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Highland South organizers ready for annual event

Highland South organizers are preparing for their 32nd annual July 4 parade. Anyone is welcome to join the event with an entry in one of the categories that include strollers, walkers, vehicles, horses and pets. Those who want to enter should arrive between 9 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. at the corner of Stonehaven and Highland Drive. Ribbons are awarded in each category. For more information, call Kellie Wash at 263-0987, or Julie Wolf at 264-5602.

WHAT'S UP...

- FRIDAY**
- The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.
 - AMBUCS, noon, La Posada.
 - Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All seniors invited.
- SATURDAY**
- The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 - The Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 to 5 p.m.
 - Dance, 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 West Third. Members and guests welcome.
 - Big Spring Squares, call 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more information.
- MONDAY**
- Texas Tech Exes meeting, 6 p.m., Sparenberg bldg., 309 S. Main.
 - Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 East Third.
 - Gospel Singing, 7 p.m., Kentwood Center, 2805 Lynn.
 - Guest singers from Stanton, Midland and Colorado City.
 - Big Spring Chapter and Council, R.A.M., 7:30, Masonic Building, 221 1/2 Main St.
- TUESDAY**
- Intermediate line dance classes, 9 a.m. Senior Citizens Center, call 267-1628.
 - Coahoma Senior Citizens luncheon, 11 a.m., Coahoma Community Center.
 - Big Spring Rotary Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

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Pops in the Park concert, fireworks display still short of funds

JOHN A. MOSELEY
Managing Editor

With Monday's "Pops in the Park" concert and fireworks display at the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheatre just four days away, organizers say they are still about \$3,000 shy of raising



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the approximate \$28,500 budgeted cost of the celebration. Members of the Big Spring Fourth of July Foundation met for a final planning session at noon Wednesday and were informed by financial officers Carroll Jennings and Charles Beil that almost \$25,500 in donations have been collected. Jennings noted, however, that a handful of pledged donations have yet to be received. "We're approximately where we're supposed to be," Jennings said of the group's fund-raising activities. "We're not at the

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Makes donations possible to the Fourth of July Foundation, P.O. Box 24, Big Spring, Texas 79721-0024

point where we want people to think that we've gotten everything we need, but I'm relatively certain that when all the donations are received, we'll meet our budget." While committee members were optimistic concerning

their financial needs, chairman Linda Conway joined Jennings and Beil in stressing that donations from individuals and businesses in the community are still needed. Anyone wishing to make a donation, regardless of the amount, can make them to the Fourth of July Foundation, P.O. Box 24, Big Spring, Texas 79721-0024. The celebration, featuring a performance by the Big Spring Symphony and Chorale and a patriotic fireworks display, will begin with a talent show com-

prised of 10 acts provided by Crossroads Area residents. The show is being presented by the Big Spring Herald, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Big Spring Symphony, the city of Big Spring and KBST. Gates to the amphitheatre will open at 4:30 p.m. Monday, while 15 vendors' booths will open 30 minutes later. The talent show is slated for a 6 p.m. start, while the symphony and chorale will begin their performance at 8:45

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Cynthia Ramirez, Texas Agricultural extension agent from El Paso, plays with a game during the 4-H camp held at Howard College Tuesday through Thursday. The display was by one of the students running for a district office. The lab wrapped up with a banquet Wednesday evening. A total of 95 students participated.

Calm urged

Community leaders say recent violence tragic but not cause for public alarm

By **CARL GRAHAM**
Staff Writer



MC EWEN **SMITH**

Despite four shooting deaths in Big Spring within a matter of eight days, city and county officials are trying to reassure citizens that there is no cause for alarm.

"It's a situation where some freak circumstances occurred and not a problem within our community," said Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen. "It's just a special set of situations. I feel just as safe now as I did two weeks ago before this happened."

Jose Esteban Yanez, 17, of Big Spring was arrested and charged with the murder of 18-year-old Albert Patrick Gomez on June 21. On Monday 17-year-old David Martinez, also of Big Spring, was arrested in connection with the deaths of three individuals in shootings which also took place Sunday at a residence in the west side of town. Currently, Martinez has only

been charged in the death of his mother-in-law, 39-year-old Simona Hollingsworth Deleon. He is also a suspect in the shooting deaths of 56-year-old Janie Mendez and 21-year-old Chris Delgado.

Police have given no motive for the slayings. McEwen said if the two incidents had been random drive-by shootings, the implications might be different. "If this had been a drive-by shooting or just someone shooting at random, sure, I would

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Construction of downtown park set to begin after holidays

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**
News Editor



CORSON **WALKER**

Construction of the Heart of the City Park — eventual home for the community Christmas tree — should begin in downtown Big Spring following the holidays, city officials say. "We'll probably start with pouring the foundation for the pavilion area," said Leigh Corson, city planning director. "The materials are on order and should be in pretty quickly. After that, we'll probably start on the irrigation system." The park will be on the southwest corner of Third and Scurry streets. The northwest corner of Second and Scurry — where the Permian Building once stood —

will be double seal coated and used for parking. A key reason the park will be facing Third Street is because that street is also Business 20, which means some assistance may be available through the Texas Department of Transportation to help with the project. Final clean-up work on the

lots is already under way. "The center of the park will be the community Christmas tree, sponsored by the Big Spring Herald," said Corson. "It will be one of the focal points and something we will use during the Christmas parade and such." "The community Christmas tree is something we have wanted to do for a couple of years," said Herald publisher John H. Walker. "When we first started talking about a park in the downtown area, I called it Christmas Tree Park because I wanted to put a community tree there to complement the Community Christmas Parade we have sponsored for more than a decade," Walker said.

"The tree we are looking for will be big enough to be lighted this year with lots of room for growth — and it will be designated as a gift from the employees of the Herald to the citizens of Big Spring and Howard County." Also to be located in the park will be the pavilion, sponsored by Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and the Convention and Visitors Bureau. "Inside the pavilion will be maps of the city and possibly the state, and information about points of interest in the city," said Corson. "The pavilion will be constructed in such a way that it will accommodate a band for performances or other activities in the park." The rest of the area will be

landscaped with grass and trees. "We've received donations from individuals and businesses that want to sponsor a tree or decorative light poles," Corson said. "It should be a good gathering place for more community events downtown." A grand opening for the Heart of the City Park will be in October, coinciding with the Friends of the Settles Spook House. "We're looking to have a festival then with perhaps vendors and food booths and then the spook house that night, so families can make a day of it," said Corson. Last year, the city, Moore

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Summer reading program closing party slated tonight

By **GINA GARZA**
Staff Writer

After several weeks of activities, the summer reading program at the Howard County Library is coming to a close. "We will have a closing party tonight from 6:30 to 8 p.m.," said Karen McIntyre, children's librarian. "This is for those children who have read 10 books or more." According to McIntyre, 73 children have completed the program and 1,577 books have been read between all of them. "During the party, there will be refreshments and each student will receive a certificate of completion," she said. "There will also be prizes given out to the ones who guessed the cor-



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rect number of blocks on a castle I had made, plus there was an alien contest in which 23 participated." In addition to the prizes, there will be a puppet show and slide show presentation for the parents. "We had a digital camera and took lots of pictures of our activities," added McIntyre. "We want to show the parents all of our craziness." The summer reading program met Tuesdays through Thursdays, starting as soon as school was out for the summer. There were different age-appropriate activities planned each day. "We had children as young as 18 months to as old as 14 years," she said. "On Tuesdays we watched movies, on Wednesdays it was 'read to me day' for those who couldn't read on their own, and on Thursdays it was for the older students." McIntyre said the summer

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Karen McIntyre sets up the aliens students made during the Howard County Library Summer Reading Program. Each one will be judged and the winners will be awarded a prize. Students will participate in a closing party tonight from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

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Archbishop released unhurt after 9-hour standoff

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The 40-year-old unemployed immigrant was extremely frustrated at not being able to access documents related to his possible deportation. So, police say, he let the world know by taking hostage an outspoken advocate for immigrants' rights.

