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Positively ...
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Moore board to convene at 3 p.m. Friday

Moore Development for Big Spring, Inc. board will convene at 3 p.m. Friday to consider the 1999-2000 budget.

The meeting was originally scheduled last Wednesday, but a quorum was not present.

Other items on the agenda are June financials and investment reports, and approval of previous minutes.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

Genealogical Society of Big Spring, 7:15 p.m., Howard County Library.
Masonic Lodge No. 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY

AMBUCS, noon, Brandin' Iron Restaurant.
Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

Dance 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third. Members and guests welcome.

The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
The Pottou House, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 to 5 p.m.

Big Spring Squares call 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more information.

MONDAY

Meet the Teacher for Coahoma Elementary School, 1-3 p.m.
Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third.
Howard County NAACP, 7 p.m., Chamber of Commerce conference room.
Big Spring Amateur Radio Club, 7 p.m., Club House.
Big Spring Comandery No. 31, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple, 211 1/2 Main.
Big Spring Assembly No. 211, Social Order of the Beauceant, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple, 211 1/2 Main.

WEATHER

Tonight:



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Two-year-old dies after being attacked by neighbor's chained dog

RICK McLAUGHLIN
Staff Writer

A 2 1/2-year-old Big Spring boy died at Scenic Mountain Medical Center Wednesday night as a result of bites inflicted by a neighbor's dog.

Sonny Montanez was pronounced dead at 7:10 p.m. by Dr. Micheal Stephens, Justice of the

Peace Marilyn Carson has ordered an autopsy.

Texas state law requires an autopsy in the death of all children under the age of 6.

Big Spring police and emergency medical personnel responded to the biting incident, which took place in a backyard in the 700 block of East Third, where the dog was

chained to a tree.

Sgt. Roger Sweatt said it appears the boy went to pet the dog when he was attacked. There is a fence that separates the two houses, but not completely, Sweatt noted.

Animal Control destroyed the dog, a chow and shar-pei mix.

Police said no charges are anticipated against the dog's

owners. The dog's remains were sent to Austin to test for disease.

The boy was the son of Chris Ornales and Tracy Montanez of Big Spring. Rosary will be 7 tonight at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

Funeral service will be 1 p.m. Friday at St. Thomas Catholic Church with the Rev. Cornelius

Scanlan, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Nurses at Scenic Mountain have helped establish a special fund to help the family allay medical and funeral expenses. Anyone wishing to contribute can make a donation at State National Bank for the Sonny Montanez Fund.



Maj. Roy Tolcher of the Salvation Army accepts a check and donated school supplies from TCA Cable TV Manager Barry Threadgill Wednesday morning while Threadgill's daughter Marissa looks on. The company is assisting the Salvation Army with its school supply program for needy children by offering customers discounts for donations.

Tax break

Consumers, businesses prepare for tax 'holiday' Friday through Sunday

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

Like many local residents, Marilyn Ausbie will be hitting the stores this weekend. She plans to take advantage of the state's first sales tax holiday to buy school clothes for her children and a nephew.

"I figure I will save money," she said. "Every little bit will help."

When she first heard about this weekend, during which shoppers throughout the state can avoid paying sales tax on certain items, Ausbie said she was a little confused. It seemed complicated to decipher what exactly was and wasn't taxable.

"Now that I know more about it," Ausbie said, "I think it's a great idea."

Local retailers were also praising the "holiday," which takes place Friday, Saturday and Sunday. During store hours on those three days, shoppers won't have to pay state or local sales taxes on items that include shirts, shorts, jeans and pants, diapers and dresses, shoes and socks. The items must be priced under \$100.

Shoppers in Big Spring normally pay taxes of 8.25 percent, or \$8.25 on every \$100 they spend.

The tax holiday is not limited to only back-to-school clothing, or clothing for children. Anyone can take advantage of the savings.

Need a tuxedo? This is the weekend to save on it. Still haven't bought a bathing suit? Pick one up Friday, Saturday or Sunday and save the sales tax. The state-approved list of tax-exempt items also includes lingerie and bridal apparel.

"We're expecting a big crowd, and we're preparing for that," said Brenda White, manager at Bealls for Her. The two Bealls stores in Big Spring Mall plan other sales, and extended hours this weekend.

"It's going to be a really busy weekend," agreed Dunlaps manager Jeff Raley, who has also planned a sale, along with staying open on Sunday to lure shoppers.

"I think a lot of people are going to take advantage of it."

Clothing makes up bulk of items on exempt list

HERALD Staff Report

During the statewide sales tax holiday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, most items of clothing and footwear priced under \$100 will be exempt from state and local taxes.

That will save Big Spring shoppers 8.25 percent on their purchases. According to information from the state comptroller's office, some of the items that will be tax free include:

Baby clothes, bathing suits, belts with attached buckles (but not belt buckles alone), boots — cowboy or hiking, bras, bridal wear (not rented), caps/hats including baseball, fishing, golf and knitted types, choir robes, coats and costumes.

Also diapers, dresses, formal wear, gloves, gym suits and uniforms, hooded shirts and sweatshirts, hosiery, jackets, jeans, jerseys — baseball and football, jogging apparel, lingerie, neckwear and ties.

Also pajamas, pants and trousers, raincoats and ponchos, robes, shirts, shoes — sandals, slippers, sneakers, tennis and walking, socks, shorts, suits, slacks, sweaters, work clothes and uniforms and underclothes.

Most local stores will have lists available to their clerks, or computers on their cash registers programmed to exempt the listed items.

Dick Helms, manager of Athletic Supply, said he has heard several people say they plan to do their back-to-school shopping during the weekend. In fact, calls and visits to the store recently indicate people have been planning what they want to buy, and waiting until this weekend.

"It's such a neat opportunity for people to save on taxes," he said. Helms will arm his clerks

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HC associate nursing degree program to begin accepting students twice yearly

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Beginning in the current school year, Howard College associate nursing degree program will begin accepting students two times each year.

"In the past we only admitted once a year, so we are wanting to get the word out to students interested in this program that they may now apply and be accepted twice a year," said MaryAnn Burks, secretary for the nursing department.

Applications for the fall 1999 semester have been completed and those students have been selected, Burks said.

"But we are currently accepting applications for the spring 2000 semester, which begins in January," she said.

By informing students of this change, Burks said the goal is

to allow students to take prerequisites now, as they apply for acceptance into the next program.

"Maybe they only need one prerequisite class — now they can go ahead and take that class and apply for the spring semester of the program," Burks said.

Any questions about the new program or prerequisite classes, admission policies or topics related to the registered nurse or licensed vocational nursing programs should be directed to 264-5070, Burks said.

"We are wanting to start recruiting, and informing the public of this change is the first step," Burks said.

The Howard College registered nursing program is an associate degree program accredited by the National League for Nursing.

It is also approved by the State Board of Nurse

Examiners. The registered nursing program has a two-years degree plan that has prerequisite courses required before entering the program.

These prerequisites, such as nutrition and anatomy and physiology, may be completed at Howard College.

After completing prerequisite coursework, students apply to the program and are accepted according to their eligibility.

This eligibility is based on an entrance test and a point system that awards points according to the grade earned in the course.

Those students with the most cumulative points are accepted into the program each fall and spring.

The program may have as many as 20 students accepted into each semester, based on a 10-to-one student-teacher ratio, Burks said.

Big Spring man indicted on two counts of murder

RICK McLAUGHLIN
Staff Writer

A Howard County grand jury took 2 1/2 hours Wednesday to deliberate the case of the 20-

year-old Big Spring man arrested June 23 for the shooting deaths of two local men on June 18, before indicting him on two counts of first degree murder.

The grand jury indicted Michael Eugene Schubert, who is accused of murdering Francisco Xavier Navarro, 21, and Antonio Miguel Armijo, 20, near the sidewalk and driveway of his Johnson Street house.

An arraignment may be held by the end of next week,

depending on the schedule of 118th District Court Judge Robert H. Moore III, said District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson.

Wilkerson said the trial could be set near the end of the year, depending on the court's schedule. "The turnaround time for a murder case is four to six months," Wilkerson said, but in this case some lab results have not been obtained. "We want to have all the evidence before we proceed."

Police were called to the Johnson Street home June 18 about 2:52 a.m. after receiving a report of shots being fired near the house. When police arrived, Navarro and Armijo had no vital signs. Howard County Justice of the Peace Quail Dobbs pronounced Navarro and Armijo dead and ordered an autopsy at the Lubbock medical

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Mike Chesworth uses a chain saw to remove a 20-foot evergreen tree from the front yard of a home in the 700 block of East 14th, which was blown down during the storm Wednesday. Big Spring received at least one-half inch of rain during the storm, with some reports of up to one inch in areas of the county.

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OBITUARIES

Albert M. "Rello" Garcia

Rosary for Albert M. "Rello" Garcia, 40, Big Spring, will be 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, 1999, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 6, at St. Thomas Catholic Church with Rev. Cornelius Scanlan, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow in Trinity Memorial Park.



GARCIA

Mr. Garcia died Tuesday, Aug. 3, at Comanche Trail Nursing Home following a long illness.

He was born on Sept. 16, 1958, in Big Spring and he was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. Mr. Garcia was a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church and had been employed at Town & Country on the Lamesa Highway.

He is survived by: his father, Felix Garcia Sr. of Big Spring; eight brothers, Felix Garcia Jr. of San Antonio, Raymond Garcia, Freddie Garcia, Daniel Garcia, Bobby Garcia, Jesse Garcia, Edward Garcia and Abel Garcia, all of Big Spring; three sisters, Mary Esther Hernandez of Big Spring, Jo Anne Silguero of San Marcos, and Mary Dolores Bustamante of Big Spring; and several nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Esther Moraida Garcia, and one brother, Joe Garcia.

Pallbearers will be Felix Garcia IV, John Bustamante, Michael Daniel Garcia, Gregory Silguero Jr., Felix Silguero, Oscar Bustamante Jr., Abel Garcia Jr., Edward Garcia Jr., Mark Garcia, Christopher Bustamante and Oscar Hernandez Jr.

The family will be at 2314 Roemer.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Roberto R. Gonzales

Rosary for Roberto R. Gonzales, 71, Midland, will be 7:30 tonight at Reyes-Garcia Chapel. Funeral mass will be 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6, 1999, at Our Lady of Guadalupe

Catholic Church with Father Art Flores officiating. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery.

Mr. Gonzales died Wednesday, Aug. 4, at Memorial Hospital and Medical Center after a sudden illness.

He was raised in Midland. He married Maria Gonzales in 1963. She preceded him in death. Mr. Gonzales served in the Army in 1945 and was a Catholic.

Survivors include: five sons, Miguel "Mike" Gonzales, Ramon Silva, Benancio "Benny" Hernandez, all of Midland, Fidel Silva of Odessa, and Catarina Silva of Garden Grove, Calif.; six daughters, Irma Sanchez, Cruz Hernandez, Mary Lou Olivias, Magdalena "Nena" Olivias, all of Midland, Ernestina Garcia of San Antonio, and Lupe Zarraga of Big Spring; three brothers, Mateo Gonzales of Amarillo, Margarito Gonzales and Celestino Gonzales, both of Midland; one sister, Felipa Heredia of Midland; 28 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Arrangements under the direction of Reyes-Garcia Funeral Home, Midland.

Hallie Banta

Service for Hallie Banta, 94, Lamesa, will be 2 p.m. today at the First Baptist Church, Lamesa, with the Rev. Dennis Teeters, pastor, officiating.

Mrs. Banta died Tuesday, Aug. 3, 1999, at her residence.

