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## WEATHER

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## Nominations accepted for Family of Year

Samaritan Counseling Center is accepting nominations for Big Spring Family of the Year.

The Family of the Year program's purpose is to identify healthy family role models to give them positive recognition.

The family is chosen according to five criteria: involvement in the church, involvement and interaction within the workplace for each family member employed outside the home, involvement within the community, involvement and interaction within the family, and endorsements by co-workers and friends.

Families are nominated by friends, who can remain anonymous if they so choose. A short biographical form and instructions for making a nomination can be obtained by calling Samaritan at 1-800-329-4144.

The family that is chosen will be honored at a banquet on Oct. 5.

## WEEKEND TICKET

TODAY

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.

Free fingerprint/photo ID kits through the Missing Children Alert Program at HEB Grocery, noon until 3:30 p.m.

The Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 to 5 p.m. A one-time admission fee of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens are encouraged.

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.

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## Big Spring State Park to hold stargazing event Saturday night

By GINA GARZA  
Staff Writer

Conditions for Saturday night's stargazing program at Big Spring State Park should give those attending a chance to see more details on the



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moon's surface.

"The moon will be in first quarter," said Jim Brown of the West Texas Amateur Club. "When the moon is first quarter or less, it is much easier to see details on its surface. When it is full, the moon is so bright you have very little contrast on its surface."

Brown said that with telescopes that will be set up in the park on Saturday, viewers should be able to see large craters like Hercules,

Atlas and Endymion as well as the mountain range Montes Alpes."

The stargazing event — an annual attraction at the park — had originally been scheduled for June 10, but was rescheduled because of the weather. Saturday's presentation will begin about 9 p.m. and run until 11 p.m. at the upper picnic pavilion/playground.

"We will have Jim Brown of the West Texas Amateur Club and Bruce McCowen of

the San Angelo Amateur Club here giving a presentation," said Ron Alton, park superintendent. "These people have a passion for astronomy and love telling everyone about it."

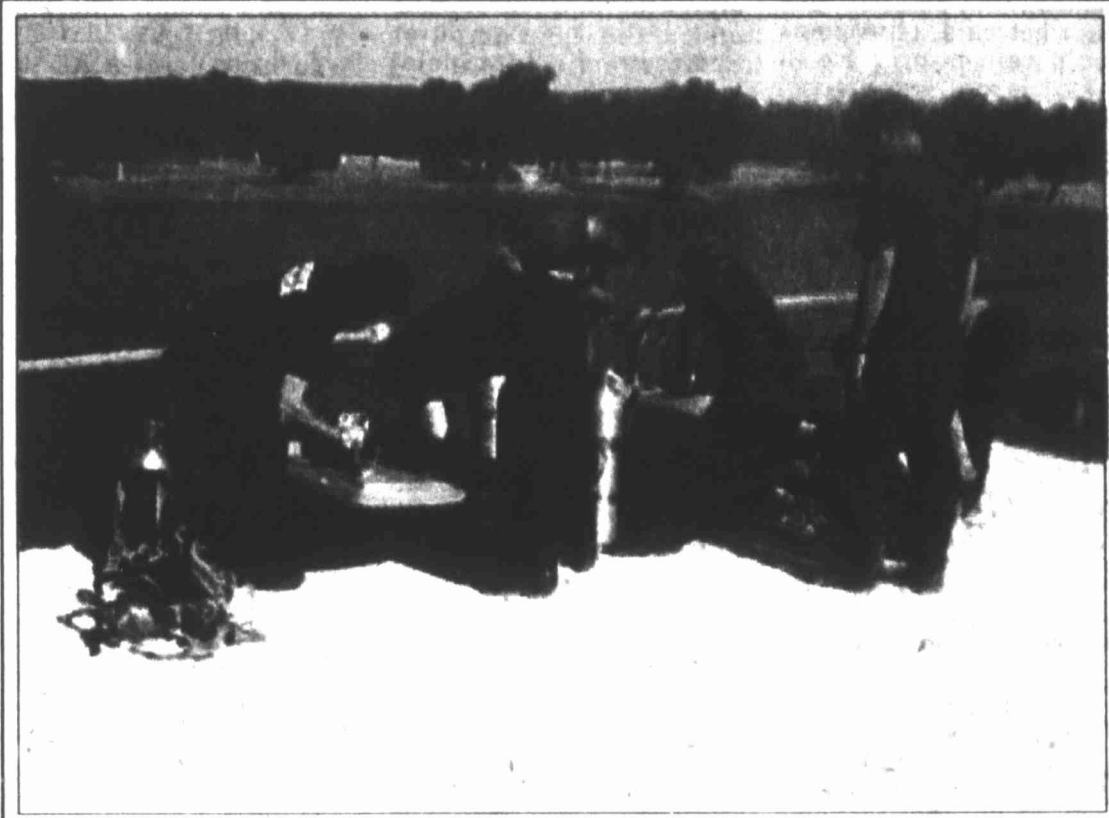
Brown said that although none of the earth's neighboring planets will be visible, there should be a lot to see.

"The constellations Sagittarius and Scorpius are now prominent in the southern sky. Both constellations

have numerous globular clusters and nebulae. Another large globular cluster called M13 will be visible in the constellation Hercules. We will also look at several galaxies which are located near the Big Dipper," Brown said.

General park admission will be charged and Alton encourages everyone to car pool because of limited parking. Admission is \$2 for

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HERALD photo/Carl Graham

Members of the Department of Public Safety dive team from Austin get ready this morning to dive into Comanche Trail Park Lake in search of evidence believed to be used last month in the deaths of three Big Spring residents. Members of the team include Mike Campos, Tory Schwab, Chris LaLonde, Dustin Wistrek, Nathan Scherbek and Ross Behrens.

## Dive team searches lake for weapons believe tied to three Big Spring murders

By CARL GRAHAM  
Staff Writer

A Texas Department of Public Safety dive team from Austin began searching Comanche Trail Park Lake this morning for weapons used in three homicides which occurred June 25 in Big Spring. The Big Spring Police

Department requested the dive team after attempts by local fire department divers turned up nothing during a search on June 27.

Police believe at least two firearms were used in the shooting deaths of 39-year-old Simona Hollingsworth, 56-year-old Janie Mendez and 21-year-old Chris Delgado at a West Sixth Street residence. Vicki

Green, their 24-year-old roommate, survived the attack.

David Martinez, 17, was arrested about two hours after the shootings and charged with Hollingsworth's death. He remains in custody at the Howard County Jail in lieu of \$125,000 bond.

Green was airlifted to

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## Child ID

### HEB teams with national agency to make available youth identification kits

By ALLISON THOMAS  
Staff Writer

Saturday, the Missing Children Alert Program (MCAP) will be providing free photo IDs and fingerprint cards for Big Spring children at HEB Grocery.

The identification cards provide information to help the

police locate a missing child as soon as possible. Big Spring Police Chief Lonnie Smith urges parents to participate in the program.

"Any time parents have the opportunity to have a child fingerprinted or videotaped for identification purposes, they should take advantage of that," he said.

In addition to the photo and fingerprints, the identification card contains space for the child's dental chart, anatomy chart, physical description, medical history, and DNA sample. It even includes the names of their best friends and what kind of bike they ride.

The card itself is a three-piece fold-out ID card, six

inches wide and 12 inches long, that parents can store in a safe place.

"This is the most thorough card you can get," said Darla Pritchett, the West Texas Regional Manager of MCAP.

MCAP is a registered nonprofit agency that conducts fingerprinting programs all across West Texas. This is the second year HEB will be hosting the program.

"This is very beneficial to the community, and it's nice that HEB is taking an interest in that program," said Smith.

The first three hours after a child disappears are the most crucial, said Pritchett. The ID card saves time by providing the police with up to date and accurate information immediately.

"When we have a current photo it is much easier for the officers to identify the child," said Smith.

It is recommended that parents have their child photographed and fingerprinted every year in the event of such an emergency.

"Many people can't afford to buy school pictures every year, so they don't have a recent photo of their child," said Pritchett. "This is a

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## Auditions scheduled for dinner theater play 'I Take This Man'

By ALLISON THOMAS  
Staff Writer

Following the success of last Christmas's play "A Christmas Carol," the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and Howard College are looking for actors and actresses to participate in another production, this time a dinner theater.

Auditions will be held this Monday. A cast of five will

be chosen to act in the play "I Take This Man," a light romantic farce.

"We don't require any acting experience," said Clay Grizzle, theater director at Howard College. Grizzle will be directing the production.

"The play is fairly short, so there won't be too much memorization," he added.

This will be the first time for the chamber to hold a dinner theater. The event is to be held at the Dora Roberts Community Center

on Sept. 1-2. Tickets, which will be \$25 per couple, are not yet on sale.

Grizzle hopes to establish a community theater in Big Spring through productions such as "I Take This Man" and future Christmas plays.

"It would be really nice for Big Spring to have a community theater," said Grizzle. "We're big enough to support a community theater, and Big Spring needs that outlet."

In addition to actors and

actresses, the chamber is looking for stage hands and sound technicians to build sets and do crucial behind-the-scenes work.

Grizzle has been pleased with the community response to previous productions, and is optimistic about the upcoming dinner theater.

"When we did "A Christmas Carol" last year, I wasn't sure if we were going to have enough people audition," he said. "Then,

100 people auditioned, and we had about 1,000 people at each show."

Future projects for Big Spring theater include a theater camp for adolescents, which will begin on Monday, and a Christmas production of "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever." The college will also be building a new auditorium for the theater program.

Auditions for "I Take This

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## CHDC receives grant through assistance of First Bank of West Texas

By ALLISON THOMAS  
Staff Writer

Crossroads Housing Development Corporation (CHDC) is receiving a grant of \$7,500, obtained by the First Bank of West Texas.

CHDC's goal is to create, manage and develop affordable housing opportunities within Howard County, its organizers say. CHDC is an independent organization run by a board of directors.

"We try to make an impact on the housing opportunities in the community," said Paul Pryor, CHDC's chief executive officer.

The grant was provided the Dallas Region Partnership Grant Program administered by the Federal Home Loan Bank. There

was \$135,000 in funds available in the Dallas region, which covers the states of Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas and Oklahoma.

The CHDC received the maximum grant available of \$7,500.

A third of that grant, \$2,500 in cash and equipment, was provided by First Bank of West Texas.

"This is a small grant to pay bills and basically keep the doors open," said John Scott, executive vice president of First Bank of West Texas.

"This was a 2-for-1 matching grant," Scott added. "We provided \$500 worth of office equipment for the CHDC's offices and \$2,000 in cash. The Federal Home Loan Bank then matched our contribution with \$5,000."



HERALD photo/Carl Graham

Paul Pryor, left, CEO of Crossroads Housing Development Corporation receives a \$7,500 check from John R. Scott Jr., executive vice president of First Bank of West Texas.

All of the CHDC projects and programs benefit families whose income is 80 percent or below the area median income. For a fami-

ly of three to qualify, it must have a gross annual family income of less than \$25,500 and have less than \$10,000 in liquid assets.

"Each program is a little different," said Pryor. "As we enlarge and as our board

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OBITUARIES

Randa Warman

Funeral service for Randa Warman, 46, Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. She died Thursday, July 6, 2000, in a local hospital.

Santiago "Chaga" Paredez

Funeral service for Santiago Paredez, 65, Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. She died Thursday, July 6, 2000, in a local hospital.

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becomes more confident in its ability to handle these programs, we'll expand into new projects.

First Bank of West Texas submitted the grant application to aid growth in the community, Scott said.

"Big Spring has low unemployment and industries that want to hire people," said Scott. "People want to move to Big Spring, but without housing that won't happen."

The Crossroads Housing Development Corporation was created one year ago under the sponsorship of the Big Spring Public Housing Authority.

CHDC, Scott noted, relies on grants for funding, and the \$7,500 received from the partnership program will help establish the local effort.

"This \$7,500 wasn't a project grant," Scott explained. "This was money and equipment to get the program in position to begin applying for project grants."

The year-old project will now be able to actively seek money to better serve the community, Pryor said.

"Projects like this don't start up overnight," said Pryor. "We're thankful for funding like this."

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Man" are open to the public. They will be held on

**NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home**  
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906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331  
Ronda Warman, 46, of Big Spring, died Thursday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.  
Santiago Paredez, 65, of Big Spring, died Thursday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

**MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL**  
24th & Johnson 267-8288  
Eugene (Buster) Clark, 94, died Tuesday. Services were 10:00 AM toay at Airport Baptist Church. Burial followed at Trinity Memorial Park.  
Linnie Inez McMurry Spinks, 88, died Tuesday. Graveside services are 2:00 PM today at Trinity Memorial Park.  
Margaret Shuffield, 73, died Wednesday. Graveside services are 4:00 PM, today at Trinity Memorial Park.

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Monday at the chamber offices at 215 W. Third from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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good opportunity for parents to have that done."

The fingerprint/photo ID program will take place at HEB, 2000 South Gregg, from 12 noon to 3:30 p.m., or until the last child in line is helped.

"We feel it is important for the community and the safety of our children," said Kirk Kiser, HEB manager. "It is a very positive thing that everyone has enjoyed doing in the past."

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adults, \$1 for senior citizens and free for children 12 and under.

"The most we will charge will be \$4 for a car load and hope people will ride with others to prevent parking problems," he said. "We also encourage people to bring their flashlights so they can find their way back to their cars and to also bring refreshments because none will be available."

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Spring State Park, 9 p.m.-11 p.m., near playground/pavilion area. Park admission is \$2 adults, \$1 senior citizens. Children 12 and under free.

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University Medical Center in Lubbock. She was released on June 28. Prior to being hospitalized and despite suffering multiple gunshot wounds, Green had summoned police to the Sixth Street residence and was able to identify Martinez as being at the scene of the shootings.

Lt. Lynn Dixon of Austin is in charge of the eight-member dive team, which arrived in Big Spring Thursday night. "We are here in Big Spring to try and recover two pieces of evidence believed to have been used in a homicide," said Dixon. "This search could take 30 minutes or it could take three or four days. We will be using metal detectors to try to detect the evidence." Police believe guns used in the shootings may have been dumped in the lake.

Nearly 4,000 walk out in hospital worker strike

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Nearly 4,000 workers walked out Thursday in a one-day strike at 10 Northern California hospitals, complaining that bottom-line pressures are undermining patient care. The strikers included receptionists, food service workers, nursing assistants and respiratory therapists. Some nurses also struck in sympathy. The walkout forced the hospitals to limit outpatient services and postpone

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elective surgery. The Service Employees International Union claimed that patient care is suffering at the hospitals — five Sutter Health hospitals, three Catholic Healthcare West hospitals and two independent facilities — because of years of hospital mergers, staff cutbacks and profit-seeking.

