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'Night Out' meeting set for Tuesday

A meeting has been set Tuesday to make plans for creating a National Night Out organization in Big Spring.

To begin at 5:30 p.m. in the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce board room, the meeting is open to anyone interested in preventing crime in their neighborhood. Speakers will include local police officers familiar with National Night Out and other crime-prevention programs.

Anyone who wants to volunteer to serve with a local National Night Out group, or organize a gathering in their neighborhood on Aug. 1, is encouraged to attend.

For more information, call the Herald at 263-7331, ext. 236.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

□ Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

THURSDAY

□ Gideons International, Big Spring Camp No. U42060, Herman's, 7 a.m.

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

□ Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

□ Christmas in April, board of directors, noon, 1607 E. Third., Lions Bingo Bldg.

□ Friends of the Library, noon, Howard County Library.

□ American Legion Auxiliary, 7 p.m.

□ Masonic Lodge No. 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

FRIDAY

□ Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281.

□ The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

□ AMBUCS, noon, La Posada.

□ Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All seniors invited.

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Delinquent tax collection report good news for area entities

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

Big Spring City Council approved a bid for PVC pipe, a budget amendment involving the 911 district and heard a report on delinquent tax collection



MOUTON

Tuesday.

"We had a very good year the last 12 months. We've only had two collection years better," said attorney Drew Mouton, who advised the council on tax collections.

Mouton said the larger taxing entities — the city of Big Spring, Howard College, Big Spring Independent School District and Howard County — recouped slightly more than \$589,000 in delinquent taxes. The total for all

taxing entities in the county was \$670,612, he said.

"The largest account was \$20,000, so we feel really good about that," he said.

Mouton noted that 1999 taxes became delinquent July 1, and amounted to \$731,000, compared to \$660,000 the previous year. He said, however, that there were two primary reasons for the difference. One was that some tax payments postmarked by July 1 had probably not been received

by that date and will be deducted as they are recorded. The other large difference is some \$60,000 owed by the old Holiday Inn, which filed bankruptcy.

"The lien holder has control now and they've worked well with us and we're going to work with them to try to get it under control," he said.

In other business, the council approved a bid of \$13,865 for 4,700 feet of 6-inch C900 PVC pipe, which

will run from Bell Street to Jones Street. Plastic Wholesale of Abilene was awarded the bid.

The council also approved an amendment to the 1999-2000 Howard County 911 Communication District operating budget in the amount of \$15,000 to purchase a Dictaphone voice recorder for the sheriff's office. Howard County 911 director Tommy Sullivan

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Hangar 25 Air Museum committee member Jerry Worthy stands next to an AT-11 plane on loan to the museum by its owner, Russell Madden. The plane will be moved to Breckenridge shortly for additional body repair and then will return to Big Spring.

HERALD photo/Allison Thomas

Display features World War II workhorse

By ALLISON THOMAS
Staff Writer

For a limited time, the Hangar-25 Air Museum will be displaying a complete World War II AT-11 plane. The plane sat in a state of disrepair for several months before its owner came to fix it last Saturday.



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"It's been here for some time, but this is the first time it has been on display with all of the propellers attached," said Susan Lewis, museum coordinator. "It looks just wonderful."

The AT-11 is on loan to the museum by its owner, Russell Madden. It is the only plane on display that is not owned by the museum, and the only plane that is still airworthy.

"It is flown out to various places, but the owner wants to hangar it here," said

Lewis. "This was our understanding when we accepted it."

Within the next few weeks, Madden will remove the plane to Breckenridge for additional body repair. While the plane is scheduled to return, the timetable is up to the discretion of the owner.

"We really aren't sure when he is going to take it away," said Lewis. "We miss it when it's gone, but it will come back."

The AT-11 has been displayed by the museum in

various stages of restoration. This is the first time it will be displayed in complete condition.

"It had bent propellers, the engine was damaged and some flaps were missing," said Lewis. "Even when it was not ready to be viewed, it was being viewed. Now that it has been repaired, this is a great time to come see it."

The AT-11 is a fighter plane from World War II. At various times, it was

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Holguin not guilty of sexual assault, indecency with child

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

A jury of eight women and four men deliberated for one hour Tuesday before finding Rudy Acosta Holguin not guilty on four counts of aggravated sexual assault of a child and one count of indecency with a child.

The 45-year-old Holguin was accused of sexually assaulting his now 13-year-old son on four different

occasions between August 1995 and May 1999, when he was accused of the indecency with a child charge. His trial began Monday in 118th District Court.

The young boy told the jury the first sexual encounter with his occurred when he was 8 years old and stayed overnight with him at the Mayo Ranch Motel. He spoke graphically of the alleged acts without any emotion.

Another witness called to

testify for the prosecution was Anna Merrell, a beauty operator and former stepmother of the alleged victim.

She said she has maintained a close relationship with the 13-year-old. She testified of "horse-play" between the father and son but never said she saw anything out of the ordinary.

Nevertheless, she said was stunned when the decision was handed down.

"I am very disappointed in

the outcome of the trial and to me it seems to just further add injury to the child," said Merrell. "I believe the boy was telling the truth and nothing will change that. We have a responsibility as adults to protect our young children and I don't think we did in this case."

The prosecution rested its case just before 11 a.m. and Judge Robert H. Moore III called for a lunch break until 1 p.m. The trial was

held up for almost 30 minutes awaiting the return of one juror who arrived at 1:30 p.m.

Defense attorney Tim Yeats called Sue Holguin, grandmother of the 13-year-old who admitted under oath that her grandson had a history of lying or "stretching the truth."

The defense also called Kevin Cowley, a longtime friend of Holguin, who testi-

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Salvation Army to begin school supplies distribution

By ALLISON THOMAS
Staff Writer

With the new school year right around the corner, many people are beginning to buy their children notebooks, binders and pencils. To provide children from low-income families with these necessary supplies, the Salvation Army is holding a school supply drive.