She was born on March 27, 1905, in Stonewall County. She married John Banta on Dec. 5, 1925, in Lamesa. He preceded her in death on Dec. 19, 1990. She moved to Dawson County in 1920 from Stonewall County. She was a housewife and a member of the First Baptist Church for 48 years. Mrs. Banta was involved in choir and mission ministry as well as involved in the Garden Club, where she served as a National Judge. She received a 15-year service pin as a volunteer with the Medical Arts Hospital Auxiliary.

Survivors include: two sons, Kenneth Banta of Lamesa, and L.L. "Pid" Banta of Brownfield; two daughters, LaWana Moore of Lubbock, and Jeannine McKee of Big Spring; eight grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Branon Funeral Home, Lamesa.

Nora Ford

Nora Ford, 73, formerly of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Aug. 3, 1999, in a Midland hospital after a brief illness. Service will be 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6, 1999, at the First Church of the Nazarene in Big Spring with her children officiating. Interment will follow at the Polar Cemetery in Polar.



FORD

She was born to Robert and Alice Hoyle in Snyder on April 24, 1926.

She was a member of the First Church of the Nazarene of Big Spring.

Mrs. Ford had been confined to a nursing home for many years. She would say her greatest accomplishment was raising six children, who survive her today. They are Carl Ford and wife Linda of Hurst, Ronnie Ford and wife Susan of Keller, Charlotte Kennemer and husband Edward of Big Spring, Carolyn Witthuhn and husband Bruce of Roseville, Minn., Rocky Ford and wife Cheryl of Midland, and Ronda Ford of Grafton, Va.

Before being confined to a wheelchair, Mrs. Ford was a very active woman. Her favorite hobby was making all the garage sales and collecting any "treasure" she could find. Mrs. Ford loved to work in the yard and raised beautiful flowers and a vegetable garden when possible. After her confinement, her hobby was collecting dolls; her all-time favorite being Shirley Temple dolls.

Other survivors include: two sisters, Ethel Butts of San Angelo, and Mamie Patterson of Snyder; one brother, Henry Hoyle of Colorado City.

Mrs. Ford was preceded in death by two brothers, Johnnie Hoyle of Snyder and Robert Hoyle of Colorado City, and a sister, Betty Newsom of Hamilton.

Also surviving Mrs. Ford are three grandsons, Kent Ford, Taff Wennik and Heath Ford Anderson, seven granddaughters, Wendy Theilen, Karissa Ford, Alisha Ford, Heather Ford Anderson, Emily Low, Elizabeth Low and Emilia Witthuhn. She is also survived by five great-grandsons; two great-granddaughters; and also five nieces, 11 nephews and numerous great nieces and nephews.

Others preceding Mrs. Ford in death are her parents, a grandson, Chad Ford, and two granddaughters, Sara Witthuhn and Julie Wennik.

Pallbearers are Taff Wennik, Heath Ford Anderson, Kent Ford, Monty Low, Joe Wennik and Roy Newsom.

The family suggests memorials to the Julie Wennik Memorial Scholarship Fund; c/o Big Spring High School; 707 11th Place; Big Spring.

The family will at the home of Charlotte and Edward Kennemer in the Luther community.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Paid obituary

Sharon Anderson

Service for Sharon Anderson, 59, Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She died Wednesday, Aug. 4, 1999, in a local hospital.

Sonny Montanez

Rosary for Sonny Montanez, 2, of Big Spring, will be 7 p.m. tonight at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral service will be 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6, 1999, at St. Thomas Catholic Church.



MONTANEZ

He died Wednesday, Aug. 4, 1999, in a local hospital.

He was born Jan. 24, 1997, in Odessa and was a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church.

Survivors include: his father, Chris Ornales of Big Spring; his mother, Tracy Montanez of Big Spring; four brothers, Layelle Montanez and Rodney Toudie Jr., both of Big Spring, Richard Boazath and Michael Boazath, both of Orange Grove; his paternal grandparents, Danny Ornales of California and Manuel and Maria Carrasco of Big Spring; his maternal grandfather, Carlos Montanez of Big Spring, and maternal grandmother, Mary Rodriguez of Lubbock; his paternal great-grandparents, Elvira Hilario, Benita and Joe Ornales, all of Big Spring; his maternal great-grandfathers, Teofilo Montanez of Big Spring and Pablo Martinez of Midland,

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and numerous aunts and uncles. Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

SALES

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with state-generated lists of what falls into the tax-free category when the ring up purchases.

Bealls is taking a similar tactic, by providing lists at all cash registers. At Wal-Mart and Dunlaps, computers will be programmed to identify non-taxable items.

"We've never done this before, but hopefully everything will be automatic," said Wal-Mart manager Daryl Holley. As a backup, lists will be posted at each register and in the back-to-school area as a reminder to shoppers. "Back to school is always a big crowd," Holley said, "but we expect a little more than usual this time."

Big Spring Mall plans to capitalize on the tax holiday, and is preparing for a crowd, said manager Kathy Lusk. There will be a style show Saturday from 2-4 p.m. so shoppers can see some of the latest back-to-school fashions.

Stores throughout the mall plan specials, sales and extended hours.

"I've got two going back to school, and this is sure going to help," Lusk said. "You may as well get to take off that extra 8 percent. People need a little relief from taxes."

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

Autopsy reports on file at Dobbs' justice of the peace office in Coahoma show both victims to have died from gun shot wounds fired in a downward direction. In addition, both had high levels of alcohol in their blood and Armijo had traces of marijuana in his blood, toxicology reports showed.

The autopsy, conducted by Dr. R. Groben, a forensic pathologist in Lubbock, showed Navarro died from a wound to the left side of the head, exiting the right side in front of the right ear, in a downward path.

The report indicated that soot, or powder burns, were found, indicating that he was shot at close range in a downward direction. He also suffered a bullet wound to the groin, exiting the left buttock.

His blood alcohol content was .23, more than twice the legal limit to drive in Texas.

The autopsy showed Armijo died from a gunshot wound to the left side of the face, lateral to the edge of the mouth, passing through the cheek and the left side of the jaw, through the soft tissue of the neck, and passing through the cervical column at the level of the third vertebrae, from front to back and downwards.

Armijo had a blood alcohol content of .22. The level of intoxication in Texas is .10. The next session of the grand jury will be after Aug. 17.

MARKETS

Dec. cotton 52.55 cents, up 3 points; Sept. crude 20.58, up 14 points; cash hogs steady at 35 even; cash steers steady at 65

TEXAS LOTTERY

Lottery numbers are unofficial until confirmed by the state lottery commission. PICK 3: 7,3,7 LOTTO: 6,22,31,35,41,45

Noon quotes provided by Edward D. Jones & Co.

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SUPPORT GROUPS

THURSDAY

Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting. A.D.A.P.T. non-profit support and learning organization about attention deficit disorder, learning disorders and dyslexia. Meets second Thursday of September, October, November, January, February, March, April and May, Cerebral Palsy building, 802 Ventura, Midland.

Alzheimer's support group, noon, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, third Thursday of the month. Call Janice Wagner at 263-1211.

Grief Support related to the death of a loved one. Call Nurses Unlimited, Inc., at 264-6523.

Alzheimer's Association Support Group, last Thursday of the month, Comanche Trail Nursing Center, 3200 Parkway, 7 p.m. Call 267-9459.

Narcotic Anonymous, 8 p.m. St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Call 268-4189 (pager no.)

Al-Anon support group, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

FRIDAY

Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. Big Book Study.

Al-Anon support group, noon, 615 Settles.

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FIRE/EMS

Following is a summary of Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reports: WEDNESDAY 9:26 a.m. - 2000 block Virginia, trauma call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. 6:25 p.m. - 200 block Benton, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Wednesday and 8 a.m. today.

BARBARA QUERNHEIM, 34, was arrested on local warrants.

ERNEST REQUEJO, 21, was arrested on local warrants.

KAREN RUIZ, 22, was arrested on local warrants.

CARLOS LEOS, 48, was arrested on local warrants.

JACK BIRDWELL, 42, driving with license invalid.

ATTEMPTED BURGLARY was reported in the 1300 block of Mobile.

MINOR ACCIDENTS were reported at 700 Birdwell and 500 Westover.

THEFT was reported at W. I-20.

THEFT BY CHECK was reported in the 500 block of Lamesa and at 400 E. 4th.

DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported at 1300 Stamford.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 2500 block of E. 11th and the 1110 block of Lloyd.

DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported in the 1200 block of Benton.

SHERIFF

The following information was transcribed from the Howard County Sheriff's Department arrest logs through 8 a.m. Thursday.

RICHARD RUIZ JR., 26, was arrested on a motion to revoke probation/burglary of a building and issuance of a bad check.

FELIPE HERNANDEZ, 46, was arrested on revocation of probation/driving.

RECORDS

Wednesday's high 91 Wednesday's low 71 Average high 95 Average low 70 Record high 105 in 1943 Record low 59 in 1975 Precip. Wednesday 0.49 Month to date 0.89 Month's normal 0.10 Year to date 7.54 Normal for the year 10.26 Sunrise Friday 6:04 a.m. Sunset Friday 8:39 p.m.

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NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory 906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331 Sharon Anderson, 59, died Wednesday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Sonny Montanez, 2, died Wednesday. Rosary will be at 7:00 PM tonight at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Services will be at 2:00 PM Friday at St. Thomas Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL 24th & Johnson 267-8288 Nora Ford, 73, died Tuesday. Services are 2:00 PM Friday at the First Church of Nazarene. Interment will be in Polar Cemetery. Albert "Rello" Garcia, 40, died Tuesday. Rosary will be 7:30 PM tonight at Myers & Smith Chapel. Services are 10:00 AM Friday at St. Thomas Church.

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Janitor to die tonight for slaying woman

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Security was a big concern when Mary Milligan, fresh out of Texas Tech University, found work as a bank management trainee and moved to Dallas.

The 21-year-old woman never had lived in Dallas. She went to school in Lubbock and her parents lived in the Belton area.

Two women already had been killed in northeast Dallas in recent months in similar fashion — raped, strangled or stabbed, and drowned in a bathtub.

Four months after her graduation, on April 13, 1987, she became the third.

The man convicted of her murder and who confessed to all three slayings over a 10-month period was scheduled for execution this evening.

Charles Anthony Boyd, 39,

would be the second convicted killer to die in as many days in Texas and the second of six death row inmates the state is set to execute within a 14-day period this month.

Ricky Blackmon, 41, became the 17th Texas prisoner executed this year when he received lethal injection Wednesday evening for hacking to death an East Texas man with a 3-foot-long sword made out of a steel sawmill blade.

"I wouldn't want to call it relief," said Thomasine Crow, whose son, Carl Rinkle, 26, of Shelby County, was murdered in 1987. "I think there is justice that needs to be met and I think this is what needs to be done."

"Nothing can bring Carl back. Nothing can ever ease that pain completely. This is what he (Blackmon) did and this is what needs to be done."

Murders committed by Boyd and Blackmon occurred about two weeks apart in 1987 and they had arrived on death row within four days of each other in December 1987.

Boyd was arrested the day after Ms. Milligan's slaying after jewelry and other items taken from her apartment were pawned. The former bank janitor lived across the hall from her.

He also became a suspect after detectives learned of his past. Boyd had previous convictions for burglary and sexual assault and had been released from prison in November 1985 after serving less than half of a five-year sentence.

According to court records, Boyd was living with his brother from July to September 1986 at the Woodstock Apartments in northeast Dallas.