The union claimed that the hospitals have made millions of dollars in recent years. Bill Gleeson, spokesman for Sacramento-based Sutter Health, said the hospitals have "essentially broken even." A doctor also denied the union's claim and said the San Francisco Bay area is headed for a health care crisis within the next decade.

"Medicare reimbursements are among the lowest in the country here and the cost of living is the highest, and because they can't get paid, physicians don't want to practice in this area anymore. Managed care plans have to put more money into the system," said Dr. Barry Horn, medical staff president at Alta Bates Medical Center in Berkeley.

The Internet Democracy Project starts just in time for the upcoming elections to the board of the quasi-governmental body that oversees the Internet's future. "The goals of the Internet Democracy Project are to encourage participation by non-governmental organizations in Internet governance and to promote the principles of a civil society," said Hans Klein, chair of the Computer Professionals for Social Responsibility.

ABC writing checks for more winners on 'Millionaire'

NEW YORK (AP) — They're writing checks furiously over at "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire." ABC's hit game show has two million-dollar winners — the fifth and sixth since its debut last August — in programs airing over the next week. Both shows were taped last month.

The winners come at a key time for "Millionaire." While it still draws a formidable audience, landing in Nielsen Media Research's top 10 even in repeats last week, the show has been eclipsed in attention by the CBS reality shows "Survivor" and "Big Brother."

ABC wouldn't say who wins the money. The two winners aren't an indication the show is getting easier, said executive producer Michael Davies. The British version of "Millionaire," on the air two years, has never crowned a big winner.

Davies said he tries to challenge contestants with tough questions in different subjects if they reach the final four questions, but he doesn't want to make the job impossible.

"Knowing the effort our contestants have to go through to make it on the program, I have to give them a fighting chance," he said.

Over the next week, another player also missing the usually easy \$100 question, something only three of the show's approximately 250 contestants have done.

Since its special celebrity series in May, "Millionaire" has become more a television institution than an event — a mantle it has passed to "Survivor," Davies said.

Groups urge democracy on Internet

WASHINGTON (AP) — Three public advocacy organizations concerned about how the Internet is man-

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aged have launched a program meant to boost public participation in charting the future of the computer network.

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The CPSR, along with the Electronic Privacy Information Center and the American Civil Liberties Union have formed IDP as an informational clearinghouse and watchdog organization to ensure that their values are not lost within the secretive Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers.

ICANN, chartered by the U.S. government and created two years ago to coordinate the technical management of the Internet, is controlled by a 19-member board of directors headed by chairwoman Esther Dyson.

BRIEFS

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

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

The Lions group offers the eyeglasses the second Saturday of each month. For more information call Donna Groenke at 393-5298.

**AUDITIONS FOR TALENT** to participate in a dinner theater production are planned July 10 at 7 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

The auditions are for a production planned Sept. 1-2 at Dora Roberts Community Center. Call the chamber at 263-7641 for more information.

**THE HOWARD COUNTY LITERACY Program** is seeking adults for its literacy classes. Tutors will assist the students in learning how to read.

The program is confidential, taught from a curriculum specially designed for adults.

Flexible class times are available. To refer a student, call Loraine Redman, Howard County librarian, at 264-2260.

**THE BIG SPRING HERALD** is organizing a National Night Out in Big Spring.

A group of volunteers will sponsor an annual event billed as a "night out against drugs and crime." The effort would depend on the work of block captains who will organize gather-

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SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activities between 8 a.m. Thursday through 8 a.m. today:

• **JEFFERY ROBLES**, 17, of 806 Douglas, was arrested on a charge of criminal mischief. (BSPD)

• **ABNER HOLLIS SHELLMAN**, 55, of 1101 N. Coliad, was arrested on a charge of contempt of court. (HCSO)

• **SCOTTY JOE BRYANT**, 23, of 1605 Bluebird, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana. (BSPD)

• **EDWARD GLENN COPE**, 63, of Midland, was arrested on a charge of theft. (HCSO)

• **SHANNON DEWAYNE HUDGINS**, 23, of 703 Vicki, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended. (DPS)

• **ERNESTO MORALES JR.**, 26, of 1510 Johnson, was arrested on a charge of parole violation. (HCSO)

• **KENDRA MICHELLE MATTHEWS**, 18, of 3701 Connally, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended. (BSPD)

• **RAY ANTHONY ADAMES**, 26, of 1213 FM 700, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended. (BSPD)

• **DERRECK DAMON WILBERT**, 19, of 1510 Sycamore, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana and delivery of a controlled substance. (BSPD)

• **DAVID RAY KING**, 43, of Odessa, was arrested on a charge of theft by check. (DPS)

• **LUIS RAUL LOZANA**, 38, of 407 Young, was arrested on a charge of displaying fictitious inspection sticker. (HCSO)

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activities between 8 a.m. Thursday through 8 a.m. today:

• **JEFFERY ROBLES**, no address given, was arrested on a county warrant.

• **JOEL FLORES**, 18, of 401 Young, was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• **LETICIA RUIZ**, 25, of 407 Young, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• **VALERIO GARCIA**, 31, of 604 Goliad, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **KYLE BRITTON**, 18, of 2907 Goliad, was arrested on a charge of consumption of alcohol.

• **HAMILTON HARTFIELD**, 17, of 2805 Goliad, was arrested on a charge of driving under the influence (alcohol).

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Shaft (R)  
Daily: 2:10-4:40-7:10-9:40  
GONE IN 60 SECONDS (R)  
Daily: 2:00-4:30-7:00-9:30

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\*Chicken Run (G)  
Daily: 2:15-4:15-7:15 & 9:15  
\*The Patriot (R)  
Daily: 2:00-4:30 & 9:00

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Big Mamas House (PG-13)  
Daily: 7:20 & 9:50  
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\*The Perfect Storm (PG-13)  
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# Family hopes mother's death sends message on domestic violence

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Relatives, supporters and prosecutors say they hope the slaying of Sheila Bellush and the guilty verdict against her ex-husband send a message about the horrors of domestic violence.

Allen Blackthorne, 45, who became rich from inventing a muscle stimulator, is facing life in prison without parole after a federal jury convicted him Thursday of arranging the murder of Bellush, his ex-wife.

The jury convicted him on charges of interstate conspiracy to commit murder-for-hire and a charge of interstate domestic violence. He faces sentencing

Nov. 2. "This case is about domestic violence," U.S. Attorney Bill Blagg said in January when indictments against Blackthorne were unsealed. "We don't live in caves anymore. Women aren't possessions. They have rights. They are human beings. In this case, we are talking about brutality, violence and death."

Bellush's husband, Jamie, recalled that statement after the verdict.

"There's no doubt about it," he said. "The federal government took a stand ... and said this kind of treatment will not be tolerated."

Sheila Bellush, 35, was slain in Sarasota, Fla., in

1997. She had been shot in the cheek, and her throat had been slit.

Her body was discovered by her 13-year-old daughter, Stevie, from her marriage to Blackthorne. Her quadruplets from her second marriage were crawling in her blood. They were unharmed.

"My mother is dead," a sobbing Stevie Bellush was heard saying on a 911 tape played during the three-week trial.

To win a conviction, prosecutors portrayed Blackthorne as a man who hated his ex-wife and who, after a string of custody battles, turned the hatred into a scheme to have her killed.

Attorneys said Blackthorne offered \$54,000 for the murder, with a bonus if he regained custody of their two daughters, who had been adopted by Bellush's second husband.

Blackthorne retired after making a fortune selling medical devices. His firm, International Rehabilitative Sciences, sells muscle stimulators under the name RS Medical. It is based in Vancouver, Wash.

His lead defense attorney, Richard Lubin, with Blackthorne's wife Maureen at his side, said in a news conference following the verdict that he will appeal.

"We felt that there was more than reasonable doubt.

A great injustice has been done," he said.

Blackthorne's conviction Thursday came only a few hours after Jose Luis Del Toro Jr. pleaded guilty in Sarasota to fatally shooting and stabbing Bellush. After entering the plea, Del Toro sang a song in court asking for forgiveness. A Florida judge sentenced him to life in prison with no parole. He was given a second consecutive life term for armed burglary of her home.

The man convicted of hiring him, his cousin Sammy Gonzales, has been sentenced to 19 years in prison. Daniel Rocha, Blackthorne's golfing buddy and the man who asked Gonzales to find

someone to kill or harm Bellush, is serving life in prison.

Bellush and Blackthorne divorced in 1989. The two went through a bitter divorce and hostile custody disputes involving their daughters. Prosecutors said each time Bellush won increased child support payments or restrictions on Blackthorne's visitation rights, he became more enraged and determined to get revenge.

Bellush tried to rid herself of him by moving to Florida, but Blackthorne hunted her down, prosecutors said. Six weeks after she moved, Bellush was dead.

## New trial request to be heard for Dallas wife-killer

DALLAS (AP) — A suburban Dallas man who confessed to strangling his wife with a lamp cord before almost decapitating her with a pair of scissors in front of their three children is seeking a new trial.

Lawyers for Patrick Timothy Richardson were to argue today that the convicted wife-killer deserves a retrial because of "misconduct" that allegedly took place in the jury room during the trial.

Richardson's attorneys contend in papers filed with State District Judge Henry Wade Jr. that jurors discussed how state parole

laws would affect Richardson's sentencing — a move that Wade had cautioned them against.

Curtis Kling, a holdout juror who almost caused a mistrial in the Richardson case, told Dallas television station WFAA that as he began to argue with other jurors, the judge's command was ignored until tempers cooled after lunch.

"My memory is a little hazy, but I think it was the foreman who mentioned it, but it was after lunch when he mentioned that," Kling said. "We had discussed this; in fact, we had written numbers on the board

before lunch."

Kling said he believed defense attorneys' argument that Richardson was provoked into a temporary, insane rage which caused him to first strangle his wife with a lamp cord and then nearly sever her head with a pair of scissors.

Jurors in May returned a sentence of 60 years in prison for Richardson. The jury of seven women and five men agreed to reject defense claims that Richardson killed his wife, Mary Williams Richardson, on Sept. 19 in a fit of passion sparked by an argument.

"To tell you the truth, the

other jurors were so closed-minded that I didn't think we were being fair to Mr. Richardson," Kling said. Kling finally compromised and agreed to the 60-year sentence. He says he still believes Richardson deserved only 40 years in prison.

"Frankly, for a while there, I was hanging out for a hung jury," Kling said. "As I told the jurors, I'd rather have a hung jury than a hanging jury, and I feel like they were seeking out to hang him. If there had been a noose nearby, they would have put him on the noose."

## Fire that killed five determined to be accidental

DALE, Texas (AP) — Investigators have determined that a fire that raced through a rural Caldwell County home on Wednesday and killed a 64-year-old woman and four children was an accident.

They said they may never determine the exact cause, though, because of the extensive damage and lack of witnesses.

Remnants of Fourth of July fireworks were found in the yard and it is possible fireworks may have

become lodged in the roof, said Mark Hanna, spokesman for the fire marshal's office.

"When you've got all those sparks flying around that they had, the possibility exists that it was the fireworks, but we can't say that's what did it," Hanna told the Austin American-Statesman in a story for Friday's editions.

The victims were identified as Margaret Rodriguez, 64, her 12-year-old granddaughter Mary Linda

Rodriguez, and three children of a family friend — Servando Herrera, 5, Nayda Herrera, 3, and Malena Herrera, 2.

Authorities found two of the bodies in a back bedroom and two others in the larger front bedroom Wednesday morning. They found the fifth victim Wednesday night.

All five died before the heavy flames broke out in the predawn hours on Wednesday in the house, said Dr. Roberto Bayardo,

Travis County medical examiner. Heavy amounts of soot in the victims' airways indicate the fire smoldered for an extended period, filling the home with thick smoke before growing into an all-consuming blaze, Bayardo said.

"They would not have felt anything," he said.

The one-story, wood-frame house was completely engulfed in 50-foot flames when firefighters arrived roughly 12 minutes after neighbors reported it.

## Illegal immigrants caught as part of fake cycling team

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Border Patrol agents say they have uncovered a new scheme to smuggle illegal immigrants into the country: dress them up in helmets and jerseys and have them race past agents on 10-speeds.

Border Patrol agents in Laredo discovered the plot when they picked up two illegal immigrants in racing gear on the Fourth of July.

Apparently, smugglers provided the 10-speed bicycles to the immigrants, who paid \$1,500 for the service, and then picked up the imitation racers in a car or truck north of the checkpoint.

"They're always looking for innovative ways to beat us and this was very innovative," Al Moreno, supervisory intelligence agent for the Laredo sector, said.

Border Patrol officials say the fake racing teams have been crossing the border for about a year, with groups of two to four riding past the checkpoint in Laredo as many as three times a week.

An access road that runs parallel to the highway

checkpoint is frequented by cyclists and when the checkpoint is clogged some cyclist simply pedal past.

Border Patrol agents at other checkpoints further inland say they seldom encounter bicycling teams.

Eddie Gomez, supervisory agent at the Sarita checkpoint about 90 miles north of Brownsville on U.S. Highway 77, said agents sometimes find immigrants on regular road bikes far south of the checkpoint or riding mountain bikes in the brush surrounding the checkpoint.

Legitimate racers are usually given a police escort, Gomez said.

Eligio Pena, an agent at the Falfurrias checkpoint, about 71 miles north of the Pharr point-of-entry on U.S. Highway 281, said bicyclists are an uncommon sight on the highway, which passes through few towns as it stretches through Brooks County.

Moreno said smugglers would likely move to another ploy to get illegal immigrants past checkpoints now that the bike scheme has been discovered.

## Experts: With nation's lowest immunization rate, Houston ripe for epidemic

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston has the lowest immunization rate of any large city in the country, and health officials fear the nation's fourth-largest city is ripe for an epidemic.

Only 67 percent of Houston children 19 to 35 months of age received childhood vaccinations for diseases in 1999, according to figures released Thursday by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta. The national average is 80 percent.

"It is something that the government and the community need to address immediately," said Walt Orenstein, a physician who directs the CDC's national immunization program.

Orenstein said Houston's low immunization rate puts the entire nation at risk because it could serve as the portal for an epidemic. He said that a national resurgence of measles between 1989 and 1991 which infected

55,000 people and killed 120 started in Houston.

