has been the hallmark of Town & Country's growth over the years will continue to be our operational guideline. We are still strongly committed to this philosophy. We believe that this internal management buyout enhances future company growth, employee opportunity and present and future ownership value."

Town & Country presently operates 134 convenience stores in West Texas and Eastern New Mexico — including Big Spring, Coahoma and Stanton and six Town & Country Village supermarkets in various West Texas towns.

Sour ending for Fort Worth candy maker

FORT WORTH (AP) -Proving that startups struggle even in the sweetest of businesses, a Fort Worth gourmet candy maker has closed its

In the end, Mrs. Burden's Gourmet Candy Co. was swallowed by the bitter taste of debt.

Peggie Muir, an accountant with a background in the candy business, opened the factory and retail shop downtown 20 months ago. She took responsibility for the sweets shop's demise.

"I loved it. I loved the candies and the little place we made,' Muir told the Fort Worth Star-

Telegram. "We had no problems Worth-based at costing. I just simply can't sell. I'm best at numbers.'

Muir said she and her two sales directors failed to drive the small company into the higher end of the candy market, which includes selling goodies to upscale department stores and other retailers in big mar-

The company had annual sales of nearly \$1 million, but Muir added that sales weren't growing fast enough to cover unpaid debt and high promotion

Muir has joined one of Mrs. Burden's competitors, Fort Confectionery as chief financial officer of its Sweet Shop and other divisions. DFG has about \$16 million in annual sales.

DFG, which moved its headquarters from Chicago to Fort Worth last year, is the only remaining major candy maker in a city that had three just a few months ago. Pangburn Candy Co. went bankrupt earlier this year.

Mrs. Burden's went head-tohead with DFG in some premium and gourmet chocolates, sugar-free and other high-end candies. Muir said DFG's Sweet Shop was a tough competitor in sales to department' stores, candy and gift shops, boutiques and gourmet food retailers.

Muir bought Dallas-based Mrs. Burden's and moved its Kansas factory to Fort Worth in September 1997. Muir said sales ran at about 150,000 pounds of chocolates a year to more than 800 stores from California to Ohio.

At its peak, Mrs. Burden's employed 28 workers but had dwindled to nine by the time the company ceased operations last month. Five other employees also took jobs at DFG.

The company's failure caught local officials by surprise, after

Muir had said in March she had put together a pool of investors to make a \$5 million bid for Pangburn, where she had served as executive vice president for finance and operations.

"I could find investors for a big deal for a big company like Pangburn, but the investors were not there for a small, struggling company in small markets," she said.

Russell Stover Candies bought Pangburn's brand name, trademarks and inventory in bankruptcy liquidation.

DFG President Philip Gay said DFG is buying a portion of Mrs. Burden's equipment.

IN THE NEWS

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The number of rigs actively exploring for oil and natural gas in the United States has

slipped by three to 563. Of the rigs running nationwide this week, 110 were exploring for oil and 453 for gas, Houston-based Baker Hughes Inc. reported Friday. Last year, 823 rigs were operat-

ing in the United States. Baker Hughes has kept track of the count since 1944. The tally peaked at 4,530 on Dec. 28, 1981, during the height of the oil boom, but has set several record lows this year, bottoming out at 498 on April 9.

Of the major oil- and gas-producing states, Texas rose by six and New Mexico and Wyoming gained one rig each.

Oklahoma lost four rigs, Alaska and Louisiana lost one each and California's tally remained unchanged.

A private entity has agreed to buy a food company from Wal-Mart Stores Inc., the retailing giant announced. Wal-Mart is selling McLane

Foods to Temple, Texas-base

Silver Brands Partners and Swander Pace Capital. McLane makes food for convenience stores and vending machines. It had sales of \$90 million last year and will now operate as MarketFare Foods.