"We're taking 8-pack and 24-pack crayons, scissors, Elmer's glue, pencils, spiral notebooks, pink erasers, facial tissues, school boxes, notebook paper, red grading pencils, rulers, map colors and markers," said Patricia

Aaron, a caseworker with the Salvation Army.

School supplies will be given to applicants with children in kindergarten to eighth grade who meet all the guidelines.

Applications to receive school supplies will be taken Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., next week at the Salvation Army on 811 W. Fifth. Applicants should bring with them a Social Security card for everyone in the family, proof of expenses, residence and income.

"Most who bring everything will probably meet

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Patricia Aaron sits behind a stack of school supplies that have been donated to the Salvation Army school supply drive. The drive is to provide children from low income families with the supplies they need for the new school year. Donations of supplies are being accepted.

HERALD photo/Allison Thomas

House panel opens door to pay raise for Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — With no discussion, a House subcommittee opened the door late Tuesday to giving members of Congress their latest cost-of-living pay raise.

Lawmakers' current \$141,300 salaries would be raised by 2.7 percent, or \$3,800, and take effect next January, officials said. It would be their third increase in four years.

The first step toward approving the increase came as a subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee approved a \$29.1 billion measure financing the Treasury Department and other agencies for the coming fiscal year.

The bill contains no language addressing the pay raise. But under a 1989 law, lawmakers get an automatic annual increase unless they decide to block it, and the Treasury bill is the traditional vehicle for such language.

The increase is based on a formula designed to hold the boost below the inflation rate and any increase civil servants will receive. The bill would also allow federal workers to receive the 3.7 percent pay raise next year that President Clinton has recommended.

Opponents expect to force election-year votes challenging the raise for lawmakers. But the proposal has a good chance to survive because of the strong economy, the healthy budget surpluses and last month's agreement between both parties' leaders not to attack each other's incumbents for supporting it.

"The Bible says the worker is worthy of his hire," House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, told reporters earlier in the day. "These members of Congress on both sides of the aisle work very hard."

In a brief interview, Senate Majority Leader

Trent Lott, R-Miss., said he supports the increase and expects the Senate to approve it.

The same spending bill would also require Hillary Rodham Clinton to submit monthly reports to the House Appropriations Committee detailing the travel expenses of her Senate campaign.

For months, some Republicans have been accusing her of insufficiently reimbursing the Treasury for her flights to and from New York, which she takes on military aircraft on the Secret Service's advice.

From July 1999 through last May, it has cost an estimated \$698,000 for her flights, of which she has paid the government \$112,200, according to figures released by Appropriations Committee Republicans. The numbers were based on White House data.

Clinton spokesman Howard Wolfson said that as with all recent White House occupants, Clinton's reimbursements have been for the political portion of her travels and are based on the price of first-class passenger tickets.

The measure would also impose stricter reporting requirements for all House and Senate candidates using federal aircraft, beginning in the 2002 elections.

The bill also would: —Roll back a 0.5 percent increase in federal workers' contributions to their retirements enacted in 1997, at a cost of \$460 million. That provision, proposed by Rep. Steny Hoyer, D-Md., was approved 7-6.

—Block U.S. sales of diamonds used to finance Sierra Leone rebels, who have killed and terrorized thousands of civilians. The language by Rep. Frank Wolf, R-Va., was approved by voice vote.

Critics object to FBI e-mail snooping device

WASHINGTON (AP) — Civil liberties and privacy groups are railing against a new system designed to allow law enforcement agents to intercept and analyze huge amounts of e-mail in connection with an investigation.

The system, called "Carnivore," was first hinted at on April 6 in testimony to a House subcommittee. Now the FBI has it in use.

When Carnivore is placed at an Internet service provider, it scans all incoming and outgoing e-mails for messages associated with the target of a criminal probe.

In a letter addressed to two members of the House subcommittee that deals with Fourth Amendment search-and-seizure issues, the American Civil Liberties Union argued that the system breaches the Internet provider's rights and the rights of all its customers by reading both sender and recipient addresses, as well as subject lines of e-mails, to decide whether to make a copy of the entire message.

Further, while the system is plugged into the Internet provider's systems, it is controlled solely by the law enforcement agency. In a traditional wiretap, the tap is physically placed and maintained by the telephone company.

"Carnivore is roughly equivalent to a wiretap capable of accessing the contents of the conversations of all of the phone company's customers, with

the assurance that the FBI will record only conversations of the specified target," read the letter. "This 'trust us, we are the government' approach is the antithesis of the procedures required under our wiretapping laws."

Barry Steinhardt, associate director of the ACLU, said citizens shouldn't trust that such a sweeping data-tap will only be used against criminal suspects. And even then, he said, the data mined by Carnivore, particularly subject lines, are already intrusive.

"Law enforcement should be prohibited from installing any device that allows them to intercept communications from persons other than the target," Steinhardt said in an interview. "When conducting these kinds of investigations, the information should be restricted to only investigative information."

A spokeswoman for Rep. Charles T. Canady, R-Fla., who heads the House Judiciary subcommittee on the Constitution, said the congressman had no comment on the letter.

In testimony to Canady's subcommittee, Robert Corn-Revere, a lawyer at the Hogan & Hartson law firm in Washington, said he represented an Internet provider that refused to install the Carnivore system. The provider was placed in an "awkward position," Corn-Revere said, because the company feared suits from customers unhappy with the government looking into all the e-mail.

Russian rocket carrying space station module lifts off

BAIKONUR, Kazakhstan (AP) — The Russian Proton-K rocket that is carrying the long-delayed International Space Station's service module into orbit lifted off today from the Baikonur cosmodrome.

At Mission Control outside Moscow, Russian and U.S. space agency officials watching a live broadcast applauded as the module went into orbit 10 minutes later. A huge screen in front of them tracked the flight from the cosmodrome on the remote, windswept steppes of Kazakhstan.

Technicians pulled back the launch tower from the huge rocket about half an

hour before the 8:56 a.m. liftoff. A logo advertising Pizza Hut had been placed halfway up the rocket.