An upstairs neighbor, Tippawan Nakusan, 37, a recent arrival from Thailand who worked as a waitress in north Dallas, was found stabbed and suffocated in her bathtub on July 24, 1986.

Two months later, Lashun Chappell Thomas, a 22-year-old nursing home aide, was found fatally stabbed and in a bathtub in the same apartment complex.

Residents accustomed to lounging by the pool and leaving their doors unlocked were terrorized.

After his arrest, Boyd confessed and was charged with all three slayings. He was tried only for Ms. Milligan's killing.

"It was a strong case, I thought a case with no issues," Kevin Chapman, who prosecuted Boyd, said Wednesday. "The evidence was overwhelming."

INS given Resendiz photos four months before his release

HOUSTON (AP) — Agents for the Immigration and Naturalization Service knew at least four months before they picked up and released suspected serial killer Angel Maturino Resendiz that he was wanted for suspicion of murder, a Houston television station reported.

KTRK-TV also reported that West University police spoke with the U.S. Inspector General's office last week about their contacts with INS agents.

The station also reported that West University police had given Houston INS agents photographs of Maturino Resendiz and informed them that he was wanted for burglary and was a prime suspect in the murder of Dr. Claudia Benton.

The INS had claimed they did not know Maturino Resendiz was wanted when he was pick-

ed up near El Paso and deported to Mexico on June 2. In the two weeks following his deportation, investigators believe Resendiz was responsible for an additional four killings.

Maturino Resendiz is suspected of killing nine people in three states and faces seven charges that carry possible death sentences: four in Texas, two in Illinois and one in Kentucky.

The station also reported that INS recently released two accused child molesters. Jose Arteaga, charged with molesting a 7-year-old girl, was deported to Mexico. An INS official said the agency knew he had been charged.

Another illegal immigrant charged with sexual assault was released by the INS two months before his trial was to begin.

Officer 'panicked' before shooting man at Houston area hospital, relatives say

TOMBALL (AP) — A tragic misunderstanding led to the shooting of a Montgomery County man who had visited a Houston area hospital to seek relief from a severe toothache, relatives of the dead man say.

Michael Spafford told the Houston Chronicle Wednesday that his 25-year-old brother-in-law, John Richard Mooney, had

left his job early for Tomball Regional Hospital because his tooth was hurting so much that he could not eat or speak clearly.

Spafford said Mooney was carrying a rifle in his car Tuesday because, Spafford said, he had asked Mooney if he could borrow the weapon for some target shooting.

Spafford said he and his wife, Brenda, 27, Mooney's sister, are not angry with Officer Dan Arriaga, who shot Mooney outside the hospital emergency room while working there off-duty as a guard.

Arriaga had seen the rifle in Mooney's station wagon and "panicked" when he saw Mooney move seconds later,

Spafford theorized.

Neighbors who asked not to be identified said Mooney was "strange." One said he had spoken of shooting dogs and had called himself a "psycho killer Marine."

Montgomery County sheriff's deputies had been called to the Mooney home in the Magnolia community several times,

neighbors said.

Sheriff's dispatch records show five such calls in 1997 and three in 1996 to the address where Mooney lived with his parents. Most were logged as domestic disturbances, a supervisor said.

Spafford said he was to blame for some of the disturbances because he was having argu-

ments over baby-sitting with his mother-in-law. "It was never about John," he said.

Mooney, shot at 12:30 a.m., died about 11 a.m. at Hermann Hospital.

Investigators said Arriaga, 32, fired his automatic pistol eight times, hitting Mooney with three bullets in the head, arm and hand.

More school districts exceeding cap on class sizes, becoming a campaign issue

DALLAS (AP) — Overcrowded classes greeted teachers in almost 150 Texas school districts this year and regulators say too many systems are requesting waivers from student size limits, which have been a state campaign issue.

The number of classes more crowded than state law specifies was 50 percent greater than five

years ago.

Mary Helen Berlanga of Corpus Christi, a State Board of Education member, says too many school districts are asking for waivers, and a large number come back year after year.

"What's the use of having this requirement in the law if we are not going to make school dis-

tricts comply with it?" she told The Dallas Morning News in today's editions.

Districts have urged the state to exempt them from the 22-pupil limit for kindergarten through fourth grade. The requirement has been on the books since 1985.

The smaller classes help students learn, educators say.

However, school district administrators contend they need the waivers because they don't have enough classrooms or teachers.

Republican presidential contender and Texas Gov. George W. Bush, in his first gubernatorial campaign in 1994, criticized the administration of former Gov. Ann Richards for granting too many school waivers. Bush

promised to give districts enough authority to eliminate the need for them.

However, the number of class-size waivers has increased significantly during his tenure, the Texas Education Agency says.

The state's fast-growing student population makes it difficult to find enough classrooms and teachers, said Linda

Edwards, the governor's press secretary. She said the governor and the Legislature increased teacher pay and provided more money this year for school construction.

"The goal is that with these improvements, school districts will not need to request class-size waivers," said Ms. Edwards.

1999 Property Tax Rates In HOWARD COUNTY

This notice concerns 1999 property tax rates for HOWARD COUNTY. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

	General Fund	Special Road/ Bridge Fund
Last year's tax rate:		
Last year's operating taxes	\$4,290,787	\$712,060
Last year's debt taxes	\$143,086	\$0
Last year's total taxes	\$4,433,873	\$712,060
Last year's tax base	\$1,121,364,196	\$1,121,364,196
Last year's total tax rate	0.39540/\$100	0.06350/\$100
This year's effective tax rate:		
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$4,417,947	\$710,322
/ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$963,377,247	\$963,377,247
= This year's effective tax rate for each fund	0.45858/\$100	0.07373/\$100
Total effective tax rate	0.53231/\$100	
This year's rollback tax rate:		
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and including taxes for state criminal justice mandate)	\$4,275,406	\$710,322
/ This year's adjusted tax base	\$963,377,247	\$963,377,247
= This year's effective operating rate	0.44379/\$100	0.07373/\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.47929/\$100	0.07962/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	0.01463/\$100	0.00000/\$100
= This year's rollback rate for each fund	0.49392/\$100	0.07962/\$100
This year's total rollback rate	0.57354/\$100	

Schedule A: General Fund Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
General Fund	\$2,500,000
Road & Bridge	\$500,000
Debit Service	\$6,000

Schedule B: General Fund 1999 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
General Obligations Bonds Series 1995	\$55,000	\$86,525	\$250	\$141,775
Total required for 1999 debt service				\$141,775
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources				\$0
- Excess collections last year				\$6,000
= Total to be paid from taxes in 1999				\$135,775
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 95.00% of its taxes in 1999				\$7,146
= Total debt levy				\$142,921

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 315 MAIN (COUNTY ANNEX) BIG SPRING, TX. 79720.

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OUR VIEWS

75th gathering promises fun, memories for all

For 74 years—75 this weekend—folks in Howard and Glasscock counties have been getting together once a year to share some music, good food and memories. The Howard-Glasscock Old Settlers Reunion was first started to give young people in the area an opportunity to meet the founding fathers. That hasn't changed much, as the gathering still ranges from newborns to old hands.

There will be a barbecue lunch, bingo, a dance, fiddling contest and prizes awarded for travel, longevity and even marriage.

The fiddling contest—called the Hoyle Nix Memorial Fiddler's Contest—has grown into a major event of its own. This year, there will be categories for 15 and under, 16 to age 34 and 35 and older. Prizes are given in each division, as well as for a championship division.

Other prizes are awarded to the person who has traveled the farthest to attend the reunion, residents who have lived in Howard and Glasscock counties the longest, and to the couple that has been married the longest.

All activities take place Saturday in the Dora Roberts Community Center, beginning with registration at 9 a.m.

The Howard-Glasscock Old Settlers Reunion promises lots of laid back, good, clean fun for all ages. It's a time to visit, catch up on what's going on and reminisce about times past. What better way could there be to spend a Saturday during the summer?

We hope to see you there.

OTHER VIEWS

If you're the vice president and the Democratic Party's leading White House contender, you don't have to worry about being up the creek without a paddle or, for that matter, without water.

Al Gore's photo-opportunity canoe trip on the Connecticut River got a 4 billion-gallon lift last week.

After the Connecticut River Joint Commission and the Secret Service advance team checked out the conditions, the commission asked for the release of additional water from a dam as a precaution.

Besides being unphotogenic, a veep mired in mud probably gives Secret Service agents ulcers.

The director of the Vermont Department of Natural Resources was quoted— inaccurately, he said later— by the Washington Times: "They won't release water for the fish when we ask them to, but somehow they find themselves able to release it for a politician."

ALBUQUERQUE (N.M.) JOURNAL

public recently got a reminder that health care in the United States is a business, and not a public service.

Ninety-nine health maintenance organizations have informed the federal government that they either will leave the Medicare program entirely by the end of the year or reduce the number of areas they serve.

These notices follow similar cutbacks last year that sent more than 400,000 Medicare HMO patients scrambling for alternatives.

The HMOs complain that the federal government isn't paying them enough to make Medicare worth their while, and their complaints may be valid.

The HMO cutbacks are timely, coming as Congress considers whether Medicare should provide prescription coverage and how to ensure Medicare's solvency in the future.

The message from the HMOs is that decent health care coverage for the elderly doesn't come cheap—as if the public needed another reminder.

About 327,000 Medicare beneficiaries and the general

SARASOTA (FLA.) HERALD-TRIBUNE

They had more than geography in common

A fiction writer might steer clear of beautiful, improbable Putnam County, with its rabbit statue on the courthouse square and a Greek revival home with a suicidal ghost, not to mention the United Nuwaubian Nation of Moors building pyramids behind locked gates.

Too far-fetched for believable fiction.

Eatonton, county seat of the town with Brer Rabbit on the courthouse lawn and an Uncle Remus Museum. That's because it is the birthplace of Joel Chandler Harris, delivered in a tavern to an unwed seamstress mother in the 1840s.

Putnam County is also the birthplace of Alice Walker, born in 1944 to the bleak life most blacks faced in the rural South.

Only a few miles down the road in neighboring Baldwin County is Andalusia, the dairy farm where Mary Flannery O'Connor lived and wrote with the debilitating disease lupus from 1950 until her death in 1964.

There must be magic in the tired dirt of the Georgia

Piedmont. This red clay produces more than just the grass for dairy cows. It grows writers. And not just writers, but provocative writers who dwell in hell awhile and endure to report back.

Saturday, Aug. 7, 1999, for the first time ever, Eatonton will salute the area's remarkably rich literary heritage with a daylong festival and book fair, made possible by a grant from the Georgia Humanities Council.

There will be tours of pertinent landmarks, a luncheon and lectures by experts on Walker, Harris and O'Connor. A book fair in the neoclassical Taliaferro House will bring antiquarian book dealers and publishers selling rare volumes and new titles by or about the famous trio. Everything but lunch—and books—is free.

"We've toned down the academics and are gearing this to the average reader, the literate public," Glenn T. Eskew said. Eskew is a civil rights historian and assistant professor at Georgia State University, festival organizer and an Eatonton resident.

To consider all three of these writers on one day is to dive into a boiling, meaty vat of stew. Race, religion, illness—all the things we grew up not talking about in public—will be part of the day's public discussion.

Alice Walker has, in the past, denounced publicly Harris' Uncle Remus tales. (Harris,

however, has his scholarly defenders, black and white, who insist his work helped preserve a cultural treasure of black folk tales.)

