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**Positively ...
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StarTek still studying offer; no word on announcement

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
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The question of whether an international company expands into Big Spring, bringing 375 new jobs, remains undecided more than a month after the labor market search conducted in June.



SHARP

"I talked to StarTek (Tuesday) and they said officially they are looking at our proposal and studying all their options. That's exactly what they said," said Kent Sharp, executive director of Moore Development for Big Spring.

"I really don't know what to think, they seemed kind of indifferent right now. They've got our proposal and they said they are studying all their options and that they will get back with us, but they did not say when," Sharp said.

StarTek USA has been in negotiation with Moore Development concerning an expansion of their telephone call centers into Big Spring.

Sharp, along with Moore Development board members, presented a proposal to the company three weeks ago that included various incentives and suggested the center be located in a College Park Shopping Center building which was once occupied by a Bingo hall and a TG&Y store.

WHAT'S UP...

THURSDAY

□ Gideons International Big Spring Camp No. 4206, 7 a.m., Hermans.

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

□ Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

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Texas Monthly cites Sen. Duncan for ability to get bills passed

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

State Sen. Robert Duncan (F-Lubbock) received an honorable mention from Texas Monthly magazine in its biennial feature, "The Best and the Worst Legislators 1999." The story



DUNCAN is on news

stands now.

Duncan was cited by the magazine for his ability to fix problems, whether they pertained to his bills or those of other legislators.

"Be prepared was his motto this session," the magazine wrote of Duncan, whose district includes Howard, Borden, Glasscock, Martin and Dawson counties.

"No issue was too tough for him to tackle: He took an idea that started as hotly contested (insulating companies from lawsuits for Y2K glitches), per-

suaded the businesses involved that they were as likely to be plaintiffs as defendants, and produced a bill that was fair to all sides and noncontroversial," the magazine wrote.

The magazine cited Duncan's attention to detail and said it was that that "won Duncan a Senate merit badge in just his second session."

He was also recognized for his efforts in regards to get a gun suit billed passed.

"A bill prohibiting cities from suing gun manufacturers drew heavy fire until he added a pro-

vision that preserved the state attorney general's ability to file such suits," it wrote.

Duncan was also cited by Texas Lawyer magazine.

"From Y2K to boll weevils, Duncan worked this session to get the bugs out," Texas Lawyer wrote.

As far as West Texans are concerned, Duncan's biggest victory of the session was probably making certain monies were available to help fight the boll weevil.

Duncan was first able to get \$25 million set aside, then came

back and was able to get legislation passed that added another \$50 million.

One piece of legislation he was unsuccessful in getting passed into law would have allowed voters to decide whether the state's appellate judges should be appointed. The bill came out of the Senate early, but died in the House.

"The system really needs to change and I'm committed to changing it," he told the magazine.

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City repairmen were busy repairing another transmission line break this morning, this one on Lancaster between 10th and 11th. John Martinez is operating the heavy equipment. The city started experiencing breaks Friday afternoon, said Todd Darden, director of community development. Primary breaks were at 16th and Virginia and 12th and Lancaster.

School safety

Prompted by Columbine tragedy, BSISD board to mull emergency manual

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Trustees for the Big Spring Independent School District Thursday will peruse and possible approve an emergency operation manual during a regular noon board meeting.



MCQUEARY

"The emergency operation manual is for the principals to use as a guide for various situations that might come up at school. If you're asking if the events at Columbine High School prompted this, I'd say absolutely," said Bill McQueary, superintendent for BSISD.

McQueary said each individual campus had a form of an emergency manual for procedures in place before this manual was created.

Each campus is required to have 10 disaster drills each year, such as for fire or tornado.

But by creating a district wide policy and manual, all faculty and administrators will have a plan for response in the case of emergencies.

"We have not had any of these types of problems on our campuses, but we want to be pre-

pared. The number one concern of parents is safety, and we do this to assure the safety of our kids," McQueary said.

The manual covers such unlikely events as an airplane crashing onto the playground or a toxic chemical spill on an interstate highway.

"If a child is kidnapped, this outlines the do's and don'ts of the situation. There are 25 or so different scenarios that are spoken to," he said.

Police Chief Lonnie Smith and Howard County Sheriff Bill Jennings proread the manual and added additional comments from a law enforcement perspective.

"This provides information in case a classroom needs to go into a lockdown. The manual speaks to precautions that must be taken, and to depend on law enforcement and call 911," McQueary said.

The manual is not intended to alarm any parent or student, and McQueary stressed that these scenarios are hypothetical and have not been experienced in any BSISD campus.

"This is not about just a fight at school. At least 99 percent of these scenarios are never going to happen."

"This just provides teachers and principals with certain procedures in case of an emergency and it's a manual to keep our schools safe," he said.

Crossroads Area TAAS scores exceed statewide average

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
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Area schools fared well on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills tests, administered to students in April, and most campus administrators report that area students exceeded the state averages in all areas tests.

Students in four districts, Forsan, Glasscock County, Grady and Sands far exceeded state averages, paving the way for academic excellence recognition in October.

One area all administrators reported as giving students dif-

ficulty was eighth grade social studies and the state average of 69 percent reflects that difficulty, they said.

Coahoma eighth graders recorded the greatest number of students passing social studies, 83 percent. Next was Forsan, with 82 percent and Grady with 77 percent.

Eighth graders in Big Spring, Grady, Glasscock, Coahoma, Stanton and Forsan all exceeded state averages in at least four of the five categories.

State averages show 88 percent of all third graders passed reading and 83 percent passed

math. Fourth graders in Texas averaged an 88 percent passing score in reading and writing, and 87 percent passing in math.

Fifth grade students in the state scored 86 percent passing in reading and 90 percent in math.

At least 83 percent of state seventh graders passed reading, and 84 percent passed math.

And 88 percent of Texas eighth graders passed reading, 85 percent writing, 86 percent math, 87 percent science and 69 percent social studies.

Statewide, 90 percent of 10th

graders passed exit level reading, 92 percent writing and 83 percent math.

For Big Spring elementary students, by campus, some scores exceeded the state averages.

At least 85 percent of third graders at Bauer passed reading, while 87 percent passed math, which is above the state average. At least 83 percent of Bauer fourth graders passed reading, 87 percent writing and 85 percent math.

For Bauer fifth graders, 96 percent passed reading and 92 percent math, both exceeding

state averages.

For College Heights students, 61 percent of third graders passed reading while 49 percent passed math. At least 80 percent of College Heights fourth graders passed reading, 72 percent writing and 58 percent math. And 87 percent of College Heights fifth graders passed reading and 80 percent math.

All Kentwood third graders passed reading and math and at least 92 percent of Kentwood fourth graders passed reading, 82 percent writing and 87 per-

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Howard College to consider boosting SWCID arts program

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Howard College trustees will meet Thursday to discuss and possibly approve a purchase of computers and software for the new Graphic Arts Technology program at the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf.

"These computers and this program are the reason for this special meeting," said Terry Hansen, vice president for administrative systems for Howard College.

"We need to order the graphic arts equipment and software

now, so that we have it ready for the kids when they here in the fall," he said.

The new graphic arts program, which replaced the photographic journalism program offered at SWCID, was approved by trustees at a board meeting in the spring.

Trustees will be presented with the bids for nine Macintosh computers, as well as graphic technology software, her said.

"Our original estimate was about \$65,000, that included the computers and software and even the new furniture. But Dennis Churchwell is so adept at what he does that he has saved us a good bit of money, and the bid will be for less than the original estimate," Hansen

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HANSEN



Tony Castillo, foreground, and Jerry Wright, of the Salvation Army, stack fans funded by Fiesta Dodge. The Salvation Army was able to purchase 82 of the fans for the annual fan drive, which at the time represented almost all of the fans the Army had collected. The Salvation Army is still looking for anyone wishing to donate a useable fan for people without home cooling.

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House GOP tax bill to propose slashing capital gains tax rates

WASHINGTON (AP) — As investors continue pouring money into the stock market, House Republicans are proposing to slash the top capital gains tax rates from 20 percent to 15 percent as part of the GOP's mammoth tax relief bill.

The announcement today by House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Bill Archer, R-Texas, followed Tuesday's unveiling of a proposed new exemption for people who provide long-term care to elderly relatives at home.

An estimated 84 million Americans now invest in stocks, up 170 percent since 1970, according to the nonpartisan Congressional Research Service.

Archer said reducing capital gains tax rates would help keep economic good times rolling and allow more people to enjoy the fruits of their investments.

"Capital gains are no longer just for Wall Street brokers and high rollers," said Archer. "Today, a stake in America's private sector often pays for col-

lege or a more secure retirement."

The proposal would slash individual capital gains taxes on most investments held longer than one year from 20 percent to 15 percent, effective retroactively to July 1, 1999.

For people who pay income taxes in the 15 percent bracket, those same investments now taxed at 10 percent would drop to 7.5 percent, also retroactive to July 1.

Cost of the cuts over 10 years is unofficially estimated at \$50

billion. They will be part of an \$850 billion, 10-year tax package expected to emerge from the Ways and Means Committee next week.

Among other things, the bill also is likely to include broad-based cuts in income taxes, relief from the "marriage penalty" paid by millions of two-income couples and breaks for health care, education and cuts in inheritance taxes.

Cutting capital gains taxes is a priority for pro-growth GOP conservatives but is opposed by

many Democrats, who contend the cuts primarily benefit the wealthy. President Clinton has said that any tax cuts using budget surplus money must wait until Social Security and Medicare are safeguarded for the future — and then, such cuts must be targeted to the middle class.

In an interview Tuesday with CNBC, Clinton said he would prefer using some of the annual budget surpluses to reduce the federal government's \$5.5 trillion debt, and still provide a

"sizeable tax cut."

"If we take this country out of debt for the first time since 1835, then average people are going to have more money in their pockets than if we keep the country in debt and give them a tax cut now because we got an election in a year and a half," he said.

If the capital gains cut were to become law, it would mark the second major reduction since 1997, when top long-term rates dropped from 28 percent to 20 percent.

Clinton administration set to jump aboard Barak peace priority

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton and his Mideast mediators are likely to move in quickly with their own peace proposals now that Israel's new prime minister, Ehud Barak, has formed a government and put peacemaking with the Arabs at the top of his agenda.

Clinton said last week he would invite Barak to the White House soon after the Israeli leader concluded selection of a Cabinet. And Clinton declared that Israel's key to security was peace with all its neighbors — a

formula Barak says has his highest priority.

In a gesture of urgency, Clinton said he would outline his views right after talking to Barak, and then went on to touch on two of them: support for Palestinian aspirations for a homeland and for Palestinian refugees living wherever they like.