Law enforcement officials and Catholic leaders were at a loss to explain why the man chose Archbishop Patrick Flores, who is known as a friend to immigrants and the poor.

"I don't think he really knew what he wanted," Police Chief Al Philippus said of the man accused in Wednesday's nine-hour standoff at the archbishop's chancery.

Nelson Antonio Escolero, an immigrant from El Salvador who has been living in the United States legally for many years but is not a citizen, was in police custody early Thursday.

Flores, the state's top-ranking Catholic clergyman, was released unharmed around 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Police said Escolero threatened Flores, 70, with a grenade-like device because he was upset with the federal government over his possible deportation for driving with a suspended license. But during negotiations with police, Escolero also complained about his unemployment and even the departure of famed Cuban boy Elian Gonzalez.

Philippus said Escolero demanded copies of documents that showed why he might be deported. Within minutes of receiving them by fax Wednesday night, he allowed Flores to walk out of his office in the chancery.

"He had made a commitment to us that if we gave him these documents, he would come out," Philippus said. Before walking out, the suspect placed the device — which was turned over for examination — on a table. He was immediately handcuffed and taken to police headquarters.

"Obviously, we're very pleased with the outcome of this," Philippus said. "God came down and really smiled on us and wrapped his arms around the situation."

The chief said the archbishop seemed to be fine but was taken to a hospital to be examined. He has had minor back problems and his back was feeling stiff.

Escolero was expected to appear before a magistrate early Thursday.

He faced possible charges of aggravated assault, unlawful restraint, terroristic threats and possession of a prohibited weapon.

Leaders want pay raise for members of Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — House leaders of both parties have agreed to push for a 3 percent cost-of-living pay raise for members of Congress, participants said Wednesday, an increase that would be legislators' third in four years.

Should the raise take effect, lawmakers' salaries would rise in January by \$4,200 to \$145,500. Congress is likely to address the issue next month.

The decision was made last week at a meeting of top House Republicans and Democrats at which the leaders also agreed not to use the boost as an issue in this fall's elections. Polls usually show that most members of the public oppose raising lawmakers' salaries.

"If you don't make it partisan, members can vote the way they want to" when they vote on it, said Rep. Tom Davis, R-Va., chairman of the House GOP's campaign committee.

"We all agreed we need good people to serve here, and

they've got to be properly compensated," said Rep. Patrick Kennedy, D-R.I., chairman of the House Democrats' campaign committee.

Hundreds of high-level executive branch officials would also receive the 3 percent increase, since their salaries are linked by law to members of Congress.

Kennedy and Davis attended last week's meeting, along with House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill.; House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo.; and other leaders. Participants said the unusual gathering of political foes lasted 15 minutes.

Senate leaders were also checking on the prospects for moving the raise through that chamber. In recent years, opposition to increasing lawmakers' salaries has been stronger in the House.

A 1989 law allows automatic pay raises for members of Congress unless they vote to block it.

With a wave and a grin, Elian Gonzalez goes home

WASHINGTON (AP) — With a wave and a shy smile, Elian Gonzalez said goodbye to America Wednesday, ending a seven-month saga that swept the 6-year-old Cuban castaway into a controversy over parental rights and U.S. relations with his communist homeland.

After the Supreme Court declined to intervene, the impish, brown-haired boy who likes Batman, boarded a plane at Washington Dulles International Airport with his father, Juan Miguel Gonzalez, his stepmother and baby half-brother for the three-hour flight to Havana.

"I am extremely happy ... being able to go back to my homeland," Gonzalez said through a translator. "I don't have words, really, to express what I feel."

He grabbed his little boy's hand and scurried up the steps of the chartered jet. Just 4 hours had passed since the Supreme Court issued its simple 26-word order rejecting an

appeal by the boy's Miami relatives, who sought to keep him in America.

"The legal battle is over," the father's attorney, Gregory Craig, said.

The Cuban government planned a low-key homecoming and urged its people to allow Elian to resume a normal life in Cuba. "Now more than ever, our population must behave with the most dignity, serenity and discipline," it said in a statement.

Elian's family was huddled around a television set when they heard the news they were going home. "They were elated, absolutely elated," said Christina Fitz, spokeswoman for Youth for Understanding International Exchange — a student exchange group that hosted the Gonzalez family during its last month in the United States.

In a farewell message to the exchange group, Elian's father wrote: "I am leaving you with two Cuban flags — one big one

and one little one as a token and the first step in the direction of a human and beautiful relationship between our two countries."

At a White House news conference earlier in the day, President Clinton was asked whether he had second thoughts about returning Elian to communist Cuba. "Well, if he and his father decided they wanted to stay here, it would be fine with me," the president said.

"Do I wish it had unfolded in a less dramatic, less traumatic way for all concerned?" he asked rhetorically. "Of course I do."

His sentiment was not shared in south Florida. Cuban-Americans, fervently anti-communist, wept, screamed and jeered the Supreme Court's ruling.

Watching Elian's plane take off on television, their sobs and sniffling gave way to keening wails and angry shouts of disbelief. Some jeered the U.S. gov-

Wildfire roars across nuclear reservation

RICHLAND, Wash. (AP) — A huge wildfire that roared across the Hanford nuclear reservation was burning out of control early today in the arid sagebrush country of southern Washington. At least 25 homes were destroyed and thousands of people were urged to evacuate.

The fire, which was started Tuesday by a fatal car wreck, exploded late Wednesday, doubling in size to 100,000 acres. It closed highways and briefly threatened a Hanford building holding radioactive waste, then jumped the Yakima River and began burning homes near Benton City, about 10 miles west of Richland.

"It looks like the sky is on fire. It looks like hell. It's scary," said Betty Upington of Richland, where some people were also asked to evacuate. There were no confirmed reports of injuries.

Authorities asked 7,000 people to leave the communities of West Richland and Benton City, just south of the sprawling reservation.

"It's like a ghost town," said Amanda Meredith, 20, of Benton City. "I believe my house is already burned down."

By early today, 1,300 of the West Richland evacuees were allowed to return.

It's the second time in just two months that fire has threatened a U.S. nuclear facility. A fire set May 4 to clear away brush near the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico quickly raged out of control. It forced the evacuation of more than 20,000 people and destroyed more than 200 homes.

The Red Cross set up shelters in nearby Kennewick and Gov. Gary Locke declared a state of emergency in Benton County, activating the National Guard

to assist in the evacuations.

The flames, fueled by 100-degree temperatures and winds gusting to 30 mph, overwhelmed about 350 firefighters Wednesday. About 600 more from across the region were expected to arrive soon, aided by airplanes and helicopters from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Lower temperatures were in the forecast for today but wind could still be a problem.

The fire has burned sagebrush that makes up most of the 560-square-mile reservation. For a time, it threatened buildings at the site which contains the nation's largest volume of nuclear waste.

Hanford was established as part of the secret Manhattan Project to build an atomic bomb during World War II. Today, its mission is cleaning up radioactive and hazardous waste.



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OUR VIEWS

Sunday event shaping up to be a great one

Even the folks behind Sunday's "First Annual Big Spring Car Show" admit they didn't know just how big it could get.

Originally planned as a car show that would bring in 100 or more lowriders, "bombs" and "Euros" from all over the country, the event has surpassed even that lofty goal. Now John Paul Franco and Rigo Moran have created a huge Tejano music concert, break-dancing competition and washer pitching tournament in addition to the car show.

