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WEATHER

Tonight:



TONIGHT 64°-66° TOMORROW 88°-92°

Nature Walks program begins Saturday night

Individuals, couples and families interesting in learning more about the flora and fauna on Scenic Mountain are invited to participate in the Nature Walks program which will be held the first four Saturdays in June at Big Spring State Park. Walkers gather at the pavilion at the top of the park at 8 p.m. The walk ends about 9 p.m. The cost of \$2 per adult — children 12 and under are free — covers the entry fee into the park. There are no additional fees.

WHAT'S UP...

FRIDAY

- The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.
- AMBUCS meets at noon at La Posada.
- Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All seniors invited.

SATURDAY

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

MONDAY

- District committee Lone Star of Big Spring meets at noon at 610 Scurry.
- Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. People 50 and older are invited to participate.
- Big Spring Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. 1607 East Third.
- Gospel Singing, 7 p.m., Kentwood Center, 2805 Lynn.

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Redistricting in air but 77th session productive, Duncan says

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Managing Editor

Although state lawmakers failed in their bid to redraw legislative districts prior to Monday's end of the 77th Legislature's regular session, State Sen. Robert Duncan said he believes he and his colleagues accomplished



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a great deal.

"There are some people in the media who are saying we had a lackluster session, but I haven't figured out what it is they're basing that assessment on," Duncan said on his return to West Texas following the final day of deliberations in the Senate.

"We weren't able to get redistricting accomplished, and everyone's disappointed by that, but we got a great deal done in this session that I think is going to ben-

efit people all across the state," he added.

Duncan, who sat on the Senate Finance Committee, was quick to point out that the legislature was able to hammer out the details of a \$113.8 billion budget for the biennium.

"That's something the last two legislatures that were also tasked with redistricting, in 1991 and 1981, weren't able to do without special sessions," Duncan noted.

The Lubbock Republican

noted that Texas' changing political scene played a major factor in legislators' inability to reach a redistricting consensus.

"It was a tough situation," Duncan explained. "For the first time, the parties were pretty evenly divided in both houses. The Republican Party had a majority by one seat in the Senate. In a situation like that, you have to have bipartisan support to get things accomplished... that just didn't occur when it

came to redistricting this year."

A member of the Senate Redistricting Committee, Duncan said he and his colleagues are scheduled to meet next week to continue their work on redistricting congressional districts in the state, as well as redrawing State Board of Education districts.

"I think once we reach some agreement on those plans, the governor will call

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Veterans home welcomes public

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

More than 100 people were in attendance at Wednesday's Memorial Day open house at the Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home.



HUDSON

According to Mark Hudson, administrator at the home, it was an opportunity for area residents to visit the facility after they enjoyed their long Memorial Day weekend.

"They were a lot of activities going on over the past weekend in the area such as the anniversary of the Vietnam Memorial as well as the Splash Day activities so we decided to hold off until after the holiday to hold our open house," said Hudson. "This way everyone was able to take in their favorite activity and still get to come out here today and also give us a chance to welcome the community to tour our facility."

Hudson said that at the dedication there were so many in attendance that a lot left before having an opportunity to see all of the facility.

"We had a fantastic dedication ceremony in February," said Hudson. "There were probably more people than we could handle and I think a lot of people just got lost in the



HERALD photos/Carl Graham

The Big Spring Stompers entertained visitors Wednesday at the open house of the Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home. At bottom VFW Post 2013 Commander Walt Usery presents a U.S. flag to William Brackett, a World War II veteran, as administrator Mark Hudson looks on.

crowd. The crowd we had today was a lot more manageable and we were able to give more individualized tours to show off what we have available here."

Hudson said that there are plans to keep the people in the community involved.

"One of the things we would like to do is open our doors to civic groups that need a meeting place," said Hudson. "We would be happy to accommodate them if they would just call

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New tower will allow cable users access to stations

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

Great news for the hundreds of local Cox Communications subscribers that were concerned they were going to lose ABC's Dallas station WFAA and the public broadcasting station KERA.

According to Charlie Moore, vice-president for Cox Communications of the West Texas branch in Midland, a new microwave

tower is being erected to replace the old one that is being torn down because it was condemned.

"We will not have those stations beginning Monday, June 5, through Friday, June 8," said Moore. "However on Saturday, June 9, we should be back on if all goes well."

Moore said during that period Cox will only be duplicating the community bulletin board because it would not pay to try to pick up interim stations to

replace those for only five days.

"This should work out really well for all concerned," said Moore. "The new tower being constructed will be a 400-foot tower. We may still experience times when WFAA will not be all that clear but you have to understand that the signal has to come a long way and the weather always affects the quality of the picture we receive here."

In early May Cox Communications

announced that when the tower was torn down the two stations would be lost to local viewers. A petition signed by hundreds of local and area subscribers showed that there is strength in numbers and Cox Communications has since had a change of heart. "Actually Charter Cable of Colorado City filed a suit against the people that own the microwave tower," said Moore. "In the meantime we

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Heart association ready for annual chapter gala

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Heartbeat 2001 is this year's theme for the American Heart Association (AHA)-Big Spring Chapter Gala set for Saturday, June 9.

"The gala will be held at the Comanche Trail Park Old Settler's Pavilion," said Carmen Brooks, president. "We decided to have the gala in June to have an outdoors environment."



BROOKS

Al's & Son Bar-B-Q will cater the dinner for the event, which begins at 7 p.m. and the AHA board of directors will serve the meal, Brooks said. A dance will follow.

"8 Ball, a rhythm and blues band, will perform for the dance," Brooks said.

Tickets can be purchased in advanced or at the event. Prices are \$25 per couple or \$15 per person. To reserve tickets, contact Brooks at 264-3600 or the Midland AHA office at (915) 520-7041.

Those who would like to volunteer for the event should contact Brooks.

The gala is sponsored by

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Rain!