Sale terms were not disclosed. McLane Foods is a unit of McLane Co. Inc., a food maker and distributor owned by Wal-Mart. The larger entity had sales of \$7.11 billion for the fis-

cal year ending Jan. 31. Wal-Mart spokeswoman ssica Moser said the sale will allow McLane Co. to focus on getting products to market.

McLane Foods will move its headquarters to Austin, Texas. McLane Foods has plants in St. Louis, Salt Lake City,

Phoenix and Fredricksburg,

Va. It makes burritos, pizzas,

and sandwiches. Tuboscope Inc., a major supplier of oil field support services, has agreed to buy Louisiana-based Newpark Resources Inc., an oil-field

waste disposal company, in a \$638 million stock transaction. Under the agreement. Newport stockholders will receive 0.65 common shares of

Houston-based Tuboscope for

each share of Newport. The stockholders of each company would hold a 50-50 split in the merged company. The proposal still must be approved by stockholders, lenders and regulatory authorities. The deal is expected to be completed dur-

ing the third quarter. The companies said the merg er will enable them to provide a combined package of drilling and production waste disposal technologies and provide "onestop" shopping for fluids and waste management for the petroleum industry.

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JUDGMENT & SENTENCE Evading arrest/fugitive from justice:
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cost and 30 days in jail fine, \$219.25 court cost and 15 days in jail Fall to identify: Jacob Strain \$100 fine, Violate protective order: James Perry \$219.25 court cost and 90 days in jail

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WARRANTY DEEDS:

grantor: Wanda Dunlap and Gary C.

grantee: Roberta Birdwell property: a tract of land out of the east 1/2 of section 43, blk. 31 filed: June 9, 1999

grantor: Ronald Glenn Crouch and Pamela Rhee Crouch grantee: Timothy and Veronica Borel property: a 2.50 acre tract of land, more

or less, out of the southwest 1/4 of section 31, blk. 32 filed: June 10, 1999 grantor: Neal F. and Vicki Kay Roberts grantee: Harlingen National Bank property: lots 3 and 4 and a tract out of

lot 5, blk 7, Coronado Hills Addition filed: June 10, 1999

grantor: Larry Gene Nipp and James Elton grantee: Chuck Rosenbaum property: the south 1/2 of lot 2, and the north 1/2 of lot 3, blk. 6, Hathcock Addition filed: June 11, 1999

grantor: Raj K. and Nirmala K. Reddy grantee: Redfam, LTD property: all of that certain or, tract, ece or parcel of land lying and being situ-... ated in section no. 1, blk. 33 filed: June 14, 1999

grantor: Albino and Olga Vela-grantee: Rudy Ortega, Jr. property: all of lot 14, blk. 6, Suburban **Heights Addition** filed: June 14, 1999

grantor: Doyce Coyle and Lana Dower grantee: Arvel Wayne Stansel property: lots 8-1 0, blk. 14, South Haven filed: 14, 1999

grantee: Joe Bill and Deborah A. Averitt

property: lot 9, blk. 6, Corrected Plat of

Highland South Addition No. 2 filed: June 14, 1999

grantor: Gaylon Calvin Harding and grantee: Cynthia D. Gulley property: lot 28, Bates Addition, filed: June 15, 1999

grantor: Bert S. and Dorothy J. Sheppard grantee: Bobby Doe property: lot 20o, blk. 1, Hayden Addition filed: June 15, 1999

grantee: Donald R. Cloud and Barber Cloud property: section 10, blk. 31

filed: June 15, 1999

grantor: John M. Sr. and Janice H. Hembree-Keigel grantee: Pamela Jerri Hembree property: all of lot 4, blk. 10, Edwards Heights Addition filed: June 15, 1999

grantor: David Bruce Lewallen and Doug grantee: Robert Lavell Abbott property: lot 5, blk. 13, Coronado Hills

filed: June 16, 1999 grantor: Anastacio and Martha Munoz grantee: Abraham Gonzales Rodriguez