Barak rejected Clinton's statement on refugees as unacceptable and called for clarification. The president has not reopened the red-hot subject, but administration officials in a damage-

control operation told Israel privately that the refugee problem could be decided only through negotiations.

Clinton also called on Israel to carry out the land-for-security accord he helped reach in October at the Wye River talks in Maryland between Benjamin Netanyahu, then Israel's prime minister, and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

The Wye River accord calls for Israel to relinquish an additional 13.1 percent of the West Bank. Netanyahu halted after giving up 2 percent, saying

Arafat had failed to hold up his end of the bargain when he didn't root out terrorist cells on land already under the Palestinian Authority's control.

While Clinton and other U.S. policy-makers habitually say all land-for-peace decisions are up to the parties and the United States would not presume to impose terms on them, a private push or even a nudge in one direction or another can be telling.

Barak spoke briefly to Clinton by telephone Monday night, telling him he intended to meet

first with Arafat, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and King Abdullah of Jordan before visiting Washington. Today, Barak's office issued a statement that he would be in Washington late next week to confer with Clinton.

In public, Barak is asserting a

determination to pursue peace accords.

"I know we have thousands of problems on the public agenda," he said. "Nothing is more important in my view than that supreme mission ... putting an end to the 100-year conflict in the Middle East."

Cellular surprise: Charges start before 'Hello'

NEW YORK (AP) — For those who thought a phone call began with "Hello," here's a wireless wake-up call: Cell phone users aren't just charged for yakking, but also for ringing.

All of the nation's big wireless calling companies begin billing their customers from the moment they press the "send" button on a mobile phone to the moment they hit "end."

That means the cents are piling up before the call connects.

While "send-to-end" billing policies are spelled out in the contracts signed by the nation's 76 million cell phone users, even some experts and careful shoppers never imagined that the traditional rules about tele-

phones might not ring true in the wireless world.

"I had no idea, and I would consider myself as astute on my telephone charges as anybody," said Rex Mitchell, a telecommunications industry analyst and a former executive with the regional phone company U S West.

"Occasionally, when I'm out of town, I will make a call and look at the second hand on my watch to keep it under a minute because I'm paying long-distance or roaming charges," said Mitchell. "But I've been timing it from 'hello' instead of from 'send.' I won't make that mistake now."

Companies including

AirTouch, AT&T Wireless, Bell Atlantic Mobile, BellSouth Mobility and Nextel Communications all begin their bills from "send," not "hello."

Since most charge for a full minute even when less than a minute is used, the costs of the policy can be steep — especially if a person pays extra for peak-hour usage, long-distance or calls made far from home.

The issue of first-minute billing drew attention recently after Cellular One tried to reduce the free "ringing time" it gives its New England customers to 15 seconds from 30. Bombarded by complaints, the carrier quickly scrapped the change.

Still, many of the million or more people signing up for wireless service each month focus less on when the call begins and more on how many minutes are included in their monthly calling plan or the fees for long-distance and peak-hour calls.

The industry's rationale for treating mobile phones differently from regular phones is that every wireless call uses the airwaves regardless of whether the call is successful.

And while regular calls also take up space on a fiber-optic cable, the companies argue that they have far less capacity — and higher demand — on their wireless channels.

Not so happy about 'homemaker,' group changes name

BOSTON (AP) — Brandon Abbott remembers the moment he learned that the Future Homemakers of America needed a new name.

After explaining the "FHA" slogan on his red blazer to a stranger at an airport, the man looked at Abbott and said: "You're going to make someone a great wife someday."

The jokes should stop now that Abbott, the organization's 18-year-old departing president, has gotten his wish. The Future Homemakers, started in 1945 to teach teen-age girls how to keep house for their future husbands, have voted to change their name to Family, Career and Community Leaders of America.

The vote Tuesday came after a debate among the group's 220,000 members — girls and boys alike — over whether the term "homemakers" is hopelessly outdated.

Nowadays, the group's members are more likely to be running food pantries or after-school programs than whipping up an apple brown Betty.

"Change is inevitable," said Sarah Graham, 17, of Dallas, Ga. "You have to update the name."

The Reston, Va.-based organization offers programs in career development, community service, leadership and balancing family and career.

Delegates approved the name change 139-38 at the group's annual leadership meeting in Boston. Thirteen state chapters already have adopted the new

name. In the last five years, the organization has lost more than 30,000 members, and some said they hope the new name will reverse the trend.

Membership in a few Indiana chapters started to grow after they adopted the new name, said Joe Grimme, 17, of Sharpville, Ind., one of the group's 45,000 boys.

Some members, like 17-year-old Jenny Keller of Poth, Texas, are fiercely loyal to the traditional name and symbols their mothers used as future homemakers.

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EDITORIAL

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEWS

Pops celebration carried off with respect and pride

Not only was our Pops in the Park celebration an enjoyable family event, according to other West Texas news agencies, it was unusual in that it wasn't marred by tragedy or vandalism.

An estimated 10,000 persons filled Comanche Trail Park on Saturday and perhaps again as many people lined U.S. 87 and Wasson Road and filled the former Wal-Mart parking lot to watch the fireworks and listen to the music.

And as best as we can determine, we didn't have a single negative incident relating to the festivities.

In Midland, there were a number of windshields smashed on vehicles.

But the real problem was in San Angelo, where officials will meet to discuss the future of the annual fireworks display at Lake Nasworthy.

You see, in San Angelo, there were at least 15 major fights — involving 10 or more people — during the day Sunday. There were reports of stabbings ... and there was a fatality when a 20-year-old man was run over and killed as the result of a fight he apparently had nothing to do with.

Here in Big Spring, it seems that folks were intent on listening to the music and watching the fireworks.

It seems that folks were intent on picnicking around the park ... of families gathering and having fun together with other members of the community.

Thanks to the thousands of folks who attended the Pops in the Park and didn't feel the need to punch someone or destroy someone's property.

Thanks for acting responsibly and making our Fourth of July celebration one we can look forward to — rather than one we have to try and figure out how to keep from canceling because of problems and vandalism.

OTHER VIEWS

The effort to privatize Internet domain names apparently could use a brighter spotlight and a little public scrutiny.

To some, ICANN, short for the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers, has immense power, but is far too unaccountable.

As most casual Web surfers know, the .org, .com or .net designations are worth big money. And until the Clinton administration last year created ICANN to create registry competitors, Virginia-based Network Solutions had run the registry for years under an exclusive working agreement with the government.

But ICANN, a nonprofit organization made up of high-tech gurus, has become a magnet for controversy while generating more questions than answers about its role.

ICANN's accountability is at the core of the controversy.

Many meetings are closed, its unelected board and nonprofit status limit government supervision, and recent policy edicts overstep its legal authority, critics say. Case in point: a proposed \$1 surcharge on all domain names and renewals to fund ICANN's existence.

Rep. Tom Bliley, R-Va., chairman of the powerful House Commerce Committee that oversees

Internet issues, says the fee is an unauthorized tax. He's considering a congressional inquiry.

Others, including Ralph Nader's Consumer Project on Technology, contend ICANN is making crucial decisions without the benefit of input from a broader range of Internet interests. Case in point: ICANN's proposal to assume control of equipment that serves as sort of a traffic cop on the Internet.

ICANN has denied improper behavior and has blamed Network Solutions for a whisper campaign aimed at retaining its lucrative arrangement, a charge Network Solutions denies.

A formal inquiry, or at the very least regular updates to a congressional committee, is needed to clear up this situation. The outcome of the commercial and political tug-of-war underlying privatization efforts will shape Internet access, content and costs globally.

The Internet's future ought not be determined in a relatively obscure, ad hoc setting, without a system of checks and balances that all players understand and follow.

ICANN needs to operate more openly, and Congress needs to more closely oversee the domain registration process.

THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS

Covering the courts: Juries and juveniles

Two years ago in Harrisburg, Pa., a 15-year-old boy was adjudicated a delinquent.

Now the boy, identified in court papers only as J.F., has asked the Supreme Court to have a look at his case. My guess is that the court will grant review. The charge against J.F. was serious — that the boy had engaged in "involuntary deviate sexual intercourse" with a 15-year-old girl. The evidence to support that charge, at least in his counsel's view, would never have convinced a jury of guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

That is the key point of the case. There never was a jury trial. Judge Jeannine Turgeon denied counsel's motion to let a jury weigh the evidence and heard the case herself. What about it? The question is one of constitutional law. On the surface, the Sixth Amendment could not be more clear: "In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial by an impartial jury ..."

In the realm of constitutional



JAMES J. KILPATRICK

law, clarity often is measured in degrees of opacity. The theory behind juvenile courts is that they do not exist to hear "criminal prosecutions." Their purpose is not to find guilt or to impose punishment, but to develop juvenile offenders into responsible and productive members of the community.

This was the progressive thinking of many reformers a century ago. Chicago pioneered in the field of juvenile courts. In the early 1900s, Rhode Island, Massachusetts and Indiana set examples for other states to follow. No child was to be "charged" or "accused." Instead of criminal prosecutions, we would have essentially civil proceedings. Judges heard juvenile cases in chambers. Records were sealed. If the offender made it to adulthood without further problems, everything would be expunged. No stigma of guilt would remain.

It was all wonderfully idealistic. Juvenile judges came to be father figures, paternalistic and benign. If the judges abused their discretion, no one could learn of it. Reporters never got beyond the closed doors. Children who entered the system found themselves in a constitutional never-never land. They could be sent to a reformatory, but because they were not "accused," they were not entitled to the constitutional protections enjoyed by adults. Even so, for half a century the

juvenile court system won favorable reviews.

Little by little, doubts set in. In a landmark case from Arizona in 1967, the Supreme Court made a U-turn. Gerald Gault, 15, while on probation for a juvenile offense, had made an obscene telephone call. As an adult, he might have been sentenced to a \$50 fine and 60 days in jail. As a minor he was sentenced to up to six years in a reform school.

Speaking for an 8-1 court, Justice Abe Fortas held that juveniles are entitled to some of the protections — but not all the protections — accorded to adults by the Bill of Rights. Youthful offenders are entitled to counsel, to rights of confrontation and cross-examination.

They are protected against self-incrimination. They may have witnesses summoned for their own defense.

Notably, the enlarged rights in the Gault case did not include a right to jury trial. That question surfaced in 1971, when the Supreme Court took up the case of McKeiver v. Pennsylvania. A 16-year-old boy, charged with robbery, had been put on probation after a bench trial. His request for a jury trial had been denied.

Justice Harry Blackmun wrote a wishy-washy opinion for the high court. He agreed that "trial by jury in criminal cases is fundamental to the American scheme of justice."