The rest of Texas also has low rates, but not as low as Houston, officials said. Bexar County (San Antonio) has an immunization rate of 70 percent, El Paso County, 75 percent, and Dallas County, 76 percent.

Kathy Barton, spokeswoman for the City of Houston Health Department, said she agrees with CDC officials that the problem is serious, but doubts the rate is quite as low as the study shows.

"They survey a very, very few households," Barton said. "And also, because we don't have a central registry for vaccinations, when they try to trace records, they often can't find records that exist."

Houston health care workers are to meet July 18 to discuss possible solutions and to attempt to enlist help from government and corporations.

They already are working

to establish a central registry for all vaccination records to get a better understanding of how large the problem is.

A large part of the problem, local health care officials said, is a rapidly growing population of new immigrants that is difficult to reach.

Many people come from countries where immunizations are not common, and there are barriers of language, culture and poverty, said Anna White, director of Shalom Zone, a Methodist mobile health clinic. Illegal immigrants are afraid to come to clinics because they fear they might be deported, she said.

Rosie Perez, community outreach director for CHRISTUS St. Joseph Hospital, said she worries Houston doesn't serve the immigrant population well, and the result is a dangerously low immunization rates.

"It puts us at great risk,"

Perez said. "It puts an undue burden on the community. When one group of immigrants has become educated about immunizations, we have a new wave of immigrants."

Amanda Castillo, 5, recently received her first immunizations, shots health care workers said she should have had as an infant.

Her mother Claudia Castillo, 22, said she never received vaccinations in the rural central Mexican village where she grew up, and was having her daughter immunized only because it

was required for school.

"Otherwise, I would have let her go without them, like I did," Castillo said in Spanish. "I have gotten along fine."

Along Houston's rumbling freeways, immigrants have built two Chinatowns, the second largest community of Vietnamese in the nation, as well as large Indian and African neighborhoods. The largest number of immigrants came from Mexico and El Salvador, according to the 1990 census.

Nestor Rodriguez, director of the University of Houston's Center for

Immigration Studies, said the problem is not so much the sheer number of immigrants in Houston, but the rapid increase in immigration, which has strained the health care system.

Houston has grown from a provincial southern city divided along black-white lines to an international city in the course of two decades, Rodriguez said. In 1980, 9.8 percent of the population was foreign-born, according to census records. Ten years later, it was 17.9 percent. And by 1997, 22.6 percent of Houstonians were foreign born.



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## We salute:

Each week, the *Herald* salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play.

This week we salute:

- **'POPS IN THE PARK'** organizers and participants for putting on another great Fourth of July production.
- **HIGHLAND SOUTH PARADE** participants and organizers on keeping up a 32-year tradition.
- **COLGATE AVENUE NEIGHBORS**, who held what we hope will be the first of many Fourth of July block parties.
- **COAHOMA FREEDOM PARADE** organizers and participants for holding a rousing celebration last Saturday.
- **COLORADO CITY** groups, businesses and individuals who worked tirelessly on a parade, fireworks show and fly-in to celebrate our nation's independence.
- **HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING**, for its much-needed Mobile Meals program.
- **ALYSSA GARCIA**, fourth grader at Bauer Magnet Elementary, who won first place in the Texas School Bus Safety Week Poster Contest.

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.

## OTHER VIEWS

### TO THE EDITOR:

On the morning of June 30, at about 9:30 a.m., I contacted the Animal Control Department about two dogs, one a large Rotweiler, that were running loose in our neighborhood.

The lady on the phone was very nice. She took my name, address and phone number, and she told me that an Animal Control officer would be at my residence in a few minutes. She assured me it would "not be long."

It is now 2:30 p.m., and as of this time, we have yet to see anyone who even remotely resembles Animal Control.

I don't wish to step on any toes, but I just wondered, how long is "not to long?"

If this is the kind of response I will get anytime I call about animals running loose, I will think twice before making that call.

MARY CHURCHWELL  
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# We need to strengthen veterans' benefits

Everyone who lives in the country and enjoys the freedom and prosperity it offers owes a tremendous debt to our military veterans. They are the people who made and kept America the strongest nation in the world.

By their service and sacrifice, they earned the benefits they were promised years ago.

But many of our 65-and-over military retirees and their families are concerned, understandably, that America is not living up to the promise of quality, lifetime health care that was made to them when they first enlisted. As the military has been downsized, and bases and their hospitals were closed across the country, it has become harder for retirees to find the kind of health-care they want and need. Many retirees have found themselves completely closed out of their local base hospitals after 20

years or more of military service.

Many of these same veterans are having a hard time getting the prescription drugs they need because they live far from a military facility, where they otherwise could get their prescriptions filled. All military retirees under 65 already have access to a prescription drug program with special co-pay and cost rules, either through military bases or from a national mail-order pharmacy and retail drugstores. But retirees lose their eligibility for drug coverage when they qualify for Medicare at age 65.

Prescription drug costs are the fastest-growing segment of military health care spending, according to the Department of Defense, increasing at a rate of about 13 percent per year. (In comparison, drug costs are increasing by 15 percent per year in the private sector.)

Military retirees without access to a military facility pharmacy must pay market rates for the medicine. And we all know the cost of paying for medicines out of pocket is skyrocketing, especially for individuals with the chronic diseases that often arrive with age. Congress is now in the

process of trying to fix this problem in a way that will return quality health care to retired veterans.

I am supporting a proposal by the chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, Sen. John Warner, that would extend the prescription drug benefit program now provided for those under 65 to the 1.3 million Medicare-eligible military retirees over 65, as well as provide them a 20 percent discount at pharmacies. Last month, Congress also took an important step to ensure that those over 65 continue to have access to the same military medical programs available to all retirees under age 65. I voted to support Sen. Warner's amendment to the FY 2001 defense bill because it would remove the barriers to military medical care for those over 65.

I am hopeful Congress will give its full approval to the measure this year and send it to the president for his signature.

An alternative proposal, by Sen. Tim Johnson (D-South Dakota), would have put military retirees who qualify for Medicare under the Federal Employees Health Benefit (FEHB) program. This is the program government employees use,

which provides a high degree of choice, letting people decide which care provider can best meet their individual needs. This approach has a great deal of merit, but it would establish two different programs, one for those under 65 and one for those over age 65.

I am far from satisfied with the current state of the medical care available to military personnel — be they active duty or retired. I have worked consistently in the Senate to strengthen the TRICARE military health care program by reducing the administrative and bureaucratic obstacles to care, and by increasing its funding to attract more medical providers.

I want to ensure that TRICARE is the best program available to federal employees. But unless TRICARE can deliver the very highest standard of care, Congress may need to reexamine the idea of military enrollment in the FEHB program for everyone.

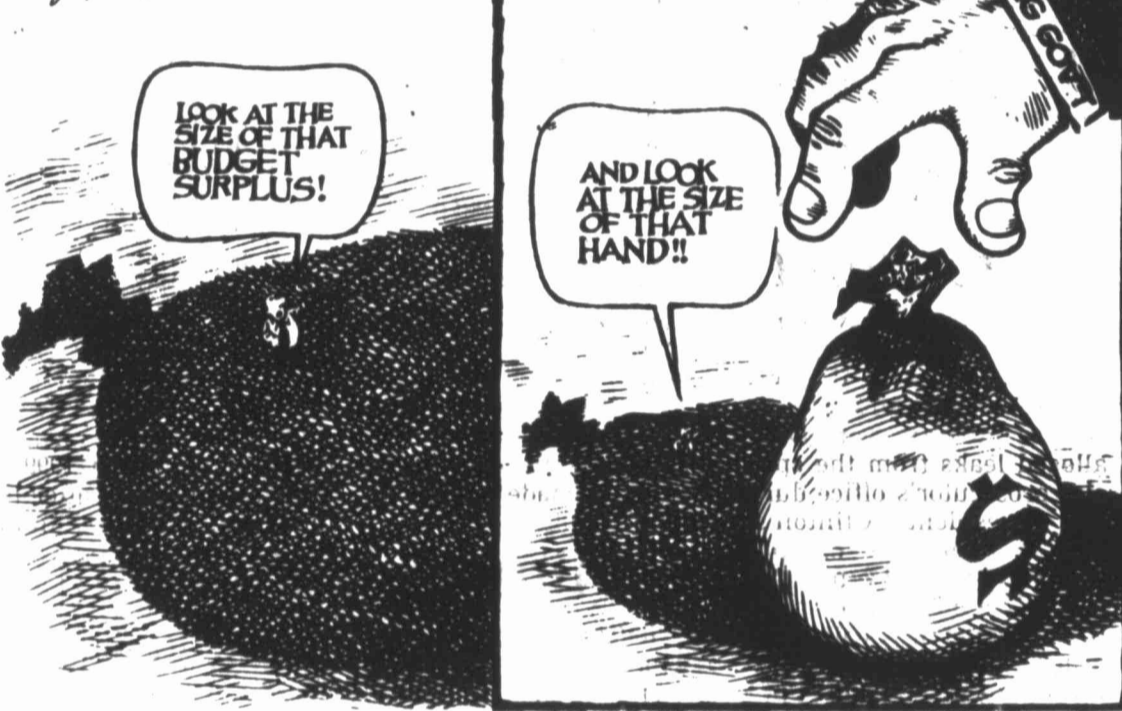
Whatever the program we adopt, fairness and equity demand that there be one program for all, regardless of age or eligibility for Medicare benefits.

Congress knows what needs to be done, and we need to make sure we do it right.



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# We need a national police academy

America needs a national police academy along the lines of our service academies. We need a West Point for police.

Just as West Point provides only about 15 percent of the Army's officer corps, a national police academy would do the same for the nation's police forces. Like West Point, it would set standards to be followed by others, and just as West Point provides a high percentage of general officers, national police academy graduates would probably be inordinately represented in the higher ranks of police forces.

There are no national standards for police, either official or implied. As of 1997, only about 14 percent of all local police depart-

ments and about 11 percent of all sheriffs' departments required any kind of college education for new police officers. Only 1 percent required a four-year degree. Moreover, a typical recruit went through only 1,100 hours of training in local police departments and about 900 hours of training in sheriffs' departments.

In Sweden, police recruits train for three years. Recruits spend 10 months at the national academy, then they spend 18 months assigned to a variety of units, after which they return to the academy for more training.

Finland trains its police officers for two years. The first year is spent at the academy, the next six months is spent out in the field under the supervision of teachers, and afterward they return to the academy for more training.

Recruits in the Indian Police Service are sent to the National Police Academy of India, where they undergo a strict training program for 44 weeks.

In 1994, the New York City Police Department implemented new standards, designed to produce a better-equipped police force. In the 1980s and 1990s standards in the NYPD had been relaxed as a result of their massive hiring increases. According to Michael A. Markman, chief of personnel, there were neither pre-employment requirements nor graduation requirements between 1986 and 1989. "Everybody graduated. Some of them had no business wearing a uniform."

With the new requirements, however, each recruit must complete a 1-1/2 mile run in 15-1/2 minutes, as well as pass a host of other challenging physical tests. The physical screening for enrollment in the academy has also been tightened, and academic achievement is being stressed as well. A policy that was implemented in June 1997 requires a recruit to complete 60 college credits or have a minimum of two years of military experience. The direc-

tor of training of the city's police department, Dr. James O'Keefe Jr., has said that he wants to "see to it that the New York City Police Academy becomes the West Point of law enforcement training."

Even so, allegations of misconduct among New York City's finest continue to surface, most notably and recently concerning the police reaction to incidents on June 13 in Central Park after the Puerto Rican Day Parade. One woman who was attacked that day, Anne Peyton Bryant, said that one of the police officers she approached "acted like it was nothing" while another simply took down a report but offered no help in finding her attackers and arresting them. Yet on the day of the attacks, more than 900 police officers, as opposed to the 36 who are usually there, were patrolling Central Park.

New York is simply one example of America's police-training problem, and it highlights our urgent need to establish a national police academy.



# Pentagon set for potentially decisive missile defense test

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon is counting down to a rocket launch tonight that could change the course of U.S. defense policy and present the next president with one of the most contentious international arms control debates in decades.

Although much is riding on the outcome of the test of a national missile defense, Defense Secretary William Cohen is trying to tamp down expectations by saying it is not a make-or-break event.

In a sense, some missile defense critics agree. Regardless of the outcome, they believe President Clinton will move forward with building a nationwide shield against missiles.

Cohen stressed that the test, the last before Clinton makes his decision, is only one in a series of more than a dozen that will ultimately determine the feasibility of defending all 50 states against a

limited attack of ballistic missiles.

"We are trying to take it step by step because it's very, very difficult technology we are trying," Cohen told reporters Thursday in Tampa, Fla., where he presided over a change of command ceremony at U.S. Central Command.

The goal of the missile defense system is to destroy a hostile warhead in space by ramming it head-on with an interceptor missile.

"We are trying to hit a bullet with a bullet," Cohen said.

Many critics believe the technology is not feasible and that the Pentagon's testing methods are fatally flawed. Other critics say that even if it worked the weapon would not be worth the international outcry against it.

"Recent statements by Defense Secretary William Cohen indicate that the Clinton administration is on a path toward approval regardless of allied skepticism," the

British American Security Information Council said Thursday.

Anti-nuclear activists were hoping to halt the test by positioning a ship in an area of the Pacific where a rocket stage is expected to splash down. Greenpeace planned to station a vessel about 110 miles offshore from Vandenberg Air Force Base, said Steve Shallhorn, the group's campaign director.

The Air Force has asked pilots and mariners to avoid the area during the test or risk damage or injury but said the test could continue even with a ship in the zone.

Greenpeace also set up camp outside Vandenberg's main gate, about 180 miles northwest of Los Angeles. And a group of protesters not affiliated with Greenpeace threatened to delay the launch by breaking into the base.

The scenario for Friday's test is similar to that of the last, un-

successful test in January: a target missile — a Minuteman intercontinental ballistic missile with a dummy warhead — launches from Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif. Twenty minutes later, the interceptor rocket takes off from Kwajalein Atoll in the remote Marshall Islands in the Pacific Ocean. If it works as designed, a "kill vehicle" will detach from the interceptor rocket and guide itself into the path of the dummy warhead, destroying it by force of impact 144 miles above the earth.

The test, scheduled for as early as 10 p.m. EDT, depending on weather, has drawn unusually close attention around the world because it could set the stage for building a full-scale missile defense.