Putnam County today appears to embrace both writers. Docents at the Uncle Remus Museum, for instance, are happy to share a map to various Alice Walker sites, which are marked by county signs. And even Nuwaubians—the reclusive pyramid builders who live out in the county on a 476-acre compound—have been known to visit the former slave cabins that house the Uncle Remus Museum. There has been some exploratory talk of saving Alice Walker's former church and using it for a museum; she insists she wants no monument.

Even a cursory look at the early lives of Harris and Walker shows that, like all black and white Southerners, they had more than geography in common.

Harris bore the stigma of illegitimacy; he reacted with a stammer and extreme shyness. He was poor, but bright, and learned the printer's trade at nearby Turnwold Plantation, which published a plantation newspaper. From a fence post at Turnwold, young Harris watched Sherman pass on his way to the sea, and in the plantation slave cabins Harris first heard African folk tales.

Alice Walker catapulted from dire circumstance as well. But

she, too, was determined and brainy, the valedictorian at Eatonton's Butler-Baker School. She attended Spelman College before graduating from New York's Sarah Lawrence College. Her most famous story, "The Color Purple," painted a vivid, lyrical portrait of endurance. It won the Pulitzer Prize.

Flannery O'Connor packed her own trunk of problems. She was only 25 when stricken with lupus. Cared for by her mother, she wrote when and if she was able, and died at the age of 39. A collection of her stories published posthumously won the National Book Award.

The festival begins at 9 a.m., with registration at the Taliaferro House. At 10 a.m. African folk tales will be performed by storytellers Baba Raa and Aima Bey at the library.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., vans will carry visitors to Alice Walker's former church, Ward Chapel AME, to her school, to Turnwold Plantation, and other sites. Lectures from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. will help us understand the fiction that resulted from a region with such a colorful reality.

"Let's go through Georgia fast so we won't have to look at it much," the character John Wesley said in O'Connor's most famous short story, "A Good Man Is Hard to Find."

But, if you've a mind to take a look, Eatonton might be the best place.



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Banned in America; sold overseas

"Banned in America" is not the label of choice for producers of pesticides, but neither is it an impediment to exporting. A combination of money politics and insufficient concern for the lives of foreign men, women and children is allowing American companies to spew poison literally on a global scale.

An estimated 21 million pounds of pesticides that were banned in the United States were exported from U.S. ports during a recent two-year period, mostly to underdeveloped countries. And this is a low estimate because specific product names were eliminated from the shipping records for nearly two-thirds of the exported pesticides.

A pesticide is registered by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) when it is deemed to be safe. The rule is straightforward: no registration, no distribution, leaving companies with an overwhelming incentive to find other markets for their rejected products, which could more properly be



JACK ANDERSON

labeled "Banned ONLY in America." This is hardly the foundation for a long-term foreign policy.

Here is the way it works: During the EPA's review of a product, which can last up to five years, no restrictions are placed upon exporting. Further, the EPA never reviews the effects of a pesticide manufactured strictly for export.

Under regulations established in 1970, exporters are required to notify importers if a pesticide is not registered for use in the United States. The foreign importer is required to sign a statement acknowledging the product's questionable status, and the statement is then forwarded to his government. The reality is that such notifications often do not occur, and the United States has sought to remedy this through another treaty. But the Senate, ever mindful of wealthy constituents, is dragging its feet on ratification.

Further, when a company believes its pesticide is about to be awarded the "Banned in America" label, it can simply withdraw the product from the EPA's consideration and avoid the stigma of rejection.

Separate from labeling are the problems associated with the approval process. A General Accounting Office investigation revealed that only 250 of 20,000 pesticides

had been reregistered under the 1972 and 1988 laws which took into consideration the long-term effects of pesticides. Such considerations did not exist before 1972, resulting in the phenomenon that older is better for the exporters of pesticides.

In the final analysis the exportation of questionable or banned products is both a moral and a foreign-policy issue. We remember when an individual approached us with an investment opportunity. He said we could make a killing in the exportation of a substance that had been banned in America. It was causing birth defects. What he proposed was perfectly legal and obviously immoral. We passed on the killing, but the killing—literally and financially—continues. Perhaps the EPA's export duties ought to come under the auspices of the State Department, where foreign policy—if not moral policy—is conducted.

Our government has spent decades overcoming the foreign perception of the Ugly American who supported dictators and their minions in pursuit of Cold War containment policies.

Now those efforts may be for naught if a new cry is heard from the millions of people who have been adversely affected by America's Ugly Products.

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WASHINGTON (A Senate has agreed o lion package of farm sending a "clear- growers that they' get extra cash to con slumping crop price The plan omits : assistance for East who are suffering t of the region's wor this century. But t added when House negotiators work ov version of the mea "This is a good pla said Mary Kay Tha byist for the Ame Bureau Federation. good indication fo on what kind of ai believes is necessar Democrats wante

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More storms expected as Nevada fires rage

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Reinforcements were being sent from around the West today to help fight dozens of lightning-sparked fires that have burned more than 300 square miles of northern Nevada range land. The fires had charred an estimated 200,000 acres by early today, threatening ranches and forcing closures along I-80. Early this morning, a 10-mile stretch of the I-80 between Argenta and Battle Mountain was closed as flames came with

in a quarter mile of the highway, a Nevada Highway Patrol dispatcher said. A 15-mile section of I-80 near Winnemucca had been closed intermittently since noon Wednesday. By 4:30 a.m. I-80 was re-opened in those areas, and there were no further road closures. In anticipation of more lightning-packed storms moving into the area again today, officials were calling in at least 35 additional fire engines. Firefighters were forced to let

some fires go unattended while they protected inhabited areas. No injuries were reported and only one structure — a railroad storage shed — had been destroyed. More storms were expected today and fire officials feared the return of lightning, blamed for Wednesday's fires. As much as 100,000 acres had burned near I-80 west of Winnemucca. Another 32,000 acres was charred north of Battle Mountain, said John

Noneman, a Bureau of Land Management spokesman. One fire was burning toward the town of Unionville, 125 miles northeast of Reno, Noneman said. The blaze "is a ways away, but there are some ranches in the valley there." Near Reno, a fire northeast of Sparks quickly grew from 500 acres Wednesday afternoon to about 3,000 acres and was still burning out of control by nightfall, sending a giant plume of smoke in the sky east of Reno.

Boy Scouts of America's ban on homosexuals overturned in New Jersey

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — The Boy Scouts of America plan to ask the U.S. Supreme Court to uphold its ban on homosexuals, claiming constitutional rights of free association and speech includes a right to exclude gays. "We'll argue the First Amendment," attorney George Davidson said after New Jersey's Supreme Court ruled the ban on homosexuals is illegal under the state's anti-discrimination laws — the first time a state high court has invalidated the ban. The court said Wednesday that the private organization is subject to state laws because it is a "place of public accommodation" and so cannot deny any person "advantages, facilities and privileges" on account of sexual orientation. The decision was a victory for James Dale, an assistant scoutmaster who was kicked out of the Boy Scouts nine years ago when leaders found out he is gay. He sued seeking reinstatement. "The Supreme Court of New Jersey is wonderful," Dale said. "This is exactly what scouting has taught me: to believe in the system and that

goodness will prevail." Dale, who turned 29 on Monday, called the unanimous decision "the best birthday present I could have asked for." Davidson, however, called it a "a sad day when the state dictates to parents what role models they must provide for their children." "To us, the silver lining is it gives Boy Scouts the first opportunity to go the U.S. Supreme Court and get a definitive ruling to put an end to these lawsuits," he said. The ruling contrasted with a March 1998 decision by the California Supreme Court in the Boy Scouts' favor. That ruling, also unanimous, said the organization was not a business and was therefore free to exclude gays, as well as atheists and agnostics. The U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear an appeal of that decision. The New Jersey court said the Boy Scouts organization constitutes a "place of public accommodation" because it has a broad-based membership and forms partnerships with public entities like police and fire departments.

Senate approves \$7.4 billion in farm aid

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate has agreed on a \$7.4 billion package of farm assistance, sending a "clear signal" to growers that they're likely to get extra cash to compensate for slumping crop prices. The plan omits any special assistance for Eastern growers who are suffering through one of the region's worst droughts this century. But that could be added when House and Senate negotiators work out of the final version of the measure this fall. "This is a good place to start," said Mary Kay Thatcher, a lobbyist for the American Farm Bureau Federation. "It's a very good indication for the House on what kind of aid the Senate believes is necessary." Democrats wanted as much as

\$11 billion, but GOP leaders beat back several attempts Wednesday to fatten the package. In the end, Democrats decided the GOP plan was "better than there being no assistance at all," said Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D. On a 89-8 vote, the \$7.4 billion was added to an annual Agriculture Department spending bill for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1, pushing the cost of the legislation to \$68 billion. The House didn't put any such assistance in its version of the bill, but Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., said recently that the House is "committed to taking decisive action." A House-Senate conference committee will negotiate a final version of the assistance pack-

age, with negotiations starting in September after Congress returns from a month-long recess. The Clinton administration hasn't taken a position on how much aid is needed. "We hope that they'll send us something we can sign," White House spokesman Joe Lockhart said Wednesday. Last year, President Clinton vetoed a \$4 billion farm bailout and forced congressional Republicans to add \$2 billion. Prices for corn, soybeans, wheat and other crops are depressed for the second year in a row because of huge crops worldwide. Federal farm subsidies already were expected to reach a near record \$16.7 billion without the additional assis-

tance Congress is considering. The Senate's aid package includes \$5.5 billion in direct payments to most growers as compensation for low commodity prices, a separate \$475 million for soybean growers, \$400 million in subsidies for crop insurance, \$328 million for tobacco growers and \$325 million in livestock assistance. The bill also would double the cap on crop subsidies that an individual farmer can receive from \$150,000 to \$300,000, a change sought by large-scale farmers. The Senate plan "will send a clear signal to bankers ... and family farmers that there is going to be additional help coming at a critical time," said Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa.

NAACP targets companies who support flag makers

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — The NAACP, which wants tourists to avoid South Carolina because the Confederate flag still flies over the Statehouse, is targeting companies who support pro-flag lawmakers. The civil rights group has amassed campaign records to learn which companies have donated money to those legislators. Supporters say the flag represents South Carolina's heritage and honors its war veterans; the NAACP considers it a symbol of slavery and racism. "We're looking at all of them, but especially those who have taken a public position in favor of leaving the Confederate battle flag flying," said Dwight James, executive director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's South Carolina branch. South Carolina, the only state with the Confederate battle flag flying above its Capitol, raised it at the Statehouse in 1962 to commemorate the Civil War's centennial. Several attempts to take it down have failed, includ-

ing a lawsuit by business leaders. Former Gov. David Beasley campaigned to remove it and lost in the November election. Democratic Gov. Jim Hodges, who promised not to revive the issue, said the Legislature lacks the political will to tackle it now. Since the NAACP called for the travel boycott last month, the National Urban League and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference both have canceled convention plans in the state. There are no official estimates of the boycott's impact. NAACP officials began reviewing financial disclosure forms filed by 14 senators and seven House members, most of whom have favored keeping the flag above the Capitol dome. Among those targeted were five black lawmakers. "We're just curious as to who is supporting the people who didn't support our efforts," said Jim Wiggins, the NAACP's state branch manager.