Then he took it back. Trial by jury is not fundamental to juvenile justice.

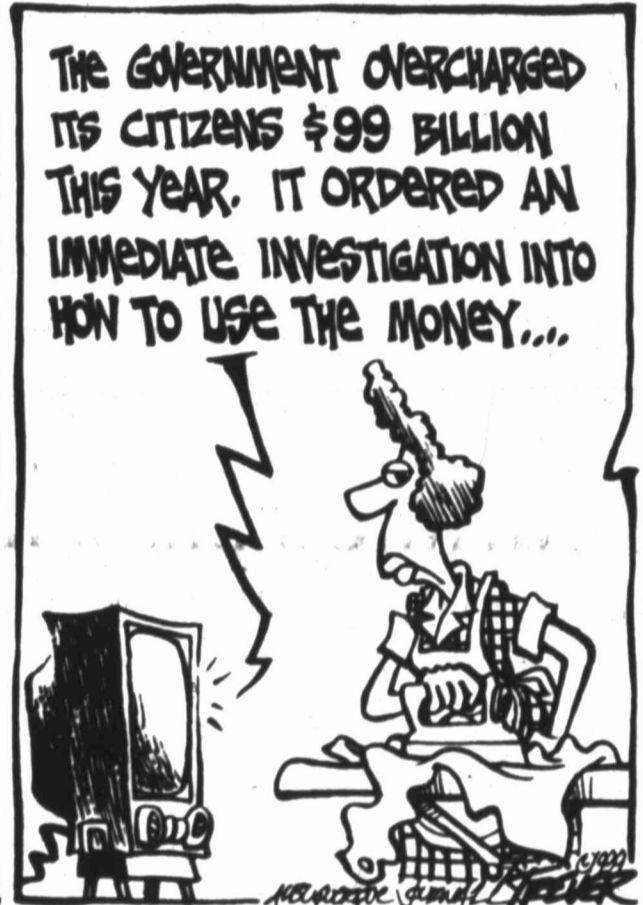
Blackmun recognized "that the fond hopes of the juvenile court proponents and early reformers of three generations ago have not been realized." The juvenile concept once held high promise. Despite disappointments of grave dimensions, the concept still holds some promise. If the states want to provide for jury trials, all right, but the court would not impose the option of a jury trial in every juvenile case. Blackmun was a compassionate man.

Getting back to the case at hand: The incident occurred at a foster home where J.F. was being held. Other boys also lived there. So did the 15-year-old girl.

She testified that she was sound asleep in her bed. Everything was a dream. She rolled off the bed and heard an intruder run for the stairs. She realized she had been sodomized as she slept. She identified J.F. as her attacker.

Judge Turgeon found the testimony convincing, though there was no medical evidence for corroboration.

I have covered enough trials to know that defense counsel would have had field day on cross-examination before a jury, but a jury never sat. Why should a 15-year-old be denied the protection that an 18-year-old could get?



He is the human lightning rod

Geral Cox of Brady has been struck by lightning three times. He has had several near misses, like the time he and his dad were riding horseback and a storm came up. They decided to put some distance between them, so his dad rode on ahead a bit. He had no sooner got about 10 feet in front of Geral when a lightning bolt struck the ground between them.

Geral was a small boy the first time he was struck by lightning. It occurred on a ranch near Valentine, where he grew up. "Granddad and I were spraying cattle. A storm rolled in and it was the first time I had ever seen that blue light come across the cattle horns. It came on through the sprayer and hit me and knocked me over about 10 or 15 feet. I ended up flat on my back." That same lightning storm

threw a bolt of lightning through a window of the house and burned the kitchen stove. "It ruined a batch of biscuits my grandmother was cooking."

Geral's second lightning strike occurred while he was moving some farm equipment on a highway near Waco. "All I can remember is just jumping up and down and shaking. I could hear the sound of bacon frying and I could smell rubber and hair burning. The metal clips on my shirt melted and cauterized in my arm and went clear to the bone. I was burned badly across my chest and bit three quarters of my tongue off. It was hanging on by just a little piece of it."

Geral was conscious, but couldn't move for a few minutes after he was struck. His son was also hurt in the incident. "I told him just to lie still for a while until our bodies settled down. After about 30 minutes we stopped shaking."

Some fellow workers took Geral to a hospital where he underwent several different tests, but they could find nothing wrong.

"A few days later, back at home, a thunderstorm came up. My wife woke up and screamed. I asked her what

was the matter. She told me to go look in the mirror. I did and I was glowing like a fluorescent light. And there for a long time when those thunderstorms would come up, I could spread my fingers apart and see the electricity go between my fingers."

The last time he was struck by lightning happened about five years ago. "I was working on a water trough. Storm came up and dang if it didn't hit right there while I had both hands in the water working on a float. Lightning hit the fence and come down to the water. It burned my arms, singed all my hair and melted the crystal on my watch."

Geral figures his body has some sort of magnetism that makes lightning seek him out. He is outside a lot doing ranch work and people who spend a lot of time outdoors are more susceptible to lightning strikes than people who work indoors.

Several people around Brady know about Geral's ability to attract lightning. When he goes to a football game in Brady's metal stadium and a storm comes up, people move away from him.

Lightning kills more people than tornadoes.

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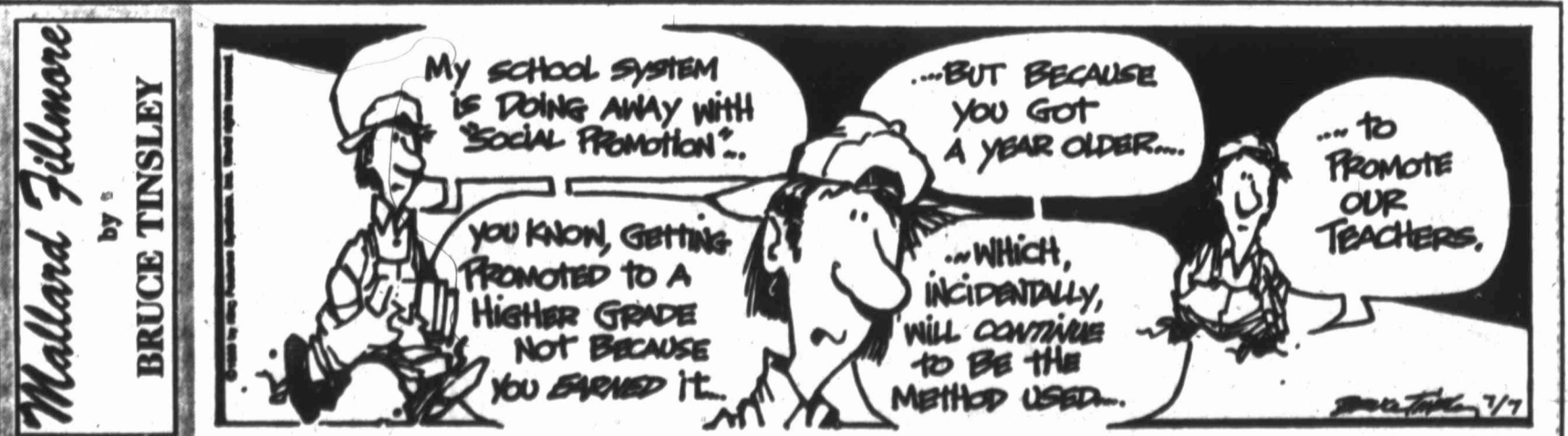
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QUICK TRIVIA

◆Tea did not arrive in Japan until the 9th Century, and did not become popular until the 12th Century.

◆The first plant erected exclusively to produce potato chips was built by AA Walter & Company, in Albany, N.Y. in 1925.

Got an item?

Do you have a story idea for the *life!* section? Call 263-7331, Ext. 236.

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Vacationing made easier if you take Mom's advice

Vacationing has always been a highlight of my summer, especially when I was growing up.

My parents always made vacations an adventure. We've done everything from Six Flags to camping to going to the beach. No matter where we went, Mom was always prepared.

My mom is one of those people who packs for all occasions. She made sure we all had warm clothes, blankets, cold medicine, travel-sized kits, shower shoes, etc. She always told us, "You never know when you'll need something extra."

My dad, on the other hand, hated to pack the car because

there was so much luggage. He might be what you call a typical male: just pack enough underwear to last you through the week.

As they say, mom was right! There a l w a y s seemed to be a predicament and of course, mom came to the rescue with her extra packed luggage. Thank God for moms!



GINA GARZA

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As I was doing a little research, I found some vacation tips that I thought would be of use to all of us. Even though I know mom already thought of these things.

•If you wear eyeglasses, it would be "farsighted" to take along an extra pair...and to remember where you packed it.

•You'll smooth out any wrinkles in wardrobe care if you take along wrinkle-free shirts, dresses, and suits (mom always ironed clothes before she packed them; she said it helped to keep them from being wrinkled).

•Make sure you stop the paper and mail delivery.

•Before you leave, consider

automated deposits and payments. Whether you're heading across town or around the world, you can leave some of your worries behind by taking care of your banking electronically.

•When you take young children (like mine - ages 5 and 2), ALWAYS pack plenty of activities for them to do. They will drive you crazy if you don't!

•A vacation might be a good time to introduce several "new" toys, some usually forbidden snacks, or some games the whole family can play together.

•Make a list of everything you need for the trip as well as a shopping list beforehand. Happy vacationing!!

Elegant eggplant

Rich in history

The elegant eggplant is a member of the nightshade family.



SUE HAUGH

At one point in history the eggplant was considered an unaccepted food by the Europeans because of its association as a member of the nightshade family which also includes the poisonous belladonna. Tainted by the association with the latter, it took centuries to convince our ancestors that the eggplant was not infected too. It acquired the nickname "mad apple." In the 17th Century it was also called "Guinea squash."

Eggplant dishes were enjoyed in ancient India 2000 years ago. They were also served at Rome banquets. First mention of the eggplant in Europe was made by Albert of Cologne in the 13th Century. In the Western world today, the "mad apple" is a culinary treasure and truly displays a refined beauty and gracefulness.

The first variety known to Europeans was that resembling a hen's egg, hence the name eggplant.

Cultivated for its fruit, we eat it as a vegetable. While there is little nutritive value it does add variety to a menu. It is low in calories and fat. Being nonstarchy makes it a good side dish served with meals heavy in starch and protein.

These are male and female eggplants: If the end is indented it is female; if smooth, male. Males have fewer seeds which can taste bitter. To remove the bitter taste, slice and sprinkle with salt and allow to stand about 30 minutes. Rinse and pat dry with paper towels as they do contain a large amount of water. Eggplants can be steamed, baked or fried. Adding tomatoes and/or cheese enhances its flavor. Food for thought: Common sense is instinct; and enough of it is genius.