Russia and the United States have invested high hopes in the Zvezda module, which will be the core of the 16-nation space station project. The module will contain flight controls, the sewage system and sleeping quarters for the crew.

Russia says that the 22-ton, 43-foot-long segment cost about \$320 million to build. It has severely taxed Moscow's meager financial resources and thrown the U.S.-led space station project more than two years behind schedule, casting

doubts on Russia's reliability as a major partner.

The launch could have come sooner if not for two crashes of Proton rockets. Russia insisted problems with the rocket have been worked out, and it has put several satellites into orbit with the help of Proton rockets since the crashes.

The Zvezda module will go into orbit unmanned, docking July 26 by computer with two other space station components that were launched in 1998. The first crew could go to the station by October, NASA has said.

Two cosmonauts will be prepared to immediately launch to Zvezda aboard a

Soyuz rocket if the automatic linkup goes wrong.

A failed launch would have been a major setback for the project and Russia's attempts to retain its image as a leading space power, which it gained by putting the first satellite and the first man into space.

Delays on the Zvezda — which means "star" in Russian — have cost the project an estimated \$3 billion, and some members of the U.S. Congress are questioning whether to fund NASA's spending projections on the \$60 billion project, particularly after the failed launches of two Mars missions last year.

Report: DNA tests fail to clear Texan given reprieve

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) — New DNA tests have failed to clear a Texas inmate given a reprieve by Gov. George W. Bush last month just minutes before he was to be executed on rape and murder convictions, according to USA Today.

Sources close to the case told the newspaper in Wednesday's editions that recent tests by the FBI point to Ricky McGinn or a maternal relative as the

source of a pubic hair found inside the body of Stephanie Flanary, 12, the convicted man's stepdaughter.

The paper noted that no member of McGinn's family has been linked to the case.

He was facing execution the night of June 1 after being convicted in 1995 of raping and killing the girl in an exhausting all appeals.

But Bush granted a reprieve less than 30 minutes before the scheduled

execution to allow time for DNA testing.

McGinn, 43, and his attorneys wanted additional DNA testing, which they hoped would exonerate him.

Although DNA evidence was originally used by prosecutors to help convict McGinn of the May 1993 rape and ax slaying of the girl, his lawyers contended more sophisticated testing now available would help his case.

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Budget time a tough call for everyone

It's one of the most excruciating times of the year for our elected officials — the time that every entity which collects taxes, fees and other assessments forms a budget for the coming year.

It means hours and hours of meetings with managers, financial officers and department heads in an effort to accomplish what sometimes seems like an impossible task.

Some of it is projection based on past history: How much water will city customers use? How many more miles can the school district rely on an aging 74-passenger bus? Will sales tax rebates remain steady? Will an air conditioning unit that supplies cool air to 150 students or 60 employees last one more year?

Once the needs are identified, they are prioritized. Then choices must be made, based on revenue expectations.

We don't envy those who have to make these decisions — our public schools and college boards, city council members and county commissioners. At the same time they are the individuals elected to represent us and we expect them to do so with us in mind.

That's not easy, because we are all different individuals who live in different neighborhoods. For some, smooth streets are important. For others, water quality is the big issue. If we have children in school, then education takes on more importance. If we are on a limited budget, it's important that we don't have to endure a tax increase.

Our elected representatives have to take all of that into consideration and make the best decisions they can — sometimes with very limited resources.

And so, as we go through this time, we encourage those representatives to search hard for ways to cut costs and retain, if not improve, services. And we encourage the general public to be as tolerant as possible and be mindful that those representatives are faced with a sometimes impossible and nearly always thankless task.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

The family of the late Bozo Darnell is seeking 45 rpm phonograph records, pictures, etc.

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Of irreparable harm to Colorado children

Thanks to the votes of seven members of the Colorado Supreme Court, thousands of Colorado public school children who can't yet speak English will have to wait at least two more years before they are given a chance to learn the language. On Monday, the state court struck down proposed language for a ballot initiative that would have allowed



LINDA CHAVEZ

Colorado voters the opportunity to decide what was best for non-English-speaking children: to remain in programs where they learn most of their lessons in Spanish for years on end, or be placed in classes where they would be taught English immediately in an intensive, one-year program.

Two years ago, California voters adopted a similar measure, with remarkable results. Last year alone, more than 35,000 children in Los Angeles schools completed the special English immersion program, and were able to join regular classes. Throughout the state, test scores rose among children in the English immersion classes;

in most cases, by double digits. An analysis by the San José Mercury News revealed that second-grade students from districts using English immersion scored some 16 percentile points higher in reading and 13 percentile points higher in math than those from districts that maintained bilingual programs. Students in other grades achieved similar gains as well, after only seven months in the English immersion program.

For years, the bilingual education lobby has successfully protected its own jobs at the expense of children. Arguing that non-English-speaking Hispanic children can't learn English until they successfully learn to read and write in Spanish, bilingual advocates insist schools keep these children in Spanish language programs for three, five, even seven years or more. The results have been devastating, for the children and the communities in which they will grow up, live and work.

Many of these children never learn to speak, read and write English well. And no wonder; instead of being taught English, they're taught virtually all their lessons in Spanish. As former Denver public school teacher Joseph C' de Baca explains it, "I'd have these kids from Mexico that I knew from Hamilton Middle School when they

were in sixth grade, and they were nice kids, good kids. Then, I'd see them a few years later at West High School, where I also taught, and they're still in the bilingual program. And they're in 12th grade."

Rita Montero, former Denver school board member, tells a similar story. She recalls being approached by a mother whose son, a senior in high school, hoped to attend a state university. But when the young man told his counselor of his plans, she explained that since he had never learned English well enough to take his exams in English, his chances of getting in were slim, at best.

"I don't understand," the woman told Montero, "my son's been getting As and Bs in the bilingual program, but now, he still can't go to college."

And Montero herself had to struggle to remove her own son from bilingual education classes, where he'd been placed simply because Montero answered a school questionnaire that asked whether anyone in the home spoke a language other than English.