Storms drop some moisture across area; more needed, farmers say

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

Rains ranging from one-tenth of an inch to as much as eight-tenths were reported over the area, with the city of Big Spring falling just about in the middle of that.

BIG SPRING RAINFALL	
Wednesday:	0.57 inch
May: 1.34	
2001: 5.02	

The city received one-half inch, according to the United States Department of Agriculture Research Center.

Dennis Fuchs, who farms in the St. Lawrence area, said his gauge only reported one-tenth of an inch.

"It seemed to hit all around us but skipped here," said Fuchs who is trying to get his crop planted. "We need a good rain in the worst way. It's not looking good at all. I tried to plant but have had to give it up because it was too dry."

Rob Haney reported anywhere from one-half inch to as much as seven-tenths around the Luther area. He said he was about 60 percent complete with his planting but could use a good rain.

Van Gaskins reported one-half inch of moisture in the Knott community.

"It's still really dry out here," said Gaskins. "We have been dry planting and unless we get some good rain it won't make."

John Wayne Metcalf, who farms about a mile south of Coahoma, said he had seven-tenths of an inch but could always use a little more.

D.V. Cook, manager of the Mustang Farmer's Gin at Lomax, reported eight-tenths of an inch.

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HERALD photo/Carl Graham

Hillicrest Baptist Church pastor Kevin Parker, left, is assisted by Brett Griffin in setting up tents in preparation of enrolling prospective Vacation Bible School (VBS) students. Many area churches are getting ready for VBS, which for Hillicrest will run from June 4 through June 8.

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OBITUARIES

Ima Lee
Robinson

Ima Lee Robinson, our mother, went to meet her Lord on Wednesday, May 30, 2001.

She was born on Aug. 17, 1909, in Pecos. Her parents were Sally Parks Durdin and Moses Aaron Durdin. She married T.M. Robinson on April 1, 1930, and they were married for 53 years. He preceded her in death on July 7, 1983.



Mrs. Robinson lived in the Knott Community and was a longtime member of the First Baptist Church of Knott. She was also a member of the Rebekah Lodge and an adult leader in the 4-H Club. At the time of her death she was a member of College Baptist Church.

Survivors include one son, Lloyd Robinson and wife, Sue, of Knott; four daughters, Wanda Lee Roman of Big Spring, Carol Strong and husband, Curt, of Salado, Joyce Parker and husband, Bruce, of Ackerly, and Martha Sparks and husband, Bill, of Magnolia. Also surviving her are 13 grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; three sisters; four brothers; and one granddaughter.

Pallbearers will be her grandsons Craig Strong, Kent Robinson, Scott Robinson, Stan Parker, Todd Strong, Shon Parker, Lance Robinson and Jody Strong. Honorary pallbearers will be her granddaughter, Terri Blackshear, Stacy Thames, Kimberly Delz, Kristi Rodriguez and Kody Gaskins.

The family suggests memorials to the First Baptist Church of Knott, Knott 79748 or to College Baptist Church, 1105 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring 79720.

The family will be at 2600 Coronado.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m., Friday, June 1, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Ken McMeans, pastor of College Baptist Church and the Rev. Bob Manning, Baptist minister, officiating. Interment will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. www.npwelch.com
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the AHA, Scenic Mountain Medical Center and Dr. Manuel Carrasco.

"I would like to encourage the public to come out and support the American Heart

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Ima Lee Robinson, 91, died Wednesday. Services will be 2:00 PM Friday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

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Association," Brooks said. The gala is the second largest fund-raiser for the AHA-Big Spring Chapter, which also holds the Heart Walk and Jump Rope for Heart. Money raised from the events is sent to the national office in Austin, Brooks said.

The mission of the American Heart Association is to reduce disability and death from cardiovascular disease and stroke.

Heart disease is the number one killer in the United States, Brooks said.

The organization's main objective is to raise funds for research and educational materials and holds a number of fund-raisers during the year.

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were working on finding a permanent solution to the problem and now we have done so with the proposed erection of the new tower. We regret the stations going off for the five days but it was the only way it could be handled."

RAIN

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David Kight, Howard County Agriculture Extension Agent, said producers would need quite a bit more rain and fairly quickly.

"We really need to get another inch to an inch-and-a-half," said Kight. "That is a minimum amount but if we don't get at least that much our producers will certainly be in trouble. The next week to 10 days is very critical as June 10 is the day everyone must be planted by for crop insurance."

Perry Martin of the National Weather Service in Midland said that today would be the best shot at more rain.

"Howard County has a fairly good shot at some more rain during the day," said Martin. "We have around a 30 percent chance today and then it drops off to 20 percent chance after tonight. There could be some severe thunderstorms and a chance of some hail accompanying those thunderstorms."

The Howard County Sheriff's Office had a report called in that a twister had been spotted about a mile south of Ackerly but it was never confirmed by a deputy sheriff that was dispatched to that area. The National Weather Service said there were no reports of twisters confirmed through their office.

HOME

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myself or Michelle Rodriguez, our activity director, we can make it happen."

Teresa Warrington, an employee of the Texas Land Board, said it was an opportunity to honor area veterans.

"We wanted to honor our veterans and residents and at the same time give everyone an opportunity to tour our home," said Warrington. "We just sort of made it an extension of the holidays and we were pleased with the turnout and we appreciate everyone coming out and making it a success."

Mayor pro-tem Greg Biddison read a proclamation signed by Mayor Russ McEwen declaring May 30, 2001, as Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home Day.

"It's a great facility that we have here," said Biddison. "It's good that we have it here in Big Spring and we look forward to the day that is fully occupied by our veterans."

The 160-bed, long-term nursing care facility is one of four now open and have

veterans residing in them. The Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez home was dedicated in February and the first resident arrived about a month later on March 19. The Big Spring facility was the third to come on line after the William R. Courtney home in Temple and the Frank M. Tejada home in Floresville.