The one being tested uses prototype interceptors and radars. Clinton has said he will await

Cohen's recommendation, several weeks after the test, based on the Pentagon's assessment of the technical feasibility and cost of the project. The Pentagon has said a system using 100 interceptor missiles would cost about \$36 billion, but a more robust system with multiple intercept bases and additional missile detection capabilities would run tens of billions more.

An independent panel of retired military officers and weapons experts told the Pentagon in a report last month that it believes missile defense is technologically feasible, but that the Pentagon may not be able to have a reliable system in place by 2005, the target date.

The date is significant because the CIA has said it believes North Korea could have a long-range missile capable of reaching U.S. soil within five years.

## English language-only vote gets on Utah ballot

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — In a move three years in the making, voters will decide in November whether Utah will join half the nation's states in having English as its official language.

"This is about maintaining our common language, this is not against other languages," said Mauro Mujica, head of U.S. English, a national group that supports English-only measures. "This has to do with one country, indivisible, with a common language."

If the proposal is approved, state agencies would be prohibited — with some exceptions — from conducting government business or printing information in any language except English.

Opponents of the measure insist official-language

efforts would make many tasks impossible for new immigrants.

"We have all of these people resettling in this state, in this city, who require medical treatment, whose children require good educational opportunities," said Salt Lake City Mayor Rocky Anderson, who joined a crowd of about 50 protesters carrying signs that read "I Don't Speak English (Only)."

"Your movement would tell us as a government entity that we can't provide that information in their native tongue," Anderson told Mujica as Thursday's news conference turned into a shouting match.

Immigration is expected to help drive the West's booming population growth, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, and the

influx has made English-only a hot topic in the region. Utah's predominant migrant group, Hispanics, is expected to increase from 138,000 this year — just 6.5 percent of the population — to 265,000 by 2015.

Twenty-five states have adopted official language laws, though their impact has varied. Some simply recognize English as a state's official language but include no other mandates. Others require that English be used on all state ballots, public school documents and during government functions and activities.

Getting the issue on Utah's ballot was a victory for English-only advocates, who have been trying to push their measure through the state Legislature for three years. The English-only measure gathered

74,656 signatures, well over the 67,188 required.

According to the initiative, English should be "the sole language of the government" in most cases, and that "all official documents, transactions, proceedings, meetings or publications" should be in that language.

The proposal lists a number of situations in which foreign languages would be acceptable, including court cases where translation is necessary and when the public's health or safety is at issue. It also exempts tourism, including the 2002 Winter Olympics.

The measure stipulates that any state funds set aside for providing official services in Spanish or Chinese or any other foreign language should be spent instead on programs that teach English.

## Starr spokesman to stand trial for criminal contempt

WASHINGTON (AP) — Kenneth Starr's former spokesman faces trial next week in a battle over news leaks during the Monica Lewinsky investigation that until now was fought mostly in secret.

The criminal contempt trial of Charles Bakaly, who is being prosecuted by the government, is to begin Thursday, according to documents unsealed at the U.S. District Court.

Court documents show that Bakaly requested that the trial be held in public and that the case be unsealed. That request was granted last week by U.S. District Judge Norma Holloway Johnson, who as the chief judge of the federal court in Washington

oversees matters involving grand jury secrecy.

Bakaly faces trial over statements he made concerning investigations into alleged leaks from the special prosecutor's office during President Clinton's impeachment ordeal, according to the documents.

The documents made public so far don't specify the exact reason why Bakaly was charged with contempt. But officials have said, and court documents show, that Bakaly was accused by his own office of having a role in a January 1999 news leak during Clinton's impeachment trial. He denied being the source of the leak.

Johnson, who presided over most of the legal cases during the Lewinsky

impeachment drama, solicited the views of Clinton's lawyers and Starr's successor, Robert Ray, as to whether sealed documents in the case should be made public or kept secret.

Bakaly was unavailable for comment.

The trial is the latest twist in a case spurred by Clinton's lawyers. During the height of the impeachment investigation, the president's attorneys launched a legal assault accusing Starr and his staff of illegally leaking to the news media information covered by federal grand jury secrecy rules about the Lewinsky case.

Starr's office denied any illegal leaks, but his staff

was forced to undergo an intense investigation directed by the court.

In the midst of that investigation, Bakaly abruptly resigned in March 1999 as Starr's spokesman after his former boss referred him to the Justice Department in connection with a press leak two months earlier.

The New York Times, citing unidentified sources, reported on Jan. 31, 1999, that Starr had concluded the president could legally be indicted while still in office.

Bakaly went on national television the day after the article appeared and said the "information did not come from our office. ... We did not leak this information. ... We do not leak grand jury information."

## Congressman: NASA made \$590 million bookkeeping error

WASHINGTON (AP) — NASA made a \$590 million bookkeeping error in its 1999 financial report and a congressman is demanding an explanation from the agency.

"I'm deeply disappointed that the agency that could send a man to the moon now can't even balance its books to the nearest half-billion," Rep. F. James Sensenbrenner Jr., chairman of the House Science Committee, said in a statement Thursday.

"We made a reporting error," Glen Mahone, a spokesman for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, said Thursday. He said the mistake was a single incorrect entry in its 1999 report.

"It in no way affected operations or the money that was spent," Mahone said.

Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., wrote NASA's administrator, Daniel S. Goldin, that the error "brings into question the overall integrity of NASA's financial management system."

The agency's fiscal year 1999 budget was \$13.665 billion. Its annual financial accountability report explains how the money is spent.

The report was audited by the Arthur Andersen LLP accounting firm and then presented earlier this year to Congress.

Members of the House Science Committee reviewed the report in June and found the agency was claiming a credit of \$685 million from an item called "recoveries of prior year obligations," which usually reflects changes in contract expenditures. Committee spokesman

Jeff Lungren said staff members asked NASA for an explanation and the agency admitted in writing June 12 that there was an error in the \$685 million entry.

"NASA told us that was a

mistake, that it should have been only \$95 million," Lungren said.

The error was overlooked by both NASA's financial office and the Arthur Andersen independent accounting firm, he said.

## Audit reveals millions in SBA funds misspent

WASHINGTON (AP) — An audit found the Small Business Administration misspent millions of dollars earmarked to help minority businesses win federal contracts. The agency has promised to repay the money, which came from other agencies.

The findings by the SBA's inspector general prompted a strong rebuke from Sen. Christopher Bond, chairman of the Small Business Committee and frequent critic of the agency.

The SBA treats the funds for minorities as "a honey pot they can dip into to sweeten other programs," said Bond, R-Mo. "If taxpayers ever want to see how a government agency can look the other way while tax money is being used for everything, all they have to do is read this report," Bond said Thursday.

SBA officials acknowledged "mistakes" but said they were inadvertent. They also said the money went to closely related programs.

"We used funds for programs we thought we could use them for," said James Ballentine, the SBA associate deputy administrator who oversees the Small Disadvantaged Business program.

The program certifies the minority status of federal contractors and is funded by 19 federal agencies. Over the past two years, the program spent \$22 million, \$13.6 million of which was reviewed by the office of SBA Inspector General Phyllis Fong.

Auditors questioned \$6.2 million in spending,

including money for five computers, eight monitors, one scanner, one fax machine, four cellular phones and 17 pagers that were kept in storage for more than a year. The agency also purchased 240 desk chairs for only 118 employees, which auditors found cost \$56,758 more than needed.

The audit found \$3 million clearly was misspent and identified another \$3.2 million as suspect. Ballentine said the SBA would refund \$3.9 million to federal agencies from its general budget.

The Clinton administration created the Small Disadvantaged Business program in response to a 1995 Supreme Court ruling, vowing to "mend not end" affirmative action by overhauling the way in which federal contracts are awarded to minority-owned businesses.

Initial estimates by the White House Affirmative Action Working Group found that at least 160,000 businesses might be recognized as SDBs, although the panel later revised its projection to 30,000 and called for 122 full-time employees to run the program.

Auditors said the agency met one-tenth of that projection, certifying about 3,100 companies as SDBs. "As we have seen, based on two years of history, is that that number is overly optimistic, and we are doing a continuing evaluation to see exactly what the correct number is and how we can make improvements in the program to attract as many firms to being certified as possible," Ballentine said.

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## Faith in print

Variety of Christian-themed novels grow in popularity

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN  
Features Editor

Come summertime, many people relish the thought of a slow afternoon with a good book.

For those who want their reading to have a Christian theme, there are now plenty of options in romance, suspense, mystery and westerns.

"The person in it may not be a Christian, and there may be people witnessing to him throughout the book," explained Veronda Vassar, owner of the Master's Touch Christian bookstore. "Or they may already be a Christian, and trying to walk in faith throughout their life."

Wildly popular for readers of religious-themed books right now is the "Left Behind" series by Tim LaHaye and Jerry B. Jenkins. This 12-part series, of which number seven is the latest, depicts the world after what is often called, "the rapture," which some believe will mark the end of the world.

In the books, some people are taken away to life in Heaven while others are "left behind" and must deal with the chaotic aftermath of what has occurred.

"People just disappear in the middle of the night," Vassar explained. "It really draws you in. This is popular with people who may not even profess to be Christians or go to church, because I think almost everyone has a curiosity about what 'the end' is going to be like."

There is another "Left Behind" series for young people, featuring the stories of four teenagers. Vassar said the story complements the adult version, so if both parent and child are reading the books, they can discuss them.

Those books are so popular that the Master's Touch keeps a waiting list for the new copies. In some cases, they have hosted a midnight party on the first day sales



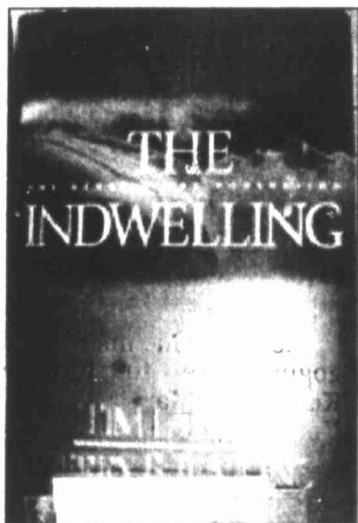
HERALD photo/Debbie L. Jensen  
Emily Simonek puts some popular Christian-themed fiction books on the shelf at the Master's Touch Thursday afternoon. While romance, westerns and mysteries are popular, the "Left Behind" series, one of which is pictured below, frequently has a waiting list for new copies.

are allowed of the latest novel in the series.

Among other options, husband and wife team Bodie and Brock Theone write several series of Christian fiction novels, including westerns and a new tale set in Ireland.

One of the best-selling authors locally is Frank Peretti whose novels feature the theme of "spiritual warfare," including stories about good angels vs. bad ones. In one of his recent novels, a town is literally dying from evil forces.

"At Home in Midford" is a series of stories about the life of an Episcopalian priest in a small town. In the romance genre, Lori Wick is a well-known



writer, while Janette Oke has a popular series about life on the prairie with a Christian backdrop.

## CHURCH NEWS

### St. Paul Lutheran Church

At 7:45 a.m. every Sunday morning the "Furnace Room" pre-service prayer time is held in the Sanctuary. Come and be part of the "Furnace Room" prayer time.

Rob and Suzanne Haney will host "Share Jesus Without Fear" on July 9, 16, 23 and 30 during the regular Sunday School period. "Share Jesus Without Fear" will help all participants find God's power to witness effectively, thereby carrying out God's Great Commission.

Members of St. Paul will be hosting a blood drive on July 16 from 3 to 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Blood is always in short supply. Members in the community are invited to help. Please call 267-7163 to make an appointment.

Krista Stutz is chairperson for St. Paul's Vacation Bible School beginning at 6 p.m. on July 23 and running through July 27. The theme for this year's VBS is an "Outback Expedition." Please call Stutz at 268-1370 for more information. Early registration is advised.

### First Presbyterian

The Rev. Dianne Brown will speak on the topic, "The Lamb Shall Enter First" on Sunday, July 9. The scripture for this Sunday is taken from II Corinthians 12: 2-10. Worship service begins at 11 a.m.

Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for the summer months is a family-oriented class. Take Ten is at 10:30 a.m. in the parlor. A nursery is provided for small children. Everyone is invited and welcome to attend.

### East Side Baptist Church

On Sunday, East Side Baptist Church located at 1108 E. Sixth, will have a

concert in the morning service featuring Legacy. Legacy has been blessing our hearts in song for many years. We invite you to come and be blessed. Our service is at 10:15 a.m.

Also, we will begin a five week series on the second coming of Christ. We believe you will enjoy this series.

### First United Methodist Church

"Life Is In The Blood" (John 10:10) is Dr. Ed Williamson's message this Sunday at the First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry. This message is about how believers in Jesus Christ experience life in Jesus Christ. Worship is at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.

All youth meet on Sunday at 5 p.m. Please call the church for a complete list of summer activities planned for the youth this summer. Children also have a great time in our Sunday School at 9:40 a.m. every Sunday morning.

"Son Zone Discovery Center," A Place To Find God's Plan For You, is the theme of this year's Vacation Bible School scheduled for July 10-14. If you need transportation to VBS, please call the church office.

Craft needs include: 18 inch aluminum foil or plastic wrap boxes, aluminum pie tins, Pringles or potato chip canisters with lids and paper towel cardboard tubes. We also need cookies to feed 100 children each day. Please drop off your craft items and cookies in Garrett Hall and mark that they are for Vacation Bible School.

The First United Methodist Church has several Sunday School classes for adults, youth and children. There is a Wednesday noon Bible study class and meal each week in Garrett Hall and everyone is invited to attend.

For more information call the church office at 267-6394.

### First Christian

Dr. Jimmy Watson, pastor of First Christian Church,

will preach the sermon, "The Most Radical Sermon You'll Ever Hear" on Sunday morning.

Chi-Rho campers will meet at the church for pizza before leaving to go to the Lake Brownwood Christian Retreat Center, escorted by Judy Reed. The Youth will meet at 4 p.m. for an "Alien Adventure." The Disciples Roundtable will meet on Monday at noon in the Fellowship Hall.

### North Birdwell United Methodist

The North Birdwell United Methodist Church is completing plans for Vacation Bible School to be held July 17-21 from 9 a.m. to 11:30. Ages 3 through 13 are welcome to attend. The closing program and open house will be during and after Sunday morning worship service at 9:30 a.m.

Immediately after the worship services and open house, a hot dog and hamburger lunch will be served to the children and families. The cook will be Pastor Joel Miller.

Starting July 5, Pastor Miller will be in the church office each day from 2 to 4 p.m. Anyone wishing to contact him during this time can call the Church number, 263-2536.

For more information on Vacation Bible School, please call Madeline Boadle at 267-2203.