Investigators taking a serious look at case of dog biting plane

BOSTON (AP) — Dog bites man is commonplace. Man bites dog, a little weird. But dog bites plane? Authorities at Logan Airport said an Irish wolfhound freed itself from a kennel during a United Airlines flight to San Francisco and chewed up the cargo area. The dog, whose name was not released, managed to gnaw into wires for the Boeing 767's landing gear, its cockpit warning lights and others that slowed the plane upon landing by extending its wing flaps. Airline officials said the pilot was able to land the plane safely in San Francisco, albeit at a slightly faster speed than normal because of the impaired flaps. The July 24 flight was carrying 159 passengers and a crew of nine. Federal Aviation Administration officials say dogs have damaged airplanes before, but this is the first time a dog is believed to have caused service difficulties for a plane. The airline is still investigating how the dog got loose. Luggage handlers reported that when they opened the cargo door, they found the dog wagging his tail, apparently eager to disembark.



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Bob Koschak, who came across Simonson's remains 40 feet down, figured he'd solved the local legend when he saw the skeletal frame was only wearing one boot.

Simonson is believed to have no surviving relatives. The owners of what was once his family's cabin say they hope to cremate his remains, and Koschak has volunteered to scatter them over the lake.

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — North Dakota already has its share of big animal statues, from the world's largest grasshopper to a larger-than-life Holstein.

What it lacks, says Susie White, is a 40-foot sandhill crane.

Ms. White hopes to have the bird statue in front of her Steele casino-motel within days as a way to draw a crowd.

"I hope it brings in so much business that we need to put up stoplights in Steele," she said.

Other towns dotting North Dakota's sparse landscape use huge animal statues to draw attention. In Jamestown, there's a 46-foot-long buffalo that draws an estimated 175,000 visitors annually. In New Salem, a 38-foot-tall Holstein symbolizes the area's dairy-driven economy.

Motorists traveling the state's Enchanted Highway can't miss the 40-foot-long grasshopper, while a big gorilla statue named Og resides in Harvey. Big turtles greet passers-by in Bottineau, Dunseith and, appropriately, Turtle Lake.

White hopes the bird will be as big a hit as the other animals.

"I think we saw the buffalo work, and we all want to pick up on that tourism," she said.

NORTH EAST, Pa. (AP) — An old familiar stench has returned to Lake Erie.

The suspect? Rotting algae near shore.

"It's a real vile smell," said Pete Homchenko, whose home sits along the shore. Homchenko, a water specialist for Erie County, said his son went swimming and "reeked of the stuff" afterward.

In the 1960s and 1970s, Lake Erie's pungent smell was nurtured by factories dumping nitrates into the water, making algae bloom. Now, warm lake water is accelerating the algae's demise, and helping it rot.

"When it sits in the water at the edge near shore, it becomes almost septic," Homchenko said.

The smell was worse in earlier decades, said Rick Gleichner, a Health Department geologist. But this problem seems a bit more entrenched.

"We've done what we can do," he said. "We can't control Mother Nature."

CHINCOTEAGUE, Va. (AP) — Wild ponies made their annual swim across a narrow Virginia channel, a herding tradition that dates back 100 years.

About 130 ponies took part in the 80-yard swim on Wednesday morning, reaching land in five minutes as a crowd of 50,000 clapped and cheered along the marshy shore.

The swim was done at slack tide and the ponies were given an hour's rest before being herded through streets to the city's carnival grounds.

Volunteers known as "saltwater cowboys" had rounded up the small, stocky ponies on the neighboring barrier island of Assateague last weekend.

This year's event marked the 74th orchestrated by the town's volunteer fire department, which owns the herd.

Many tourists are drawn to the event due to its mention in the 1947 novel "Misty of Chincoteague," by Marguerite Henry. The book tells the story of a brother and sister who want to own a wild pony and her filly.

"It was worth waiting four hours," said Haley Scott, 11, of Littleton, Mass., who watched the ponies while standing in neck-deep water. "It was cool to see them."

Four-acre water park, built atop former junkyard, attracting thousands of swimmers

SHERIDAN (AP) — Sometimes, a town's water tower just doesn't quite say it all. In Sheridan, population 225, it says: "Deer Hunting Capital."

This is the kind of place where there's no cop because you rarely need one, where anybody you'd want to find is probably down at the Dairy D Lite, and where, at least one day last week, two dogs sunning themselves in the middle of West First Street couldn't be bothered to get out of the way of a passing car.

There's no movie theater here, no grocery store, no high school.

Officially, this isn't even a town.

Yet nearly every day this summer, hundreds of people have been flocking to this unincorporated Colorado County hamlet.

And they aren't here to hunt. The big draw this summer, and half of last, is Splashway Family Waterpark, a four-acre park containing water slides called Hurricane Hill and The Python, a wave pool, a volleyball court and a winding "river."

Built along Highway 90A, next to a cattle pasture, on the grounds of a former junkyard, Splashway is proof of what a tiny town can do when it starts out to fix a crack in the local swimming pool.

"This is a can-do community," Wayne Dupre, a retired oil company worker and Sheridan booster, explained last week as he stood on the water park bridge he built himself. "We have a volunteer water system, a volunteer fire department and ambulance."

"Did you see our pavilion? All volunteer," he added. "See this rope?" he said, pointing to a huge white braid that lines the sidewalk to the "beach."

"A guy who works on an oil rig brought that in. They have to pay someone to haul that away. He told them, 'Put it in my truck. I know a place that could use it.'"

Still, what ever made these people think they could lure water park enthusiasts off of Interstate 10 between Houston's Splash Town and Waterworld, and San Antonio's Six Flags Fiesta Texas? What made them believe their little water park could compete with the Schlitterbahn in New Braunfels, even if it is half the price?

"Well, we're doing it," said Carolyn Brisco. She and her husband, Jim, spearheaded the campaign that won a \$415,000 grant from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to build the park and formed a nonprofit corporation of community volunteers to get it up and running.

"People are coming from all over Texas, from as far away as Dallas and the Louisiana border," she said. "We're exceeding our projections for attendance and entry fees. We employ about 70 people. And the kids love it."

The whole thing started several years ago, when residents were trying to come up with a plan to replace the town's aging swimming pool, which had become a financial drain on the community and was cracked beyond repair.

Jim Brisco, a Sheridan native who moved his family back home after more than a dozen years as an Alaskan fisherman, inquired about getting a recreation grant. Building a full-fledged water park instead of a regular swimming pool, he discovered, could be financially feasible.

Parks and Wildlife officials were all for it. They awarded the group a grant under a program that usually provides money for community pools or baseball diamonds. The funds come from the state sales tax on sporting goods.

Sheridan residents held fish fries and took donations. The Lower Colorado River Authority, a state agency that manages water resources and electricity, chipped in \$125,000 toward other improvements in what is now a \$1 million, 18-acre recreational complex that includes a Little League field, picnic and camping areas and a community playground.

Even with the money, though, discussions in Sheridan brought a wave of detractors determined to pull the plug on the whole deal. Letters were written. Names were called. And a petition drive pushed by Betty Layton, a local gift shop owner, and her daughter, Sharon, drew 134 signatures against Splashway.

The attraction would bring undesirables into the quiet retirement community, they argued. It would be noisy. Think of the traffic. We have no police protection, they said. And even if the park succeeded in bringing in enough visitors from the outside, they complained, who in town could afford to shell out water park admission prices?

"We're too far out in the sticks," Betty Layton said last week. "Sure, people will come one time and then what happens? Are you going to pay \$9 every time you want to take your kid swimming? Our point was, fix the swimming pool and take your kids swimming every day for a buck. They wouldn't listen."

"They called Jim the Pied Piper," said he was leading everyone astray," Carolyn Brisco said, laughing. How did the hometown boy, the town's first Eagle Scout, react? "He bought himself a pipe," she said.

Dupre dismissed the naysayers. About 15 percent of the town was against the park originally, he said, "but some people complain about any change you want to make. You could take a vote to get Jesus Christ to come here and they'd vote against it."

But as residents learned more about the park plan, the volunteer corps grew. People began hauling trash away from the proposed building site. They showed up with shovels to work on the landscaping. A group of senior citizens promised to keep everything watered.

"We let it be known that we wanted banana trees and I mean, bananas started appearing," Carolyn Brisco said. "One man dug up a bunch of plants from his yard, wrapped them all in paper and tied string around them, carried them over here like they were babies."

A local artist teamed up with Carolyn Brisco to design and paint sea murals on the wave pool walls. Other volunteers worked on a First Aid station, a gift shop and a concession stand. When a tornado touched down near the town, leaving pastures and the local cemetery littered with fallen trees, resi-

dents dragged them over to the park to serve as supports for a shaded picnic area.

"People were still skeptical, though," Carolyn Brisco said. "They'd drive by here when we were putting the trees up, and they're all stripped of leaves, and people would call out, 'Those aren't gonna grow there, you know.' Of course we knew. We'd cemented them into the ground."

In late June of last year, Splashway's organizers spread the word with a few ads in area newspapers. The park was ready. Admission would be based on height: \$9 for those taller than 42 inches; \$7 for those shorter. Kids under 32 inches get in free. Park for nothing. Eat at the concession stand, or bring your own picnic in a cooler.

By the end of Splashway's first short season, 25,000 visitors had tried it out. Over the winter, the volunteers returned to touch up the paint, clean and plant.

This season, there are 100 visitors some days; more than 600 other days. The biggest day so far drew 1,200 people. Capacity is 2,000.

The park, which is completely accessible to the disabled, has provided a place for field trips and parties for area schools, church youth groups and 4-H clubs. A radio station and Coca-Cola recently sponsored a teen night of music, swimming and dancing.

Georgia Kutach, of Yoakum, first visited the park as a sponsor to her daughter Sloane's fourth-grade field trip in May.

"It's fun. It's clean. It's small. It's safe," she said. "You don't have to deal with traffic. You don't have to pay to park. You're not scared you're going to lose anybody. We went to Schlitterbahn and we had to wait in line sometimes 30 or 40 minutes. Here, there were 1,200 kids and the longest we waited was 7 minutes."

Last week she and 10-year-old Sloane returned, this time with Kutach's 5-year-old grandson, Cody.

"We're smaller. That's our appeal, especially for people with young children," Carolyn Brisco said. "You can see from one side to the other, and if you lose sight of anybody, we have 14 lifeguards on duty watching them."

Kids like Sloane Kutach enjoy the slides and the Criss-Cross Canal, which requires some skill to use an overhead rope for balance while walking across floating tires and a big log. But the most popular feature is the 3-foot-deep Mystery River, which starts in the wave pool and allows visitors to relax on bright yellow and blue inner tubes and float through the park in a winding circle.

"There's something about bobbing that just soothes the soul," said Carolyn Brisco.

"The main topic of conversation in the river is gossip," added Dupre. "People just get in those tubes and hook themselves together with their toes and float and talk."

And while some visitors balk at the admission fees, many local residents, especially children, volunteered to pick up trash and pull weeds to get the park ready for the summer, earning free season passes.

Adults who want to just walk the Mystery River for exercise can do so for free before and after the park's regular hours of 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Man who placed ad for heir now just wants quiet

PINE CITY, Minn. (AP) — Clayton Goward had a problem — he was looking for someone who could inherit his \$375,000 estate. Now he has a bigger problem — he can't get any peace and quiet.

Since the 79-year-old retired lathe operator placed an ad in the Star Tribune last month asking for advice on how to find a suitable heir, he's been besieged with 22,000 letters, postcards and packages.

He got so many phone calls that he had to change his number to an unpublished one.

"I sought only ideas and a solution for making my will, nothing more," Goward said. "What followed is not what I wanted. Worldwide coverage resulted, and I am now swamped. About anything that you can think of has been written."

Some responses are religious. Others suggest that

Goward donate his estate to charity. One college student from Idaho told Goward he should start a scholarship fund.