- Mexican Eggplant**
- 1 large eggplant
 - 1/4 cup olive oil
 - 1 (15 oz) can tomato sauce
 - 1 (4 oz) can chopped green chilies
 - 1/4 cup chopped green onion
 - 1/2 tsp. ground cumin
 - 1/2 tsp. chili powder
 - 1/2 tsp. garlic salt
 - 1 cup grated cheddar cheese
 - 1/4 cup sliced ripe olives
 - 1 cup sour cream
- Peel and slice eggplant. Brush both sides lightly with oil. Place in a single layer on a greased baking sheet and bake at 450 degrees for 20 minutes.
- Combine tomato sauce, chilies, green onion, cumin, chili powder and garlic salt in a saucepan. Simmer uncovered for 10 minutes.
- In a greased 9x13 casserole, layer eggplant, sauce and

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Bearing bad news? Expert advises say it with e-mail

CLEVELAND (AP) — The unenviable task of being the bearer of bad news is easier — and the information gets delivered more accurately — when done via electronic mail rather than face-to-face or by telephone, a new study suggests.

"People don't sugarcoat. They don't sweet talk it. They just tell it like it is" through e-mail, Stephanie Watts Sussman, the study's co-author, said Monday.

That doesn't necessarily mean it's always better, researchers said. There are some cases where face-to-face communication is preferable.

For instance, there are times when delivering bad news in person is a sign that the news is important and the deliverer cares about the recipient.

Sussman, an assistant professor of information systems at Case Western Reserve University's Weatherhead School of Management in Cleveland, conducted her research at Boston University. Her co-author, Lee Sproull, is moving from Boston this week to take a position at New York University.

It's important to examine how bad news gets delivered because receiving accurate information — even if it's negative — can be the first step toward helping an organization or an individual improve, the authors said in their study.

The study was published in the June issue of Information Systems Research.

In the study, 117 Boston University undergraduates were asked to deliver information to a fellow student — who was in league with the researchers — about a bogus resume the student supposedly submitted for comments.

When the participants had to deliver only positive comments about the resume, they didn't distort the good news no matter what form of communication they were using.

But when they had to deliver bad news, participants tended to distort the negatives to make the criticisms softer. There was significantly less distortion in e-mail than when participants were using the phone or speaking face-to-face.

Honey: Tasty, healthy natural sweetener

Honey, well known as nature's original sweetener, is being rediscovered as a natural way to better health. Honey has always been prized for its delicious sweetness and flavor, but did you know that throughout the centuries it's also been valued for therapeutic and medicinal uses?

•Physicians in ancient Rome used honey to help their patients fall asleep.

•Hippocrates, the Greek physician, praised honey's healing powers and formulated many honey-based cures for ailments like skin disorders, ulcers and sores.

•The ancient Egyptians used honey to treat cataracts, open wounds, cuts and burns.

•In World War I, German doctors used honey mixed with cod liver oil to surgically dress soldier's wounds sustained in battle.

•For years, opera singers have used honey to boost their

energy and soothe their throats before performances.

In a recent review of related literature, Dr. Susan Percival of the University of Florida's Food Science and Human Nutrition Department found that honey contains antioxidants and though in trace amounts, a wide array of vitamins, minerals and amino acids.

Microbiologist Richard Stier, conducting a separate literature review, has also found that honey's unique composition makes it an effective antimicrobial agent, useful for treating minor burns and scrapes, and



DANA TARTER

for aiding treatment of sore throats and other bacterial infections.

•A spoonful of honey added to hot tea is a great way to soothe a sore throat.

"When you consider that the source of honey is floral nectars, it's not surprising to learn that honey contains a wide array of vitamins, such as vitamin B6, thiamine, niacin, riboflavin and pantothenic acid," says Dr. Percival. "Essential minerals, such as calcium, copper, iron, magnesium, manganese, phosphorus, potassium, sodium and zinc are also found in honey."

In addition, several different amino acids have been identified in honey. Although these vitamins, minerals and amino acids appear in trace amounts and vary in amount by floral source, they contribute to your overall nutrition intake. It is the exceptionally wide variety of vitamins, minerals and

Airline's passengers enjoy a fine wine list

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's one thing for the top executives to pick the type of planes an airline flies, but the wines it serves?

That's the way it is at US Airways. After reviving the airline over the past three years with a new name, a new pilots' contract and a \$14 billion order to switch from Boeing to Airbus aircraft, US Airways Chairman Stephen Wolf and his longtime right-hand man, Rakesh Gangwal, are now giving a swirl, sniff and taste to the wines used in the airline's "Envoy" class. That's its merger of first and business classes for trans-Atlantic flights.

Passengers lucky enough to ride in that lap of luxury should do anything but recoil at the intervention. Both Wolf and Gangwal, the chief executive officer at US Airways, are known for their discriminat-

ing palates and taste for the finer things in life.

Each man was paid nearly \$35 million last year. Both are wine connoisseurs, known for visiting area wine stores in search of their favorite vintages. Wolf also maintains a 1,500-bottle wine cellar at his farm in Virginia's horse country.

The two were personally behind the airline's decision to upgrade its food and beverage service, according to an airline spokesman. While that's a trend in airlines as they vie for the highest-paying customers, top executives usually leave wine selections to the dining and cabin staff.

Wine experts think Wolf and Gangwal did pretty well when the airline recently "refreshed" its wine list, given the generally low standard of airline wine, the constraints of buying for the masses and the

challenge of stocking an item that must endure the rigors of air travel.

"My feeling is that it would be an outstanding selection for coach class, but for business class, I would give it a solid B," Thomas Matthews, senior editor at Wine Spectator, a wine magazine, said after reviewing the list.

Matthews had the highest praise for two selections: a 1993 Conde De Valdemar Reserva Rioja, a Spanish red wine, and a 1995 Simi Chardonnay, a white wine.

He said Conde De Valdemar is one of his favorite wineries in the Rioja region of Spain, and 1993 was a good year. The wine is spicy and good with dinner.

The chardonnay, meanwhile, comes from Simi, a good California producer. "I would put a star next to that selection," Matthews said.

'Cyber Saviour' holds celeb's names, spaces online

SHAWNEE, Kan. (AP) — Attention Mary Tyler Moore! Rob Moritz is holding onto your name.

Well, actually your Web name. The 47-year-old Moritz is a kind of Internet Good Samaritan, spending his own time and cash to register famous names online. He then hands them over to the celebrity, free of charge.

"Do unto others what you would like to have done unto you," says Moritz, a former youth minister who travels abroad to speak to religious groups.

Moritz began buying up the names out of his duplex in suburban Kansas City after he first logged onto the Internet several years ago. Much of what Moritz

saw was the misuse of celebrity names — and much of that was pornographic.

"Anywhere in the world, someone could type in demimooré.com and you'd come up on a site that had links to several things, one of them hardcore pornography," he said.

Moritz decided to take the information highway's high road by giving away stars' names. His mission: protect cultural icons from Web exploitation, which he says makes the Web safer for everyone.

He has steadily built a stable of monikers with .com at the end — Billy Crystal, Faye Dunaway, Nick Nolte, to name a few. He even collected political A-listers like Richard

Gephardt, Oliver North and Ross Perot.

The names fit in Internet addresses after the www and end after a period, referred to as ".dot."

Perhaps the best known is .com, but .net and .org are also common.

Such addresses are some of the most potentially lucrative pieces of online real estate, an easy-to-remember location for fans to connect with celebrities and their products.

Moritz and his Friend to Friend Foundation have registered at least 300 celebrity names, of which about 40 have accepted the gesture. Moritz pays \$70 for each name to Network Solutions Inc., an Internet domain name clearing-

house.

The process is often called cybersquatting or, say critics of the registering practice, "virtual hostage-taking." Unlike Moritz, some people buy celebrity domains and post their own content — often pornographic — and lure traffic.

Most squatters simply register the domain name and put it up for bid. Monica Lewinsky's recently went on the block with a minimum starting price of \$50,000.

"That's pretty serious exploitation," Moritz says. "It doesn't seem right."

Some of the celebrities who have accepted their addresses from Moritz have sent him thank-yous.

SLICE of life!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Wanda Jo Murphy was recently honored by Big Spring State Hospital as the Psychiatric Aide of the Year.

Murphy, who started her employment at the hospital in 1984, is now a shift team leader. Superintendent Ed Moughon said of Murphy, "Over the last 15 years, Ms. Murphy has exemplified and given true meaning to the goal of Big Spring State Hospital by giving the best possible care, service and respect to our patients. Our patients actually seek her out because they know they can depend on her to stop, listen and help them when needed."

"Her verbal skills, calm demeanor, and kindness always have a positive effect on them. She is constant in her patience and kindness toward both patients and co-workers. She is the one everyone knows will listen and help in any way she can."



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

THE BIG SPRING EVENING Lions Club will have free eyeglasses for all adults Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon at the Big Spring Evening Lions Club bingo building, 1607 East Third.

All adults needing eyeglasses who don't have the income to purchase the exam or glasses are welcome. The recycled eyeglasses are donated by the community as a service project of the Lions.

The Lions group offers the eyeglasses the second Saturday of each month. For more information call Janis Dean at 267-3068.

THE LAST WORD

Always willing to lend a helping hand to the one above him.
F. Scott Fitzgerald, of Hemingway

I refuse to admit that I'm more than 52 even if that does make my sons illegitimate.
Lady Astor

There are few humorists who have written first-rate humor after they've become elderly.
Richard Armour

Couple creates wildlife haven

ABILENE (AP) — It sounds like one of those Texas tall tales, though it happens to be true.

Russ and Diane Meier have to drive about a half mile to reach the farthest reaches of the backyard of their Fairway Oaks property when they find it too muddy to walk.

This requires a little explanation because their estate is only about 17 acres. It wasn't the size of the place, but its qualities, however, that persuaded the National Wildlife Federation to bestow its Backyard Wildlife Habitat designation on the Meiers' place last month.

They'd already made their land pleasing to a variety of wildlife, and incidentally to themselves, long before they ran across the conservation organization's backyard habitat program on an Internet website. From there, it was mainly a matter of documentation.

They'd made their property attractive to wildlife by providing four essential elements: food, water, cover and a place for creatures to raise their young largely unmolested.

The Meiers' backyard actually consists of three parts: the original backyard that came with the house they bought seven years ago plus two strips of undeveloped land out back acquired later.