The Clyde W. Cosper home was dedicated on Memorial Day and has its first resident already. The Big Spring facility now has 14 residents.

Gina Sanchez Torres, daughter of Vietnam veteran Reynaldo Sanchez who was killed during his tour of Vietnam in 1968, said she is proud that the facility was named in honor of her late father.

"It was good to see all the residents here and to see how well they are being treated," said Torres. "It's such an honor that they chose to name it after my dad. He may be out of our sight but he will never be out of our minds and his memory will be kept alive through this facility bearing his name."

DUNCAN

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us back for a special session," he added.

While Duncan admits being disappointed that legislative redistricting will now be placed in the hands of an independent Legislative Redistricting Board, he stresses that a number of important bills were approved during the 140-day session.

"We were able to simplify the system for Medicaid enrollment which should result in getting more children who are qualified for the program the benefits they deserve," he continued. "We passed a pay raise for state employees and a program to make sure teachers have health insurance, and I hope we helped solve some serious problems the nursing home industry was facing."

"We tackled some tough issues, and no, we weren't able to get everything done that I wanted us to do... you never do," Duncan said, admitting that he was disappointed when opposition from Southwestern Bell and the Communication Workers of America derailed his rural telecommunications bill which would have helped communities like Big Spring acquire high-speed internet access. "But when you weigh everything out, I think we've done a lot of good."

He noted that 70 percent of every new dollar included in the state budget for the next two years is earmarked for health care programs, including \$2.1 billion more in Medicaid funding.

The budget also includes \$22 million to provide transition money for school districts experiencing enrollment declines of more than 2 percent.

Duncan also noted that state employees will see a \$100 per month or 4 percent pay increase, whichever is larger, beginning in September of this year. He said he was also able to negotiate an increase in longevity pay for state employees who remain with the state for three years or longer.

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The budget also included \$104 million to reduce the waiting list of MHMR patients wanting to move from institutions to community placements.

"Just like a household budget, this biennium we were faced with making many ends meet with limited resources," Duncan concluded. "I believe we achieved that goal."

BRIEFS

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND Immaculate Heart of Mary Church invite you to Communion in the Mystery Mansion this summer at Vacation Bible School. The program will meet every evening from 6-8:30 p.m., Sunday, June 3 through Thursday, June 7. Activities will include Bible stories, drama, music, games, crafts and more. Registration will be at 5 p.m., Sunday, June 3rd. Call St. Paul Lutheran Church for more information.

JUNE IS PROSTATE CANCER Awareness month. Interested groups or organizations can contact Bill Birrell at 263-0659 for information on programs or an 18 minute tape narrated by Sydney Poitier.

PRAIRIE VIEW BAPTIST CHURCH will hold a one-day bible school on Saturday beginning at 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Activities include crafts, music and a hot dog dinner. The topic will be how people in the bible worship God. Grades first through sixth are welcome and the church is located at 2004 W. F.M. 2230. For more information call 399-4310.

MIDWAY BAPTIST VACATION BIBLE School Expedition. Discover adventure filled Bible stories! Create wonderful crafts! Experience great music! Taste yummy snacks! Our journey will begin June 4-8 from 8:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. The church is located at 6200 S. Service Road.

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BIG SPRING DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB, meets Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday at 1 p.m. at the Big Spring Country Club. New members are welcome. \$4 fee. Contact Janell Davis at 267-2656 for more information.

A CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION HISTORICAL book of the Big Spring Independent School district will be on sale at the BSISD administration building. The 56-page book features the history of public schooling in Big Spring and is on sale for \$10. The book includes the history of

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sports programs, clubs and organizations, along with notable graduates and memorable faculty and staff. Copies of the book can also be purchased at the Heritage Museum.

ATTENTION BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1981. I am looking for classmates from the class of 1981. Please e-mail or call with your mailing address. Dee Earhart Thani Atheni@aol.com or 214-340-0645.

THE SECOND "MAMMOTH" GARAGE SALE by the Archeology and History Society (of Howard and Borden Counties) will be held Saturday, June 2, beginning at 8 a.m.

Among the wide variety of items for sale will be computers and burritos. Vendors are welcome. The location is downtown, next to the Railroad Plaza, at 105 West First Street. If you have donations to this non-profit event or if you need vendor information please call 267-4946.

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Dell	24.61 +.2
Du Pont	45.82 +.02
Exxon Mobil	88.61 -.25
Halliburton	45.36 -.61
IFCO Systems	1.85 -.15
IBM	112.96 +.31
Intel Corp	27.07 +.17
NUV	9.21 +.04
Patterson Ener	28.77 -.28
Pepsico Inc	45.41 -.18
Phillips Petro	64.39 -.46
SBC Comms	42.58 +.42
Sears Roebuck	39.83 -.35
Texaco Inc	71.07 -.13
Texas Instrument	33.6 +.51
TXU	49.16 -.34
Total Fina	73.54 +.32
Unocal Corp	37.97 -.21
Wal-Mart	51.51 +.04
Wal-Mart/Mexico	26.9-27.15
AMCAP	17.64 -.26
Europacific	30.39 -.39
Prime Rate	7 %
Gold	265.2-268.85
Silver	4.39-4.48

POLICE

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

• **TERRY DIAZ**, 18, of 1003 NW 2nd, was arrested on charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and carry of a prohibited weapon.

• **TRICIA CASTILLO**, 25, of 538 Westover, was arrested on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

• **CAROLYN SUE HALE**, 33, no address given, was

arrested and held for Howard County Sheriff's Office.

• **KRISTI GAIL MYERS**, 24, no address given, was arrested and held for Howard County Sheriff's Office.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1500 block of Bluebird.

• **LOUD PARTY/NOISE** was reported in the 100 block of E. 13th.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 2600 block of Wasson Road, in the 1200 block of E. 11th Place and in the 1000 block of N. Main.