"I'd even be willing to apply" for such a scholarship, the student volunteered. "Believe me, I could use some help!"

Goward got divorced long ago, and his relationship with his three sons is strained.

He said most of the responses have come from women. He's heard romantic proposals and plenty of stories of hardship.

"A lot of people want personal help, and I don't have the millions of dollars to help them," he said. "You feel sorry about it."

Now Goward has a new request — he says he needs volunteers to help sort the mail and trinkets that have arrived at his door.

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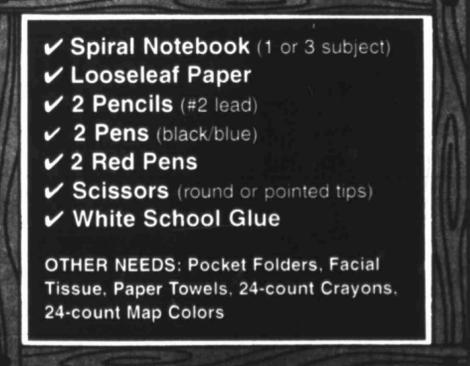
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Fryar finishes season second in HPJRA barrels

Stephanie Fryar of Big Spring was forced to overcome considerable hardship during the High Plains Junior Rodeo Association Finals in Clovis, N.M.

Forced to break in a new horse during the finals barrel racing competition, Fryar still managed to finish in the top 10 in the first and second rounds and then won the rodeo's short go.

Fryar finished second in the season standings.

Flores, Barrow post aces on Comanche Trail course

Luven Flores and Art Barrow chalked up holes-in-one recently while playing at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Flores struck first with an ace on July 8. He holed his tee shot on the 170-yard No. 4 hole using an 8-iron.

That shot was witnessed by Paul Decker, Omer Decker, Ben Garcia Jr. and Mike Smith.

Barrow chalked up his ace on July 24 on the 153-yard No. 1 — his second hole-in-one on that hole in six weeks.

Barrow hit a 5-iron on the shot witnessed by Jim Hawthorne and Jeff Childers.

Big Spring Steer tickets on sale to season buyers

Season ticket holders have the first option on Big Spring Steers 1999 football tickets, that are now on sale at the BSISD Business Office.

The four-game ticket package is priced at \$16.

Season ticket holders will have until Friday, Aug. 13 to purchase tickets.

After that, tickets will go on sale to the general public from Monday, Aug. 16 until Friday, Sept. 3.

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Hunter education course offering students option

A hunter education course has been scheduled for Aug. 5-7, in Big Spring.

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Area coaches reminded to return questionnaires

Area football coaches are asked to return their *Herald* football questionnaires as soon as possible.

Through today, Big Spring, Coahoma, Forsan and Borden County coaches have returned their questionnaires.

Information provided will be used to produce the Crossroads Football special section, to be published Thursday, Aug. 26.

Schools included will be Big Spring, Coahoma, Forsan, Garden City, Borden County, Grady, Sands and Stanton.

CRMWD now accepting hunting permit requests

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Loaiza throws six scoreless innings in Rangers' 3-1 win

ARLINGTON (AP) — At the end of spring training, Esteban Loaiza lost his spot in the rotation to 39-year-old Mike Morgan. The Texas Rangers opened the season with Loaiza in the bullpen, and there were no guarantees he'd stay with the team.

But Loaiza found his way back into the rotation when others faltered, and he's made the most of his second chance.

On Wednesday night, he pitched six shutout innings, allowing just two hits, as the Rangers improved to 10-0 against Minnesota this season, beating the Twins 3-1.

"I'm just trying to do the best job possible," said Loaiza, who won his fourth straight decision. "I can't get a big head."

Loaiza (4-1) worked around five walks, sending the Twins to their fourth

straight loss. He's pitching as well as he has in two seasons with the Rangers.

"Any time you get six shutout innings, I'll take it," manager Johnny Oates said. "Five walks are too many, but the defense bailed him out. I'd like him to throw more strikes. Sometimes he tries to be too fine."

Jeff Zimmerman pitched two innings and gave up Denny Hocking's home run in the eighth. John Wetteland pitched the ninth for his 33rd save, completing the combined four-hitter.

The AL West-leading Rangers (65-42) won their fourth in a row to tie Cleveland for best record in the majors. Texas is 17-3 since the All-Star break.

Oates said he'll be excited if his team still has the league's best mark in two months.

"Right now, what does it get me?"

Oates said. "It is part of our goal. We want to have home-field advantage. But other than feeling good about how we're playing right now, it gets us nothing."

The Rangers continue to dominate the Twins. Their 10 straight wins over Minnesota are their most in a season against one team since 11 in a row against Oakland in 1977.

"If I had a vote, I'd say they are the best team in baseball," Hocking said. "They remind me of the Yankees when Wetteland closed for them. They make it a six-inning game. These guys are playing with a purpose."

Texas has built its runaway lead in the AL West by dominating the AL Central with a 20-5 record.

"When we take the field, we expect to win," Rangers left fielder Rusty Greer said. "The pitchers have been giving us

a chance to win." Rafael Palmeiro's sixth-inning sacrifice fly broke a scoreless tie, and Mark McLemore added a two-run single in the seventh for Texas.

In the sixth, Greer, who went 3-for-3, singled with one out off Brad Radke (8-10) and went to third on Juan Gonzalez's single. Palmeiro hit a drive near the wall in center, and Jacque Jones made a leaping catch near the top of the wall.

In the seventh, Ruben Mateo singled and moved to third on Royce Clayton's infield single. After Clayton stole second, McLemore extended the Rangers' lead to 3-0 with his single.

Radke allowed three runs on nine hits. The Twins failed to capitalize on a scoring chance in the sixth, loading the bases with one out, but Corey Koskie grounded into a double play.

Aikman remains hungry

Still in search of perfection after 10 years

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — Troy Aikman feels he is helpless against the pull of perfection. No matter how much he tries to ease up, the Dallas Cowboys quarterback continues to demand it from himself.

"Sometimes I try to back off a little bit and not be quite as competitive," Aikman said. "But that's just my makeup."

That makeup has helped the Dallas Cowboys win three Super Bowls this decade. It's also helped Aikman become the highest-paid player in NFL history.

And as he prepares for his 11th season, it keeps him from being satisfied with a career that will one day earn him a spot in the Hall of Fame.

"I want to win the Super Bowl as badly today as I did before I won the first one," Aikman said. "I'd be highly disappointed if I left the game and didn't win another."

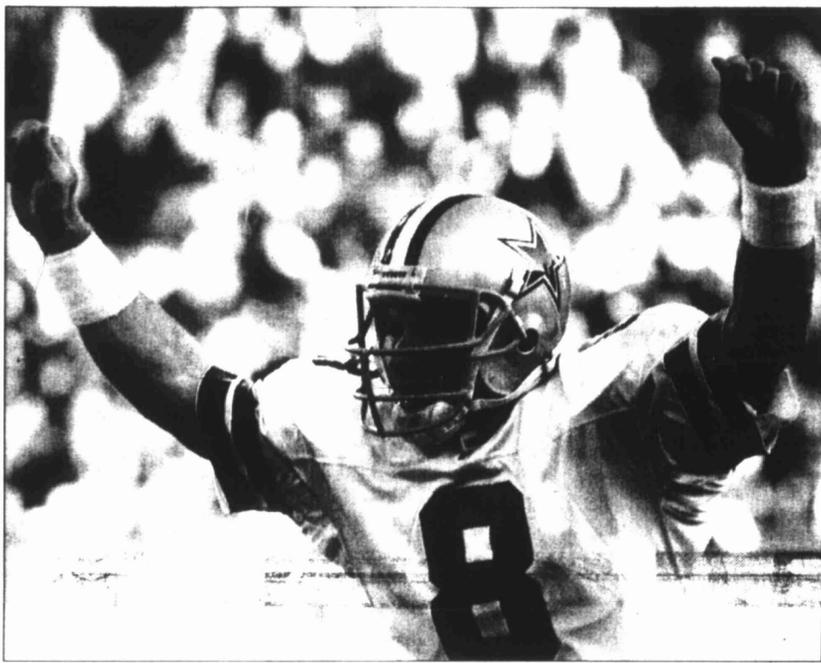
Aikman, who turns 33 in November, said Wednesday he plans to play 3-5 more seasons. That's quite a change from earlier in his career when he talked about retiring by 30.

"I still feel like my best years are ahead of me," Aikman said. "I still feel like I can go out and play at a high level, compete and do the things I need to do."

Although the Cowboys have won only one playoff game in the three seasons since their last championship, Aikman said he believes they have the talent to win it all this year.

If they don't, it would be the longest championship drought of his career.

"If I didn't think we were



Dallas Cowboys quarterback Troy Aikman, shown here celebrating a touchdown in Super Bowl XXX against the Pittsburgh Steelers, says he's still trying to improve his game in hopes of leading Dallas to another Super Bowl victory.

willing to do everything we could as a team and as an organization, I would not have redone my contract," said Aikman, who will receive \$85.5 million through 2007 under an extension signed in April. "I'd like our football team to get back to the respectability we once had, and I think we're on track for that."

While Aikman hopes to leave the NFL on top like John Elway, he added that he wouldn't retire if Dallas won the Super Bowl this season.

"I'm still healthy and my arm

still feels good," Aikman said. "Barring an injury, I think I can play three to five more years."

It wasn't long ago that Aikman thought about retiring because the game wasn't fun. He was rejuvenated by the departure of coach Barry Switzer and the arrival of offense-minded Chan Gailey.

The Cowboys were 10-6 last year in Gailey's debut season and won the NFC East, only to be knocked out of the playoffs in the first round with a 20-7 loss to Arizona that Aikman

called embarrassing.

"That loss completed a five-game slide caused mainly by a struggling offense. The bad ending overshadowed the team's turnaround from 6-10 the previous year."

"I think it's fair to be critical over the last four, five games, but we finished eighth in offense and at one time we were third," Aikman said. "If I hadn't missed five games due to injury, it statistically could very well have been my best

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Separated shoulder to keep Ismail out of exhibition opener

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — Raghieb "Rocket" Ismail's debut with the Dallas Cowboys is on hold after the receiver slightly separated his left shoulder Wednesday.

"We're calling it day-to-day, but it looks like it'll be closer to a week before we actually get him back on any type of full-time basis," coach Chan Gailey said.

Gailey said Ismail definitely will not play Monday night in the team's exhibition opener, the Hall of Fame game against

the Cleveland Browns in Canton, Ohio.

Ismail was injured while trying to catch a pass in a morning workout.

"I saw it and it didn't look so bad, so I wasn't that concerned," Gailey said.

Ismail joined the Cowboys as a free agent in April. The former Oakland Raiders and Carolina Panthers player

signed a \$21.5 million, seven-year contract.

The Cowboys are counting on Ismail's speed from the slot position to help open things up in their offense.

Quarterback Troy Aikman said Ismail is the fastest, most polished receiver he's had in Dallas.

"We've had other guys with that speed before, but they've been projects, guys who we were just hoping could come in and provide us with a weapon," Aikman said. "He's shown he can play in this league."

If Ismail heals in a week, the soonest Aikman and Ismail could hook up in a game is Aug. 15 in Oakland.

Having Ismail line up inside allows the Cowboys to keep Michael Irvin outside, where he's thrived most of his career. Irvin has said he "felt like a rookie" playing the slot last year.

Until Ismail returns, he'll be replaced on the first team by Ernie Mills, who is recovering from a November injury that ended his 1998 season.