The first, adjoining their original lot, they bought three years ago, and the second was purchased about a year ago in partnership with Jerry McAllister. The near strip and the far strip of the added acreage are mostly separated from each other by a long, narrow strip of land backing up from New Beginnings Church on Buffalo Gap Road. A one-acre tract beyond the east end of the church's property connects those near and far strips, giving the Meiers' access by a leisurely walk when the ground is dry.

When it's wet, though, they have to get there by motoring west to Buffalo Gap Road, then north a few blocks, and finally east on a gravel road.

On their original property, the Meiers turned an empty box of a backyard into a lush, well-landscaped area with a swimming pool at its heart. The overall effect is hardly out of the ordinary for an upscale, urban home. Still, it manages to be hospitable to a variety of native birds.

A clutch of baby wrens nest in a hanging fern basket, and other birds enjoy nibbling at the seeds of the wild sunflowers just inside the back gate as they ripen.

After they added their acreage, the Meiers replaced their wooden back fence with wrought iron so they could see into their nature preserve as

well as their livestock pasture and barn. Most of the nature area they keep open, but they've also planted wildflowers and allow the natural thick growth of vines and other weeds to surround some of their trees, creating more cover for the wild things.

Cactus, piles of rock and decaying fallen tree limbs accent the natural effect.

Their northernmost outback seems to be the Meiers' real pride and joy.

Its wooded expanse contains not one but two ponds. Russ estimates the north pond at 180 feet by 120 feet, and the south not much smaller.

From the age of the trees on water's edge, the north looks to be the older pond, and may well be natural, he said. The south, he's not so sure about.

The reed- and weed-lined shores of the twin ponds provide cover and habitat to a changing variety of creatures.

The rarest to date was a peacock that dropped by for a couple of days last month. Russ fed the fowl with the splendid tail just the food he was sure to like, but that wasn't enough to persuade him to stay. The Meiers did manage to snap a couple of pictures of the peacock, though they had to get all wet in the process.

"A better picture would have been us standing in the water up to our thighs," Diane said with a giggle.

At least one deer has been known to drop in to enhance the rustic atmosphere shared by an assortment of ducks, blue herons, red-winged blackbirds, turtles, rabbits, squirrels, mice and a large, foghorn-voiced bullfrog.

Russ, a Cisco Junior College sociology professor, says he's fortunate to have summers off to "piddle" with their land. And doubly fortunate to have found such a place literally outside his back door.

The Meiers have no present plans to sell their acreage, which remains zoned agricultural open space, though its location seems attractive to development.

The woods and water of their outback provide serenity and comfort. On a hot summer evening, the slightest breeze stirring off the water through the trees feels truly refreshing, Russ said.

Diane's oldest daughter, who teaches in Fort Worth, finds it perfect to come back to and quell her big-city anxieties.

She recalls her daughter telling her, "I forget that I'm in the city, in Abilene."

"I don't think you can be a whole person unless you're connected with nature," Diane continued. "It's just good for the soul."

Art is a creative necessity spanning a lifetime

AMARILLO (AP) — The tiny hamlet of Harmon, Okla., wasn't the prettiest place to live back in the dust bowl days of the 1930s, but Kenneth Wampler found images there that fired his childhood imagination and caused him to start sketching in his Big Chief tablet.

Living on his parents' farm, he climbed scrub oaks and spindly elms to discover the intricacies of a sparrow's nest so he could copy its angles. A lone windmill, silhouetted against a hard blue sky and towering over the red dirt took shape under his patient observation.

"Things were pretty rough back then," Wampler said. "I've always drawn things. When you live on a farm there's not much else to do."

He continued drawing, even after the family moved to Texas in 1942. The art was a creative necessity for him, more than a profession or even a hobby. Wampler majored in engineering at Texas A&M University and married Belva, who's been patient with his artistic energies, he said.

"I'll get so engrossed in something that I don't realize how much time has passed, and she'll come in here and tell me it's time to take a break. She gets aggravated with me sometimes, but she's real supportive and encouraging."

Until daughters LaDonna and Ariana grew up and went to college, he sketched and painted at the kitchen table after supper. Since retiring from Pantex three years ago, he's had more time and more space for painting. A spare bedroom serves as his studio. Outside its windows hang bird feeders that attract Wampler's favorite real-life models to "sit" for him. A thumbtack copy of "Birds of North America" is propped against a container holding his brushes. Tufts of feathers, ranging from peacock to pheasant to sparrow, sprout from various corners of the room.

"I'm always looking for feathers and always picking them up," he said. "A lot of people don't notice the iridescence of a bird's feather. There's all kinds of colors there."

The walls in his home and especially in his studio, are like a gallery for bird life. And though they are his favorite subject, he's also partial to other outdoor life. He's drawn and painted antelope, cougars and wolves, a natural outgrowth of his other love — hunting. The trophy head of a pronghorn antelope he killed stares impassively from the studio wall while he works.

He's working on birds again today, concentrating on the golden finches outside the window. After he does a detailed drawing of his subject, he

begins applying watercolor to the piece, he said.

"I love watercolor for several reasons. One, my wife has allergies to a lot of things, and this doesn't bother her like oil or acrylic. I like the spontaneity. It makes all kinds of shapes, and it's fascinating. You don't have to wait around for it to dry. It suits my lifestyle better."

He remembers the first piece he sold and laughs at the memory.

"It was a little windmill, and it wasn't very good. I was really surprised that someone wanted to pay money for it."

Nowadays, though, people regularly pay money for his work. His scenes of game birds are especially popular in the area, he said. One of his techniques is to complete a pencil drawing of a bird, like a wild turkey, and leave it unpainted. Then, in the foreground of the picture, he draws one of the bird's feathers and paints it in with tiny, precise strokes.

"I enjoy realism. I don't go in too much for abstract. I'm trying to get into pastels now. You find that people here want realism more than anything else."

But there's not a lot of places where he can show his paintings. Wampler said he's irked by the lack of exhibit space in Amarillo that forces him to take his work on the road and sell it at shows.

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cheese. Top with sour cream and olives. Bake uncovered at 350 degrees for 20 minutes.

- Creole Eggplant
- 3 eggplants, peeled and sliced
- 3 onions, sliced
- 6 tomatoes, peeled and sliced
- 3 green peppers, sliced into rings
- 2 tsp. Cajun seasoning (I use Louisiana brand)
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 8 T butter, melted
- Layer vegetables in 2 greased 9x13 casserole dishes, seasoning each layer. Sprinkle top with cheese. Pour butter over all.

Cover and bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes. Uncover and bake an additional 10 minutes.

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Tournament, scheduled for

The Chico Association of annual Golf Tournament and has been scheduled for Saturday and Sunday at Comanche Trail. Slated as a scramble, the tournament is to be staged Sunday. The tournament followed following round. The Skibbe Saturday.

Fees for both per person and dogs and a Saturday. For more info 264-2366.

Spring City Tournament, scheduled for

The Spring Tournament held for Saturday Mize Field.

Slated as a 18 hole complex, this is being sponsored by Spring Area Commerce Sport. Entry fees for tournament will be team.

For more info Chris Cole at 264-6129.

Howard County tournament, scheduled for

The Howard Skeet, Trap and has been scheduled and Saturday Thomas Range.

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For more info contact Van Gaskin or Kelly Gaskin.

Country club parent-child

The Big Spring Club will hold its Golf Tournament and Sunday.

Fees for the tournament will be \$30 per person for the open play begins at 9 a.m. For more info the club's pro staff.

LOCAL

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• Midland West Greenwood at Nat park.

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IN BRIEF

Tournament, skins game scheduled for weekend

The Chicano Golf Association of Big Spring's annual Golf Scholarship Tournament and Skins Game has been scheduled for Saturday and Sunday at the Comanche Trail Golf Course. Slated as a two-person scramble, the tournament will be 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.

Spring City Tournament scheduled for Saturday

The Spring City Softball Tournament has been scheduled for Saturday at Cotton Mize Field. 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 tournament will be \$100 per team. For more information, call Chris Cole at 264-2100 or Jesse Rios at 264-6129.

Howard County 4-H shoot scheduled for weekend

The Howard County 4-H Skeet, Trap and 5-stand Shoot has been scheduled for Friday and Saturday at the R.C. Thomas Range in Knott. Registration will be \$5 per shooter, plus \$5 per round for each shooter. Shooters in three age divisions will take part in skeet competition on Friday and practice for the 5-stand event. The following day they will compete in trap and the 5-stand event. A special \$100 add-on team shoot in 5-stand will also be staged. Entry fees will be \$5 per two-person team, plus \$5 per round per shooter. For more information, contact Van Gaskins at 353-4598 or Kelly Gaskins at 353-4780.

Country club schedules parent-child tournament

The Big Spring Country Club will hold its Parent-Child Golf Tournament for Saturday and Sunday. Fees for the trophy division will be \$30 per team, while fees for the open division will be \$80 per team. Play begins with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. Saturday. For more information, call the club's pro shop at 267-5354.

LOCAL GAMES

TODAY

- DISTRICT 3 LITTLE LEAGUE**
6 p.m.
• Odessa Jim Parker vs. Midland Eastern at American League park.
• Big Spring American vs. Midland Mid City at National League park.
• Odessa Floyd Gwin vs. Lamesa at International League park.
• Big Spring National vs. Odessa Sherwood at Coahoma.
8 p.m.
• Coahoma vs. Big Spring International at American League park.
• Midland Western vs. Greenwood at National League park.
• South Odessa vs. Odessa Kellus Turner at International League park.

ON THE AIR

- Radio**
LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL
6 p.m. — Big Spring National All-Stars vs. Odessa Sherwood, KBST-AM 1490.
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
8:40 p.m. — Texas Rangers at Oakland A's, KBST-AM 1490.
Television
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
6:30 p.m. — New York Yankees at Detroit Tigers or Chicago Cubs at Pittsburgh Pirates, ESPN, Ch. 30.
9:30 p.m. — Houston Astros at Arizona Diamondbacks, FXS and ESPN, Ch. 29 and Ch. 30.