The event begins at noon at the Howard County Fairgrounds. It will feature the music of Latin/Tejano bands Kumbia Kings, Nu Flavor, Jonny Z, Brown Skin Familia, Badd Influnz, Split Decision and Brillante, all performing at the Big Spring rodeo bowl. Before that, however, the fairgrounds will be filled with other activities.

It's great to see an activity that will use our fairgrounds facility. And they plan to use almost all of it, with vendors and cars planned to be spread throughout, inside and outside. It doesn't hurt that organizers are offering prizes up to \$1,500 in a dozen or more categories.

Music will come from disc jockeys first — many of them using vinyl records — and live music begins as early as 2 p.m. with a performance by local singer Sonia Ortega.

The slate of bands performing Sunday includes some of the most popular in that musical genre. Topping that list are the Kumbia Kings, a group of nine musicians with a repertoire that ranges from typical Tejano to retro rhythm and blues. Their show includes light effects and fireworks.

Adding to the challenge faced by Franco Entertainment is the fact that Saturday night ends the three-night run of the High Plains Junior Rodeo at the bowl. Cleanup and set-up crews will go to work in the wee hours Sunday to have everything ready by showtime.

Tickets, which include entrance to all events, are \$20 per person, \$10 for children 10 and under; they are available at Franco's Fina on Gregg Street. Tickets will be \$25 each at the door.

We applaud Franco Entertainment for its commitment to bringing great acts to Big Spring — it is our hometown, too, and we want the chance to be entertained without leaving town.

OTHER VIEWS

The Supreme Court's reaffirmation yesterday of *Miranda v. Arizona* sends a valuable message about the importance of stability in law. Not all of the seven justices who voted to retain *Miranda* would have supported the opinion when it was handed down in 1966. Indeed, some are known sceptics of the landmark holding, which requires police to warn suspects in custody of their constitutional right not to incriminate themselves and to have a lawyer. Yet by a

strong 7 to 2 vote, with Chief Justice William Rehnquist writing for the majority, the court declared that it would not reverse the ruling that "has become embedded in routine police practice to the point where the warnings have become part of our national culture." In reaffirming *Miranda*, the court acknowledges that it has been — despite the controversy that still surrounds it — good for law enforcement, the courts and defendants alike.

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It's the house that Samuel Mockabee built

There was nothing wrong with her old house, Alberta Bryant says, "except it was wore out. Wore out from all those children. ..."

The place is Mason's Bend, the poorest corner of poor Hale County in Alabama's historic black belt. The blood-colored road drills through a tunnel of humidity and river-bottom thicket until it ends at the Bryant house, the new one. The house that for several years has drawn a steady stream of unlikely visitors to gawk and marvel.

Alberta's former shanty had no indoor plumbing or insulation and the roof leaked. The only heat came from a small fireplace. Snakes slipped in through cracks. Alberta, who has no legs, had trouble maneuvering her wheelchair. Then, one day at her church, Alberta met a stranger named Sambo. He said he would build her a new house out of hay.

"I asked my husband, 'Did that man say his name was Sambo?' 'Nah,' he said. And I said back, 'The Good Lord

done sent Sambo.'"

You have to love a genius nicknamed Sambo who hails from Mississippi, went to Auburn, builds houses from stucco-over-hay bales and eats an entire rack of ribs at a filling station called Mustang Oil Barbecue.

Samuel "Sambo" Mockbee was the only Southerner this year to win a MacArthur Fellowship, or so-called "genius grant." Which means he'll receive a lot of good-natured ribbing from his buddies back home in Canton, Miss. — and \$500,000 of no-strings support over the next five years.

Or, as plain-spoken, jolly Sambo Mockbee says, "Hey, I'm half a millionaire!"

Mockbee, 55, is a tall, bearded, imposing fellow, a cross between Shelby Foote and Rip Torn. He also is an award-winning architect who in 1993 founded (along with D.K. Ruth) Auburn University's Rural Studio. Mockbee and an ever-changing cast of Auburn architecture students build practical houses — unconventionally pretty houses with exuberance and personality — for the poor.

Along the way, the Rural Studio also has completed a farmer's market, a children's center, a chapel, a bus stop and community center and an open-air pavilion. You ride through the countryside or

Greensboro and spot the colorful, offbeat buildings; they stand out like swamp marsh-mallows in jade ponds. Like Sambo Mockbee in academia.

"This program is about the total immersion of students in the social and physical needs of the people they are building for," Mockbee says.

"And that's the way an architect should be, at the forefront helping guide the individual or the community. ... It's not about money, about rich or poor, but about the appropriateness of the project itself."

Mockbee knows and loves this region. He grew up in Meridian, Miss., son of an English-teacher mother and a father chronically ailing with tuberculosis. His great-great-grandfather wrote the letter of secession for the State of Mississippi.

But Mockbee is a New South, good-old-boy liberal, the kind forged in fire. He didn't come down from somewhere else to save these people. He is one of them.

Mockbee is quick with a joke, loves a good time, once hosted a "ceremony" to bless chickens on their way to slaughter. His rollicking good humor has stood him in good stead in recent years.

It was his sister, Martha Ann, his only sibling, who saved Mockbee's life in 1998

when it was discovered he had leukemia.

She provided the stem cells for the bone marrow transplant that only had a 25 percent chance of working. Mockbee endured chemotherapy and eight weeks of isolation. Months later, his sister was diagnosed with leukemia herself; she died.

"Cancer gets everyone in my family," Mockbee says in a raw, hurt voice. Her gift of marrow to him did not cause her illness — "It was the first thing I asked" — but if delayed by even six weeks, the successful transplant would have been impossible.

He may be staying out of sunlight, but not the spotlight. Besides being a MacArthur fellow — world's shortest resume — his work and that of the Rural Studio are on display at the Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum, Smithsonian Institution in New York. But his feet remain firm on the ground — and in old tennis shoes.

"There are plenty of buildings I've designed that I'm not proud of," he says in his self-deprecating way. "There's this one on I-55 in Jackson that's been a barbecue joint, a fish place. I don't see how anybody eats there without getting sick it's so ugly."

"I go blocks out of the way to avoid seeing it."



RHETA GRIMSLEY JOHNSON



We should go back to public hangings

Since the latest fad is decrying the death penalty, here's my take on the subject: Let's bring back public hangings in public parks.

The "green" crowd shouldn't have a problem with that, since a few reusable, natural-hemp ropes could send a large number of villains to their reward before the ropes wore out.

The argument that the death penalty isn't a deterrent has always been fallacious. The recidivism rate for executed murderers is zero, more than you can say for murderers who do hard time. In other words, the guy who gets whacked never again harms another person. By the by, the average prison time actually served by a convicted murderer is five years, 11 months.

But the deterrent effect would be enhanced if we would return to the practice of our ancestors and hang these villains in public in the areas where they committed their crimes. (OK, in the case of serial killers, pick one place.) Large crowds used to gather

for public hangings. Sometimes families brought picnic lunches. There simply has to be a salutary effect to watching the consequences of murder up close and in the flesh.

Hiding executions is just part of general public squeamishness, as is the growing use of lethal injections. After all, the people being executed were not sensitive souls who tried to spare their victims either pain or terror. It seems loony to me for people to be concerned that the person the state is going to kill is comfortable during the process.

The Russians and Chinese communists never were partial to hanging and usually favor a pistol bullet in the back of the head. This is simple and cheap. Since so many Americans seem to put a high value on Marxism, perhaps they'd prefer to adopt the communist form of execution. That would be OK with me, but more people could see the executions if we stick with hanging.

I'm assuming, of course, that all the people who favor the death penalty would have no objection to watching what they favor. The death penalty is, after all, no big deal. Everybody dies. The only thing unusual about the death penalty is that the government decides when and by what method. Hanging is certainly less painful than cancer.