property: land 53' northward and southvard by 140' eastward and westward out of and part of the northwest corner of tract no. 30, of the Wm. B. Currie Subdivision of the southeast 1/4 of section 42, blk. 32; a par cel and piece of land 53' northward and southward and 50' eastward and westward out of and part of the northwest part of tract no. 30 of Wm. B. Currie Subdivision of the southeast 1/4 of section no. 42, blk

filed: June 16, 1999

grantor: Wade Choate grantee: Bill L. and Darlene Hipp property: a 148.809 acre tract of land, more or less, out of the north 1/2 of section 17, blk. 31 filed: June 16, 1999

grantor: Wade Choate grantee: Donald R. and Frances B. Cloud property: a 132 acre tract of land out of the north 1/2 of section 17, blk. 31 filed: June 16, 1999

grantor: Donald R. and Frances B. Cloud grantee: Bill L. and Darlene Hipp property: 1. the surface estate only of a 132 acre tract of land out of the north 1/2 of section 17, blk. 31, 2. a 1/568 acre tract of land, more or less, out of the north 1/2 of section 17, blk. 31 filed: June 16, 1999

grantor: Denise H. Ross, d/b/a Ross Construction grantee: Ross Builder, Inc. property: lot 14, blk. 5, replat of lots 2-9, blk. 4 and replat of all of blk 5 of the Amended Plat of Muir Heights Addition

filed: June 16, 1999 grantor: Ross Builders, Inc. grantee: Barry Threadgill and Mary property: lot 14, blk. 5, replat of lots 2-9,

blk. 4, replate of all of blk. 5 of the Amended Plat of Muir Heights Addition filed: June 16, 1999 grantor: Florence Hodges grantee: Hubert Hodges property: lots 2-4, blk. 7, Boydstun

filed: June 9, 1999

grantor: Eric (Rick) David Hughes property: a 9.742 acre tract of land out of the northwest 1/4 of section 26, blk. 33

grantor: Royce Walker, Linda Walker, Gorman Rainey, Jr. and Shirlene Rainey grantee: Robert C. Wegner

property: a 0.04 acre tract of land out of the southwest 1/4 of section 31, blk. 32 filed: June 18, 1999

grantor: Jeffery Allen Williams and Debbie

grantee: Johnny Lee and Mary Palmer property: the east 2' of lot 4, and the west 56' of lot 5, blk. 2, Monticello Addition filed: June 18, 1999

grantor: Big Spring Humane Society grantee: Paul Flores property: the middle 85' of lot 17, blk. 99, Original Town of Big Spring filed: June 18, 1999

grantor: Donald Cloud and Frances Barber Cloud grantee: Brian and Karen Moore property:a 5.00 acre tract of land, more

filed: June 9, 1999 grantor: Donald Cloud and Frances Barber Cloud grantee: Chris Bogard and Debra Bogard

or less, out of the southwest part of section

property: a 5.00 acre tract of land, more less, out of the southwest part of section

grantor: Wilson Construction, Ind. grantee: Don's Tire & Truck Service, Inc. property: a 4.35 acre tract of land out of tract 9 and tract 10, Amended William B. Currie Subdivision of the southeast 1/4 of section 42, blk, 32 filed: June 10, 1999

grantor: Jimmie and Floretta Parrish grantee: Gary Shane Clare and Kimberly property: a 1.98 acre tract of land out of the southeast 1/4 of section 20, bk. 32

filed: June 15, 1999 grantor: Chuck Rosenbaum grantee: Debra Maas property: the south 1/2 of lot 2, and the north 1/2 of lot 3, blk. 6, Hathcock Addition

filed: June 17, 1999 grantor: Priscilla Mann Lewis grantee: Kris B. Moore property: all of lot 6 and the south 7' of lot 7, blk. 4, Coronado Hills Addition

grantee: Fred J. and Audra Poeggel property: all of lot 5, blk. "A" of the filed: June 17, 1999