After a short Administrative Board meeting, it was decided the Trustees will resume the responsibility of renting the parsonage. Trustee chair, Ben Boadle can be contacted in regard to this matter.

The entire congregation expressed their thank and regrets on the leaving of Allen Risner and his family. Risner has played the piano for worship service and his family has been faithful in their attendance.

### First Assembly of God

Sunday School begins the activities each Sunday at First Assembly at 9:45 a.m. There are classes for all

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## CLUB NEWS

### Coahoma Lions Club

The Coahoma Lions Club had its annual Installation of Officers Dinner on Monday, June 26, in the Cactus Room at Howard College.

Club members, their spouses and special guests met for dinner, installation of the new officers and presentation of several awards. Special guests included Stanton's Noon Lion Club Secretary/Treasurer PDG George Costlow and his wife, Bea; Big Spring's Downtown Lion Club President Guy Teague; Lion Clea Britton of the Big Spring Downtown Lions Club; Jennifer Harrison of Big Spring; and Joe and Cindy Fowler of Coahoma.

Incoming President, Lion Marc Luttrell introduced PDG Lion Costlow. He installed the new 2000-2001 officers including Lion

Luttrell as President; Vice President is Lion Russell Mullins (absent) and Lion Randy Overton as Treasurer.

Lion Bruce Griffith, Chairman of the Citizen and Lion of the Year Committee, awarded the Citizen of the Year plaque to Cindy Fowler. Lion Irene LeMarr received the Lion of the Year plaque.

On behalf of outgoing President Pete Wilson who was absent, President Lion Luttrell awarded Lion LeMarr an Award of Merit plaque for her extra efforts on behalf of the club.

### Sand Springs Lions

The Sand Springs Lions Club met Monday with First Vice President, Ben Boadle presiding.

It was agreed that Shirlee Reid will contact the KC Steak House to make reservations for July 15 at 6:30 p.m. for the installation of officers for the year 2000.

Jarrell Barbee made a

motion to have the pay phone disconnected. After discussion, the motion was approved.

Fred Franklin and Jarrell Barbee will haul trash for the Senior Citizens Saturday, July 29.

The Sand Springs Lions Club meets the first and third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Sand Springs Lions Community Center building on Scout Hut Rd. in Sand Springs. Any interested person is invited to attend.

### Coahoma Masonic Lodge 992

There will be a special called meeting on July 18, 2000, to present the Golden Trowel Award to Brother Lyman Kay Bartlett. The lodge will open at 6:30, dinner will be served at 7 and the presentation will follow. We would like all brethren their families and guest to be present for this special event.

## Candles light spiritual path, branch off onto darker road

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — Stranded high up on a mountain in the middle of a blizzard in a truck that was running low on fuel, Graciela Martinez desperately felt her and her family were in danger.

Traveling on the winding roads that hug the Rocky Mountains with her husband and two children, she saw the snow coming down increasingly harder and thought of how ill-equipped they were to deal with the storm.

To help the trucks tires get a better grip of the road, her husband stopped to wrap chains around them. Martinez took that opportunity to pray.

There, in the middle of the storm she asked God to save her family, in return, to express her gratitude, she would burn seven candles for seven weeks.

Moments later, the snow stopped falling over them. Behind them, the storm continued to rage on, she said, but before them the road was clear.

She had always believed candles helped create miracles, but the miracle in Colorado cemented her faith in them.

"You have to believe," said the 43-year-old supermarket cashier. "If you believe, nothing is impossible."

"My miracle is complete when I light my candle."

Candles have existed almost as long as fire itself.

While initially they were used for the most practical purpose of illuminating the dark, candles have evolved into important religious and witchcraft symbols, said Dr. Antonio Zavaleta, an anthropology and sociology professor at the University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College.

Candles with images of virgins, saints and other religious figures emerged in the late 19th century.

"Its a product of the industrial age," Zavaleta said.

These candles do not create miracles, said Father Alfonso Guevara of Christ the King Church; they are merely a physical representation of the petition, a way to give physical properties to a spiritual world.

"Candles are a way to emphasize Christ is the light of the world," he said. "Candles make prayers tangible. It's a way to make our prayers concrete. The only way we

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

Yvonne Brito of Big Spring recently attended the Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville, sponsored by Bob Noyes of the Big Spring Evening Lions Club. The camp offers activities for children ages 7-16 who have visual, hearing or physical disabilities. They can participate in arts and crafts, field sports, riding horses, swimming, theater and overnight campouts. The non-profit organization is funded by the Lions of Texas and private donations. Children attend at no cost to their families.



## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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

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

The Lions group offers the eyeglasses the second Saturday of each month. For more information call Donna Groenke at 393-5298.

## WELL SAID

If you want a place in the sun, you've got to put up with a few blisters.

Abigail Van Buren

The only limits are, as always, those of vision.

James Broughton

# Gore gets big reception at national AME convention

CINCINNATI (AP) — Al Gore drew hearty cheers from delegates to the African Methodist Episcopal Church's General Conference, but a senior bishop said the nation's oldest black church was not ready to endorse the vice president's campaign for president.

"We don't play partisan politics in the AME Church, and we will defer making any comments or endorsement of the vice president's political aspirations," Senior Bishop John Hurst Adams said after Gore addressed the group Wednesday night.

There were cheers when Gore

talked about traditional Democratic themes — Social Security, affirmative action and raising the minimum wage — and issues that Gore has been hitting hard lately, including free pre-school and the expansion of Medicare to cover prescription drugs.

He said the Clinton-Gore administration deserved credit for raising incomes in black households and said delegates could keep the nation "on the right track" by helping elect him.

"We have made good progress, but you ain't seen nothin' yet," Gore said. "We're going to higher

ground."

Founded in Philadelphia in 1787, the AME Church has 2.5 million members in the United States, Africa, Canada, England and the Caribbean. About 25,000 members are attending the General Conference, which meets every four years and governs the denomination.

Delegates vote Monday on whether to elect the first female bishop in the denomination's 213 years.

Women have been running for the post since the 1970s, and leaders said they were finally could be enough

support to elect a woman.

"Wouldn't it be great if we could get one?" asked Delores Williams, 51, a delegate from Panama City, Fla. "Whoever she is, I'm for her."

The Rev. Carolyn Tyler Guidry, a presiding elder in Los Angeles who supervises 19 AME churches, and the Rev. Vashti McKenzie, pastor of Payne Memorial AME Church in Baltimore, are among 41 candidates for two bishop positions vacated by retirement.

A majority of the 1,800 delegates is required to elect a bishop. Guidry stood for election as bishop in 1996; McKenzie is making her first run.

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ages with teachers presenting the truth of God's word. These classes minister and apply God's word in a practical and understanding manner.

"The Crown of Thorns" is Pastor R.T. Havener's sermon in the morning service at 10:40. This message will be taken from Matthew 27:29 and will give the meaning and explanation of the Crown of Thorns that was placed on the head of Jesus.

In the evening service at 6, Pastor Havener will be speaking on the subject, "The Christ of every Crisis."

The Congregation of First Assembly located at Fourth and Lancaster, invites the public to these services.

## Baptist Temple

Baptist Temple will play host to "His Children" Sunday at 6 p.m. This group lead by Joe Whitten of Joe Whitten's Prison Ministry is an inspirational group of young people dedicated to the Lord and blessed with outstanding musical talent. Nursery will be provided and everyone is invited to attend. There is no admission charge.

Come early Sunday at 5 p.m. and enjoy great fellowship and a spaghetti supper. You need only bring dessert, all other items are provided!

Our Parent's Day Out program is now under way with our Summer of Sun and Fun program. Fees are \$10 per child each day attended and there is a one time registration and supply fee of \$10. We are open on Mondays 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please call for drop-in availability.

There are physical and emotional needs throughout our community that many of us aren't aware of. The Women's Ministry, as a group needs your help. Please drop a note by the church office (Baptist Temple) or send it directly to Kathy Highley, 2500 Williams Rd., if you know of a need or have a prayer request.

Come join us for the July meeting Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Baptist Temple Fellowship Hall at 400 E. 11th Place.

Whether as a participant or a recipient, please let us know how we can lighten the load. For more information, call 267-8287.

## First Church of God

First Church of God at 2000 Main St. with pastor Darrell Hendrickson has Sunday school beginning at 9:30 a.m. with Worship Service at 10:45 a.m. Sunday evening service starts at 6:30.

Youth camp is meeting in Eastland, and family camp begins next week. For information, call the church at 267-6607.

## RELIGION BRIEFS

PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP) — The "Pensacola Outpouring," the nation's longest-running Pentecostal revival, marked its fifth anniversary with the departure of the Rev. Steve Hill, who has preached at most of the meetings.

The revival began on Father's Day 1995 at Brownsville Assembly of God, where the Rev. John Kilpatrick is pastor. The congregation says 3.5 million people have visited to date. Meetings continue but have been scaled back from four per week to two.

Hill is moving to Dallas, where his Together in the Harvest ministry plans to spread the revival's message worldwide. He recently returned from Japan and plans to visit Singapore in a few weeks.

"I'm an evangelist, and I want to give it everything I've got," Hill said.

In the revival, participants often swoon, sob, shake or fall unconscious to the floor. Critics contend it distorts biblical teachings.

NEW YORK (AP) — Reform Judaism's Union of American Hebrew Congregations has admitted seven new synagogues for a total of 902, the first time U.S. and Canadian affiliates have exceeded 900.

The new member synagogues are in Florida, Kentucky, Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania and Washington state. In all, 16 congregations have joined in the past year.

"Clearly the strength of our programs and the power of our religious philosophy are important attractions,"

said President Eric Yoffie. The union, founded in 1873 by 28 liberal synagogues, reached 600 members by 1960 and passed the 800 mark in 1987.

NEW YORK (AP) — The Episcopal Church has renamed its Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief, now called Episcopal Relief and Development.

Executive Director Sandra Swan said "increasingly we are coming to view relief and development as intertwined — disaster relief as a prelude to development, and development as a way of preventing disaster."

The agency raised a record \$10.2 million last year. About half the grants go to U.S. causes, including aid to victims of hurricanes, floods, fires and tornadoes. Overseas, it supports projects in 40 countries.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Richard Daw, a journalist who ran Catholic News Service and held communications positions with the U.S. Catholic Conference, has retired.

As CNS editor in chief for 13 years until 1976, Daw supervised coverage of numerous church controversies; the news service is owned by the U.S. bishops but operates with editorial independence. After leaving CNS, Daw served as the bishops' communications secretary and director of their publishing office.

Before joining the church agencies, Daw worked for The Associated Press, managing various AP bureaus around the country.

## 'Hell! Is that your final answer?'

### Houston church spices up its billboard messages

HOUSTON (AP) — Attendance has been growing since South Main Baptist Church began spicing up its billboard.

Lots of churches have little signs out front that they use to deliver pithy messages. One in Silsbee, Texas recently spiced its message with a dash of pop culture: "Hell! Is that your final answer?"

But the South Main Baptist billboard is no little sign on some out-of-the-way road. It is something rare, a full-fledged billboard posted on church grounds. What's more, the sign on top of the church gymnasium is in plain view of thousands of commuters who travel down the Southwest Freeway spur to their jobs downtown.

"That's a captive audience driving by every day," said Esther Hobbs, a member of the congregation and also owner of a Houston advertising and public relations company.

The billboard's bread and butter is offering simple, direct messages on the themes of harmony and eternity: "The Main Thing: Satisfaction Guaranteed."

Or "The Main Thing: This Offer Lasts Forever."

Some of the church's best efforts are deliberately vague, causing viewers to ponder what they have just read.

"We had a lot of our church members scratching their heads, so we knew we were doing something right," the pastor, the Rev. William Turner, told the Houston Chronicle.

*Some of the church's best efforts are deliberately vague, causing viewers to ponder what they have just read. ... One example is the message that read simply: "Free Makeovers."*

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Another message, a double entendre posted during the swelter of summer 1999: "Beat the Heat."

Turner recalls the first decade of his tenure. The billboard was a monument to boring marketing.

It advertised the starting times for services, Sunday school and a handful of special events. That was as snappy as it got. Sometimes it was duller than that, going totally blank, with no information whatsoever.

"We'd leave messages up there for weeks and months," Turner said. "We didn't use it creatively at all."

Four years ago, the church formed a committee to make more inspired use of the billboard.

Church officials say several new members have come in over the years after seeing the billboard, figuring

this must be a different variety of church and deciding to check it out.

Signaling that something is different at South Main Baptist is the billboard's present assignment. It reads "Women Lead," a rebuttal to the Southern Baptist Convention's recent decision to ban women from serving as pastors.

"We have ordained women as deacons and ministers for many years. We've never said this is limited and you can't be a pastor," Turner said. "We said we ordain you to the gospel ministry. Wherever God leads you, that is where you should go."

Because of the ban on women and other fundamentalist decrees, the church is considering severing its ties with the national group. But even if it decides not to take that drastic step, South Main Baptist wants to send a message now.

"The billboard says, 'We are not the other guys,'" Turner said.

"We are tired of being tarred with the same brush. Our people are weary of having to explain to their colleagues and neighbors that we are not the other guys."

One solution would be to remove the word "Baptist" from its identity, but Turner said that's not the direction South Main desires.

"Baptist principles are important to us. We want to espouse them," he said.

## CANDLES

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learn, the only way we live is through the physical."

The candles also help ritualize prayer and lend expression to beliefs, he said.

He cited the burning of candles at funerals as an expression of grief or at an ailing relative's bedside as an expression of faith.

"Lighting a candle is a very human thing," Guevara said. "There is something very deep and human about candles."

While candles with the likeness of the Virgin Mary and Saint Luke are most common in supermarkets, in hierberias candles with images of Pancho Villa, death and puppets dominate.

While candles representing Catholic beliefs are burned to cement any petition, candles at hierberias have very specific functions.

From breaking up a marriage to removing a jinx to keeping the police at bay, there is a candle that promises to solve any problem.

At the Hierberia Azteca in downtown Brownsville, store owner Ruben Garcia explains the powers behind the candles. In his store he sells hundreds of candles meant to fulfill any wish or expectation.

He said astrological forces give the candles magical attributes.

"Astrological powers are

real," Garcia said. "It is not a joke. Astrological movements can do a lot of things."

Gracia's hierberia sells more than candles. While one wall is devoted to candles, the opposite wall displays a variety of herbal medicines, religious icons, incense and oils.

His customers usually visit a curandera, who instructs them on what candle and oil to burn and gives them a prayer to recite while the candle is burning.