As for those who profess sympathy for the killers, I

think they are sick. They show no sympathy for innocent life when it comes to bombing Iraq or killing half a million Iraqi children via malnutrition and disease. Most of them have zero sympathy for the 100 percent-innocent children who are slaughtered in abortion clinics.

Oh, no, these characters reserve their sympathy for the criminal psychopaths and human monsters who destroy lives and families for usually the pettiest of reasons. Such people have a perverted sense of justice.

The only reform the system needs is to speed up the process. It is obscene that killers can live on death row for decades while foppish lawyers and judges play silly games that make a mockery of justice.

There is no reason why we can't execute a man within 12 months of his sentence, provided we rein in the lawyers and give the judges a hard kick in the rear. These delays are simply the result of pettifoggery.

Death-penalty cases should receive automatic top priority, which means that as long as one is on the docket, the judges don't get to play golf or take long vacations.

The alternative to fixing this broken system is to apply the Brazil Method, which is for the police, by accurate shooting, to eliminate the need for a trial. That would certainly save the taxpayers a lot of money.

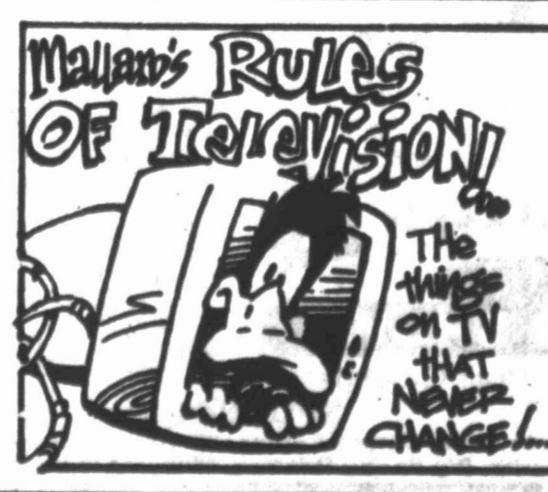


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He's always either...
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...or Brooklyn.

◆The first version of the Equal Rights Amendment was submitted to Congress in 1923.

QUICK TRIVIA

◆The name of the halibut fish comes from the word holy since it was widely used as food on Christian holy days.

Got an item?

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

Mock trial earns awards for local bar association

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

A mock trial for students conducted by the Howard County Bar Association has won several awards at the state level.

The mock trial, which was conducted last November as a learning experience for local eighth graders, earned an award of merit, star of achievement and outstanding partnership program award from the State Bar of Texas. Organizer Robert D. Miller was presented two plaques at a ceremony on Friday.

"The teachers have all told us it was a great experience for the kids," said Miller, who developed a script, assigned parts to local attorneys and served as program monitor. Known as "The Trial and Tribulation of Sam Sleuth," the program began with an "arrest" made in front of the 60 students participating.

Attorney John Rheinscheld played the role of Sam, who was arrested for carrying a handgun into the courthouse.

Students followed the situation through the entire process,

including arraignment, indictment and the trial, serving as jurors and grand jurors as called upon. District Judge Robert Moore III served as judge for the trial and described the process to the students as they went through each procedure.

"Sam" was found guilty and given probation.

"It gives them an idea how this really works, not what they see on TV," said Miller. "They saw the Howard County Jail, which was not pleasant, and they learned about the entire process. They may hear or read the word, 'arraignment,' but now they know what that means."

Miller got the idea from another bar association that did a similar program. He said members of the local bar association were all willing to help by donating their time to act out parts.

Conducting the mock trial also meant shutting down parts of the courthouse for half a day, and taking several local attorneys away from their cases, but Miller said it was worth the effort. He plans to spearhead another such event



Local attorney Robert Miller holds two plaques that were awarded to the Howard County Bar Association for its mock trial program conducted for eighth students in Big Spring last November.

This fall, "This is a good program, and if we keep it going, more will come of it," he said.

At another State Bar

Association meeting in August, Miller will receive another certificate of merit on behalf of the local bar association for the mock trial program.

HERALD photo/Debbie L. Jensen

You can't be too careful when protecting kids

QUESTION: I have a friend who guards her kids as if they were in mortal danger. I feel like I should let mine spread their wings a little, even though they're only 9 and 11 years of age. Who do you think is right?

DR. DOBSON: Two decades ago I would have suggested that you give them space, because over-protection of children creates some characteristic problems. Today, however, I have to agree with your friend. The environment in which kids are being raised has changed dramatically in recent years. Unspeakable dangers haunt our schools and streets that were almost unheard-of a generation ago.

Yesterday's families didn't worry much about drive-by shootings, illegal drugs, sexual molesters and kidnappers. When I was a kid in the early 1950s, my folks were more concerned about a disease called polio than all sources of violence combined. As a 10-year-

old, I moved freely around my hometown. If I was a half-hour late coming home for dinner, the Dobson household was not seized by panic.

But now we worry about our kids playing in the front yard. Indeed, little Polly Klaas was abducted in 1993 from her bedroom where she was surrounded by friends, and then was brutally murdered for the perverse pleasure of her killer. When that horrible news broke, a collective shudder was felt by every loving parent in the nation. Three years later, beautiful little 6-year-old JonBenet Ramsey was sexually assaulted and beaten to death in the basement of her own home on Christmas night, 1996.

Between these two tragedies, and in the years since, tens of thousands of other children have been murdered or abducted. During my term of service on the Attorney General's Board on Missing and Exploited Children, I was dismayed by what I saw happening to innocent boys and girls.

There was a time when the culture interceded on behalf of kids to protect them from anything harmful or immoral. Movies were censored, music was monitored and young couples were chaperoned. But this

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DR. JAMES DOBSON

Jim Carrey: Out of the self-help section and onto the big screen

NEW YORK (AP) — "You probably have a whole number planned on me right now," Jim Carrey says, suddenly self-conscious during an interview. Then, adopting the voice of a writerly alter ego, he offers his suspicions about how an article on him might come out.

"He seemed to talk about psychology a lot. Maybe he was worried. ... He's a Zelig-type person."

Fact is: He DOES talk more than a little about psychology, really doesn't seem all that worried about what might get into print, and concedes himself that he's Zelig-like.

In his latest movie, "Me, Myself & Irene," the 38-year-old actor shows some of the chameleon qualities of Woody Allen's famous character, but they're two sides of the same man — a Rhode Island state trooper who suffers from split-personality disorder. After years of being treated like a

doormat by absolutely everyone and making Barney Fife look like a standup guy, the trooper finally snaps. Unless on medication, he's foul-mouthed, hard-drinking and hot to trot.

Carrey says he can relate all too well to the character and his niceness-to-a-fault. "It's familiar territory," he says. "My father and myself. This just runs in our family. Me not so much anymore."

"I was real aware of it growing up. My dad was just the sweetest guy in the world, and would give you the shirt off his back and then blister up in the sun — that kind of a guy. But you know, every once in a while I'd see him kind of lose it, because he didn't express his stuff."

Carrey was that way, too: "There have been moments when I lost it. Sure, yeah. No one ever got hurt. The most I ever did was hit a wall and hurt my hand."

He then contorts his face into a rictus of pain and holds his hand like a damaged claw, adding tremulously: "That felt good — and it'll continue to feel good for the next five weeks! Probably when the rheumatism sets in."

Carrey says he no longer suffers his rage like that.

"I try to tell people when I'm upset or when they're doing something that's intrusive or whatever it is, and it just makes things a lot easier, a lot more even."

How did he manage to break the pattern?

"Years of combing the self-help section," he says. "I've always been fascinated with psychology and why people are motivated to act the way they do. That's why I'm an actor."