SHERIFF

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

• **CARL STANLEY FRIDAY**, 27, of Big Spring, was arrested on a charge of murder and revocation of probation. (HCSO)

• **RONALD PRICE**, 37, of Big Spring, was arrested on a charge of theft of check. (HCSO)

FIRE/EMS

The following is a summary of the Big Spring Fire Department and EMS:

1:26 p.m. — 1900 block of N. Hwy 87, medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

1:39 p.m. — 3100 block of Sherrod, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

4:42 p.m. — 1900 block of N. Hwy 87, trauma call, one patient transported to SMMC.

5:00 p.m. — 300 block of Davis Rd., medical call, service refused.

5:03 p.m. — I-20 and Tulane, traffic accident, service refused.

5:16 p.m. — 100 block of NE Ninth, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

10:17 p.m. — 1200 block of Young, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

10:30 p.m. — 2500 block of Gregg, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

11:17 p.m. — 2500 block of Albrook, medical call, service refused.

RECORDS

Wednesday's high 100
Wednesday's low 60
Precip. Wednesday 0.57
Record high 107 in 1916
Record low 47 in 1964
Average high 91
Average low 62
Month to date 1.34
Year to date 5.02
Sunrise Friday 6:40 a.m.
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Massive mailout of tax refunds expected to give economy a boost

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration wants Americans to know their tax refund checks will soon be in the mail. If private economists are right, the checks of up to \$300 per person will be arriving just in the nick of time to avert a full-blown recession.

"This will give a much needed boost to the economy and could very well make the difference between an economy that continues to grow and one that slips into recession," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Economy.com.

Congress, under heavy pressure from the administration, overcame doubts and retained the refund mailout in the final version of the \$1.35 trillion, 10-year tax cut program passed last Saturday.

While the current sched-

ule calls for the first of an estimated 95 million checks to start showing up in mailboxes in late July, Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill said Wednesday he was not satisfied with a time table that would not have the bulk of the mailings completed until the end of September or later.

He said he was applying pressure to IRS officials to get the job done more quickly.

"We may not be able to do better than (September), but I am not satisfied that we can't," O'Neill told reporters after a meeting with top officials overseeing the operation.

The IRS plans to send the checks out at a rate of 11 million per week, the first such massive tax refund operation conducted since the Ford administration

sent out \$200 refund checks in 1975.

By July 15, everyone who filed a tax return in 2000 will receive letters telling them how much of a refund they will be getting and an estimate of when the checks will arrive. The actual check mailout will be based on the last two digits of the Social Security number of the taxpayer listed first on the 2000 return, starting at 00 and going through 99.

The amount of the refund check will be based on the taxpayer's 2000 income tax return. The maximum will be \$600 for married filers and \$300 for single filers.

The refund checks will come to 5 percent of taxable income, up to \$6,000 for an individual filer and \$12,000 for a couple filing jointly.

While the amount of the check will be based on 2000

income figures, the refund is being mailed to reflect the decision by Congress to lower the bottom tax rate to 10 percent from 15 percent, retroactive to Jan. 1 of this year.

The administration pushed for the checks because of a belief that the economy needed the jolt provided from a quick infusion of cash. Also helping this year will be half-point cuts in other individual tax rates that will be felt more gradually as employers adjust withholding rates.

Private economists said all the tax relief is coming at a critical time. Economic growth came to a near standstill of just 1 percent for the gross domestic product in the final three months of last year and 1.3 percent GDP growth in the first three months of this

year.

David Wyss, economist at Standard & Poor's, said the GDP in the current April-June quarter may very well have turned negative, reflecting big cutbacks in business spending on new plants and equipment.

By a standard definition, a recession occurs when the GDP, the economy's total output, is negative for two consecutive quarters.

But because of the rebates, analysts were predicting a much better performance in the second half of this year. Wyss said GDP growth could average 3.5 percent in the July-December period.

"We expect Americans will spend close to half of their rebate checks. This will have quite an impact in the second half of this year," Wyss said.

"Roughly half the popula-

tion is struggling and living almost pay check to pay check," said Zandi. "Those folks will use the rebate almost immediately."

Zandi said the checks would come in time to help many Americans pay back-to-school bills and everyone would have the money in time for Christmas.

Critics of the refund idea have raised the specter that thousands of checks will go astray, sent by the IRS to the wrong addresses because people have moved. IRS officials advise that people who have moved should make sure they have filed a change of address form with the Post Office.

"I think you will see that the Treasury and the IRS stand up really well to high standards and excellence in how this job is done," O'Neill said.

Sentencing begins for man found guilty in yogurt shop murders

AUSTIN (AP) — With a conviction in hand, prosecutors sought the death penalty for the man who killed a 13-year-old girl during a 1991 robbery of a yogurt shop that left four dead.

Sentencing for Robert Burns Springsteen IV, 26, began today. He was convicted Wednesday of killing Amy Ayers at an I Can't Believe It's Yogurt Shop.

Jurors could sentence him to life in prison or the death penalty.

Wednesday's verdict closed one chapter of a decade-long investigation that saw detectives chase leads as far as Mexico and wade through several false

confessions.

Two other suspects, Michael Scott and Maurice Pierce, await trial.

Police had interviewed Springsteen before but never arrested him until 1999 when he finally confessed to raping and killing Ayers. He had moved to West Virginia shortly after the murders.

Ayers, Eliza Hope Thomas, 17, and sisters Jennifer and Sarah Harbison, 15 and 17, all were killed at the shop. The girls were bound, gagged and shot in the head before the store was set on fire.

"We wanted some kind of ending" a tearful Barbara

Ayers, mother of the Harbison sisters, said after the verdict was read.

The courtroom was packed with victims' family members, some of whom burst into sobs as the verdict was announced. Most refused comment as they left the courtroom.

Springsteen stood with his hands behind his back and looked twice at the jury as the verdict was read.