\$45 million gets Faulk into camp

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Marshall Faulk never missed a day of training camp his first five NFL seasons, and he doesn't want to miss any more after ending a 12-day holdout.

After signing a seven-year, \$45.15 million contract with the St. Louis Rams that makes him the highest-paid player in franchise history, Faulk said his stand was never about money or skipping part of the training camp grind.

He also said he is in good enough shape to play at least a few plays in Saturday's preseason opener against Oakland. Faulk has been working out under the supervision of trainer Bobby Kersee.

"I'm not going to say what I need to do," he said. "If they say 'Marshall, we want you to make a couple carries,' fine."

On the other hand, he said nothing can prepare a player for going on the field in pads. Faulk planned to start practicing today and joked that he might "pass out."

"It takes a while," he said. "Football is a fast game and I can't say exactly how long it'll take. Before that last preseason game, I want to be up to speed."

Faulk was the NFL's best all-purpose back last season, rushing for 1,319 yards and catching 86 passes for the Indianapolis Colts. His total of 2,227 yards rushing and receiving was the sixth-highest total in league history, and in five seasons he has rushed for 5,320 yards and earned three Pro Bowl invitations.

He fell out of favor with Colts management, and the Rams got him for second- and fifth-round picks two days before the NFL draft in April. But the Rams view him as the next Eric Dickerson.

"We're really excited to have him, and his record proves the type of player he is," said executive vice president Jay Zygmunt, who negotiated the contract with Faulk's agent, Rocky Arceneaux of St. Louis. "We really think he's a franchise back."

Faulk is guaranteed \$9.6 million.

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Gwynn, McGwire poised to reach milestones together

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

It would only be fitting if the greatest home run hitter and the best average hitter of this generation reached their career milestones on the same field on the same day.

Mark McGwire hit his 499th career home run Wednesday night and Tony Gwynn had a grand slam and two singles, giving him 2,998 career hits and leaving both players poised to make history when they play again in St. Louis tonight.

"It would be great," Gwynn said after the Cardinals beat his San Diego Padres 7-6. "But you kind of feel guilty because this is Mark's town. I wish we could kind of each have our moment, but I just want to get this done."

"I just want to get two hits, take my bows and move on."

BASEBALL ROUNDUP

There's no place McGwire would rather be than at Busch Stadium, watching Gwynn's quest for 3,000. Never before has one player reached 3,000 home runs and another reached 3,000 hits in the same game.

"If you love the game of baseball, I would think you'd try to find a way into the ballpark," McGwire said. "It should be exciting."

Gwynn got a standing ovation after each of his hits, which left him two shy of becoming the 22nd member of the 3,000-hit club. His third career grand slam in the fifth inning put the Padres ahead 6-3 and drew an even larger ovation from the 43,546 fans.

"I can't explain it," Gwynn said. "You could not envision what happened. It's a

great, great feeling because I'm not at home."

McGwire was having a quiet night, going 1-for-3 with a bases-loaded infield single, before hitting a 1-0 pitch from reliever Donne Wall (6-3) an estimated 436 feet over the bullpen in left field in the seventh inning.

It was McGwire's 15th homer in 20 games and No. 42 of the season, keeping him even with Sammy Sosa, who homered earlier in the day for the Cubs. McGwire's one homer away from becoming the 16th member of the 500-homer club, and he even pumped his fist as he rounded the bases.

"Why can't I show emotion?" McGwire said. "Why is it out of the ordinary? I've put my fist in the air before."

Heathcliff Slocumb (3-1) worked 1 1/3 hitless innings for the victory.

In other National League games, it was New York 9, Milwaukee 5; Pittsburgh 3,

Atlanta 2; the Cubs 5, Montreal 1; Los Angeles 2, Houston 1; Cincinnati 6, Colorado 3; Arizona 8, San Francisco 4; and Philadelphia 4, Florida 1.

In American League games, it was Texas 3, Minnesota 1; Boston 7, Cleveland 2; New York 8, Toronto 3; Baltimore 9, Oakland 5; Anaheim 4, Kansas City 3; and Tampa Bay 7, Seattle 1.

Mets 9, Brewers 5

Robin Ventura homered for the seventh time in eight games and Kenny Rogers (1-0) earned his first victory in the NL as New York completed a three-game sweep at Milwaukee.

The Mets, 16-4 since the All-Star break, increased their lead in the NL East to two games over Atlanta.

Marquis Grissom, Jeff Cirillo and

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SPORTS EXTRA

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL American League BOSTON RED SOX—Assigned C...

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Assigned INF...

ATLANTA BRAVES—Named Paul...

CINCINNATI REDS—Activated RHP...

FLORIDA MARLINS—Announced...

PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Purchased...

PORTLAND TRAILBLAZERS—Announced...

SACRAMENTO KINGS—Re-signed F...

LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS—Signed F...

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Signed O...

PITTSBURGH STEELERS—Signed O...

ST. LOUIS RAMS—Agreed to terms...

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Signed WR...

TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Acquired D...

WANGUOVER CANUCKS—Signed D...

AL LEADERS BATTING—Garciaparra, Boston...

RUNS—Rikner, Cleveland, 92...

DOUBLES—Greer, Texas, 33...

TRIPLES—Jeter, New York, 8...

HOME RUNS—Griffey Jr., Seattle...

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Today's Game Chicago at Kansas City, 7 p.m.

Friday's Game New England at Colorado, 8 p.m.

NFL PRESEASON Saturday's Games Indianapolis at Chicago, 7 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 9 Cleveland vs. Dallas at Canton, Ohio, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 12 Baltimore at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 13 Detroit at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 14 Carolina at Jacksonville, 6:30 p.m.

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FISHING REPORT

Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for Aug. 4. (Report also available on Web as www.tfwfishing.com.)

CENTRAL
BROWNWOOD: Water stained; 85 degrees; Black bass are good on topwaters fished early and late and soft plastics during the day. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs fished around the docks at night in 10 to 15 feet. White bass are good on small topwaters and spoons run close to the surface in the middle of the day around the major points on the lake.

BUCHANAN: Water clear; 86 degrees; Black bass are fair on white Terminator buzzbaits, bone/orange Spittfire topwaters and watermelon seed/red flake Magic Shads fished early in 2 to 5 feet along the creeks in the upper lake. Crappie are fair at night on live minnows fished under lighted docks with brush piles. White bass are fair on 1/4oz. Horizon Perk Minnows, live minnows and 1/8oz. chrome/blue Spin Traps fished between Beaver Creek and the islands (some surface schooling). Striped bass are slow trolling bucktail jigs or vertically jigging shad bodies on 1/2oz. jig heads over submerged trees along the dam in 28 to 40 feet. Channel and blue catfish are good on cut baits and chicken livers. Yellow catfish are good on trotlines baited with live perch.

SOUTH
AMISTAD: Water fairly clear; 82 degrees; 38' low; Black bass are fair on topwaters fished early and midday on red shad or watermelon seed Carolina rigs and perch pattern Rat-L. Traps fished in 8 to 20 feet. Crappie are fair on minnows fished up the Devil's River around cover. White bass are slow. Striped bass are slow. Channel and blue catfish are good on stinkbait fished with a cork. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live perch or goldfish set around rocks in 18 to 25 feet.

WEST
ALAN HENRY: Water slightly stained; 83 degrees; Black bass are fair on large dark colored worms fished on flats near river channels in 20 to 25 feet. No reports of Alabama Spotted bass, small mouth bass, or crappie. Channel and blue catfish are good on minnows and shrimp. Yellow catfish are good on blood bait and large minnows.

ARROWHEAD: Water clear; 80 degrees; 5.5' low; Black bass are fair on spinnerbaits fished shallow. Crappie are fair on small minnows fished in 14 feet around the docks. White bass are fair on minnows and white jigs with light schooling action present. Channel and blue catfish are good on cheese bait fished in 8 to 10 feet. Yellow catfish are good on minnows and trotlines baited with perch in 6 to 14 feet on the south end of the lake.

BRADY: Water slightly stained; 76 degrees; 14' low; Black bass to 9.5 pounds are good on worms and crankbaits fished on points in 10 to 12 feet. Hybrid strippers are fair on perch fished in 5 to 7 feet. Blue catfish are good on shad, squid and shrimp fished in 4 to 6 feet. Yellow catfish to 40 pounds are fair on shad, perch and goldfish fished in 7 to 10 feet.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water clear; 85 degrees; 6' low; Black bass are fair on Carolina rigs fished in 5 to 8 feet around grass beds (early and late) and at night on top waters. Crappie are poor on small minnows fished in 15 to 20 feet and around bait houses. White bass are poor on small minnows and slabs where they are schooling and also by trolling. No reports on hybrid strippers. Channel catfish are fair on dip bait fished in 12 to 15 feet near bait houses. No reports of blue or yellow catfish.

KEMP: Water slightly stained; 77 degrees; 1.5' low; Black bass are slow fished in 2 to 5 feet. Sand bass are slow on minnows fished in 2 to 5 feet. Crappie are poor on minnows fished in 4 to 5 feet. Striped bass are good on short fished in 30 to 32 feet. Blue and channel catfish are good on perch and cut bait. No reports on yellow catfish.

NASWORTHY: Water stained; 85 degrees; Black bass to 8 pounds are poor on spinnerbaits and black and blue jigs fished in the gator weed and moss. No report on crappie. White bass are poor on small crankbaits and jigs where they are schooling and under lights at night. No reports on redfish or hybrid strippers. Channel and blue catfish are fair on cut bait. Yellow catfish are poor on trotlines baited with goldfish, shad and perch.

NOCONA: Water stained; 87 degrees; 3' low; Black bass to 8 pounds are good on purple worms and crankbaits fished in 5 to 20 feet. Crappie are good on chartreuse jigs and minnows fished in 15 to 25 feet. White bass and hybrid strippers are excellent on lipless crankbaits and topwaters fished in 10 to 25 feet with schooling activity. Channel and blue catfish are good on prepared baits and shad fished in 8 to 15 feet. Yellow catfish are poor.

OAK CREEK: Water clear; 84 degrees; 11' low; Black bass are fair on spinnerbaits, crankbaits, plastic baits and minnows fished in 4 to 12 feet. White bass are excellent on minnows fished in 4 to 16 feet. Crappie are poor on minnows and jigs fished in 4 to 16 feet. Blue and channel catfish are fair on stink bait, minnows, shad, cut bait and liver fished in 3 to 10 feet. Yellow catfish to 32 pounds are fair on shad, gold fish, liver and cut bait fished in 3 to 10 feet.

OH. RIVER: Water clear on main lake, stained up the rivers and creeks; 85 degrees; 8.5' low; Black bass are good on plastic baits fished around the grass in 10 to 15 feet and deep around the dam. Crappie are fair at night fished under lights. White bass are good on minnows and jigs at night fished under lights on deep flats on the main lake. Catfish are slow fished in 20 to 30 feet next to river channels.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear; 83 degrees; 2' low; Black bass are slow on flukes and spoons early and on ring worms fished in 5 to 20 feet later in the day. White bass are slow on minnows fished early with schooling strippers. Striped bass are slow on live shad fished in 30 to 40 feet. Crappie are slow on minnows and jigs fished in 5 to 20 feet. Blue catfish to 20 pounds are slow on cut shad and perch fished in 20 to 40 feet. Yellow catfish are slow on perch fished in 20 to 30 feet.