And here's when Carrey begins to wonder how he's sounding as he discusses that kind of "between-the-lines stuff."

He quickly spins out of it, though, when asked about moving back into comedy after two films that showed off his serious acting chops. "The Truman Show" and "Man on the Moon."

For one thing, he doesn't want to be predictable. "It's about throwing the hounds off the trail," he says.

And it's about appealing to a lot of different people. "I'm not necessarily looking to drag the same audience to each movie. ... I AM a Zelig type of person in that respect."

In "Man on the Moon," the biopic about comedian Andy Kaufman, Carrey completely subsumed himself in the character — to the point that director Milos Forman said: "I really can say that I never worked with Jim Carrey. I worked with Andy. Tony (Kaufman's cheesy lounge-lizard character), and Kaufman's other characters Latka, Elvis and Foreign Man."

Lung Association launches program against teen smoking

AUSTIN (AP) — With money from the state's landmark tobacco settlement, the American Lung Association plans to expand prevention programs across the state this year, the group's president said recently.

The nonprofit group received a \$1 million grant from the John M. O'Quinn Foundation. The money was a portion of the \$17.3 billion 1998 tobacco settlement between the state and tobacco companies.

The grant was the largest ever given to the state association, said Ed Carter, president of the American Lung Association of Texas.

The group was able to pay off its mortgage for its headquarters in Austin with some of the money.

"The many benefits that

'Fully one-third of all high school students in Texas currently smoke cigarettes, and the numbers are going up.'

Ed Carter, president American Lung Association

came out of the landmark tobacco settlement now include a state headquarters building and more smoking deterrence programs," Carter said.

Money that had previously been allocated to monthly mortgage payments will now be earmarked to expand youth tobacco control programs across the state, he said.

"The statistics are frightening. Fully one-third of all high school students in Texas currently smoke cigarettes, and the numbers are going up," Carter said.

Because of the grant, the association's Not on Tobacco, or N-O-T, program that uses colorful pamphlets and other educational items will be available to all Texas high school students this fall.

"We are committed to giving our kids the support and information they need to stop using tobacco," Carter said.

The N-O-T program educates students about total body health and offers group support. O'Quinn was one of five Texas attorneys who worked on the out-of-court settlement

with tobacco companies in January 1998.

"It's no secret how I feel about the big tobacco companies and the health problems they have visited on all Texans," O'Quinn said.

He said he hoped programs like the one his grant funded would help teen-agers fight the advertising efforts of tobacco companies he thinks are aimed at young people.

"I believe our children can quickly appreciate who is trying to take advantage of them, and it's very clear to me that tobacco companies have aimed their marketing efforts directly at teens and their friends," O'Quinn said.

The association now has a plaque outside of its headquarters honoring O'Quinn and smoke prevention programs.

SCHOOL NEWS

Local Students Attend National Association Of Student Councils (NASC) National Conference

Cody Rubio, Luis Diaz, and Jesus Valdez, of Big Spring High School are three of approximately 1800 student council leaders and student activity advisers that attended the 64th National Association of Student Councils (NASC) National Conference, June 22-28, at Monta Vista High School, Cupertino, Calif. NASC offers leadership training at its conferences, focusing on turning student leaders into lifelong leaders.

Cody, Luis and Jesus will be trained in communication skills including, dealing with

diversity, as well as basic and advanced leadership training, and will participate in discussions on issues relevant to today's youth. They will hear motivational speakers Astronaut Sally Ride, John Alston, Keith Hawkins, Scott Greenberg, Micah Jacobson, Jeff Yalden, and other special guests.

Cody is the son of Ben and Jessica Rubio, and he is serving as the President of Student Council at Big Spring High School. Luis is the son of Jeronimo and Susana Diaz, he serves as the First Vice President of Student Council, and Jesus is the son of Dianna Valdez, he serves at the Parliamentarian of Student Council. Big Spring High School Student Council has been elected to serve as the State Parliamentarian for the Texas Association of Student Councils for the 2000-2001 year.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

THE COAHOMA LIONS CLUB invites everyone to its July First Freedom Parade. It will begin at 10 a.m. at the high school football stadium parking lot, go south on First to the north service road, east to Sixth, north to the high school and then west back to the starting place.

If you would like to be a part of the parade, meet at the high school football field between 9 a.m. and 9:40 a.m. For more information, call Pete, 267-1950, or Irene, 394-4424.

HIGHLAND SOUTH ORGANIZERS ARE preparing for their 32nd annual July 4 parade. Anyone is welcome to join the event with an entry in one of the categories that include strollers, walkers, vehicles, horses and pets.

Those who want to enter should arrive between 9 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. at the corner of Stonehaven and Highland Drive. Ribbons are awarded in each category. For more information, call Kellie Wash at 263-0987, or Julie Wolf at 264-5602.

HEALTH NEWS

BROOKLINE, Mass. (AP) — Bennett "Beano" Zylber makes no apologies for his sweet tooth. He likes candy, particularly gummy bears, and eats with barely a thought of the consequences. And why not? He's only 14.

Beano was at Brookline High School recently, getting his finger pricked and his cholesterol level tested. It wasn't his idea, Beano said, crediting his mother, but doctors say it's a good one. Teens might have youth on their side, but genetics and diet could be against them when it comes to heart disease.

Dr. Laura Hemphill, who conducted the privately funded screening for the Boston Heart Foundation, said a predisposition to heart disease can be detected early. At-risk young people, she said, are like the Titanic.

"You may be ship-shape now, but the iceberg is out there," she said. A genetic tendency toward heart disease can be detected at birth, in blood taken from umbilical cords, said Dr. Timothy Bricker, of Texas Children's Hospital and a spokesman for the American Heart Association. Several studies also show that teens are not too young to suffer the physical effects of dangerously high cholesterol levels. Autopsies of American soldiers killed during the Korean and Vietnam wars showed arterial blockage in veterans as young as 18. Some doctors think it's not necessary to test teens other than those with a family history of heart disease. Cholesterol levels can fluctuate wildly during puberty, which means high or low results could change with adulthood.

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generation is exposed to every kind of evil and violence. Some boys and girls live in a combat zone. Indeed, a child in the United States is 15 times more likely to be killed by gunfire than one growing up in Northern Ireland! More American children are shot per year than are police officers! Parents in some inner-city neighborhoods make their kids sleep in bathtubs to protect them from stray bullets crashing through the walls. Some mothers keep short leashes on their little ones when walking through malls to protect them from potential molesters. Instruction is given to wide-eyed preschoolers on how to scream when approached by a

stranger, and how to report unwelcome touches. Many children spend their after-school hours behind bolted doors and barred windows. That is the way it is in most Western nations today, and especially in the United States. How can you as a parent protect your precious children? By watching them every moment! Never leave them in the care of those whom you don't know personally and aren't sure you can trust. Do not let teen-age boys baby-sit your girls. I know that is a controversial recommendation, but I've seen too many tragic cases of abuse resulting from masculine adolescence and the sexual curiosity that is typical of that age.

Walk your kids to and from school or the school bus. Pick them up on time. Watch for any unusual behavior that may signal sexual abuse or molestation from neighbors or child care workers. Protect them at every turn. Does that sound unnecessarily cautious? Just remember this: The average pedophile abuses 150 children in the course of a lifetime. Each sexual exploitation lasts for seven years, typically, before the truth comes to light. Boys and girls are often too intimidated to call for help. Don't give a child abuser a shot at your kids. As for your own anxieties, I suggest that you take them to

the Lord in prayer. He loves your girls even more than you do, and I believe he will help you take care of them. Hold their names before him every day in prayer. Commit to intercede not only for their physical safety, but also for their spiritual welfare. Then when you've done everything you can to be a good parent, put your children in God's hands and let him help you carry the burden. EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. James C. Dobson's "Focus on the Family" appears each Thursday as a cooperative effort of Scenic Mountain Medical Center and the Big Spring Herald. Letters to Dr. Dobson may be sent to P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, Colo., 80903.