He patted one of his attorneys, Berkeley Bettis, on the back before bailiffs led him from the courtroom. His lead attorney, Joe James Sawyer, was not in the courtroom. Prosecutors Robert Smith and Darla

Davis left without comment.

Springsteen maintained his innocence throughout his trial but prosecutors used his own words against him.

The fire and the water used to extinguish the fire badly damaged the girls' bodies and the area of the store where they were found, rendering it impossible to collect physical evidence.

His statement, however, coupled with one given by Scott that corroborated some of the details, was enough to convict.

Springsteen's lawyers argued that the confession was coerced.



Cameron Parker, a fifth grader at Elbow Elementary, had perfect attendance from kindergarten through the fifth grade. Cameron was recognized for this accomplishment during the fifth grade awards assembly. Cameron is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Parker.

Courtesy photo

Use caution when handling foods for an outing

'Tis the season for family reunions! A long drive to a long-forgotten cemetery in the Piney Woods of east Texas beckons me — and I must answer. Much like salmon or the Capistrano swallows. Go figure.

This will be a wonderful time of bonding with my family even though we are already in each other's back pockets as it is.



ANDREA MEDLIN

But at the behest of the matriarchs of my family we will pile into two vehicles at dawn on Friday and drive for 10 hours to spend one day with people with whom we share distant-rooted relatives.

But it will be well worth the long drive in the cramped and smoke-filled vehicles because at the end of our trek will be some of the best homemade dishes you'll ever sample, cooked

lovingly by our hospitable cousins.

Of course my newly acquainted cousins have cooking for groups down to an art and know how to keep reunion fare safe to guarantee second and third helpings.

But for those of us who prefer restaurants, TV dinners and take-out, cooking something to take to a gathering can be a daunting task. There are a few rules of safety to keep in mind.

When preparing a dish for a special event, whether it's a family reunion, picnic, backyard barbecue or holiday dinner there may be an invisible enemy waiting to strike.

That enemy is the bacteria that can cause illness. This particular bacteria (called a pathogen because it causes illness) when ingested can cause flu-like symptoms such as nausea, vomiting, diarrhea or fever.

For people who have weakened immune systems such as the elderly or the very young this can quickly become a critical situation and medical help should be sought if these

symptoms arise.

To keep your food safe just follow four simple steps:

1. Wash your hands and surfaces often and use paper towels, not hand or cup towels. This helps keep the bacteria in the trash.

2. Keep foods separate. Don't put your vegetables and raw meat together and use separate cutting boards or clean the one you have between uses.

3. Cook food until it's done. Use a meat thermometer if you have one and cook to a temperature of 140 to 180 degrees depending on what it is. The label on the package should have the temperature desired. If you don't have a thermometer, cook the food until it is firm and juices run clear (no blood), especially poultry.

4. Refrigerate food immediately if you are not going to use it right away or if there are any leftovers.

Bacteria multiply very quickly between the temperatures of 40 to 140 degrees. If you leave food out make sure it's for no longer than two hours.

If you are transporting

food remember to keep cold foods cold and hot foods hot. Place cold foods such as potato salad, noodle salad, pea salad, juices or puddings in a cooler filled with ice or commercial freezing gels. The temperature in the cooler should be at or below 40 degrees.

Hot foods should be kept hot at or above 140 degrees. Wrap well and place in an insulated container.

Use clean containers and utensils to store and serve food. When a dish is empty or nearly empty, replace with a fresh container of food and remove the previous container.

Place cold food in containers of ice and change the ice frequently as it melts. Hot foods can be kept hot on chafing dishes. Remember to throw away any food left out at room temperature for more than two hours and immediately freeze or refrigerate any remaining leftovers that were on ice.

If you want more information to ensure the safety of your next get-together, the Texas Department of Health can help you.

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OUR VIEWS

Redistricting remains thorn for legislature

During the regular session that ended Monday, the 77th Texas Legislature passed a number of bills that promise to have a positive impact on the Crossroads area, but its failure to pass a redistricting plan has to be seen as a significant shortcoming.

After months public hearings across the state and countless man hours expended by legislators and their staffs, none of the redistricting plans proposed during the session really came up for a vote.

The task of drawing new legislative districts has never been an easy one, but it became virtually impossible during the first session of the new millennium.

Simply put, the two-party system — something that had never really existed in previous redistricting years — proved a detriment.

Bipartisan support never developed for plans suggested by the House and Senate redistricting committees.

As a result, the five-member Legislative Redistricting Board — made up of four Republicans and one Democrat — will now be charged with redrawing the state's legislative districts.

Furthermore, there's a good chance the redistricting board's final product will face challenges in court.

And for those of us living in Howard County, there is a possibility our representation in the legislature could change.

While State Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, says he believes his 28th District will continue to include Howard County, it could increase from its 26-county area to a block of about 40 counties stretching from north of Lubbock to south of San Angelo.

There is a greater chance, however, that Howard County could be gerrymandered outside State Rep. David Counts' 70th Texas House District, thereby losing his representation in Austin.

Only time will tell. The same can be said for much of the work done in Austin during this session. And there seems little doubt Gov. Rick Perry will call legislators back for a special session for congressional and State Board of Education redistricting purposes.

However, should we find ourselves in a different House district, a great many of us in Howard County will wonder just how successful the 77th Texas Legislature really was.

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Paris happens to be a pleasant surprise

One of the ironies of Europe, so awash in egalitarianism at least among the intelligentsia, is that most of what people come to see are leftovers from the days of royalty and aristocracy.



CHARLEY REESE

These places are of such a grand scale that even after you get there, you usually find the front door is at least a half a mile from the front gate. You can walk your arches into a fallen state just in the 40 miles of galleries in the Louvre, which was a palace before it was a museum in Paris.