Montero thought it was important for her son to be able to speak both English and Spanish, but she was shocked to learn that he wasn't being taught either language well. When she complained, Montero met resistance from her son's

teacher, the school principal, and officials in the district bilingual education office. She was only able to remove her son from the program by transferring schools.

There are hundreds, indeed thousands, of such stories in Colorado, which is what motivated people like C' de Baca, Montero, and others to support an effort to allow Colorado voters to replace failing bilingual programs with intensive English immersion classes. By the time the court acted, supporters of "Colorado English for the Children" had already gathered more than 40,000 signatures toward the 62,348 needed to qualify for the ballot.

And polls showed that an overwhelming majority of Colorado voters favored the initiative. Now, these efforts will have to be put on hold.

But no one should imagine that the Colorado Supreme Court has had the final word in this struggle. Supporters of the initiative intend to work hard over the next two years to place this measure on the ballot in 2002.

The failure to teach English to Hispanic immigrant children will irreparably harm not only the kids themselves but all Colorado voters. And Colorado voters deserve the right to rescue these children.

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VACATION, 2000

Giddings carousel horses up and running

After passing carnival into financial trouble years ago near Giddings and left an old carousel to cover some of its debts. The merry-go-round had 28 painted wooden horses on it. All the mechanical equipment was in working order, even though it was in need of repair.



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

It was moved into town despite objections from residents who said they would prefer that piece of junk go somewhere else. A circular building was built in Firemen's Park to house the carousel. It's an old fashioned kind of building, with wooden

walls that fold down halfway all the way around to allow cross ventilation.

Over the years, the carousel was placed into the care of various civic clubs around Giddings. It was operated only once a year, during the city's July 4th activities.

Very little work was done on the horses, which began to deteriorate. When the Giddings fire department took over the operation and maintenance of the carousel, things started happening.

A wood sculptor in Giddings, Wayne Peters, was asked to restore the horses. Wayne carves museum-quality figures.

"I got bunged up in a car wreck in 1976 and was out of commission for about a year," says Wayne. "Sitting on the patio was unproductive, so I started whittling as part of my rehab."

He has a small shop behind his house where he works in a wheelchair with

a tool kit on it.

"I took one horse at a time and worked on it," he says. "I'd take them apart completely. Carousel horses have about 20 pieces in them. These had caulking compound, all kinds of cement and glue, nails, all types of stuff that had been used in repairing these things. Even these old corrugated fasteners used to hold two pieces of wood together. All that junk."

"I took all the hardware out of them and replaced them with wooden dowels. There's no nails in them now. None of them had ears or tails. Most of them didn't have eyes. Some didn't have legs or feet. Parts of the head were missing. I just made pieces and put them back together. I cleaned them up, sanded them down and took all the old paint off. I used bondo, the same stuff they use to patch automobile bodies."

He repaired all 28 of the

horses. The project took years. After getting the horses ready to paint, he sent them to a professional firm that specializes in painting carousel horses. He made sure that real horse hair was used in making the tails on the horses.

Wayne gave the firemen a lifetime guarantee on his work.

"On my lifetime, not theirs," says Wayne, who is 84 years old.

Wayne is handicapped and is rated totally disabled. He has a left arm that is not much use to him.

"I work single-handedly," he jokes. "But disabled is not unable."

The carousel in Giddings is now used several times a year and is kept in good shape.

People from a large area go to Giddings with one special purpose in mind: to ride the carousel with the pretty horses.



Mallard Fillmore by BRUCE TINSLEY

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Below, Julie Stutz paints during craft time at First United Methodist Church vacation Bible school. The church had 81 kids present Tuesday, and more were expected to attend today's session. It continues through Friday from 9 a.m.-noon. At left, April Choate and Jay Rodriguez string beads on their craft projects.



Safe travels: Keep an eye on your bags at airports

Many people will be in and out of airports with friends and family over the summer months. Even when on vacation, however, we need to keep up our guard to protect ourselves from scams or theft.

"We tend to relax when we are traveling on vacations or pleasure trips because that's part of the reason we're going. We want to kick back and enjoy ourselves," said Sue Lynn Sasser, family economics specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.



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"However, we need to remember that our care-free, relaxed attitude may make us an easier target for airport scams or thefts. Just because we're on vacation doesn't mean that everyone is."

In order to help make your travel safer, Sasser offers the following tips:

- Never leave your baggage unattended or ask a stranger to watch it for you. Some people make regular visits to airports, train terminals or bus stations just looking for potential victims. Leaving baggage unattended — or perhaps in their custody — makes their job effortless.
- Unattended bags can present special problems in public restrooms because you are an easy target for persons looking for opportunities to steal luggage or handbags. They are just waiting for you to turn your back so they can take your possessions and run. It is always best to take your luggage into a stall with you or to rent a luggage locker and store it while you're in the terminal.
- Never remove your jewelry in the restroom while you're washing your hands. Professional thieves can quickly grab it and disappear almost unnoticed.
- Watch your luggage carefully on the carousel and at the metal detectors. Make it a point to arrive at the carousels as soon as possible so you can be present when your luggage arrives.
- Also, metal detectors are good locations for baggage bandits to hang out because you are physically separated from your baggage. One of the most common scams involves teams working together to steal personal possessions from metal detector locations. Be cautious about putting your luggage or other items on the conveyor belt until you are ready to pass through the detector, and keep your eyes on them at all times.
- Always push baggage or luggage carts instead of pulling them behind you.

Fancy scrapbooking: Making lasting memories

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Fingers flying, Susan Hershberger crops photographs into circles, hearts and squares and then starts on embellishments with the zeal of an artist splashing paint on canvas.

Flashy stickers. Stencil designs. Borders — multi-colored, zig-zag and scalloped. Computer-generated captions. Hershberger, a new fan of scrapbooks, is showcasing her family's beach vacation and her daughter's 10th birthday.

These are not your parents' scrapbooks. There are no photographs neatly pasted on plain white pages.