CARREY

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lion-a-movie salary barrier, then stumbled with "The Cable Guy," a box-office disappointment that critics excoriated. He won back-to-back best-actor Golden Globes for "The Truman Show" and "Man on the Moon" but was snubbed by the Academy Awards both times. Next, he's returning to a serious role in "Phone Booth," a thriller directed by Joel Schumacher about a man who picks up a ringing phone and is told by a caller with a sniper rifle that he'll be shot if he hangs up. "It's a story about crucifixion and salvation — basically what we all have to go through if we really want to deal with our mistakes," says Carrey. "It will not be 'Fun Jim Carrey Guy.' I will be the guy facing his own demise and his own self-realization."

warmly that most of what he's achieved resulted from his parents' encouragement. "They didn't call what I was doing 'stupid.' They'd say it was creative and funny. ... I love my background." And if life puts some boulders in your way, that's OK. "That's what life is: like Navy SEAL training." Anything that's "adversive" makes you a better person, he says. Adversive? "I just made a new word! Look at that!"



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Looking for what's real in all that reality TV

NEW YORK (AP) — NBC boss Robert Wright is reportedly upset that, so far, his network has missed out on the reality TV bonanza. Here's CBS mopping up with "Survivor" and, in two weeks, launching "Big Brother." ABC has just announced something for next season called "Mole." But NBC? So far, nada. Well, I'd like to help. Mr. Wright, here's your next hit: the reality game show "Elevator." "Elevator" (I prefer the name "Shaft" but it was already taken) would travel with a tribe of contestants as they go up and down in an elevator car, each vying to get voted off by rival passengers. It's a grueling competition. Who can make the most witless small talk? Trample on the most toes? Wear the foulest cologne? Hum the furthest off-key? After each episode-concluding tribal council (caution: no torches), the worst offender is then asked to leave immediately — or rather, at the next floor. Promoted with the tagline, "Many stories will be reached by 'Elevator,'" this show can't miss! And it would be cheap to produce. Most elevators are already equipped with a security camera and microphone. Pack 'em in, push up, and start taping! Don't like that idea? Here's another, which takes shrewd advantage of new medical technology. You must have read about

the pill-size video camera that, when swallowed by the patient, makes its way through the body, transmitting pictures to a tiny wireless recorder carried on the patient's belt. Mr. Wright, try a little Fox-style fragranciness: NBC presents "World's Most Amazing Gastrointestinal Tracts!" Don't like that one either? Well, I can take it elsewhere. Maybe rejigger it as "Gallstones Rock!" for MTV. Or, if Leonardo DiCaprio would agree to swallow that little gizmo, as an environmental special for ABC News. I'm plotting a spinoff from those ads for the United States Mint. You've seen them, portraying George Washington as more than a face on a dollar bill. In the two commercials, which promote the mint's new golden dollar coin, the father of our country is a modern urbanite whose dollar-bill head is digitally grafted onto a live-action body. His face may be greenish, deadpan and always in three-quarters pose. Thanks to computer wizardry, "SpokesGeorge" can move his mouth and eyes, and he can also speak, blithely assuring us that he doesn't feel the least bit miffed at getting bumped from the new coin. "Appearing on money isn't my only gig," he declares as he goes about his business riding the subway, teaching an aerobics class, scuba diving. Those commercials crack me up. But

also get me thinking. If George's head lends authority to the anonymous actor in the ads, consider the benefits of using the same computer voodoo on well-known TV personalities. What about Kathie Lee Gifford? Long ago, she could have silenced detractors who called her a saccharine hypocrite with just a bit of digital image enhancement: Imagine Kathie Lee's body with the head of Eleanor Roosevelt. Similarly, Kelsey Grammer, fresh from his Broadway flop in the title role of "Macbeth," may be feeling pretty scarred by that debacle. How better for Grammer to demonstrate Shakespearian stature than to film next season's episodes of "Frasier" wearing the head of Sir Laurence Olivier? And ABC News might continue its mission to reach younger, hipper viewers with a simple variation on having hired Leonardo DiCaprio to interview President Clinton: Superimpose Leo's head on Peter Jennings anchoring "World News Tonight." Oh, sure, the network denied that the twentysomething megastar was meant to play the role of a TV journalist for its Earth Day documentary, which inspired a White House spokesman's wry reference to "a quasi-theological debate that's happening at a certain news organization about what's an interview and ... when is a celebrity a journalist?"

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IN BRIEF

Local lady golfers place in Pumpjack event

The Big Spring tandem of Debra Lusk and Susie Hernandez won the championship of the first flight at the Pumpjack Tournament Tuesday in Snyder.

In addition, the local duo of Joann Hilger and Wanda Thomas finished third in the tournament's third flight.

Big Spring Merchants baseball team to play

The Big Spring Merchants baseball team will be playing a doubleheader at Sweetwater tonight.

Game times for the team are set for 6 and 8 p.m.

High Plains Junior Rodeo to start tonight at arena

The High Plains Junior Rodeo will be in Big Spring Thursday, Friday and Saturday with performances set for Thursday and Friday at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 6 p.m. at the rodeo bowl.

Cost for the event is \$4 for adults and \$2 for students while children under 6 get in free. Events include team roping, calf roping, poles, barrels, bull riding, bareback and saddle bronc riding, just to name a few.

Area youth are encouraged to participate and may do so by calling the Howard County Extension Office for entry information.

YMCA sets annual July 4 running, walking events

The Big Spring Family YMCA will hold its annual Independence Day 5K Fun Run and Walk at Comanche Trail Park at 8 a.m. Tuesday. Entry fees are \$5 per person, with no charge for children 12 and under.

There are three age groups: 35 & Under, 36 & Over and 12 and Under. The latter group will compete in a one-mile fun run.

For more information, call Angie Diaz at 267-8234.

Ragball tournament slated in Coahoma

A ragball tournament benefiting the Coahoma United Girls Softball Association has been scheduled for Friday and Saturday at the Coahoma Softball Complex.

Entry fees are \$10 per person. Each team will be guaranteed 10 games. Registration begins at 5 p.m. Friday.

For more information, call Rocky New at 394-4041 or Laura Martin at 267-8660.

BSSH Volleyball Camp scheduled for July 20-25

Rose Magers-Powell will again conduct the Big Spring High School Volleyball Camp, slated for July 20-25.

Camp sessions for girls in grades 6-8 will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 20-22, while those in grades 3-5 will attend sessions from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on July 24-25.

Those in grades 9-12 will attend sessions from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. July 20-22 and again July 24-25.

Fees are \$60 for grades 3-5, \$85 for grades 6-8 and \$125 for grades 9-12. For more information, call 267-4047 or 264-3662.

ON THE AIR

Television

ARENA FOOTBALL
7 p.m. — Florida Bobcats at Buffalo Destroyers, TNN, Ch. 35.

GOLF
11 a.m. and 3 p.m., U.S. Senior Open Championship, first-round coverage, ESPN, Ch. 30.
1 p.m., PGA, Greater Hartford Open, first round, 1 p.m., ESPN, Ch. 30.

BASEBALL
2:30 p.m. — Texas Rangers at Oakland Athletics, FSN, Ch. 29.
6:05 p.m. — Atlanta Braves at New York Mets, TBS, Ch. 11.
9 p.m. — Houston Astros at Arizona Diamondbacks, FSN, Ch. 29.