Europe and North America are themselves museums of a once-great Western civilization that today is merely rich and, being merely rich, grows increasingly ugly, as you can see from the high-rises on the outskirts of London and Paris.

It would be no surprise to say that I like Paris. Americans have liked Paris since Ernie Hemingway strangled pigeons in the public parks for something to eat in his lean days. I didn't expect to like Paris, being so partial to London, but I did. Paris is a more relaxed city than London, where everyone walks at a gallop. Parisians seem to

have discovered that life is more important than work.

There were two things I couldn't find, however, in the French capital. One was bad food. No matter how small the joint, the food was good. The other item I couldn't find was the proverbial rude Frenchmen. They must have been on holiday, because all of the French people I came into contact with were universally courteous and helpful. Even demonstrators and pickpockets will give you a smile and a hi sign.

Where but in Paris could you go to a museum and see a big sign that states "Employees on Strike. Admission free"? And how many times have you ever seen people on a picket line playing the guitar and singing?

There are advantages to not knowing the language spoken in a place you visit. If you don't understand what they're saying, even the most mundane conversation sounds exotic and romantic.

I remember from my Taekwon-do days a certain Korean word the sensei would shout at the beginning of an exercise. He shouted it so forcefully, I thought it must indeed be a very special word.

How disappointed I was when I learned it was simply Korean for the number one.

Language naturally isn't a problem in London, where people speak English, provided they speak at all.

Londoners are not the most talkative people, especially when walking at a run — conserving their breath, I suppose. The morning flood of commuters into the city and evening ebb tide of commuters heading back to their suburban homes are something to see. The flow is swift and determined in both directions.

The European press appears as determinedly superficial and leftist as its American counterparts. Europeans don't waste a lot of ink or airtime on America except to report on the Dow Jones and to criticize George Bush for abandoning the global-warming treaty they themselves have not ratified.

Americans shouldn't expect a break from Europeans. They have this mixed-feelings thing about us: contempt, but also a desperate fear we'll abandon them and return to an isolationist policy. If only they knew how far from that wonderful goal we actually are. There simply are too many business ties that cross the Atlantic.

I would be only too happy for an isolationist policy, but I fear that global communications have made that impossible. Not only do all teen-agers look alike, no matter where they are from, but they act alike and dress alike. Even the graffiti and the litter have a global sameness to them.

Europe is practically all socialist, and Europeans appear to like it that way. The British elections,

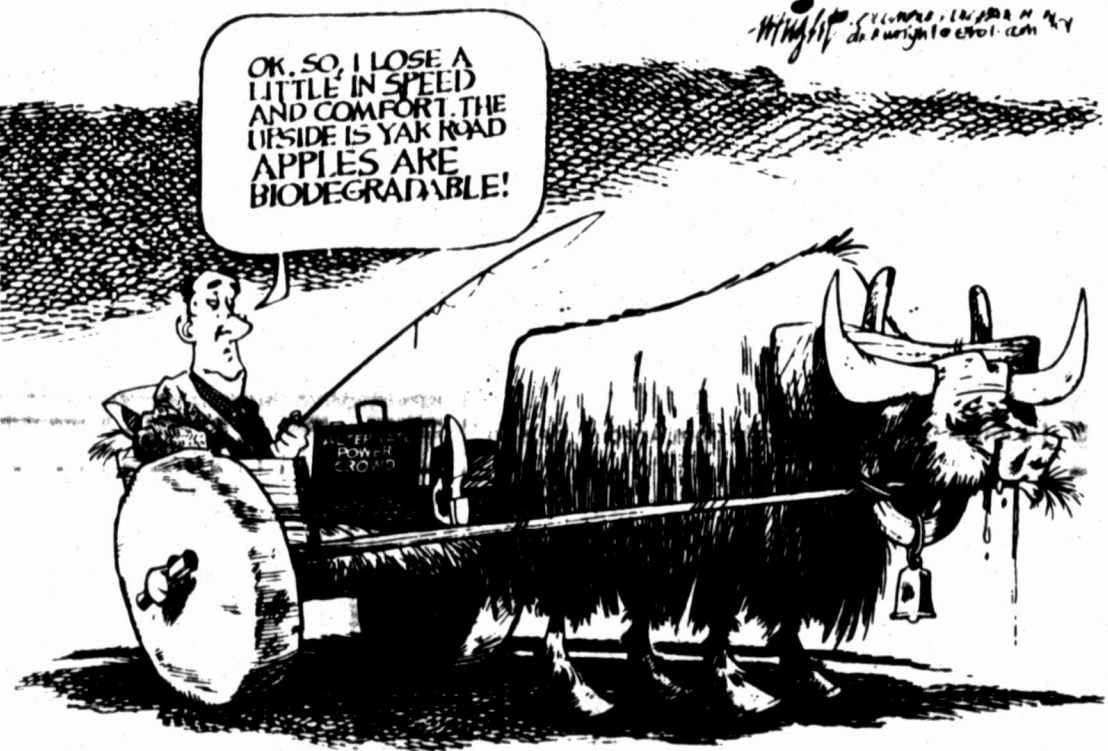
which just started, sound remarkably similar to ours. The parties are arguing about who can run the best welfare state with the least offense to big business or at least to big money.

The British press recently went into a frenzy when the deputy prime minister socked a guy who had hit him with an egg. The deputy was called "thug-gish," and some papers demanded his resignation. The incident was referred to as an intolerable example of election violence.

Well, an egg and a punch might mean election violence in the United Kingdom, but in the United States, any politician who hears a loud noise and gets hit with only an egg would say a prayer of thanksgiving.

The British shock over the one-egg, one-punch incident reminds me of my dad. He would never go see a British movie. He said they never do anything in those movies except talk. He meant there weren't enough fistfights and gunfights to suit him. A cultural thing — really. When I worked in London at UPI's photo agency, whenever a photo was deemed too gory for the British press, the boss always said, "Send it to America."