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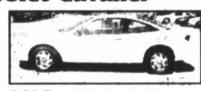
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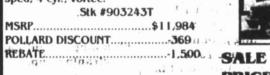
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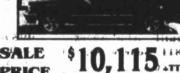
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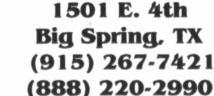
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Demolition of the Perm

Building 113 West Second Street Big Spring, Texas aled Bids shall be addressed the Office of the Public Works Division, City Hall, 310 Nolar Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720 or or before 2:00 P.M. Tuesday, July 13, 1999. Bids will be op read aloud at 2:30 P.M. in the City A MANDATORY PRE-BID CON-

113 West Second Street Time: Tuesday, June 29, 1999: 10:00 A.M.

The Award of Bids will be consi ered at a legally scheduled meeting of the City Council. The City of Big Spring Reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any or all formalities. Only bids submitted on the City Bid form shall be accepted. Bid packages can be examined or obtained from the office of the Archiect. J. Philip Furqueron, Architect, 500 Johnson Big Spring, Texas, 79720, phor 915-267-3794. Signed: Tim Blackshear, Mayo

Signed: Tom Furgeson,

2356 June 20 & 27, 1999

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ward County Junior Colle

DEPOSITORY BANK Specifications may be obtained from Terry Hansen, Executive Vice-President, Howard College, Vice-President, Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, (915) 264-5160. Sealed 10:00 a.m. on July 19, 1999 at which time they will be open publicly and read into record. A final nation of bid award will be made at a future board meeting.
Technical questions should be directed to Brenda Claxton. Controller, Howard College, (915) 264-5012. Bidding questions directed to Dennis Churchwell, Purchaser, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Bio Spring, TX 79720, 915-264-5167 Howard County Junior College District reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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& July 4, 1999

ATTENTION TCA CABLE TV SUBSCRIBERS Beginning with the August 1999 cable bills, the following monthly ervice prices will be in effect \$13.50 to \$13.95 per month \$12.58 to \$13.00 per month. All fees and/or sales tax. Inquiries concerning these changes or any other cable related issue can be made at the TCA Cable TV office located at 2006 Birdwell Lane or by

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ASST. CITY SECRETARY 2361 JUNE 25 & 27, 1999

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE TO BIDDERS

by the City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas, sealed bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 6, 1999, for a vices on Wood and Sycamore Streets. A mandatory pre-bid con-ference will be held at City Hall June 29, 1999, at 2:00 p.m. to discuss the relocation project. Bids are to be opened and read

aloud in the Big Spring City Council Chambers, City Hall, 307 East 4th Street, Big Spring, Texas regularly scheduled meeting of the Big Spring City Council. Bid info mation and specifications may be obtained from the Office of the Purchasing and Material Control r. 1380 Airpark Drive Eas Bldg. #19, Big-Spring, Texas 7970. All bids must be marked with the date of the bid and a general description of the bid item(s). The City of Big Spring reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to

PUBLIC NOTICE

2349 June 20 & 27, 1999

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, June 27, 1999:

The more you're willing to work for what you want, the sooner you'll see it happen. You're detailoriented, open-minded and energetic. Some might say you have healing ability. Just talking to you seems to make others feel secure and uplifted. Make and keep health resolutions. If you are single, although you'll have many suitors, you might be hard pressed to commit to just one! If attached, be willing to go the extra mile for your mate, and your tie will improve dramatically. SAGITTAR-

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ***** Romance reigns supreme on this social, pleasurable day.