TENNIS
11 a.m. — Wimbledon championships, second round (live and same-day tape), TNT, Ch. 28.

Helling ends six-game losing streak in Rangers' 5-3 win

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — David Segui delivered the key hit and Mike Venafro delivered the key pitch. Combined they ended the Texas Rangers' road woes.

Segui's two-run double highlighted a five-run fifth inning and Rick Helling snapped a six-game losing streak as the Rangers beat the Oakland Athletics 5-3 Wednesday night.

Venafro pitched out of a bases-loaded jam to preserve the lead.

Ivan Rodriguez, Rafael Palmeiro and Dave Martinez each had two hits and an RBI for the Rangers, who won for just the second time in 11 road games. Texas still has the second-worst road record in the AL at 13-22.

"It was certainly a great inning to catch up and take the lead," Texas manager Johnny Oates said. "Venafro was throwing. Helling was sloppy, but effective."

Helling (8-7) allowed three runs on five hits and six walks in 5 2-3 innings, winning for the first time since May 23 at Kansas City. John Wetteland got the final two outs for his 19th save in 23 opportunities.

"We all feel we can play like this every day and not every other day," Wetteland said. "The lack of consistency is costing us the season."

A's starter Kevin Appier (8-4) went seven innings, allowing five runs on eight hits. Appier, 5-0 in his last seven starts, lost for the first time since May 13 against Seattle.

"They did a good job of hitting," Appier said. "I had good location, but I didn't have the stuff to close them down. I wasn't able to hold them."

The Rangers batted around in the fifth,

scoring five times, all with two outs, to turn a three-run deficit into a 5-3 advantage.

"Sometimes that third out is real difficult to get," A's manager Art Howe said. "It seemed like they fouled off good pitches and finally got something to hit. That was a quality at-bat by Segui. He fouled out a lot of tough pitches."

With two outs in the sixth, the A's loaded the bases on a double by Tejada and consecutive walks to Sal Fasano and Terrence Long. Venafro replaced Helling and got Randy Velarde to ground out to end the threat.

"That was the one key at-bat and he got the out," Howe said. "Their bullpen shut us down. We couldn't muster any offense."

Venafro allowed one hit in a perfect 2 1-3 innings of relief.

"I got lucky and got the ground ball," Venafro said. "That's what I try to do every time. I'm not a strikeout pitcher."

Miguel Tejada doubled twice and drove in a pair of runs for the A's, who lost for just the second time in 13 games.

In the fourth, Tejada's two-run double and a run-scoring single by Long gave the A's a 3-0 lead.

Notes: Rangers 2B Luis Alicaia was scratched from the starting lineup because of continuing problems with tightness in his lower back. Alicaia hasn't played since Sunday. ... Long's single extended his career-best hitting streak to 16 games, longest by a rookie this season and a team high. ... Rusty Greer went 0-for-5, snapping his consecutive multihit streak at nine games. ... Oakland INF Omedo Saenz wasn't in the starting lineup Wednesday.

Capriati's best Wimbledon since '93?

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Jennifer Capriati, having her best Wimbledon since 1993, advanced to the third round Thursday by overpowering fellow American Meghann Shaughnessy 7-6 (1), 6-2.

Capriati lost in the second round in 1998 and 1999. She didn't play at Wimbledon in 1994-97, when she struggled with drug and personal problems.

The 16th-ranked Capriati, who is unseeded, moved well and consistently belted strong groundstrokes to keep Shaughnessy pinned deep. Capriati played a nearly flawless tiebreaker to take the first set and hit more confidently as the match progressed.

Capriati's performance, tainted only by 10 double faults, left her one round away from a potential matchup against second-seeded Lindsay Davenport. Capriati's best showing at Wimbledon came at age 15 in 1991, when she beat nine-time champion Martina Navratilova and reached the semifinals.

Word was expected Thursday on whether six-time champion Pete Sampras would continue in the tournament. Sampras limped past Karol Kucera 7-6 (9), 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 Wednesday, then was taken to a hospital for an MRI and treatment of an inflamed left foot.

The injury ended a day full of surprises at the All England Club, where Anna Kournikova and two former champions lost. Jeff Tarango again stirred up a fuss and Anna Smashnova beamed a spectator with a ball when she became angry at her opponent's husband.

Kournikova, unseeded but still the diva of the women's field, lost 6-3, 6-4 to France's Anne-Gaëlle Sidot. 1994 champion Conchita Martinez, seeded fourth, also was eliminated. Losers on the men's side included No. 3 Magnus Norman, No. 6 Cedric Pioline and No. 11 Richard Krajicek, the 1996 champion.

Four seeded players were eliminated Wednesday. After only three days of play, 14 seeded players — seven men and seven women — had been beaten. Just two seeds, Sampras and No. 9 Thomas Enqvist, remained in the top half of the men's draw.

Tarango, who stormed off the court in midmatch at Wimbledon five years ago and was banned from the tournament for a year, created another stir after a 3-6, 6-2, 5-7, 6-2, 12-10 loss to fellow Stanford alum Paul Goldstein. Tarango drew boos when he refused to shake hands with his opponent, and he later accused Goldstein of faking an injury.

"He called the trainer before my serve twice at the end," complained Tarango, who said the delay caused his muscles to stiffen. "He was fine."

Goldstein denied doing anything unsportsmanlike.

"If you ask any one of the players in the locker room, they'll feel like I'm one of the fairest ... respected people out there," he said.

Tarango will likely escape punishment, but Smashnova will be fined for beaming a fan, who was uninjured. Smashnova



AP file photo Jennifer Capriati, shown in action during the 1993 Wimbledon Championships, is having perhaps her best showing at the All-England Club since that appearance.

claimed she slammed the ball because she was insulted by the husband of her opponent, Katalin Marosi-Aracama.

The ball sailed over the fence, bounced and hit a woman in the stands. A tearful Smashnova apologized after winning 6-2, 5-7, 6-2.

"I had been upset by laughter and shouting from Katalin's husband," she said. "He kept cheering for her when I made mistakes."

Navratilova, playing her first match at Wimbledon since 1996, teamed with Mariaan de Swardt for a doubles victory over Lubomira Bacheva and Amanda Hopmans, 6-3, 6-7 (7), 6-3.

In the final match on Centre Court,

Sampras appeared on his way to a routine win until he called for a trainer to work on his foot at 5-2 in the third set. It was unclear when or how he hurt himself, but he limped for the rest of the match and won only because of his serve.

Sampras, bidding to break the men's record of 12 Grand Slam titles, was to be reevaluated Thursday to determine whether he can play his third-round match against fellow American Justin Gimelstob on Friday.

Earlier in the day, Sampras appeared to catch a break when Krajicek lost to Wayne Ferreira 5-7, 6-3, 6-3, 7-6 (3). Krajicek is the only player to beat Sampras at Wimbledon since 1992.

Wells wins again for Blue Jays; Yanks lose another at Detroit

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The New York Yankees sure could use David Wells these days. At this rate, they could use almost any starting pitcher.

Wells became the first 13-game winner in the majors, throwing a five-hitter Wednesday night that led the Toronto Blue Jays over the Tampa Bay Devil Rays, 5-2.

"When you're locked in, you're locked in," said Wells (13-2). "I just go out there and I'm in my own little world."

Wells matched Roger Clemens (1997), the other prime player in last year's trade between Toronto and the Yankees, for the most wins by a Blue Jays pitcher by the All-Star break.

The Yankees, meanwhile, were trounced 13-6 by the Detroit Tigers. The two-time World Series champions have lost three in a row and nine of 12.

Rookie Ben Ford, making a start while Clemens is on the disabled list, was tagged for seven runs in two-plus innings.