Well, if you've been looking for wisdom in all of this, you have, in the words of the late Georgia Gov. Marvin Griffin, "Dome come to the henhouse looking for wool." This is jet lag.



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Agenda will be determined on the Hill

Now that Sen. Jim Jeffords of Vermont has become an Independent, and Democrats have become the majority party in the Senate, the Hill's agenda will be determined on the Hill instead of in the White House.



JACK ANDERSON

Indeed, it was the Bush administration's tight control of the agenda that led to Jefford's defection and the disaffection of Republican moderates. Jeffords said the change of power will occur when the tax bill is signed by the president, or on June 5, whichever comes first.

To begin, the likely change in Republican ranks will be the election of a new leader. Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss., is being blamed as much as the Bush administration for the

Republican loss of control, and he will pay the price. Assistant Majority Leader Don Nickles, R-Okla.,

acknowledged that "there is a possibility" of a challenge to Lott. Our sources say it is more probable than possible.

The most likely candidate to replace him and become the Senate Minority Leader is Sen. Bill Frist, R-Tenn. He is the man we predicted would become vice president should Dick Cheney decide to step down for health reasons. Frist, a popular senator and cardiologist, adheres to the Bush agenda and fits the Bush image, which is, to paraphrase President Teddy Roosevelt: Speak softly and carry a conservative stick.

That task is going to be more difficult now. Sen. Tom Daschle, D-S.D., the soon-to-be Majority Leader of the Senate, and his colleagues will be driving the agenda, although, hopefully, they will do so in a bipartisan manner and not behave as Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., said his fellow Republicans behaved. "Tolerance of dissent," he said, "is the hall-

mark of a mature party, and it is well past time for the Republican Party to grow up."

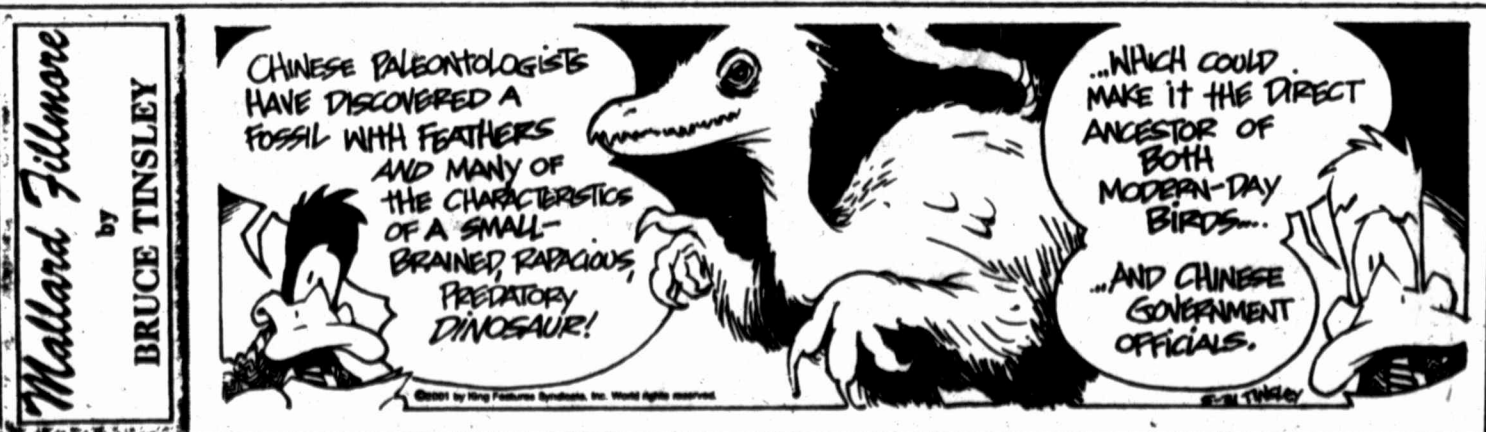
Democrats say they will complete the education bill and begin work on energy priorities, especially to solve the California problems, as well as to address a patients' bill of rights and prescription drug benefits. Of more significance will be the issue of federal judges. With a Democrat as chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, the Senate's constitutional obligation to provide advice and consent to presidential nominations will now be more than a rubber stamp.

As the U.S. Supreme Court proved during the last election and in subsequent important decisions, its five-to-four decisions are final, and the Bush administration has realized that the courts are the pathway to achieving a socially conservative agenda that it cannot get through the legislative process. But with the power switch, that plan is in jeopardy. One of the first near-unanimous pronouncements to come from Democrats after the

Jeffords defection was that the administration had best send up only moderate judges for confirmation. Conservative ideologues need not apply.

This is particularly significant for the Supreme Court, where that fragile five-four majority hangs in the balance. Conservative Chief Justice William Rehnquist and moderate Associate Justice John Paul Stevens are expected to retire, and two other justices have health problems. This means that the make-up of the court is going to change, and it is going to change in unexpected ways. If Bush holds to conservative nominations, we can expect to see long, drawn-out confirmation battles akin to that seen when Bush's father tapped Clarence Thomas to sit on the bench.

It has been pointed out that President Bill Clinton had to deal with a Republican Congress from 1995 through the end of his terms, and it proved to be an era of peace and unprecedented prosperity. Perhaps the same will be said of the Bush era.



Suicide
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Dear Ann... is the third... band. "Joe"... children: a... year-old girl... full 12-year-old... just diagno... betes. We are... including... Joe's mother... Joe was only... 37 years old.