A red candle is meant to attract a person by not letting the person rest "either seated, standing or sleeping" until "he humbly falls at my feet," the prayer states.

The Pancho Villa candle is supposed to attract customers to a business, but it is also burned to protect the poor, Garcia said.

A candle with a marionette states it will help control another person. People use it when they want to help stop another person's self-destructive behavior, Garcia said.

"Is it bad to control the bad habits of someone?" he asked.

A black candle with a fang-bearing snake pictured on its glass surface promises to dissolve someone else's marriage or relationship. Although Garcia does not agree with the use of that one, he reserves shelf space at his store for it anyway.

The candles have been

"fixed" to solve these very specific problems. According to "Papa Jim's Candle Book," fixed candles have a special mixture of blessed oils and have been "blessed with incense and prayer." Garcia argues the candles do work, even the black one.

"That candle is going to work," he said. "The candles carry a special ritual. They work according to the stars and cycles of the moon."

Martinez agrees the candles hold certain magical powers. When her son was facing a court date before a judge many had told her was merciless, she burned a blue candle "prepared" to help with court cases.

Her son was ordered to perform community service, a light sentence she believes was assured by the burning of the candle.

Not everyone, however, believes the candles hold any power.

Guevara said at his church, worshippers occa-

sionally bring candles to burn at a prayer altar. Candles with images other than virgins, saints or angels are not allowed and are not sanctioned by the church.

"If I see one of those things, I put it in the trash. They have no place in our church."

Guevara concedes that some people believe the candles are magical but "there is nothing magical about them."

These candles are not to be confused with candles bearing the Virgin Mary's image, even if they are sold side by side, Zavaleta said.

"That's not Christianity," he said of the hierberia candles, "that's witchcraft. They fit into the realm of magic."

Zavaleta defined magic as an attempt to alter the outcome, to make something happen by involving the supernatural.

Garcia disagrees, instead calling them "faith candles."

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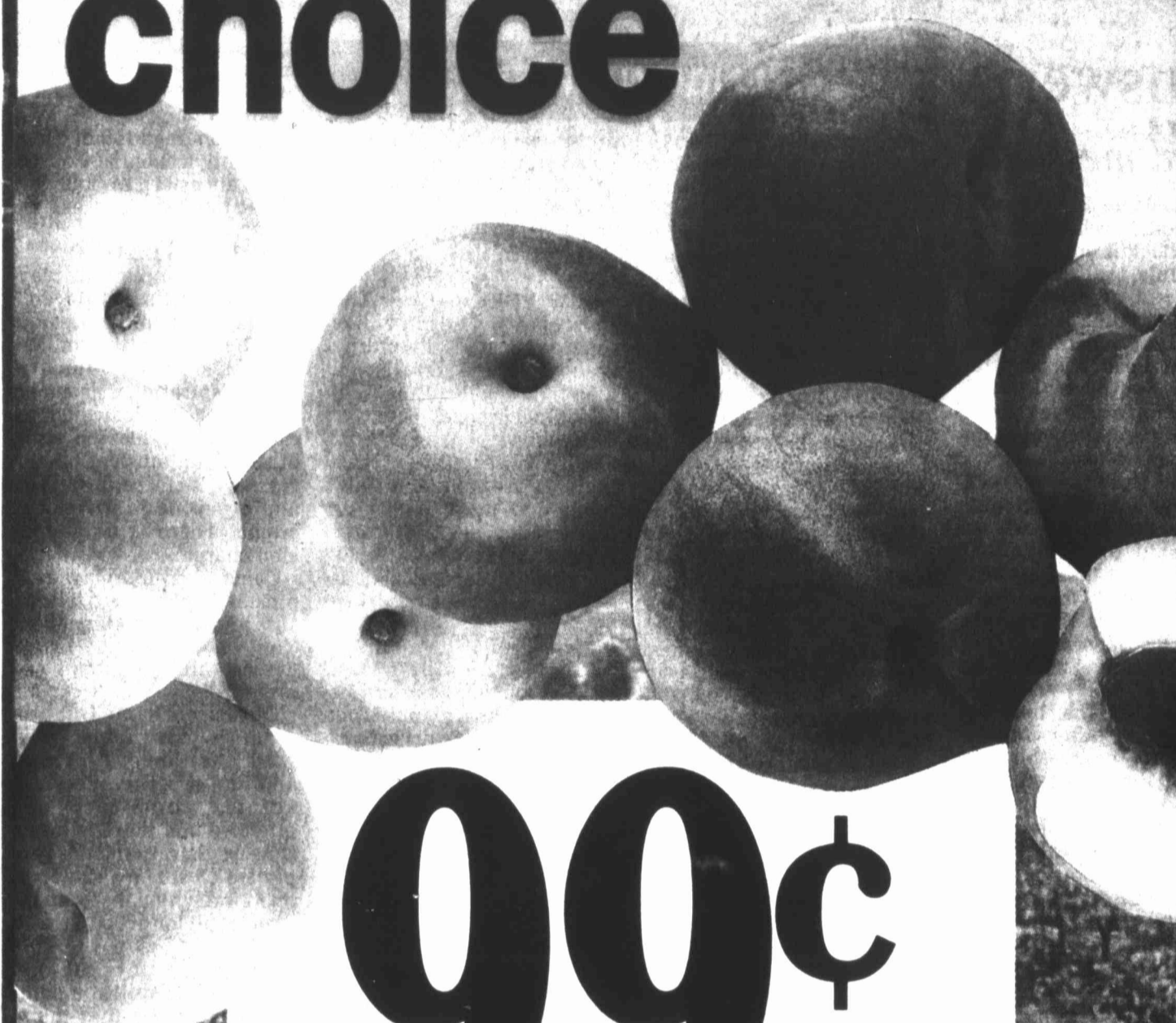
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## IN BRIEF

**Black and Gold tennis tournament scheduled**

The annual Black and Gold Tennis Tournament is set to take place from Friday, July 14 to Sunday, July 16 at the Figure 7 Tennis Center.

There will be several divisions, including Boys and Girls 12-14-16-18 Singles and Doubles, Adult Mixed Mens and Womens Singles and Doubles and Open Mixed Doubles.

The cost is \$10 to compete in one event, another \$10 to compete in another event and another \$5 to compete in three events.

Anyone needing more information may call Jim Blacketer at (915) 264-6834.

**BSHS Volleyball Camp slated 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.

**Texas Tech alumni plan Cowboys event**

Members of the local Texas Tech Ex-Students Association are currently seeking persons interested in attending Texas Tech Alumni Night at Texas Stadium on July 30.

The Dallas Cowboys will be playing the Pittsburgh Steelers in a preseason game at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$37 per person for lower-level end zone seating and include a pass to the Cowboys Corral and coupons for a free soft drink and hot dog.

Plans are also being made for other Big 12 alumni to attend, as well.

For more information, call Roxie McDaniel at 263-9668 or 267-5846.

**Reunion organizers seeking team pictures**

Organizers planning the Aug. 5 all-class reunion at Forsan High School are currently seeking team pictures of the 1966 and 1967 Queens basketball teams that reached the state tournament in Austin.

Anyone having a picture of one or both of those teams is asked to call Boyce Hale at 267-6957.

**Williams elects to stay with Kansas**

"I'm staying." Those two words from Roy Williams will become part of the lore of one of the nation's historic college basketball programs.

Williams was saying no to North Carolina and yes to Kansas, which means he won't succeed Bill Guthridge.

## ON THE AIR

**Radio**

5:45 p.m. — Little League Baseball Playoff, KBST (AM 1490).

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8 p.m. — Nashville at Orlando, TNN, Ch. 35.

**BASEBALL**

6 p.m. — Atlanta Braves at Boston Red Sox, TBS, Ch. 11.

7 p.m. — Kansas City Royals at Houston Astros, FSN, Ch. 29.

**WNBA**

8 p.m. — Charlotte Sting at Houston Comets, LIFE, Ch. 8.

## Little League teams experience rough Thursday

Herald Staff Report

MIDLAND — Area teams took it on the chin Thursday at the District 3 Tournament at Butler Park as all three teams that competed came up short.

Big Spring International

came the closest to winning, falling to Midland North Central by a 4-2 score.

As for Big Spring American, that team lost to Odessa Sherwood 15-5. Lance Tissue did provide an American Highlight when he hit a home run.

Coahoma ended up suffering the worst defeat of the threesome after a 19-0 loss at the hands of North Ector.

Thursday's events mean that all four area teams are now in the loser's bracket. Three of those are scheduled to compete tonight in

elimination contests.

Big Spring International will square off against Odessa West at 6 p.m. while Big Spring National faces Greenwood at 8 p.m. As for Coahoma, that team will play Midland Tower at 6 p.m.

Big Spring American is

scheduled to play Saturday at 6 p.m. against the winner of the Kellus Turner/Midland Western contest. Kellus Turner and Midland Western play tonight at 6 p.m., also at Butler Park.

## Irvin finishes probation

DALLAS (AP) — A judge Thursday ended Cowboys wide receiver Michael Irvin's monthly appointments with a probation officer, closing an episode that soiled the team's image and the player's reputation.

The 34-year-old star pleaded no contest in 1996 to cocaine possession, and Dallas District Judge Manny Alvarez gave him four years of probation and two years of community service. If he slipped up, he faced a 20-year prison sentence.

Even with the incident behind him, Irvin's future with the team he helped take to three Super Bowls is doubtful.

It has been widely expected that Irvin would retire after a neck injury against Philadelphia on Oct. 10 left him temporarily paralyzed. He went on injured reserve Dec. 4 and did not play the rest of the season.

Irvin has since been told he has a genetic condition — a narrow spinal cord — that makes him more susceptible to serious injury if he takes another blow to the head or neck. Doctors have recommended he retire to prevent possible paralysis.

He did not work out with the Cowboys minicamp in April nor either of the quarterback schools in May.

Irvin established himself over 12 seasons as one of the NFL's best receivers. His final catch last season was the 750th of his career, tying him for No. 10 in league history. He holds every significant receiving



Dallas Cowboy Michael Irvin is shown getting ready to run a pattern during the 1994 Super Bowl. As of Thursday, Irvin has completed his probation for cocaine possession.

record for the Cowboys and is ninth in receiving yards in NFL history.

The 11th pick overall in the 1988 National Football

League draft, Irvin signed a six-year contract extension worth \$22 million last year before becoming a free agent.

## Armstrong falls far behind, in race, but isn't worried

TOURS, France (AP) — Defending champion Lance Armstrong dropped almost six minutes behind the leaders at the Tour de France in Thursday's sprint finish, but he's not worried.

He's saving his energy for the mountains.

"The race has changed a little, but I think the favorites stay the same and I'm feeling good," Armstrong said. "Tomorrow will be even harder. But I'm trying to conserve and wait for the mountains."

Dutch champion Leon van Bon won Thursday's sixth stage as the race again was settled by a furious sprint, while the favorites chose

not to push hard.

France's Laurent Jalabert, who like Armstrong finished almost eight minutes behind the breakaway sprinters, lost his overall leader's yellow jersey. Italy's Alberto Elli of Deutsche Telekom became the new leader with a time of 18 hours, 58 minutes, 40 seconds.

The result meant the overall standings took on a different complexion.

Jalabert, who rides for Once, fell from first place to 10th, 5:40 behind Elli. Armstrong was 12th, 5:54 back. Germany's Jan Ullrich was 22nd, 6:37 behind.

It was not considered too

damaging. Armstrong and Ullrich can make up those times easily in the mountains, where both are strong.

With the exception of the two time trials, the other four days so far at the Tour have been tailor-made for the sprinters. The first mountain stage comes Monday in the Pyrenees. The riders then head toward the Alps.

Thursday's mostly flat stage, with only one slow climb, covered 123 miles, rolling through Brittany toward Tours, passing by medieval fortress towns and two 15th-century castles, which were located in the vicinity

## Wesley found innocent of racing, but guilty of reckless driving

CHARLOTTE (AP) — Charlotte Hornets guard David Wesley was convicted of reckless driving, but acquitted Thursday of racing with teammate Bobby Phillips in the moments before Phillips was killed in a head-on collision six months ago.

Mecklenburg County District Judge Fritz Mercer said enough reasonable doubt existed about whether Wesley and Phillips were racing their Porsches when Phillips died Jan. 12 that he had to find Wesley innocent of misdemeanor spontaneous speed competition.

Wesley, 29, was given a 30-day suspended sentence for reckless driving, fined \$250 plus court costs and ordered

to complete 40 hours of community service within the next 60 days. Wesley's attorneys said he would be willing to make a public service announcement about safe driving.

Before Mercer announced his verdict, Wesley acknowledged under cross-examination that he and Phillips both were driving fast in the moments before Phillips' death.

"We weren't racing," he said. "We were driving fast. There was no destination. There was no finish line."

The accident happened after a morning Hornets practice on a road near the Charlotte Coliseum.

Wesley testified that Phillips, 30, was behind him

when, in his rearview mirror, he saw Phillips' car swerve and collide with another vehicle.

Police said the men were racing their Porsches at speeds of more than 100 mph when Phillips crashed.

Wesley denied Thursday he was traveling that fast.

"Were you going 45?" asked Wesley's attorney, Bill Diehl. Wesley shook his head no.

"Were you going 100?" Diehl said.

Wesley replied: "No."

Wesley testified that Phillips left the Coliseum parking lot before Wesley and had stopped at a red light on Paul Buck Boulevard, which feeds Coliseum traffic.

## Diamondbacks sweep Houston by 2-1 score behind Guzman effort

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

took the loss.

The Arizona Diamondbacks found a carpenter who can pitch.

Geraldo Guzman scattered four hits for eight innings in his major league debut, leading the Diamondbacks to a 2-1 victory Thursday night and a three-game sweep of the Houston Astros.

Guzman (1-0), who left baseball in 1990, worked seven years as a carpenter in the Dominican Republic before resuming his playing career.

In other National League games, Cincinnati bested St. Louis 12-6, Montreal beat Atlanta 4-2, San Francisco edged Colorado 6-5, Los Angeles defeated San Diego 9-3, and Milwaukee topped Philadelphia 4-2.

In the American League, it was Toronto 9, Cleveland 6; New York 13, Baltimore 9; Boston 8, Minnesota 7; and Anaheim 5, Seattle 1.

Guzman certainly didn't appear awestruck he struck out three and walked one.

Guzman, 27, was released by Montreal in 1990, signed a minor league contract with the Diamondbacks last Nov. 12, started the season in Double-A and worked his way to his first major league game.