Scrapbooking has leaped from the kitchen table into the mainstream and now is one of the nation's most faddish crafts, says Susan Brandt, spokeswoman for the international Hobby Industry Association. According to its most recent survey, 1 in 5 U.S. households has at least one scrapbooker. And it's usually a woman.

"A lot of it has to do with today's too-busy, too-stressed, strung-out female," says Brandt. "Keeping scrapbooks and keeping chronicles is to some extent guilt assuagement. It is chronicling your child's life."

Retailers have opened special scrapbooking aisles and companies are adding new products — fuel for a \$300-million-a-year industry, Brandt says.

Tips and products for scrapbooks are available on Web sites, in craft stores, magazines and even homes.

Creative Memories, of St. Cloud, Minn., has 50,000 representatives in seven countries who hold living-room demonstrations similar to Tupperware or Mary Kay cosmetics parties.

Two women founded the company in 1987; it is now building a manufacturing and distribution center south of Richmond, Va., to meet demand, said spokesman Mike Nistler.

It's hard to trace exactly how scrapbooking caught on, but credit often goes to the Mormon church. Scrapbooking captured how important families and family history are to Mormons and became a natural result of adding art to their journals," says Desiree Tanner, who helps develop products for Provo Craft, a manufacturer and distributor based in Utah.

Hershberger, a business analyst for Caterpillar, has discovered others who share a passion for scrap-

booking since she took up the hobby in October. She recently taught a class at one outlet of a chain of craft stores.

Her gear, kept in a tackle box, includes hundreds of pieces of colored paper, stickers, cutting and cropping tools, adhesive applicators and glue, stencil templates, markers and pens, punches and scissors with several kinds of shaped edges, like waves and scallops.

"I am overwhelmed, but also inspired," said student Jill Pike after a Hershberger demonstration. Pike wants to make scrapbooks for three sons.

Hershberger, 46, has already finished two volumes of her daughter's life. She expects to add another before Angie's high school graduation.

The birthday page — announced in a fancy computer font — features four pictures of cake eaters and game players.

Red scallops border the blue background; a candle sticker anchors each corner. Captions, known as journaling, explain who did what.

Depending on details, a page can consume up to four hours — "but

it doesn't have to," Hershberger says reassuringly.

Experts trace the popularity of scrapbooking to photos — and the penchant to stash them in envelopes undated. "Don't just take the 10,000 photos and throw them in the box," Brandt warns. Instead, she advises, rely on scrapbooking and acid-free products to capture memories forever.

How to organize the mess? Classes are popular, especially for those who haven't dabbled in crafts. Hershberger, who makes quilts, didn't have trouble. But others, she says, can get frustrated. They think their handwriting isn't good enough or they can't cut straight.

"I couldn't get the page the way I wanted," admits Carla Torrey, who attended Hershberger's class to get help with a scrapbook of her son's prom.

There are drawbacks beyond the mastery of a hobby cutter: Scrapbooking can be costly. A sheet of stickers may cost a dollar, but a large paper trimmer may run to \$40.

To Brandt, it's worth it. "You are buying something that is for your family."

Police in Lubbock park patrol cars, saddle up

LUBBOCK (AP) — Recently, a bit of the Old West — a time when Texas lawmen carried six shooters and formed a posse to round up the bad guys — returned to Lubbock.

Nine Lubbock police officers parked their patrol cars and traveled in West Texas style — on horseback.

A group of 10 officers, along with their nine horses, formed a mounted police unit and started training about a year ago. They made their public debut during the city's Fourth of July festivities.

Several officers researched the possibility of a mounted unit and eventually convinced Police Chief Ken Walker to approve the project.

"A lot of departments are going to this, and they are finding it's a very effective way to watch parking lots and watch crowds," Mann said. "It's something peo-

ple here have been wanting to see for a long time."

The Police Department purchased their equipment, but the officers own and maintain their horses. The officers each have full-time duties aside from their volunteer work with the mounted unit.

"For three or four of them, this is really their first significant exposure to horses," Capt. Bill Townley said.

Unit members expect to manage crowds at large events, such as 4th on Broadway and the Crossroads Music Festival. For watching and controlling crowds, the Los Angeles Police Department considers one mounted officer to be as effective as 10 officers on foot.

The elevated position of horseback gives the officers a sight advantage accompanied by the powerful presence of the animal, Townley said.

Handle with care: 'Shaken baby syndrome' victim's special needs now must come first

DALLAS (AP) — Trina Henry sits in her rocking chair with daughter Brittany seated snugly in her lap.

After a long day of work and day care, the snuggling session is one of the ways they spend special time together.

"This is one of her quiet days," says Ms. Henry, as she gazes adoringly at the bright-eyed 4-year-old. She strokes Brittany's smooth mocha skin.

Brittany cannot talk. Ms. Henry gauges her daughter's mood by the nonverbal sounds she makes. Brittany is cooing contentedly, but at one point she gets restless and begins to cry. To settle her daughter down, Ms. Henry cradles her closer and speaks in soothing tones. She rocks her gently. Very gently.

Ms. Henry is very careful in the way she rocks and otherwise handles Brittany. She knows what can happen when someone goes to

the extreme.

Four years ago, someone went to the extreme with Brittany. She was shaken so violently that the impact rattled her brain. She nearly died. Brittany was only 7 weeks old. The person who shook her was her own father. He is serving an eight-year prison sentence for injury to a child.

Brittany survived the abuse, but the results of the shaking caused so much damage to her brain that she will never have a normal life.

And neither will Ms. Henry. She is a 30-year-old mother who is left alone with the challenges of raising a child with an affliction that few people understand.

"We take it one day at a time," says the Arlington mother, whose experiences in caring for Brittany have motivated her to become an advocate for her daughter and other victims of Shaken Baby Syndrome.

"People are shocked to see the damage it can cause."

Brittany has severe brain damage. She is legally blind. She cannot speak or walk, and for the rest of her life she must rely on someone else to take care of all her needs.

Shaken Baby Syndrome occurs when a child is shaken forcibly enough to cause the brain to rebound against the skull. The impact can lead to severe brain damage, causing mental retardation, cerebral palsy, even death. Survivors usually require lifelong medical care.