SPENCER: Water slightly stained; 80 degrees; Black bass are good on plastics fished near structure and rocky cliffs. White bass are good on small crankbaits and spinnerbaits fished near shallow sand bars in the main lake where they are schooling. Crappie are fair on minnows fished on rocky bottoms in 12 to 15 feet. Striped bass are good on downriggers with white jigs and on top waters fished in 20 to 40 feet. Channel and blue catfish are fair on shrimp and nightcrawlers fished near the bank. No reports on yellow catfish.

STAMFORD: Water clear; 81 degrees; 4' low; Black bass are fair on pumpkinseed worms and crankbaits fished in 8 feet on rock bottoms. Crappie are fair on minnows fished deep. No reports on white bass. Yellow catfish to 35 pounds are fair on trotlines baited with shad. Channel catfish are fair on shad, stink bait, worms and perch. Blue catfish are poor on punch bait.

SWEETWATER: Water slightly stained; 80 degrees; 11.5' low; Black bass to 9.48 pounds are fair on Carolina rigs (plastic baits) fished in 15 to 18 feet under water; humps. Crappie are slow on minnows. White bass are fair on road runners fished on points in the main lake where they are schooling. Blue and channel catfish are excellent on nightcrawlers fished 5 feet. No reports of yellow catfish.

TWIN BUTTES: Water stained; 84 degrees; 35' low; Black bass are poor on crankbaits fished along the dam and on spinnerbaits fished shallow along the bank. White bass are fair on minnows and very small crankbaits along the dam and near the island with schooling. Crappie are poor on crappie. Channel, blue and yellow catfish are fair on cut shad and worms.

WHITE RIVER: Water slightly stained; 80 degrees; Black bass are poor on spinnerbaits and minnows fished shallow. Crappie are poor on small minnows fished late in the evening and at night. No reports on white bass. Walleye are poor on red plastic worms trolling in creek and river channels. Catfish are good on worms, shrimp, minnows and chicken livers fished in the mouths on the rivers and creeks.

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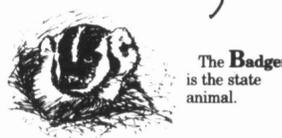
Wisconsin From A to Z



When Alpha Betty visited Wisconsin, she found a beautiful Midwestern state well known for its dairy farms, machinery manufacturing and paper products.

If you come to Wisconsin during the summer, you'll find camping, swimming and boating at the many lakes, rivers and parks. The Mississippi River, Lake Superior and Lake Michigan border parts of the state.

Autumn beauty from the many kinds of trees makes fall a special time. The sugar maple is the state tree.



The Badger is the state animal.



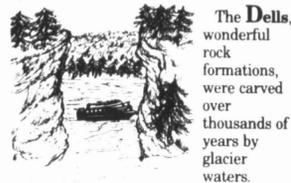
After there have been enough cold days to freeze the ice solid, people go ice fishing. The fisher cuts a hole in the ice and drops in a line. There are more than 15,000 lakes in Wisconsin, including Lakes Superior and Michigan.



Wisconsin Cheese is world-famous. About one-third of all the cheese produced in the United States comes from Wisconsin.



Circus World Museum with a steam calliope and circus acts is in Baraboo. The Ringling Brothers came from there and wintered their circus there.



The Dells, wonderful rock formations, were carved over thousands of years by glacier waters.



At the Experimental Aircraft Association Fly-In in Oshkosh, you can view antique and home-built aircraft. This is the largest event of its kind in the world.



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Meet Harry Houdini



World-famous magician and escape artist Houdini spent part of his life in Wisconsin.

His real name was Ehrich Weiss. He took his stage name from Jean Eugene Robert-Houdin, a French magician.

Houdini could escape from such things as handcuffs, jail cells, leg irons and straitjackets.

He was born on April 6, 1874, in Budapest, Hungary. As a child he moved with his family to Appleton, Wis. He had six siblings.

His first performances were doing card tricks and performing as a trapeze artist. He died in 1926.

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 - 2 cups all-purpose flour
 - 1 cup butter or margarine, softened
 - 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper

- What to do:
1. Combine all ingredients in a large bowl. Mix well.
 2. Roll into small balls and place on ungreased baking sheet.
 3. Flatten with a fork.
 4. Bake 8 to 10 minutes in a preheated 375-degree oven. Makes about 36.

More About Wisconsin

This year the Green Bay Packers celebrate their 80th birthday. This football team has won more championships than any other NFL team in history.

The House on the Rock, near Dodgeville, is a fantastic house filled with many strange and wonderful things, including the world's largest carousel.

The Ice cream sundae was invented in Two Rivers in 1881. Every year people eat 21 million gallons of ice cream in Wisconsin.

Janesville was the site of the first state fair in the U.S. in 1851.

Lumberjack festivals feature races to treetops, sawing contests and log rolling. About half the state is covered in forest.

Madison, the capital, has about 200,000 people.

Next week The Mini Page looks at the incredible hummingbird. Look through your newspaper for places you'd like to visit.

Noah's Ark in the Dells is America's largest water park, with more than 70 acres.

Old Wade House in Greenbush is a famous Underground Railway Station where slaves found shelter as they escaped to the North.

Peas, cranberries, ginseng and corn are big crops grown in Wisconsin.

Quiet times can be found at the many state parks, lakes and beaches.

The Robin is the state bird.

The Snowmobile was invented here. Skiing, ice skating and sleighing are also part of the winter fun.

Temperature extremes range from 100 degrees F in the summer to 60 degrees below zero in the winter. The average high is about 80 degrees, and the average low is about 12 degrees.

Underground caves have beautiful and unusual formations.

Vegetable processing is an important industry. More sweet corn and snap beans are processed here than in any other state. Pumpkins, beets, beans, tomatoes and peas are also processed here.

At Wausling State Park there are beautiful views where the Wisconsin and Mississippi Rivers merge.

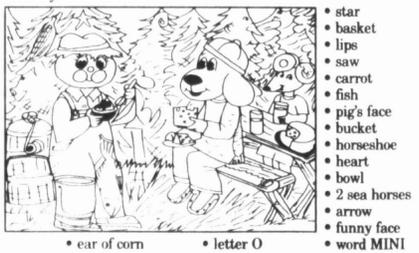
Explore the many wonderful biking trails throughout the state. Many old train tracks have been turned into bike trails.

Yodeling competitions are part of the rich heritage residents have brought from lands such as Germany and Switzerland.

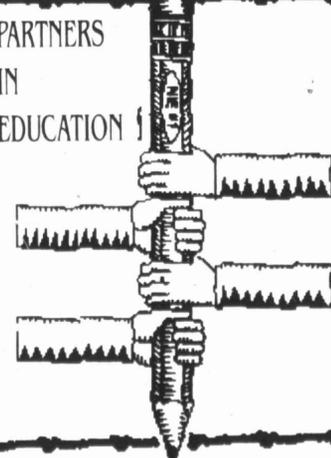
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Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and her friends are having a picnic in Wisconsin. See if you can find:



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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

**** You are challenged to let go of a long-held view. Realize it isn't working for you. Listen carefully to news from a distance; make calls and spread the word. Feedback helps you see more positives than negatives. Zero in on what you want. Do nothing halfway. Tonight: Favorite place, favorite people.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

****Someone's "no" can trigger you, but you might not be sure exactly what is going on. Listen to another's rendition of what he needs, but be smart

and don't get plugged in.

Establish your strength in security-related matters. Make your own decisions, and you'll be a lot happier. Tonight: Treat yourself!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

****Another balks, and you have reason to wonder what's up with his attitude. Recognize that not everyone agrees with you all the time, especially another who needs to control. Make inquiries, schedule meetings and toss in a pleasure-related call. Unexpected doors open. Are you ready? Tonight: Whatever you want.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

****Cocooning might be a great idea, or you could simply ignore what is going on around you. Others are out of sync. A lack of important information impairs your judgment of a problem. Fortunately, your money instincts are on target. That area of your life is very important to you. Tonight: Vanish!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

****Knowing what you want is instrumental, as a child or loved one challenges you. Be willing to take a well-calculated risk, but don't do anything wild or out of control. Bring others together; schedule a fun gathering. Not everything has to be all work and no play. You know that better than anyone! Tonight: TGIF!

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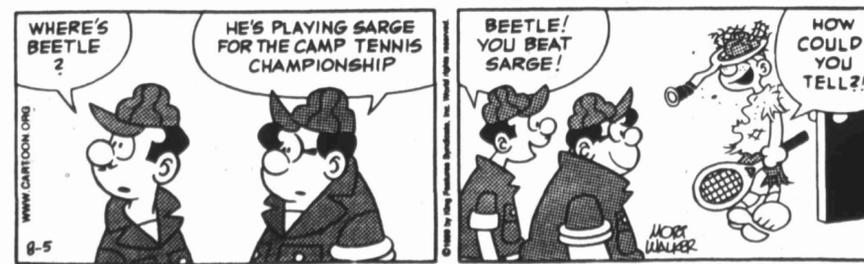
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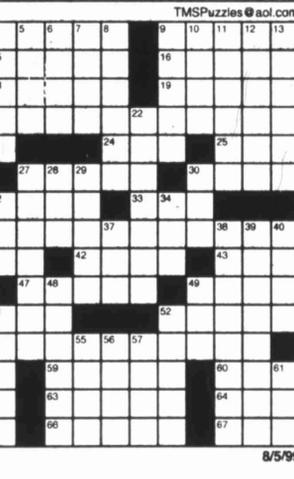
The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Thursday, Aug. 5, the 217th day of 1999. There are 148 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Aug. 5, 1962, actress Marilyn Monroe, 36, was found dead in her Los Angeles home; her death was ruled a "probable suicide" from an overdose of sleeping pills.

On this date: In 1861, the federal government levied an income tax for the first time. In 1864, during the Civil War, Union Adm. David G. Farragut is said to have given his famous order, "Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead!" as he led his fleet against Mobile Bay, Alabama.

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In 1884, the cornerstone for the Statue of Liberty was laid on Bedloe's Island in New York Harbor. In 1914, the first electric traffic lights were installed, in Cleveland, Ohio. In 1924, the comic strip "Little Orphan Annie," by Harold Gray, made its debut. In 1957, "American Bandstand," hosted by Dick Clark, made its network debut on ABC. In 1963, the United States, Britain and the Soviet Union signed a treaty in Moscow banning nuclear tests in the atmosphere, in space and under water. In 1969, the U.S. space probe "Mariner VII" flew by Mars, sending back photographs and scientific data. In 1981, the federal government began firing air traffic controllers who had gone out on strike. In 1984, actor Richard Burton died at a hospital in Geneva, Switzerland, at the age of 58. Ten years ago: Five Central American presidents began meeting in Honduras to discuss a timetable for dismantling Nicaraguan Contra bases. Five years ago: A three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington chose Kenneth W. Starr to take over the Whitewater investigation from Robert Fiske. One year ago: Iraqi President Saddam Hussein broke off cooperation with U.N. weapons inspectors and demanded the commission monitoring the weapons be reorganized. Marie Noe of Philadelphia was arrested and charged with first-degree murder, accused of smothering eight of her children to death between 1949 and 1968. (Noe later received 20 years' probation.) Today's Birthdays: Former astronaut Neil A. Armstrong is 69. Country singer Vern Gosdin is 65. Actress Carmie King ("Gone with the Wind") is 65. Actor John Saxon is 64. Actor Zakes Mokae is 64. Country songwriter Bobby Braddock ("D-I-V-O-R-C-E") is 59. Country singer Sammi Smith is 56. Actress Loni Anderson is 53. Actress Erika Slezak is 53. Rock singer Rick Derringer is 52. Actress Holly Pang is 49. Singer Samantha Sang is 48. Actress-singer Maureen McCormick is 43.