McGwire, Sosa to start first All-Star game together

NEW YORK (AP) — Big Mac and Sammy, the stars of last season, will be starting together in the All-Star game for the first time. Mark McGwire, who hit a record 70 home runs last year, was elected Tuesday for his seventh start and 11th appearance. Sammy Sosa, who leads with 32 this season, will be making his first start and third appearance when the All-Stars come out at Boston's Fenway Park next week. "I have to say thank you to all the people who voted for me. I feel pretty proud of myself," said Sosa, whose first career home run came at Fenway against Roger Clemens on June 21, 1989. The second-year Arizona Diamondbacks were the only team to place two players in the starting lineup

for next Tuesday night's game: Matt Williams won at third base and Jay Bell overtook Houston's Craig Biggio in the final week to win at second. "I'm extremely, extremely surprised," Bell said. "Craig has been the fair-haired second baseman in the National League. He's deserved it. He's been a great player over the years. For me to be elected over him is a great honor and truly unexpected." Mike Piazza of the New York Mets will start at catcher for the sixth straight season and make his seventh appearance overall. "I never get tired of going there," Piazza said. "As long as I am elected or selected, I will feel honored to go. It is probably the most fun you can have as a player, hanging out with the rest of the

guys." Cincinnati's Barry Larkin held off the Mets' Rey Ordonez at shortstop, and Colorado's Larry Walker and San Diego's Tony Gwynn were elected to join Sosa in the outfield. Gwynn, elected to his 15th All-Star game and 11th starting spot, won't play because of a calf injury that has put him on the disabled list for the second time this season. But he will make the trip to Boston. "I really wanted a chance to play in Fenway, but being on the DL, I can't," he said. "It's not right." Sosa, one of the few bright spots in the Chicago Cubs' dismal season, was the NL's leading vote-getter with 2,315,204, finishing third overall in the voting. Seattle outfielder Ken Griffey Jr.

(2,918,056) led all players for the fourth straight year and fifth time overall and was followed by Cleveland second baseman Roberto Alomar (2,793,891). McGwire, second in the NL with 27 homers, received the second-highest NL vote total, leading first basemen with 1,669,066. He wishes the All-Star break was longer than three days. "All the other sports have four to five days off," he said, "and I've never understood why baseball doesn't give the guys that play in the All-Star Game and extra day off just to get back to the cities they're going to play their games in." Bell, who trailed Biggio 697,326 to 658,407 in totals announced last week. See VOTES, page 2B

American All-Stars win slugfest

Internationals, Coahoma fall; Nationals wait

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

Big Spring's American League All-Stars capitalized on Lamesa pitching and defensive mistakes to post a wild 13-11 victory as the District 3 Little League Tournament got underway Tuesday on fields throughout Howard County.

The Americans' high-scoring win was the only success enjoyed by local teams in the opening round, as Coahoma's All-Stars suffered a 7-1 defeat at the hands of North Ector's All-Stars and the International League All-Stars dropped an 8-7 loss to Greenwood.

Big Spring's National League All-Stars found themselves mired in controversy when Odessa Sherwood failed to show up for their scheduled first-round game at 8 p.m.

When the Sherwood squad failed to arrive at the International League field at game time, tournament officials contacted state officials in Waco and were told to give the Odessans until 9 p.m. before declaring a forfeit.

Sherwood coaches, who had misread the tournament schedule, asked that national officials in Williamsport, Pa., be contacted.

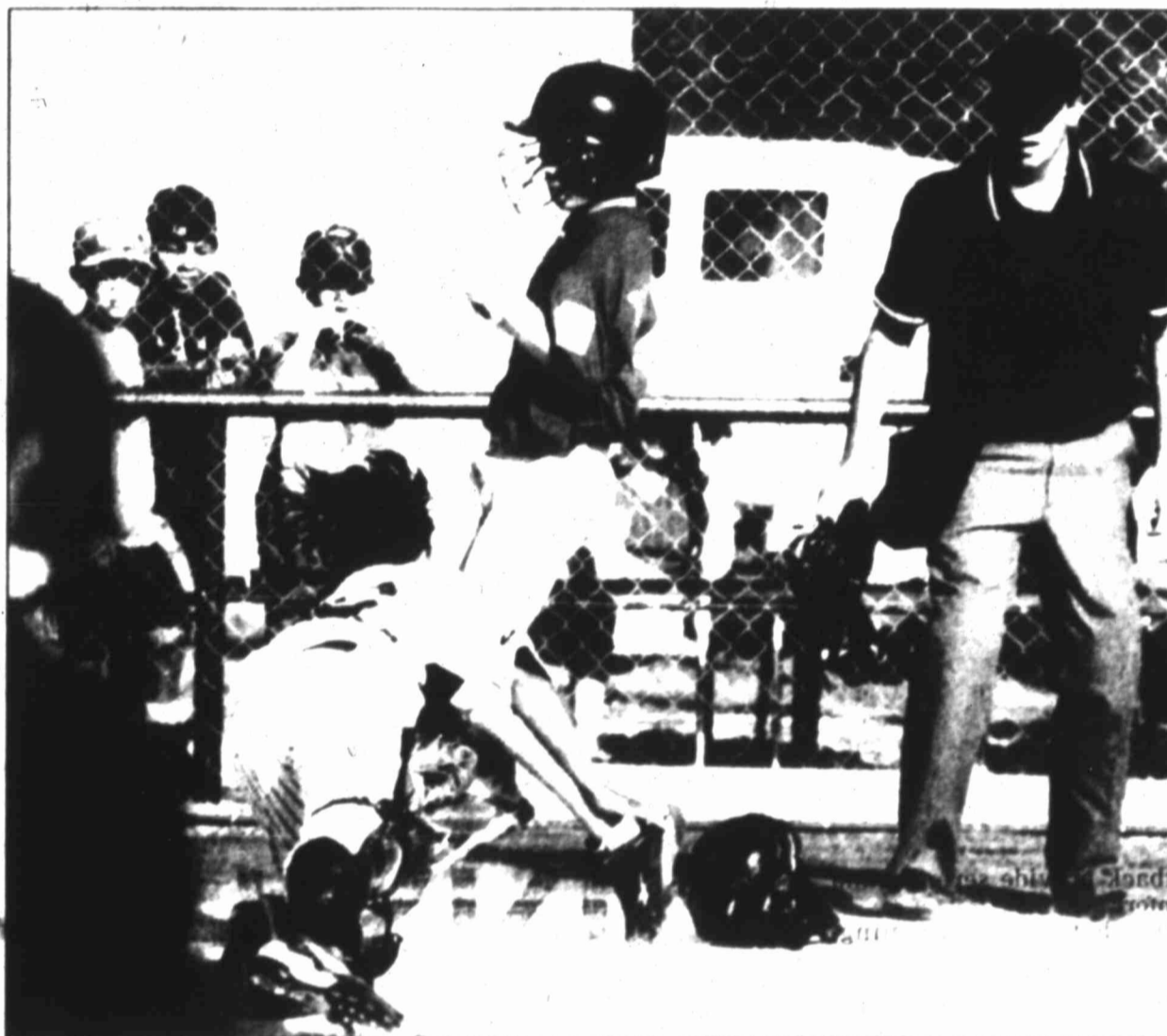
Pennsylvania officials ruled that the game be rescheduled. As a result, Big Spring's Nationals will now play their opening game with Sherwood at 6 tonight in Coahoma.

Elsewhere in the tournament, Midland Tower took a 5-2 win over Big Bend, Midland Northern defeated Odessa Floyd Gwin 7-5, Midland Eastern was a 7-2 winner over South Odessa and Midland North Central took a 14-3 win over Odessa Kellus Turner.

Big Spring's Americans needed the combined talents of their top two pitchers, Jerry Deporto and Ryan Rodriguez, to advance into the winner's bracket, as Lamesa rallied from a 10-1 deficit with an impressive display of hitting power.

Lamesa, which finished with 12 hits compared to the Americans' eight, couldn't overcome the 10 walks its pitchers allowed and paid dearly for three errors.

The visitors opened the scoring in the first inning when



Ryan Tannehill crosses the plate to score a run for the Big Spring American All-Stars ahead of the diving tag attempt by Lamesa catcher Scott Hutchings. The Americans managed a 13-11 win and now face Midland's Mid-City All-Stars tonight at 6 on the National League park's diamond.

center fielder Jeremiah Guerra ripped a one-out triple to right and scored on a two-out double by teammate Zack Gonzales.

But the Americans rebounded after Deporto retired Lamesa in order in the second.

In the bottom of the second inning, the Big Spring crew took a 4-1 lead with a two-out rally victimizing Lamesa starter Britt Reber.

Landon Jenkins got things started for the Americans, drawing a one-out walk and moved to second on a wild pitch.

Big Spring's lead-off hitter, Andy Lasater, then worked Reber for a two-out walk that set the stage for Ryan Tannehill to tie the game with an RBI single.

Rodriguez then hit a high chopper up the middle to drive in two runs and scored a few moments later on a single by Deporto.

It was a lead the Americans would never relinquish.

Deporto seemed to be cruising, and when the Americans chased Reber in the third inning, it looked as if the game

might be called on the 10-run rule.

Reber opened the third by issuing back-to-back walks to Jacob Nichols and Ty Froman before being replaced on the mound by Gonzales.

Gonzales seemed to get out of trouble when he got Jenkins to hit into a double play. However, he immediately compounded things by issuing a walk to Lasater and served up an RBI single to Tannehill and loaded the bases by walking Rodriguez.

A throwing error charged to Matt McCall on a grounder by Deporto allowed two more Big Spring runs to score and catcher Randy Solis singled up the middle to plate two more and give the Americans a 10-1 lead. Lamesa refused to die, though, and immediately put on a power hitting clinic.

The visitors' rally opened with an error and Gonzales followed with a two-run home to center field. Reber, who'd moved to first following his stint on the mound, added a solo home run to right.

Then, with one out, back-

back singles by Austin Hunter and Phillip Cantu made it a 10-5 game.

Deporto managed to get McCall to fly out to center, but then gave up an RBI single to Guerra and a two-run home run to Bryan Brown that trimmed Big Spring's lead to just one run.

Rodriguez came on in relief and got out of the inning, but not before giving up a single to Gonzales.

The Americans provided some important insurance in the bottom of the fifth inning when Tannehill led off with a double up the middle, advanced to third on a wild pitch and scored on a ground-out by Rodriguez.

When Gonzales issued back-to-back walks to Deporto and Solis, Lamesa coaches replaced him by McCall, who got Coley Hollingsworth to ground into a fielder's choice play that resulted in Deporto being tagged out a third.

But reserve outfielder Nick Rivera ripped a double to cen-

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Mavericks' first pick throws fit

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas Mavericks draftee Leon Smith stormed out of his first formal NBA workout after refusing a coach's order to run an extra set of sprints and flinging his practice jersey to the floor before stunned teammates and spectators.

Smith, the Mavericks' first round draft pick, apologized later Tuesday to the entire team after a closed-door session with assistant coach Donnie Nelson and father Don, the Mavericks' coach and general manager.

The outburst began near the end of the afternoon workout at the Mavericks' Baylor-Landry Center practice facility. Smith, 18, had been told about completing the additional sprints but then asked Nelson, "Why don't you run it?"

When Nelson asked Smith to repeat the comment, the draftee complied.

"That's two more for you, Leon!" Nelson replied.

But Smith left for the Mavericks' locker room instead of running either set.