Diamondbacks center fielder Steve Finley made a wall-crashing catch with two outs and a runner on second to help preserve the lead for Guzman in the eighth. Finley fell on the warning track, remained there for several minutes, but walked off the field.

Finley and Damian Miller drove in both of visiting Arizona's runs on sacrifices off Chris Holt (3-10), who lost his fourth straight decision.

The Astros lost for the 11th time in 13 games.

**Reds 12, Cardinals 6**

St. Louis' Keith McDonald became the second player in major league history to homer in his first two at-bats when he connected in the second inning against Cincinnati's Osvaldo Fernandez in a 12-6 loss.

McDonald, 27, joined Bob Nieman of the St. Louis Browns as the only players to go deep in their first two at-bats. Nieman did it on Sept. 14, 1951, at Boston against the Red Sox, but McDonald homered over a span of two games.

The Cardinals purchased McDonald's contract from Triple-A Memphis on Sunday, and he homered against Cincinnati's Andy Larkin as a pinch-hitter Tuesday.

On Thursday, the catcher homered on a 1-0 pitch from Fernandez.

Alex Ochoa had three hits and a career-high four RBIs to lead a 13-hit attack as Cincinnati won at St. Louis to avoid a three-game sweep.

Jim Edmonds was out for the second straight start due to illness, and Mark McGwire left after three innings due to right knee irritation.

McGwire, who leads the majors with 30 homers, won't play Friday night, and trainer Barry Weinberg said Big Mac might not play before the All-Star break.

Elmer Dessens (1-0) allowed two runs in 4 2/3 innings after Fernandez lasted only 1 1/3 innings in the shortest start of his career. Rick Ankiel (6-4)

**Expos 4, Braves 2**

Vladimir Guerrero went 3-for-5, including a three-run homer, and Jose Vidro also had three hits as Montreal beat Atlanta.

Atlanta, which has lost six of its last 10, saw its lead in the NL East over the idle New York Mets drop to 1 1/2 games.

Mike Johnson (4-3) pitched five innings for the win. John Burkett (6-4) took the loss for the visiting Braves.

**Giants 6, Rockies 5**

Jeff Kent's tiebreaking RBI double in the ninth gave the Giants a four-game sweep of Colorado, which has lost 12 straight in San Francisco and have never won at Pacific Bell Park.

Kent doubled off the left-field wall against Stan Belinda, giving Giants manager Dusty Baker his 600th career win and giving San Francisco its sixth straight victory. Robb Nen (3-3) pitched one inning for the win.

**Dodgers 9, Padres 3**

All-Star Kevin Brown (8-2) matched his career high with 12 strikeouts and allowed only four hits in eight innings at San Diego.

Brown retired 16 of 17 from the last out of the first inning through the sixth, including striking out the side in the fourth and fifth.

Adrian Beltre, Shawn Green and Todd Hundley homered for the Dodgers, who went deep eight times in winning two of three against the Padres.

Brian Meadows (7-6) had his personal three-game winning streak snapped.

**Brewers 4, Phillies 2**

Jose Hernandez and Tyler Houston each hit solo homers as Milwaukee snapped Philadelphia's five-game winning streak.

Jeff D'Amico (4-4) gave up eight hits and two walks, but struck out three to help the Brewers snap their three-game losing streak and avoid being swept.

Paul Byrd (2-7) took the loss for the visiting Phillies.

**Blue Jays 9, Indians 6**

For a short while, the Toronto Blue Jays had to share first place in the AL East.

A few hours later, they were back in a more comfortable position, one-half game ahead of the New York Yankees.

New York's 13-9 victory over Baltimore in the afternoon left the Yankees and Blue Jays in a virtual tie atop the division, but Toronto's 9-6 win at Cleveland on Thursday night put the Jays back in front.

**Yankees 13, Orioles 9**

Derek Jeter hit a three-run homer and Paul O'Neill followed with a solo shot to cap an eight-run second inning as New York rallied from seven runs down at home.

Bernie Williams and David Justice added back-to-back homers in the fourth inning for the Yankees, who have won four of five games heading into a four-game Subway Series showdown with the Mets.

Starting pitcher got out of the second inning. Mike Stanton (2-1) allowed one hit in 3 2/3 scoreless innings.

SPORTS EXTRA

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL—Suspended Pittsburgh Pirates pitching coach Pete Vuckovich for three games and fined him an undisclosed amount for his actions during a game against the New York Mets on June 23.

MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

Table showing Major League Standings for American League and National League, including Eastern and Central Divisions.

ALL LEADERS

Table listing All Leaders for various categories like Batting, Pitching, Home Runs, etc.

Venus Williams outduels sister at Wimbledon tennis semi-final

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Venus Williams' arm around kid sister Serena, whose eyes brimmed with tears, showed how bittersweet victory can be.

Yet if there was any sort of family fix, there was little evidence of it during the match and no confirmation of it from any of the principals when they were asked.

on in a Grand Slam event. Venus won for the fourth time because she served better and played stronger, more aggressively, and with fewer errors.

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## Hershiser retires from baseball

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The moment Orel Hershiser will remember most from his playing days was being mobbed on the mound on Oct. 20, 1988.

"To have the ball in my hand for the last pitch of the World Series and to be the one being mobbed, that was special," Hershiser said Thursday as he announced his retirement.

"I can't wait for old-timers day, so we can talk about what we did as a group. The individual awards, they get dust on them. The championship team things, that multiplies."

The 41-year-old Hershiser, nicknamed "Bulldog," was one of baseball's dominant pitchers for the Dodgers in the 1980s, and had a particularly memorable year in 1988. He pitched a major league record 59 consecutive scoreless innings, finishing with a 23-8 record and 2.26 ERA. He won the NL Cy Young and World Series MVP awards as Los Angeles beat favored Oakland in five games for the championship, with Hershiser winning twice.

"I think you work hard to get somewhere if you're not the best at the beginning," Hershiser said during a conference call Thursday. "When you're a 17th round draft pick, you listen to the coaches, hang out around successful guys, figure out why they're successful and emulate them."

"I just have a complete desire to learn and to work hard. I believe my faith keeps me humble," said Hershiser, a deeply religious individual. "There's always something to learn, from the man sweeping the floors to the man running the company, there's always something to learn from them."

Hershiser, who still will be paid \$2 million this year and also is due a \$500,000 buyout of next year's \$2 million option, plans to learn baseball from the business side now, including traveling to the Dodgers' minor league affiliates and working with general manager Kevin Malone.

Hershiser decided to retire after the Dodgers waived him last week. He struggled after rejoining the club as a free agent last winter. His ERA was 13.14 in 10 appearances, including six starts, but totaled just 24 2-3 innings.

In what was to be his final appearance on the mound, he was battered for eight runs in the second inning of a 9-5 loss to San Diego on June 26. Even as he walked off the field then, Hershiser received a standing ovation from the Dodger Stadium crowd.

"The best thing to happen to me is that I got hit with a sharp knife and not a dull knife," Hershiser said, referring to the rapid deterioration of his command on the mound. "I always knew that you ultimately face this transition as an athlete."

A three-time All-Star, Hershiser has a career record of 204-150 with a 3.48 ERA. He was with Cleveland, San Francisco and the New York Mets before returning to the Dodgers.

## NFL running back Lane killed by wife

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Indianapolis Colts running back Fred Lane, whose brushes with the law increased as his career faded, was shot to death Thursday by his wife, police said.

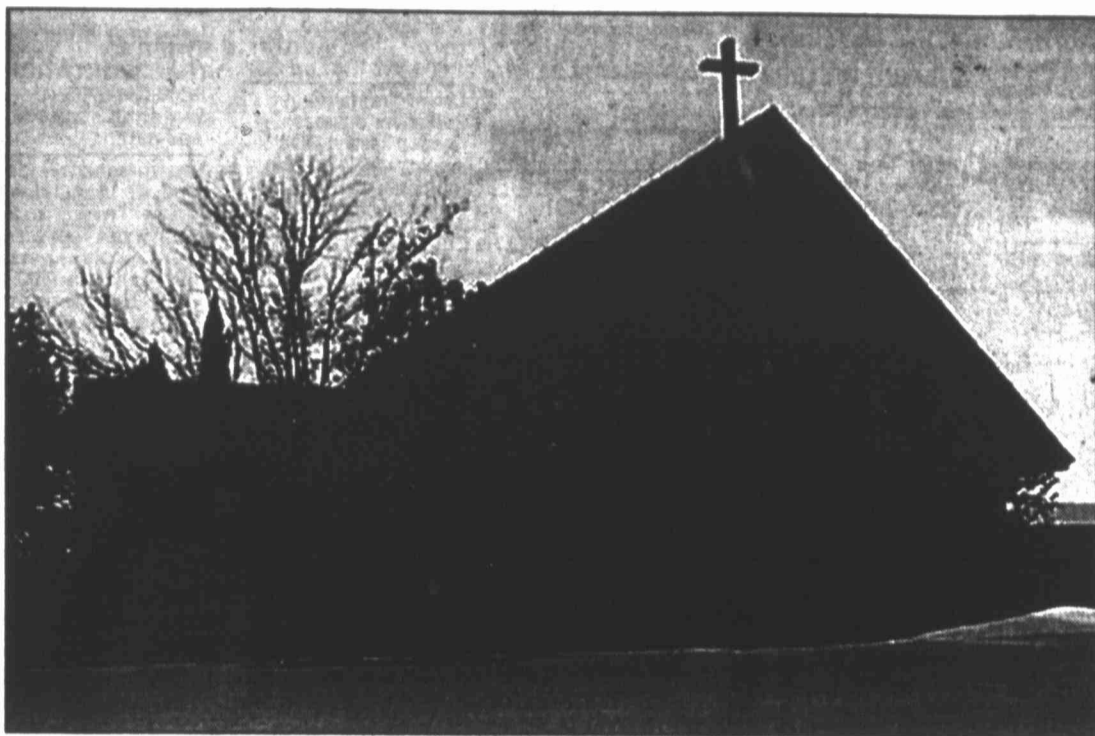
Lane was pronounced dead at his Charlotte home at 3:15 p.m. after an argument with his wife, 25-year-old Deidra. No charges were immediately filed.

Lane was the leading career rusher for the Carolina Panthers, who traded him to the Colts.

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swings of luck. If you are single, romance flourishes in spring of 2001. Complete an old relationship before you can greet the new one. If you are attached, be aware of your role in recurring problems. Another will respond with the same type of attitude. LIBRA reads you cold. 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)

\*\*\* When you're tense, you need to move, run or clean. Use the present stress to clear out any physical project you have put aside. Think about how much you can get done rather than "woe is me." Surprises surround a friendship, but you like the wild swings. Tonight: You are the party.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

\*\* Just when you thought you and another were communicating, you hit a snafu. Maintain a sense of humor, and you'll clear the problems with ease. Go with an unexpected solution. Surprises surround a special person and a must appearance. Flow and relax. Tonight: In your favorite chair.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

\*\*\*\* Opt not to risk with your wallet, rather, conserve money. Challenge yourself to find inexpensive ways to enjoy yourself. Share a favorite childhood pastime with a loved one. An unexpected invitation takes you far away from the here and now. Tonight: Let the child in you out.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

\*\*\* Home is where the heart is. You could feel out of sorts because you haven't spent enough time at your place, or maybe you need some downtime to straighten up. Curl up with a good book. A dear friend surprises you with a great idea. Say yes as long as you don't have to go far from home. Tonight: Let others do for you.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22)

\*\*\*\* Don't sabotage a talk, even though you would prefer to avoid it. What comes out of it could delight and surprise you. Unexpected behavior from a partner spices up your life. Get together with friends, take time with a neighbor and catch up on the news. Tonight: Out and about.

VIRGO (Aug 23-Sept 22)

\*\* You worry needlessly over a financial matter. Let go of what others might think of you. Curb insecurity. Thinking negatively could easily create just what you need. Jump on an opportunity that might mean overtime or adding to your immediate financial stability. Tonight: Order in.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

\*\*\*\*\* Another makes demands that you aren't in the mood for. You still opt to fulfill his request, leaving the rest of the day for your whims and spontaneity. A child or loved one surprises you. Go along with the plans, and you'll have a ball. Tonight: Whatever puts a smile on your face.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

\*\*\* You cannot always be in control. News from a distance forces you to regroup. Question whether you have all the facts. New information suggests otherwise. Transform your attitude and thinking. A family member reacts in a surprising fashion at the "new you. Tonight: Think about getting some extra sleep.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

\*\*\*\* Go along with a group effort, whether it is building sandcastles or joggng for a key cause. You work best with others now. A dear friend's or partner's mood sours the relationship. Give him space. You hear news that could have you shaking your head. Tonight: Where the party is.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

\*\*\*\* You like responsibility. Others turn toward you for a decision. Take charge and bring friends together. A partner simply might not be in the mood to agree. A whim could pay off financially, but understand that it isn't a sure thing. Tonight: Could be a late night.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

\*\*\*\* You don't have to, and you won't play "follow the leader." Take off and visit with another at a distance. A new setting helps renew your perspective. Perhaps you might even be less grumpy about a work-related matter. Tonight: Try something new.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

\*\*\*\* Make plenty of time for a loved one. Both of you like the intensity of one-on-one relating. Discussions illuminate insights into yourself. Think about what comes out without becoming defensive. If single, use caution with a new friend. Tonight: Dinner for two.