Brittany's condition was hard for Ms. Henry to accept in the beginning. But abandoning her responsibility to care for Brittany was never an option.

"I never even considered giving her up," says the soft-spoken mother, who has a tattoo of her daughter's name on her left arm. She says she wants her

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TELEVISION NEWS

NEW YORK (AP) — When television networks began jumping gleefully into the reality pool, NBC was content to lay back, playing it cool. Maybe its programmers preferred a nice game of golf.

Now that it's perceived there's a treasure lying at the bottom of the pool, expect a flood of these new shows on the air during the next few months, including:

- "The Mole," a game where a group of people try to complete a series of tasks. The hitch is that one of them is trying to subvert the process, and no one knows who "the mole" is.
- "Master Game," a game show that brings back the unpleasant experience of cramming for college finals. Contestants study for a series of tests over several days, battling fatigue.
- "The Runner" and "Wanted," both based on the idea of pursuit. In "The Runner," an idea developed by actors Ben Affleck and Matt Damon, a person is set loose somewhere in the country and it's up to TV viewers to find him, while "Wanted" sets a pack of former bounty hunters after a series of contestants.
- "Krypton Factor," a game that tests quick-thinking and mental agility.
- "I Want a Divorce," a forum like "Divorce Court" where a real-life divorcing couple compete against each other for their own property. Fortunately, kids aren't included.

And those are just on ABC and Fox. CBS isn't talking about its future plans, but with "Big Brother" on five times

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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

A group of volunteers will sponsor an annual event — slated for Aug. 1 this year — billed as a "night out against drugs and crime." An informational meeting about this project is planned Tuesday, July 18 at 5:30 p.m. in the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce board room.

Anyone who is interested in volunteering in some way for this effort can call the Herald, 263-7331, ext. 236, for more information.

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child to receive the best care and have as normal a life as possible.

To better prepare herself, Ms. Henry enrolled in a weekend course in Austin sponsored by the Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities. She took classes that helped teach her how to gain better access to quality medical and educational services and how to be a strong advocate for Brittany.

As motivated as she is, the past few years have not been easy for Ms. Henry.

She holds a full-time job as an account executive at a car dealership. Brittany is her other full-time job. Along with tending to the basic needs of a small child, there has been a continuous string of appointments to keep with doctors and therapists. She constantly worries about Brittany's health.

"I am paranoid about her being injured again. That's why I try to always keep her in a very safe environment," she says.

Ms. Henry credits her Christian faith with helping her cope.

She also attends regular meetings of the Shaken Baby Alliance, a support group for families.

For a long time, Ms. Henry didn't want to face the truth about Brittany's condition.

"I would make up some kind of story," she says. "I would tell people that nothing was wrong with her."

"I led everyone to believe she had meningitis."

That's what the doctors thought four years ago when the infant was rushed to an Irving hospital after her parents noticed she was shaking abnormally.

She started having seizures at Cook Children's Medical Center in Fort Worth, where she had been transferred. There Brittany was placed on life support when she stopped breathing.

Doctors initially diagnosed her as having meningitis. After more tests, they learned otherwise.

They discovered that her symptoms were caused by a trauma to her head. A doctor in the child-abuse unit diagnosed Brittany.

Ms. Henry recalls the day in February 1996 when her husband, Edward Charles Henry, called her at work to tell her that Brittany was ill. He worked nights as an aircraft mechanic and took care of Brittany during the day.

She says when her husband picked her up from work she noticed that Brittany was trembling

uncontrollably. "I couldn't get her to respond to anything," she says.

Mr. Henry later admitted to the police and authorities of Child Protective Services that he shook his daughter "three times way too hard," according to court records.

Ms. Henry says her husband, who at first denied ever doing anything, eventually admitted to her that he shook Brittany because he couldn't get the baby to stop crying.

Brittany's father was arrested and released on bail. Two years later, on March 13, 1998, he was found guilty of injuring his daughter and failing to get immediate medical help for her.

He is incarcerated at the Texas Department of Corrections in Plainview. He did not respond to interview requests for this article.

Social worker Joelle Koncelik testified in court that Mr. Henry insisted that he didn't intend to harm his daughter.

Ms. Koncelik testified that Mr. Henry told her: "I didn't mean to do it, not on purpose. I love my baby. I don't know what happened. I just lost it. Before I knew it, she was in my hands and I was shaking her. I didn't mean to. I didn't want to hurt her. I love her."

People who commit such crimes usually don't plan it, says Janice Squires, associate professor of pediatrics at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

"Child abuse is clearly a crime of poor self-control and violence," says Ms. Squires, an expert in child abuse. "But it is a real misperception to paint the person who does this as a monster."

Ms. Henry knows this but still struggles with forgiveness.

She continued to live with her husband while he was awaiting trial, and they sought counseling. But she decided she couldn't live with the man responsible for harming their daughter. They separated. She has filed for divorce.

"To this day, he still apologizes," she says. "He has actually written Brittany letters from jail."

Ms. Henry has stopped accepting the letters. They are reminders of a tragedy on which she does not wish to dwell.

"I'm trying to go through a healing process," she says. "Even though it was an accident, it can't change what happened to Brittany."

Even when Ms. Henry knew the real reason for Brittany's injuries, it was easier to let her friends and family members continue to believe the baby had meningitis rather than tell them what really happened.

She was forced to admit the truth when news reports came out concerning her husband's trial and conviction.

Some of her friends and family members felt betrayed; others understood and offered to help.

But many offers, especially filling in as a baby sitter to give her a break, are not always sincere.

"When it comes down to it, they are scared to keep her," she says. "She is fragile, to a certain extent, but she is not going to break."

Considering her condition, Brittany is a relatively healthy child. She is 4, with the mental capacity of a 9-month-old baby. She is the average height and weight for a child her age. She wears glasses to aid her limited vision. During the shaking, her retina was detached and she suffered bleeding in her eyes. She gets around by crawling or being pushed around in her pink and purple wheelchair. So far, her hearing has not

been affected.