"I sat down with him and we talked about it," the elder Nelson said. "We're going to put it behind us."

Smith, 6-11 and 235 pounds, apologized at the evening workout, "promising to the people of Dallas that I won't do it again."

The Mavericks, who pulled off a draft day trade with the San Antonio Spurs to acquire the rights to Smith last week, lured him as a raw forward from Chicago's Martin Luther King High School.

Smith, who has been a ward of the state of Illinois since estrangement from his parents at age 5, has a guaranteed three-year contract worth almost \$2 million upon signing with Dallas.

Donnie Nelson attributed Smith's conflict to youth and unfamiliarity.

"The elder Nelson said Smith 'definitely will be a Maverick someday; it's just a matter of when.'" Smith said he was frustrated by "little things that happened" during practice.

"I've got a lot of things to learn and, being young, I'm going to get frustrated," said Smith. "If they can't accept that, I don't know... I'm trying as hard as I can."

Minutes later, the player said, "This is typical me. This is Leon every day. I'm not going to change."

Let Gonzales stew, fans will find him when it's time

Let Juan Gonzalez stew. And bake, boil, simmer, do the slow burn or a fast flambe. Like it matters: Like anybody beside Gonzalez' relatives cares anymore

whether he's really steamed enough to stay away from next week's All-Star game.

On Monday, baseball announced the eight starting position players for the American League team as voted on by its fans. Gonzalez, who plays for Texas, came in fifth among outfielders, trailing leading vote-getter Ken Griffey of Seattle and the Cleveland Indians' trio of Manny Ramirez, Kenny Lofton and David Justice.

"I respect the fans," Gonzalez said, "but if they don't vote for me, I don't

want to play." As threats go, this one lacks the immediacy of, say, global warming. Even an All-Star sulks go, it comes in a very distant second.

Twenty years ago, then-Cardinals shortstop Garry Templeton, like Gonzalez, was having a monster first half. He was leading the entire National League in hits and everybody at his position in nearly every offensive category. But as the balloting drew near the close, Templeton remained mired in fourth, behind Larry Bowa, Dave Concepcion and a fast-improving shortstop he would soon swap cities with, Ozzie Smith, who was then playing in San Diego.

Templeton told the fans to bump him to No. 1 or watch him spend the three-day break in St. Louis.

"If I ain't starting," he warned, "I ain't departing."

The fans didn't relent, and neither did Templeton. Despite being named Bowa's

backup by NL manager Tommy Lasorda, he refused to show up at the 1979 game. A year later, Smith made the first of 12 consecutive All-Star appearances and a total of 15. Templeton was invited back exactly once more, in 1985. Today, he's remembered as much for his pouting as his playing.

Like Templeton, Gonzalez has a legitimate beef.

For one thing, his numbers through Monday — a .316 average, 23 home runs and 77 RBIs — are nearly identical to those put up by Griffey and Ramirez, and considerably better than what either Justice or Lofton have posted.

For another, the balloting was run like a Chicago ward-healer's dream. The opportunities to vote early and often were abundant in Cleveland, which had 22 home games during the election period, compared to just eight for Texas.

Even so, Gonzalez' teammate, Rangers catcher Ivan Rodriguez, still managed

to edge out the Indians' Sandy Alomar. What that proves is that Gonzalez, like Templeton before him, has failed to grasp the most important point. Whether we're talking about sanctioning votes at the United Nations, wet T-shirt contests in bars or balloting for the All-Star game, what we're deciding, finally, is popularity. Which is not always a good thing.

Twice in the past, the results have been maddening enough for baseball to step in and reserve the vote for itself. The first time came in 1935, just two years after the midsummer classic game made its debut, and the league's managers kept the privilege for themselves until 1946.

The second time fans lost the vote was in 1957, when the good burghers of Cincinnati put Reds in all eight starting positions and forced then-commissioner Ford Frick's hand. To give you some

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MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

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ter field, allowing Solis and Hollingsworth to score, giving Big Spring a 13-9 score. Rivera's double proved crucial because Lamesa managed a rally in the top of the sixth — the biggest blow coming from Gonzales, who chalked up his fourth and fifth RBIs with a two-run home.



HERALD photo/Jim Ferro

Coahoma All-Stars pitcher Adrian Arrego delivers a pitch in the first inning of his team's District 3 Little League Tournament opener against North Ector. Arrego, despite hitting a home run, suffered the loss as the Odessa squad took a 7-1 win.

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SAN ANTONIO SPURS—Signed Greg Popovich, coach, to a four-year contract...

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National Football League
NEW YORK JETS—Signed WR WR...

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National Football League
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Signed WR Brian Finneran and DT Tyrone Williams to two-year contracts...

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BASEBALL
National Football League
DALLAS STEARS—Signed LW Laju Lind to a two-year contract and RB Blake Sloan to a one-year contract...

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National Football League
BOSTON BRUINS—Announced the retirement of Tom Johnson, vice president. Signed LW Mike Eruzione to a one-year contract...

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NEW YORK RANGERS—Signed LW Valeri Kamensky and D Stephanie Quintal to four-year contracts...

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TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Signed D Sergey Gusev to a three-year contract...

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Pitcher Adrian Arrego's solo home run to lead off the fourth inning was almost the only highlight for Coahoma's All-Stars, as they found North Ector ace Jameson Watts difficult to touch.

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idea of how audacious the ballot-box stuffing was that year, consider the players Frick named to replace three of the "elected" Cincinnati starters. Their names were Stan Musial, Willie Mays and Hank Aaron. So where does Gonzalez go from here? If he's smart, first to the All-Star game and then back to work. Already, the fans in Oakland booted Gonzalez every chance they got Tuesday night. In that same way, they will know where to find him when it's his time for praise as well.

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22 times on the Internet — the average number of home games for each team during the balloting. Sosa gained nearly 1 million votes in the final week of counting.

After all, they made right one of the great injustices in All-Star balloting history. In 1970, even as commissioner Bowie Kuhn ordered the vote returned to the fans, baseball held onto the nominating process. At every position each ballot listed just six names, except for outfield. There were 18 outfielders nominated in the NL that year, but Rico Carty's name was not among them. The Atlanta Braves outfielder was recovering from a serious injury and had played just 104 games the season before. But Carty still managed to hit .342 in 1969, and when he

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858,203 to 799,858. Larkin will be making his 10th All-Star appearance, his fourth as a starter. Walker will be making his fourth appearance, his third straight as a starter. Williams, a five-time All-Star, returns to the game for the first time since 1996 and will make his fourth start. For Bell, it's his second appearance and first start.

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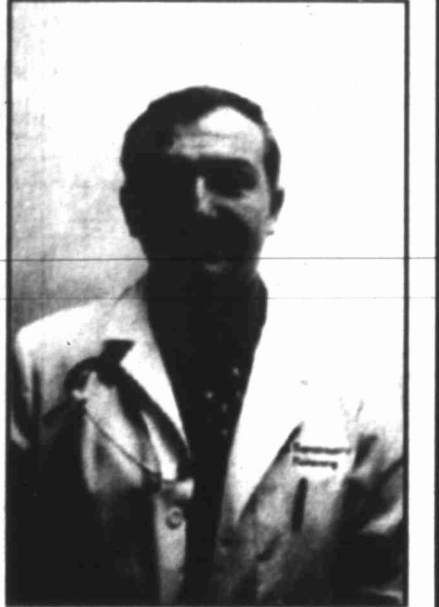
Judge dismisses parts of Hampton's racial bias lawsuit against Lubbock

LUBBOCK (AP) — A judge on Tuesday threw out part of a \$30 million civil rights lawsuit filed against the city of Lubbock by the women's basketball coach of Hampton University, her husband and an assistant coach. The suit, filed April 19, alleges racial bias by police in the wrongful arrest of the three last Nov. 16 outside a Wal-Mart. Hampton was in Lubbock for a basketball game against Texas Tech, but the game was canceled because of the incident. U.S. District Judge Sam Cummings left much of the lawsuit intact. But he rejected allegations the trio made against the city of Lubbock under the federal Civil Rights Act of 1964. Cummings said that, under the act, the plaintiffs must have received services from the entity they are accusing, and that didn't happen in this case. Cummings ruled the city of Lubbock is immune from the claims of slander, libel, defamation and emotional distress mentioned in the lawsuit. But the judge said individual police officers and paramedics have no such immunity. He also dismissed two allegations that assistant coach Vanetta Kelso, who was pregnant, received inadequate care at University Medical Center. Kelso was detained along with head coach Patricia Bibbs and her husband, Ezell Bibbs, after a woman complained that someone had scammed her.



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Here are the Stars. Front row: Lang, Saman Olague, Linds Clark. Back row: Jim Bob Phil, Bridget Cain,



Here are the Stars. Front row: Stokes, Kaci Marlon Hale, Knecht, Jessi JoEllen Canna. Not Melissa Beat

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Bulldog bites Expos, despite the heat

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Even at 40 years old, the Bulldog is as tenacious as ever.

Orel Hershiser, starting on one day of rest in 99-degree heat, pitched five shutout innings as the New York Mets routed the Montreal Expos 10-0 Tuesday night.

"This was kind of special," Hershiser said. "Being 40 years old and having people think you can do this and actually let you do it shows a lot of confidence."

Some fans at Shea Stadium chanted "Bulldog," the nickname Hershiser earned in 1988 by making five starts and a relief appearance for the Los Angeles Dodgers in a 16-day postseason span.

More than a decade later, Hershiser (9-5) is showing he still has plenty left. He allowed three hits and no walks to earn his 199th career win — 100 of them since undergoing major reconstructive shoulder surgery that almost ended his career in 1990.

"I remember asking Dr. Jobe if he could fix me up enough to get me to (victory) 100," Hershiser said. "This is more special to me than 200 will be."

Hershiser pitched on the shortest rest of his career so the Mets could give Masato Yoshii's sore knee an extra day of rest and keep rookie Octavio Dotel from pitching against the New York Yankees on Sunday.

But Hershiser sure didn't look tired. He struck out four and reached a three-ball count only once.

"He kept the ball down and didn't overthrow," catcher Mike Piazza said. "He had really good movement. He was really juiced up."

Brian McRae homered and drove in three runs and Edgardo Alfonzo had two hits and two RBIs for the Mets, who have won 21 of their last 29 games.

In other NL games, it was Pittsburgh 6, Chicago 1; Philadelphia 1, Milwaukee 0; St. Louis 6, Cincinnati 5; Florida 5, Atlanta 2; Colorado 5, Los Angeles 2; Houston 3, Arizona 1; and San Francisco 10, San Diego 9.