"We're struggling right now. There's

no other way to put it," shortstop Derek Jeter said. "When it rains, it pours. It doesn't get much worse."

In other American League games, Chicago defeated Minnesota 7-3, Baltimore beat Boston 8-7 in 11 innings, Kansas City downed Cleveland 8-1, Anaheim edged Seattle 3-2 and Texas beat Oakland 5-3.

In the National League, it was Colorado 17, San Francisco 13, Chicago 5, Pittsburgh 4, Atlanta 7, Montreal 4, Cincinnati 7, St. Louis 3, New York 6, Florida 5, Philadelphia 9, Milwaukee 7, Arizona 6, Houston 2, and Los Angeles 5, San Diego 4.

Wells won his sixth straight decision for the AL East-leading Blue Jays. And for the ninth time in 17 starts, he did not walk a batter.

"It was all David Wells tonight," Tampa Bay manager Larry Rothschild said. "He took over the game."

Tigers 13, Yankees 6
Juan Encarnacion homered and drove in four runs as Detroit improved to 5-0 against New York at Comerica Park this

season. Tony Clark, Luis Polonia and Deivi Cruz also homered as the Tigers won their third in a row.

Willie Blair moved to 3-0 in five starts since replacing C.J. Nitkowski in the rotation. Steve Sparks pitched three innings for his first major league save.

Ramiro Mendoza, supposed to start Thursday's series finale for the Yankees, was put on the 15-day disabled list with weakness in the back of his right shoulder.

White Sox 7, Twins 3

Frank Thomas homered twice and Cal Eldred won his eighth straight decision as Chicago beat visiting Minnesota.

Thomas hit a three-run shot in the first inning. He added his 20th homer in the third, and Magglio Ordonez, who went 4-for-4, followed with another home run.

The White Sox have won 12 of 16.

Eldred (10-2) is 8-0 with a 3.04 ERA in his last nine starts.

Royals 8, Indians 1

Jay Witasick pitched a four-hitter as

Kansas City routed Cleveland. Witasick has thrown the Royals' only two complete games this season. He blanked the visiting Indians until the ninth inning.

Kane Davis, promoted from Triple-A Buffalo earlier in the day, was tagged for seven runs in 4 1-3 innings in his first major league start. He was the 11th pitch to start for the injury-plagued Indians this year — they used just 10 last season.

Joe Randa drove in three runs and Jermaine Dye hit his 20th home run.

Orioles 8, Red Sox 7

B.J. Surhoff went 5-for-6 and extended his hitting streak to 21 games, leading Baltimore over Boston at Fenway Park. The Red Sox lost their fifth in a row.

Surhoff doubled with one out in the ninth inning and scored the tying run on Will Clark's triple. In the 11th, Surhoff led off with a double and scored the go-ahead run on Harold Baines' one-out double.

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TRANSACTIONS

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AMERICAN LEAGUE BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Placed 3B Cal Ripken on the 15-day disabled list. Recalled 3B Ryan Minor from Rochester of the International League. Assigned RHP Darren Holmes to Rochester.

MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

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ROUNDUP

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abled list by the Orioles, apparently ending his record streak of 16 straight All-Star starts. The third baseman was sidelined by an inflamed lower back.

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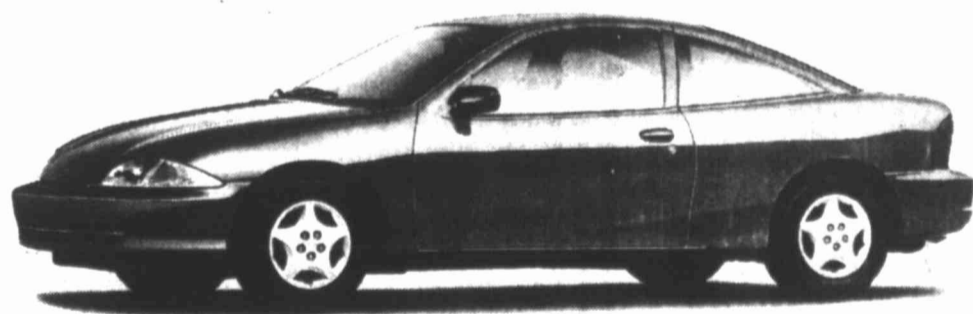
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Colonists bitterly protested the Acts, which were repealed in 1770.

In 1776, the Virginia state constitution was adopted, and Patrick Henry made governor.

In 1941, Polish statesman, pianist and composer Ignace Jan Paderewski died in New York at age 80.

In 1946, British authorities arrested more than 2,700 Jews in Palestine in an attempt to stamp out alleged terrorism.

In 1949, the government of South Africa enacted a ban against racially-mixed marriages.

In 1954, the Atomic Energy Commission voted against reinstating Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer's access to classified information.

In 1966, the United States bombed fuel storage facilities near the North Vietnamese cities of Hanoi and Haiphong.

In 1967, Jerusalem was reunified as Israel removed barricades separating the Old City from the Israeli sector.

In 1972, the Supreme Court ruled that the death penalty, as it was being meted out, could constitute "cruel and unusual punishment." (The ruling prompted states to revise their capital punishment laws.)

In 1988, the Supreme Court upheld 7-1, the independent counsel law.

Ten years ago: Fernando Valenzuela of the Los Angeles Dodgers and Dave Stewart of the Oakland A's became the first pitchers to hurl no-hitters in both the National and American Leagues on the same day. (Oakland shut out the Blue Jays, 5-0, while Los Angeles blanked the St. Louis Cardinals, 6-0.)

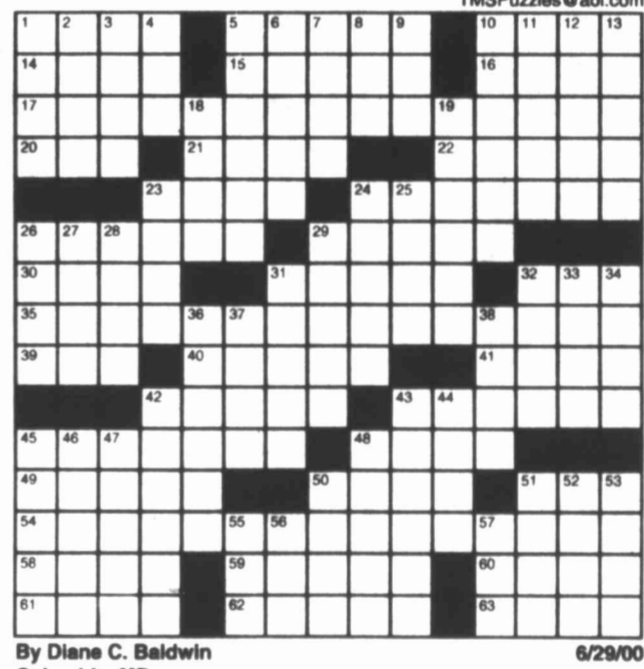
Five years ago: The shuttle Atlantis and the space station Mir docked in orbit. A department store in Seoul, South Korea, collapsed, killing at least 500 people. Actress Lana Turner died in Century City, Calif., at age 74.

One year ago: Urging the biggest expansion in Medicare's history, President Clinton proposed that the government help older Americans pay for prescription drugs. About 10,000 demonstrators rallied in central Serbia, demanding the resignation of President Slobodan Milosevic. Abdullah Ocalan, leader of Turkey's rebel Kurds, was convicted of treason and sentenced to death.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Ruth Warrick is 85. Movie producer Robert Evans is 70. Songwriter L. Russell Brown is 60. Actor Gary Busey is 56. Singer Little Eva is 55. Comedian Richard Lewis is 53. Actor Fred Grandy is 52. Rock musician Ian Paice (Deep Purple) is 52.

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