Their morning begins at 5 a.m., when Ms. Henry gets ready and drops Brittany off at day care before going to work. A bus picks Brittany up by 7:30 a.m. to take her to Alice Ponder Elementary in Mansfield, about 20 miles away. The public school has a respected program that accommodates children with disabilities.

Ms. Henry picks Brittany up from day care by 6 p.m. For exercise, she sometimes pushes her through the neighborhood in the wheelchair. Sometimes they relax in the rocking chair at home.

"She does a great job of caring for her," says friend and co-worker Bernetta Mays. "Some people would give their kids away or keep them in a home, or wouldn't look out for the best treatment for them. ... It takes not only love ... it takes so much of yourself to do that."

Coming Thursday: Computerize your debts!

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a week over the next three months and a second "Survivor" series scheduled for the winter, it is already busy.

NBC is trying quickly to catch up. The network is reportedly negotiating to import a Dutch show, "Chains of Love," in which a woman is chained to four men and must let go one man a day until she's left with her dream date.

After two years in which a rival network made a big splash with original programming during the repeat season — ABC last August with "Millionaire" and CBS now with "Survivor" — NBC has assigned a staff and resources just to develop summer and alternative programming, spokeswoman Shirley Powell said.

The network has essentially taken this summer off. The pickings are so slim that NBC is airing a few episodes of a new fall series

scheduled to run on its little-watched sister network, Pax TV.

Adding to the pressure is the general sense that NBC's new fall shows are weak, potentially squandering the promotional platform that several weeks of prime-time Olympics coverage will provide.

NBC has fallen behind in the reality game because "we made our traditional programming — dramas and comedies — that ran during the season our top priority," Powell said.

One analyst believes that despite the criticism, NBC had its priorities right. Advertisers still don't value reality shows as highly as hit comedies or dramas, said Tom DeCabilia, executive vice president of the media buying firm Schulman Advansers NY. And chances are there will be far more failures than successes in the upcoming flood of shows, he said.

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Keeping your baggage in front make it easier to watch and make you less vulnerable to robbery attempts.

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LOW SET TO COACH RANGERS

NEW YORK (AP) — Ron Low should be much happier working under Glen Sather this time.



A/C Inventory Reduction advertisement with text: 'This summer's really weird weather has left us in a bind. We've got way too many top-quality, high-efficient air conditioners...'

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together. That sounds familiar, huh?" Doherty said. "You've heard that before, but it works."

"Our team will play harder than any team in the country. That I'll promise you. I can't ask guys to run faster or jump higher, but I can ask them to play harder. I'll spoil them off the court if they spoil me on the court."

Doherty steps into a good

position. The Tar Heels return such players as Atlantic Coast Conference rookie of the year Joseph Forte, 7-foot center Brendan Haywood, Kris Lang and Jason Capel. North Carolina will likely be a preseason top 10 team.

"We have some good players back, and now we have someone who's going to push us hard — every day," Capel said. "He's already told us that he's going to push us and demand a lot

of us. We've got to meet his standards, and we will.

"He struck me as a very confident person — no nonsense."

Notre Dame athletic director Kevin White said Doherty had a clause in his contract regarding North Carolina.

"I suspect that when Matt came to Notre Dame, he hoped that at some point he'd have an opportunity to have a conversation with North Carolina, maybe five

or eight or 10 years down the road. I don't think he ever expected it would occur after year one," White said.

The telephone call to discuss the job came last Thursday night when Doherty was in a Wal-Mart.

"I tried to get into a private aisle, the tissue aisle, paper napkins and stuff like that where there's not a lot of activity and talk business," Doherty said of his initial talk with UNC athlet-

ic director Dick Baddour.

Then came an omen:

"I was walking with my phone to my ear, trying to find an aisle, and a kid walks at me with a North Carolina basketball shirt on," Doherty said.

Doherty was scheduled to sign a contract worth \$350,000 a season, Baddour said.

Baddour also noted that additional money would be coming from a deal with Nike.

But more than money, Doherty was pleased he could carry the North Carolina coaching flame.

"I just wanted someone who had played here or who had coached here to be the head coach because this is a special place," Doherty said.

"Someone from the outside would not understand what it means to have played here, they don't understand the effort it takes to maintain the ties with the former players."

Minnesota's star offensive lineman turns down All-America award

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Like any college offensive lineman hoping for a career in the NFL, Minnesota's Ben Hamilton is thankful for national recognition. But there was one preseason honor he couldn't accept.

An All-American center after last season as a junior, Hamilton turned down a spot on Playboy magazine's preseason All-America team because he doesn't want his name linked with the publication.

"I'm a Christian guy and I didn't feel comfortable being associated with Playboy magazine," Hamilton said. "It was really hard because it is an honor, and playing offensive line, you don't get too many

honors and they don't come along too often."

Players posed for a picture in the magazine's October issue — which hits newsstands in August — but there are no bunnies in the photo. Nor were half-dressed women hanging around when players gathered for the photo shoot in Phoenix in May.

Hamilton's decision was "not a big deal for us," Playboy spokesman Rob Hilburger said. He declined to comment further, including on whether any other players had turned down a spot on the team in the past.

Hamilton knew the All-America team had little to do with the magazine's reputation because Gophers

coach Glen Mason assured him it was a bona fide honor. Hamilton also discussed his decision with former Playboy honorees such as ex-teammate Tyrone Carter and Purdue quarterback Drew Brees.

"People would tell me things like that, but I guess for my close friends, I didn't want to portray the wrong idea of the kind of person I am," Hamilton said.

The civil engineering major, who expects to graduate next spring, said he worried a little about whether his decision would affect his future, even though he's already on Street and Smith's, Lindy's, Football News and other preseason All-America

teams. Hamilton, son of former Minnesota Vikings offensive lineman Wes Hamilton, is 6-foot-5 and 285 pounds. He gave up one sack in each of the last two years and anchored an offensive line that led the Gophers to an 8-4 record and a place in the Sun Bowl.