Invite a loved one out for the day or ask someone out on a first date. If you don't take the first step. you'll never know how much fun you could have! Tonight: Check out travel plans.

est would love to spend more time with you, you seem to have your nose in a mystery novel or your eves fixed on a computer screen. Give someone the chance to distract you! Talk about home decorating, or cruise town looking for your dream home. Tonight: Dinner for two.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** You'll have the most fun with neighbors and family today. Have a tailgate party, lounge on the patio or soak up the sun on a

raft in the pool. If single, you could meet someone through a casual introduction who tickles your fancy. Smile and enjoy the lighthearted tone of the day. Tonight: Brainstorm with a part-

**** Make an effort to improve

to indulge in sweets or junk food will be hard to resist. You can do it! The face you see in the mirror will look more attractive if you maintain discipline today!

week wouldn't be a bad idea. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

gle, how can you refuse? If

If patients are not satisfied with decisions regarding specific treatments, I would encourage them to appeal the decisions through their health plans. Customer service representatives can provide information about the appeals process.

- JAMES WOODBURN, M.D., MEDICAL DIRECTOR, BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD OF **MINNESOTA**

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CANCER (June 21-July 22)

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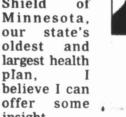
***** If there's a party going on or laughter ringing out, it's a good bet that you're either behind it or in the middle of it! Fun, flirtation and creativity merge. A romantic possibility presents itself. If sinattached, be careful! Tonight: Out

very, very läte. upcoming week.

knowledgeable." As a fellow physician and medical

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For starters, customer service representatives for health insurance companies do not make medical policy decisions; however, as the first point of contact for health-care consumers, they often answer questions about plan benefits. In addition, customer service representatives navigate what is often a complex health-care system. For this, they should be commended.

To address "Frustrated Doc's" concerns about who makes policy decisions for a health plan, let me briefly explain the process: At Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota, as is the case at many health plans across the country, decisions about what is covered or not covered are made by a panel of physicians and health-care experts. Decisions are based on solid, reliable, peer-reviewed, pub-

Health plans are committed to paying for treatments that have been rigorously proven for their safety, efficacy and reliability. New treatments that have been tested only on a few patients at one academic institution shouldn't be covered until much more study is done. Fen/phen is a classic example of well-intentioned, but poorly researched medical therapy that, when unleashed prematurely, can have profoundly devastating effects.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

close to home is your best bet; there, you can enjoy a quiet day of tinkering, tidying up or working on a hobby. A family member might be a "downer" or might try to make you go out, but you can keep him at bay. Tonight: Early to

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** A discussion is pleasant, even if it becomes heated. Flirtation is the order of the day. You could come up with an idea for a writing project or another creative endeavor. Good times are there for the taking. Tonight: Chatting up a storm!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) **** The monetary picture

begins to brighten; soon, you'll reach an important goal. A social connection tips you off about an investment or a plan to increase your income. The ideas you hear are so exciting, you might have trouble winding down to get some sleep. Tonight: Your wheels are still turning.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) **** Make hay while everything is going your way. Socialize, campaign, take a stand for what you want. A day out by a lake, at the beach or out in nature energizes you. Wherever you go, friends flock to be with you. Enjoy your role as social director! Tonight: Who knows how late you'll be out? CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** The weekend has finally gotten to you; you're probably thinking you'll be glad when it's over! Take care of yourself. Relax, listen to music, reduce expectations and self-imposed limitations. You don't have to do anything! After all, it's Sunday. Tonight: Drifting off in front of the TV.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** Friends make this a wonderful day. One in particular could become more, if you're single and interested! A partner has a great idea for a trip or vacation. Give it your full attention. As much as you like fun, this could be a win-

ning tip! Tonight: Out late. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) **** You're in the limelight, sought after for your insights and wisdom. You may be distracted by a call from a co-worker or associate who wants to "talk shop." Is he kidding? If you don't want to be talked back into the office on Sunday, screen your calls! Tonight: Getting organized for the

Claims for health insurance frustrate everyone involved

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing in response to "Frustrated Doc, Utica, N.Y." who's looking for some explanation as to "why insurance companies employ people to handle claims in subjects about which they are not

director for Blue Cross Blue of largest health

offer some insight.

lished medical research results.