In American League games, Kansas City topped Chicago in 8-7 in 10 innings, Cleveland beat Minnesota 3-1, New York defeated Detroit 9-8 in 10 innings, Toronto beat Baltimore 4-3 in 10 innings, Anaheim downed Seattle 8-2, Oakland topped Texas 4-0 and Tampa Bay beat Boston 6-4.

Cardinals 6, Reds 5
Mark McGwire's 27th home run helped Kent Bottenfield become the National League's first 13-game winner.

McGwire, elected to the All-Star game earlier in the day, broke a 3-all tie in the fifth, hitting a 431-foot drive off Brett Tomko (3-5) that bounced off the Stadium Club. Bottenfield (13-3) allowed five runs and seven hits in six innings, sending Cincinnati to just its third loss in 16 games.

Marlins 5, Braves 2
Alex Fernandez allowed only three hits in eight innings to beat Tom Glavine, who gave up a career-high 15 hits.
Pitching at Turner Field for the first time since tearing his right rotator cuff in Game 2 of the 1997 NL championship series, Fernandez (3-5) didn't give up a hit until Chipper

Jones' solo homer with one out in the fourth. Glavine (7-8), who had won his previous four starts, allowed five runs in seven innings.

Pirates 6, Cubs 1
Warren Morris homered, Todd Ritchie pitched eight effective innings and the Pirates spoiled Sammy Sosa Day by beating the Chicago Cubs.

Sosa, voted to his third All-Star game a few hours after the Pittsburgh City Council proclaimed a day in his honor, hit a sacrifice fly while going 1-for-3. Ritchie (8-6), in the minors when the season began, scattered seven hits to tie Jason Schmidt for the team lead in victories and stop Pittsburgh's four-game losing streak. The Cubs have lost five of six.

Phillies 1, Brewers 0
Robert Person had a career-high 10 strikeouts in the sweltering heat to outduel Hideo Nomo.

Person (2-2) had his highest strikeout total in three years, and Bobby Abreu drove in the only run with an RBI single in the third. Nomo (6-2) gave up one run and four hits in six innings, and matched his season high with nine strikeouts.

Rockies 5, Dodgers 2
Pedro Astacio did it all against his former team, pitching a six-hitter, striking out 10 and singling home the tiebreaking run in the seventh inning at Denver.

Astacio (8-7) pitched his fourth complete game of the season, third-best in the majors. He had given up 15 earned runs and 11 hits in his last two starts. Astacio, traded by the Dodgers to the Rockies on Aug. 18, 1997, for Eric Young, retired 11 straight batters in the middle innings.

Astros 3, Diamondbacks 1
Jose Lima became the NL's third 12-game winner and Richard Hidalgo drove in all of

Houston's runs with a two-run homer and a sacrifice fly.

Lima (12-4) won for the first time since June 12. He had gone 0-2 in his last four starts. Lima allowed four hits, struck out nine and walked two in seven innings. Jay Bell, elected earlier in the day for his first All-Star start, hit his 23rd home run for Arizona.

Giants 10, Padres 9
Marvin Benard, Jeff Kent and Ellis Burks homered and the San Francisco Giants won for the eighth time in nine games.

Benard hit a three-run homer in the second and Kent a solo shot in the third as the Giants built a 5-1 lead. Both came off rookie Matt Clement (5-8), who had his personal four-game winning streak snapped.

The Padres also hit three homers, including two-run shots by George Arias in the fifth and Reggie Sanders in the sixth.

Ruben Rivera hit a solo homer in the second.



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Here are the United Girls Softball Association Division I-A All-Stars. Front row, from left, are: Mariah Olague, Andrea Olivarez, Gina Oliveras, Kelly Sage, Valinda Saidivar and Haylea Stuteville. Second row: Crystal Carrillo, Baylea Fox, Dominique Green, Maci Johnson, Kelsey Jones and Amanda Longorio. Back row: Manager Carrie Fox and coaches Shannon Stuteville and Charlie Kosh.



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Here are the United Girls Softball Association Division I All-Stars. Front row: Lauren Sage, Shebi Stewart, Patricia Trevino, Desiree Yanez and Jordan Chesworth. Middle row: Maria Carrillo, Bernadette Flores, Tara Kuykendall, Alyx Pappajohn, Brenna Phernetton and Morgan Reinhart. Back row: Manager Pam Yanez, Bridgette Rodriguez and coach Bill Sage. Not pictured are coach Adam Yanez and Chelsea Anderson.



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Here are the United Girls Softball Association Division II All-Stars. Front row, from left are: Becky Murphree, Raegan Ritchey, Courtney Rodriguez, Amber Sides and Kate Smiley. Middle row: chaperone Laura Strickland, Gracie Acosta, Krista Chesworth, Rachel Gee, Shannon Higgins, Audom Johnson and manager Laura Murphree. Back row: Kimberly Berry, coach Monica Rubio and Shilah Sanders. Not pictured are coach Amy Jackson and Kelsey Eggleston.



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Here are the United Girls Softball Association Division III All-Stars. Front row, from left, are: Kim Green, Sheena Howell, Ashley Lang, Samantha Newton and Jennifer Lopez. Second row: Laura Olague, Lindsey Phillips, Erica Stewart, Lindsey Wilks and Crystal Clark. Back row: Kristen Choate, manager Shelly Choate, coach Jim Bob Phillips and coach Tracy Stewart. Not pictured are: Bridget Cain, Courtney Brock and Leina Braxton.



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Here are the United Girls Softball Association Division IV All-Stars. Front row, from left, are: Marissa McCartney, Danielle Stokes, Kaci Stokes and Desiree Richardson. Second row: Coach Marlon Hale, Jackie Brown, Jessica Canales, Athena Hale, Bonnie Knecht, Jessica Mills and coach Heather James. Back row: JoEllen Canales, the team's chaperone, and manager Thelma Fannin. Not pictured are: Sherry Burdette, Laura Fierro and Melissa Beaty.

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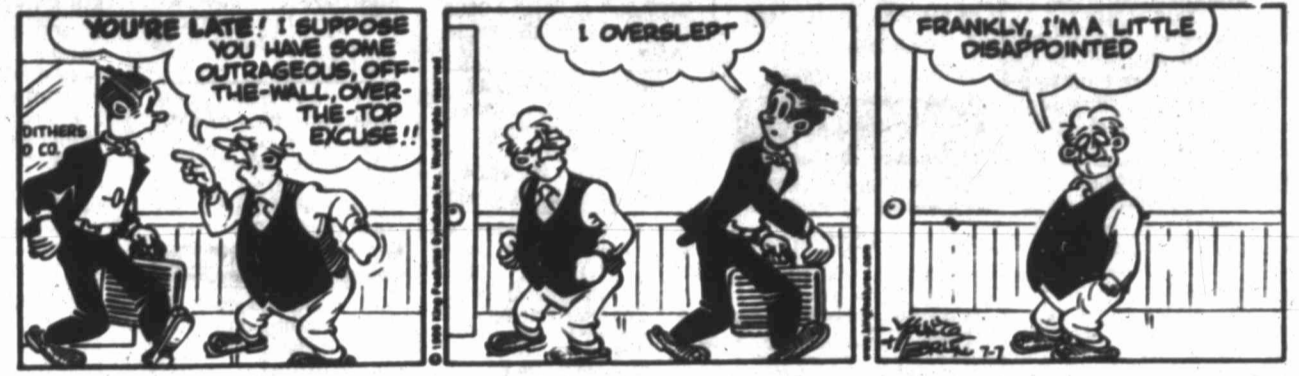
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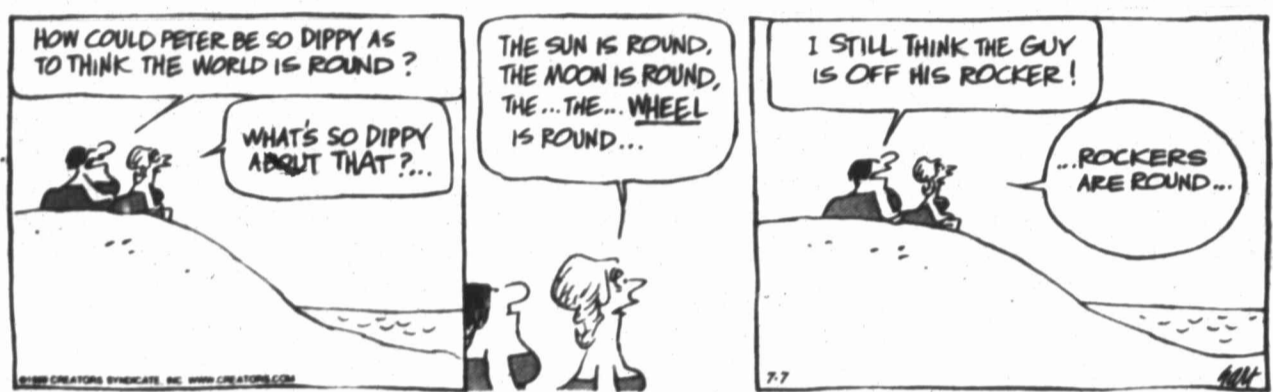
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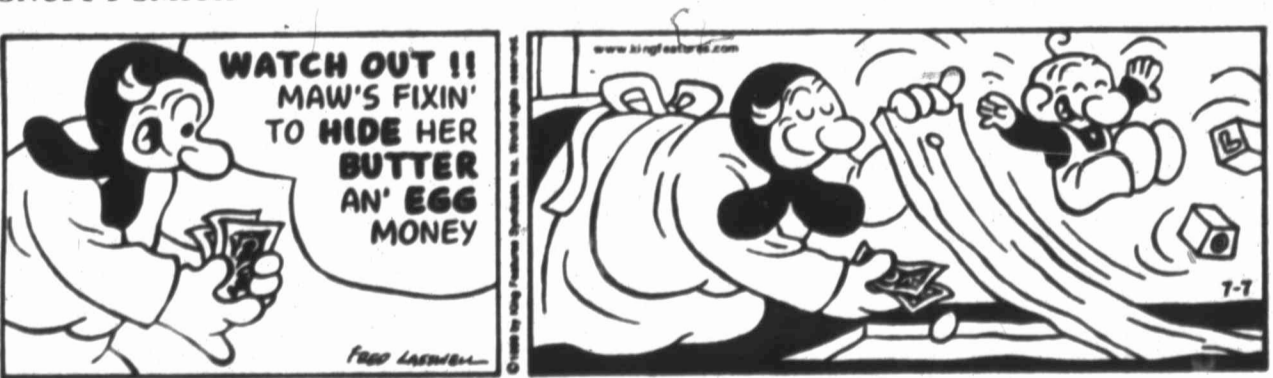
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