Some NFL officials think Hamilton's decision might actually benefit his draft status in an era when personal behavior is highly publicized.

"From a character standpoint, you know you don't have to worry about Ben Hamilton," said Scott Studwell, Minnesota Vikings player personnel coordinator.

"It's obviously a big issue today and yesterday and in the future. Character plays a major role in the evaluation process, so that's certainly a benefit to Ben as far as his pro potential is concerned," Studwell said.

Hamilton wants to follow his father, who played from 1976-85, into the NFL, and he probably will get that chance.

"I know he's intelligent, I know he's diligent," Studwell said. "He has some size potential, which for that position, to be as tall as he is, is unusual. I know he's a pretty good athlete."

But if a pro career doesn't work out, Hamilton said, he won't be devastated, in part because of his strong reli-

gious beliefs.

"Well I know, football wise, it'd probably be bad to turn down something like this, but football is not the most important thing in my life, so it came down to deciding how important it is to me to be on that team or not be on that team," he said.

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Duncan says he'll stay a Spur

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Not even Mickey Mouse and Grant Hill could get Tim Duncan to leave the San Antonio Spurs.

The biggest prize in this year's NBA free-agent pool announced Tuesday he will re-sign with San Antonio, dashing the Orlando Magic's hopes of teaming Duncan with five-time All-Star Hill.

"Orlando had a lot to offer," Duncan said. "I went down there and had a good time. When it came down to it, I just like what I had here."

Namely, a talented front-court teammate in 7-foot-1 David Robinson and what Duncan believes is a good chance to dethrone the Los Angeles Lakers as NBA champions.

Duncan, 24, and Robinson, 34, led San Antonio to the title in 1998-99, and Duncan is convinced it can happen again.

"We have a great opportunity with myself and David at the core of the whole thing — and the fact that we have won it before," Duncan said.

The Spurs were knocked out of the playoffs in the first round last season while Duncan was sidelined with a knee injury.

Duncan became a free agent July 1 and under National Basketball Association rules can't sign a new contract until Aug. 1.

The Magic offered Duncan a six-year contract worth \$67.5 million. He could sign a seven-year deal worth \$86.5 million with San Antonio, although he is more likely to sign a shorter deal with the NBA franchise.

Teen's hair problem may be more than skin-deep

DEAR ABBY: Your response to the grandparent who was concerned because her 13-year-old granddaughter had a mustache was incomplete. You focused only on the cosmetic problem when she may have a true medical problem. She should be evaluated by her primary-care physician to rule out a medical basis for her excess body hair.

For example, she may have polycystic ovaries syndrome, which is associated with hirsutism (excess body hair), obesity, menstrual irregularities and enlarged ovaries. It may later reveal itself as a cause of infertility, adrenal or ovarian tumors. Also, certain medications could cause excess body hair.

Most cases of hirsutism are benign, and a complete history and physical by a physician can provide the much needed reassurance that a teen-ager is normal. The visit also gives pediatricians (or family practitioners) an opportunity to touch base with a population notorious for avoiding doctors — adolescents. Not only are they underimmunized, they are also the group most in need of anticipatory guidance on issues such as abstinence, safe sex, birth control, STDs, drugs, alcohol, smoking, guns, nutrition, school performance, sports and safe

driving.

Thank you, Abby, for championing these issues with such candor in your column. — JENNIFER FORDAN-HERMAN, M.D., VIRGINIA BEACH, VA.

DEAR DR. FORDAN-HERMAN: Several doctors wrote to point out that the girl's problem could be medical in nature rather than cosmetic, and that she should be evaluated by a physician. Having once been a furry teen-ager myself, I assumed that she could deal with the problem cosmetically — shaving, waxing, bleaching, etc.

I would like to address the other issue you mentioned. Adolescents may be notorious for neglecting their health, but they are still minors. It is their parents' job to make sure the health and well-being of their children are protected. This includes ensuring annual checkups with the eye doctor, dentist and primary-care physician. It also includes ensuring that teen-agers understand the importance of good nutrition and exercise. There is no excuse for young adults to be underimmunized and without the information they need in order to remain healthy.

What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS, and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)



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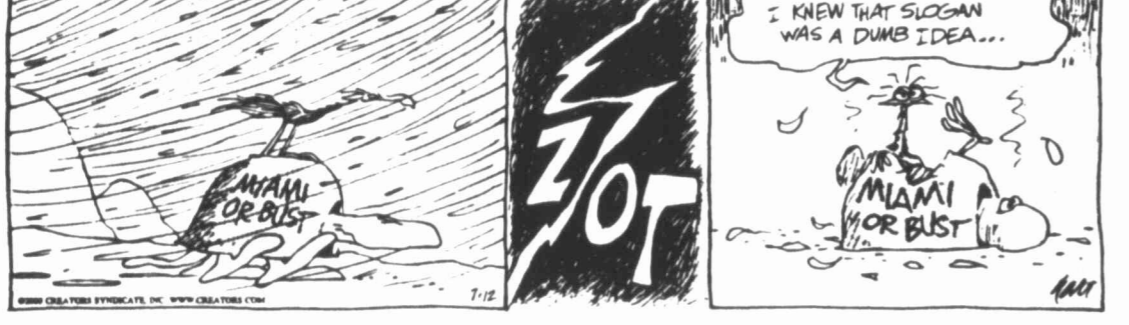
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Today's Highlight in History:
On July 12, 100 B.C., Roman dictator Julius Caesar was born.
On this date:
In 1543, England's King Henry VIII married his sixth and last wife, Catherine Parr.
In 1690, Protestant forces led by William of Orange defeated the Roman Catholic army of James II at the Battle of the Boyne in Ireland.
In 1812, U.S. forces led by Gen. William Hull entered

Canada during the War of 1812 against Britain. (However, Hull retreated shortly thereafter to Detroit.)
In 1817, naturalist-author Henry David Thoreau was born in Concord, Mass.
In 1854, George Eastman, inventor of the Kodak camera, was born in Waterville, N.Y.

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