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\* Look in Too Lates for more!! \*

- Garage Sale 415 Dallas, Sat. 8-12. No early Birds
- Garage Sale, 2606 Central, Sat. 8-2. Camping gear, clothes, & misc. items
- 2 Family Garage Sale 1107 Ridgeroad Sat & Sun. 9-4. exercise gym, dishes, bedding, crafts, school clothes, lots of goodies.
- 2300 Merrilly (Kentwood) Miscellaneous. Fri. 8-4, Sat. 8-12
- 3 Family Garage Sale, Saturday & Sunday 9-5. 407 Donley
- 3 Family Yard Sale, clothes, furniture, misc. Sat. 609 Cayler
- 4 Family Patio Sale: 1807 Morrison Dr. Sat. 7-? Bake sale and lot's of everything.
- Baby clothes, computer, refrigerator, lots of misc. Sat. 8-5, 401 Edwards Blvd.
- Backyard Sale, 2300 Alabama, Sat. Only Furniture, clothes, misc items
- Carport Sale: 703 E. 16th. Sat. & Sun. Antique bed & piano, glassware, collector items, material, household items, clothes
- Estate Sale: 306 College (Coahoma) Sat. 9-7 Rawson Koing tool box, furn., antique lum., reclining lift chair, clothes, all sizes, walkers, hospital potty chair, books, toys, misc.
- Fri. & Sat. 7:30-7:3006-1 Sherman (Oasis Add) Name brand teen & toddler clothes, shoes, toys, misc.
- Fri. & Sat. 8-6, 3621 Hamilton. Baskets, sewing notions, costume jewelry, sm. appl., kitchenware, games, clothes, misc.
- Fri. Sat. Huge Sale - Furn. everything - From 1-20, go North 2 mi. R. on Anderson, S. Neill.
- Garage Sale 1002 Stadium Sat. 8-1 junior & kids clothing, lots of misc.
- Garage Sale 1908 Alabama Sat. 8-2 Clothes, furn., weed eaters, and much more
- Garage Sale: Fri Sat & Sun 8-5, 808 NW 10th. Inside Trinity Co gate, 1st house. Baby-adult clothes, dryer, VCR, water dispenser, twin bed, exerciser, curtains, misc.
- Huge Garage Sale: 2214 Lynn. Fri & Sat Tools, brand name clothes, dishes, clothes, glass, sheet rock, tires.
- Moving Sale: Sat. only. 2111 Grace. 8am-?. Furn., appliances, A/C window unit, dishes, home decor, linens, computer & lots more
- P.J's Inside Sale, 2210 Main. Thur & Fri. 10-5 Tables all sizes, linens, TV's, kitchen ware, lot's of misc.
- Sale, Fri-Sat. Daughter remarried. 2 of everything. Oak entertainment center, love seat, curio cabinet, full dining room suite, skis, boats, saddle, tool box/headache rack, glassware, tractor, sprinklers, lots of misc. 5612 Midway Rd.
- Yard Sale: 2500 Chanute. Fri. July 7th. 9-12 & Sat. July 8th. 8-7. Clothes, jewelry, what nots, cell phones, queen size headboard, kitchen items, full baby Looney tune nursery set, lots of baby items & much more.
- Yard Sale: 2601 Cindy Sat. 7:30-? Pop up trailer, sofa, baby clothes, microwave, misc.
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### Weight-loss shower scheme brings downpour of response

DEAR ABBY: A woman wrote to ask you what you thought of the idea of a weight-loss shower for someone who had just shed 30 pounds. The "catch" to this shower was that the guests bring monetary gifts so the hostess could buy a new wardrobe to fit her smaller figure.



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

At first glance the idea seemed tacky to me. Just as with any other type of shower, it is inappropriate to specify a monetary gift in the invitation. Should someone inquire about gift ideas, the host could indicate that the honoree is trying to save up for a new wardrobe. However, there are many other suitable gifts for someone who has just lost weight. For example, guests could be asked to bring a copy of their favorite low-calorie recipes to be compiled into a scrapbook.

Losing unwanted pounds is no easy feat. If it were so easy, we would not have the obesity problems that we have in our society. I see it as an accomplishment to be proud of. Throwing someone a shower for this reason is certainly justified.

NEW PORT RICHEY, FLA.

DEAR NEW PORT RICHEY: I love your idea about the diet-recipe shower. Yours was the most charitable response that letter generated. Read on.

DEAR ABBY: I have gained about 60 pounds in

the past four years. Should I throw a party to give my friends the "opportunity" to "shower" me with money to buy new fat clothes? It would amount to exactly the same thing. There are already too many forced gift-giving occasions thrust upon us. My answer is: "No way. Boycott the shower!"

FAT AND SASSY IN OKLAHOMA CITY.

DEAR ABBY: The lady is to be congratulated for the weight loss, but she still has a lot of guts. JOHN IN VISTA, CALIF.

DEAR ABBY: I'd tell the person who was throwing the weight-loss shower that for each 30 pounds she lost, I was donating \$30 (a dollar for each pound) to the local homeless shelter. When I began losing weight, I privately vowed to put \$10 in our church offering plate for each pound I lost. Twenty pounds and \$200 later, the church "feed the homeless" fund is fattened, and I gladly have a slightly slimmer wallet. PUYALLUP, WASH.

DEAR ABBY: A 30-pound weight loss? I think that's great!

It sure is hard to lose that weight.

With Weight Watchers, I've lost 23.

But all my new clothes were paid for by me.

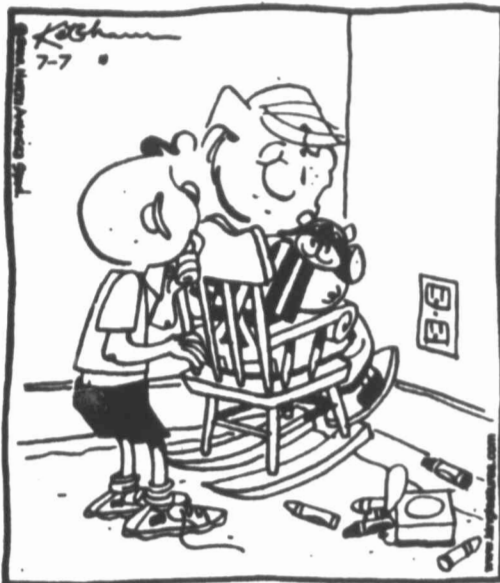
"Pat" in our group lost 75. And didn't ask for a "clothing drive."

But have a shower? That depends.

I'd forget the shower and keep my friends. DOT PETERSON, MILLSBORO, DEL. DEAR DOT: Congrats on a message very well said. I think you've hit the nail on the head!

| FRIDAY |                             |                         |                          |                         |                          |                               |                         |                                    |                           |                           |                           | JULY 7                    |                           |                                         |                           |                           |                           |                                 |                           |  |  |  |  |
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|        | Midland                     | Odessa                  | Dallas                   | Odessa                  | Odessa                   | Dallas                        | Midland                 | Atlanta                            | Spanish                   | Premiere                  | Nashville                 | Premiere                  | Premiere                  | Premiere                                | Odessa                    | New York                  | Discovery                 | Atlanta                         | Learning Cn.              |  |  |  |  |
| 6:PM   | News (CC)                   | Home Imp. Judge Judy    | Wishbone Zoolomoo        | Early Edition           | News Ent. Tonight        | News (CC) Fortune             | News Seinfeld (CC)      | Major League Baseball: Por Tu Amor | So Weird (CC) 2 Hour Tour | 18 Wheels of Justice (CC) | (5:50) Movie: Alive (CC)  | Movie: A Simple Wish      | Movie: Notting Hill       | Movie: A Perfect Light of the Southwest | News John Hagee           | Law & Order (CC)          | Wild Discovery            | Movie: The English Patient (CC) | How'd They Do That?       |  |  |  |  |
| 7:PM   | Sabrina-Witch Boy-World     | Beyond Belief           | Wash. Week Wall St. Week | Higher Ground (CC)      | Big Brother Candid C.    | Sabrina-Witch Boy-World       | Providence (CC)         | Atlanta Braves at                  | Rosalinda                 | Movie: A Simple Wish      | Movie: A Simple Wish      | Movie: A Simple Wish      | Movie: A Simple Wish      | Movie: A Simple Wish                    | Movie: A Simple Wish      | Movie: A Simple Wish      | Movie: A Simple Wish      | Movie: A Simple Wish            | Movie: A Simple Wish      |  |  |  |  |
| 8:PM   | Making-Band Making-Band     | Greed: The Series (CC)  | Antiques Roadshow        | Exploring the Unknown   | JAG (CC)                 | Making-Band Making-Band       | Deteline (CC)           | Boston Red Sox (CC)                | Tres Mujeres              | Cinderella (CC)           | Nashville Kats at Or-     | Movie: Tracks of a Killer | Movie: Tracks of a Killer | Movie: Tracks of a Killer               | Movie: Tracks of a Killer | Movie: Tracks of a Killer | Movie: Tracks of a Killer | Movie: Tracks of a Killer       | Movie: Tracks of a Killer |  |  |  |  |
| 9:PM   | 20/20 (CC)                  | Mad Abt. You Nanny (CC) | Shore Things (CC)        | Early Edition           | Nash Bridges (CC)        | 20/20 (CC)                    | Law & Order             | Movie: Dirty Dancing               | Cerro Humor Es            | 2 Hour Tour               | lando Predators (CC)      | Movie: Tracks of a Killer | Movie: Tracks of a Killer | Movie: Tracks of a Killer               | Movie: Tracks of a Killer | Movie: Tracks of a Killer | Movie: Tracks of a Killer | Movie: Tracks of a Killer       | Movie: Tracks of a Killer |  |  |  |  |
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| 11:PM  | Politically Inc. (38) Maury | Newsradio Unhappily     | Red Green The Industry   | Who's Boss? Who's Boss? | Show (CC) (37) Late Late | Ent. Tonight Politically Inc. | (05) Tonight Show (CC)  | (25) Movie: Al Fin de Semana       | Zorro (CC) Mickey Mouse   | NASCAR -                  | (40) Movie: To Kill For   | (15) Rude Awakening       | (15) Rude Awakening       | (15) Rude Awakening                     | (15) Rude Awakening       | (15) Rude Awakening       | (15) Rude Awakening       | (15) Rude Awakening             | (15) Rude Awakening       |  |  |  |  |
| 12:AM  | (CC) (38) Hollywood         | Cops (CC)               | Goodnight Fools-Horses   | Paid Program            | Show (CC) Grace Under    | (12:08) Oprah Winfrey (CC)    | (12:07) Late Night (CC) | My Girl                            | Walt Disney Presents      | Pocono 500                | To Kill For               | Red Shoe Movie: Illicit   | Ariss (CC) Movie: Coun-   | In Touch (CC)                           | Poirot (CC)               | Storm Warning!            | Storm Warning!            | Storm Warning!                  | Storm Warning!            |  |  |  |  |

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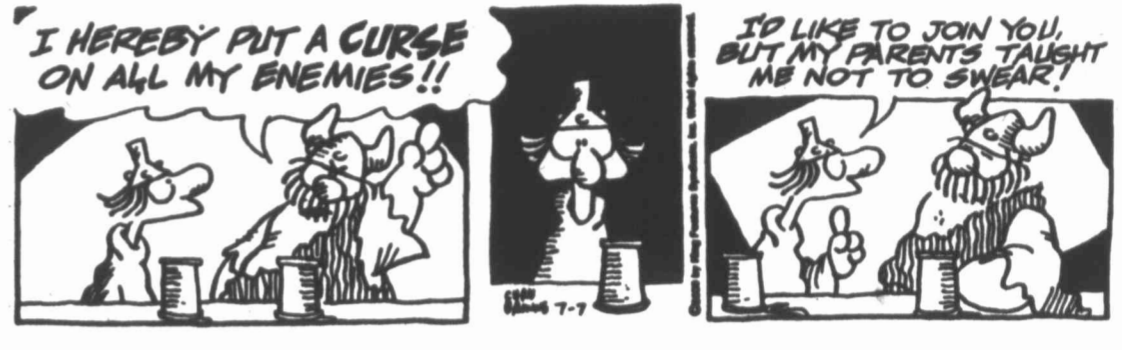
"MY MOM PUT TWO AND TWO TOGETHER, AND CAME UP WITH ME."

FAMILY CIRCUS

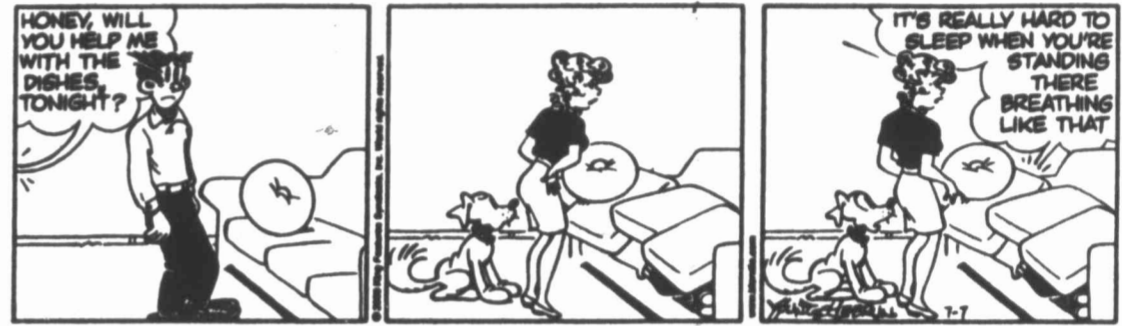


"I'd rather be on a train. Then people would be close enough to wave at."

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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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 Today is Friday, July 7, the 189th day of 2000. There are 177 days left in the year.  
 Today's Highlight in History:  
 On July 7, 1865, four people were hanged in Washington, D.C., for conspiring with John Wilkes Booth to assassinate President Lincoln.  
 On this date:  
 In 1846, U.S. annexation of California was proclaimed at Monterey after the surrender of a Mexican garrison.  
 In 1896, the Democratic

national convention opened in Chicago.  
 In 1898, the United States annexed Hawaii.  
 In 1930, construction began on Boulder Dam (later Hoover Dam).  
 In 1949, the police drama "Dragnet," starring Jack Webb and Barton Yarborough, premiered on NBC radio.  
 In 1954, Elvis Presley made his radio debut as Memphis, Tenn., station WHBQ played his first recording for Sun Records, "That's All Right (Mama)."  
 In 1958, President Eisenhower signed the Alaska statehood bill.  
 In 1969, Canada's House of Commons gave final approval to a measure making the French language equal to English throughout

the national government.  
 In 1981, President Reagan announced he was nominating Arizona Judge Sandra Day O'Connor to become the first female justice on the U.S. Supreme Court.  
 In 1983, 11-year-old Samantha Smith of Manchester, Maine, left for a visit to the Soviet Union at the personal invitation of Soviet leader Yuri V. Andropov.  
 Ten years ago: President Bush welcomed fellow leaders of the world's leading industrialized democracies, gathered in Houston for their 16th annual Group of Seven economic summit. Martina Navratilova captured a record-breaking ninth women's title at Wimbledon, outplaying Zina Garrison, 6-4, 6-1.  
 Five years ago: Space shuttle Atlantis landed at Cape Canaveral, Fla., bringing back American astronaut Norman Thagard, who'd spent 3 months aboard the Russian space station Mir.  
 One year ago: In the first class-action lawsuit by smokers to go to trial, a jury in Miami held cigarette makers liable for making a defective product that causes emphysema, lung cancer and other illnesses. Bill Clinton became the first president since Franklin D. Roosevelt to visit an Indian reservation as he toured the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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