I am writing this letter for anyone who might be considering suicide as the way out. When Joe took his life, he left not only his parents and me, friends who were a great help so much he couldn't help. Joe stayed in for six years. Drugs got him from an adverse drug and a coroner ruled accidental, but I played a role. I sold dozens of could not save time. I told "Lucy," that I you about he asked me if she few lines. I s they are:

Dear Ann... "Lucy," the daughter of J the kids out t that if your d self, it's not y there is nothing have done t People who d that have no i are doing to t leave behind. to forgive the with your o best thing to d counselor and your system. T am doing, an Lucy

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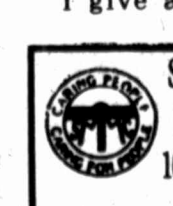
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Suicide leaves deep and lasting scars with family

Dear Ann Landers: Today is the third anniversary of the death of my ex-husband. "Joe" left behind two children: a beautiful 10-year-old girl, and a wonderful 12-year-old boy, who was just diagnosed with diabetes. We are all in therapy, including Joe's mother. Joe was only 37 years old.



ANN LANDERS

I am writing this letter for anyone who might be considering suicide as the way out. When Joe took his life, he left not only his parents, two children and me, but dozens of friends who loved him. He was a great man who helped so many people, but he couldn't help himself.

Joe stayed clean and sober for six years, then the drugs got him. He died from an adverse reaction to drugs and alcohol. The coroner ruled his death accidental, but I know better. I played suicide counselor dozens of times, but I could not save him this last time. I told my daughter, "Lucy," that I was writing to you about her daddy. She asked me if she could add a few lines. I said OK. Here they are:

Dear Ann Landers: I'm "Lucy," the 10-year-old daughter of Joe. I want all the kids out there to know that if your dad kills himself, it's not your fault, and there is nothing you could have done to save him. People who do things like that have no idea what they are doing to the people they leave behind. You just have to forgive them and go on with your own life. The best thing to do is talk to a counselor and get it out of your system. This is what I am doing, and it helps. -- Lucy

Dear Lucy: Thank you for sitting in my chair today. You certainly have a lot of grown-up sense for a 10-year-old. Your mother has a right to be proud of you. I have a feeling you're going to be fine. Write again whenever you feel like it.

Dear Ann Landers: I had an experience similar to "Miffed in Missouri," who never received a thank-you note for a wedding gift she had sent.

My husband and I purchased an expensive wedding gift for his niece and had the store ship it directly to the bride. After a reasonable amount of time without any acknowledgment, I wrote to her and asked if she received it. No answer. During the next few months, I wrote the bride two additional notes of inquiry and also sent a note to her mother, with whom the newlyweds lived. Neither the bride nor her mother responded. I gave up.

One year after the wedding, we received a card. I thought, "At last, she is sending a thank-you note," but no -- it was a birth announcement! All the lovely details about the baby were printed out, and at the bottom she wrote, "Thanks for the wedding gift." There was no signature.

I was flabbergasted at her nerve. Shortly afterward, I received a postcard from this niece, asking if we had seen the birth announcement and if we were going to send anything. I decided to send her a postcard on which I wrote, "We received your birth announcement card. Congratulations. Love, Uncle Jim and Aunt Mary."

I'd appreciate your comments. -- Also Miffed in Wisconsin

Dear Also Miffed: People who fail to acknowledge gifts are slobes of the first order. No excuse is good enough. This has happened to me on occasion.

I give a bride and/or

groom four months to respond. If I receive no acknowledgment, I PHONE and ask, "Did you receive the gift I sent?" The embarrassed response is often a rambling, weak-kneed -- "I've been so busy, and so on." I say, "I'm busy, too, but I found time to go out and buy a gift for you. You need to brush up on your manners."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Friday, June 1:
If you use and show your creativity, you will gain in all aspects of your life. See others as different, rather than as adversaries. You are unusually successful and ingenious with work. If you are single, a relationship provides you with the opportunity to change your status. Romance flows with caring and sensitivity. If you are attached, a rewarding enterprise brings you

closer, and you'll see your significant other transform right before your very eyes. Have fun with LIBRA.

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)

***** Your research helps you gain another perspective and firm up a project. Your ability to communicate and discover where others come from wins

friends and allies professionally. Let others know that you are open to their input. Tonight: Play the weekend in.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

**** Carefully deal with someone who holds the keys to a financial matter. You gain if you evaluate where this person comes from and try to understand his position. Remain confident. The chips will fall in your favor. Pace yourself.

Tonight: Run errands.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
***** You're extremely playful despite a testy associate, but you do enjoy this person. Curb chatting and socializing at work. Be efficient and clear out work quickly. Your mind slips into weekend mode with ease. Whatever you do pleases someone. Tonight: Make the most of the moment.

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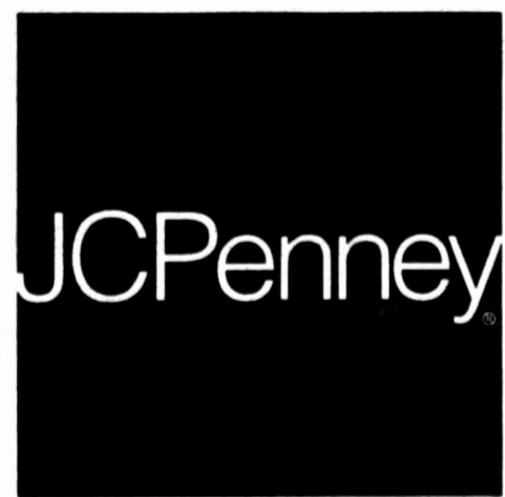
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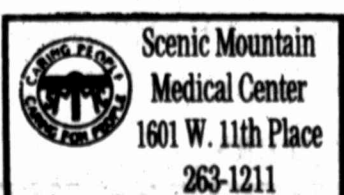
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Horoscope

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CANCER (June 21-July 22)

*** Basics count when dealing with family and roommates. Your instincts tell you which way to head with a work matter. Discuss a change in work with all concerned. Consider setting up a home office or perhaps spiffing up your workplace. Tonight: Happy at home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** Reach out for what you want. A meeting or a key conversation pushes you in the direction you want. Creativity and high energy mix well. Express yourself, and others follow along. Understand what a friend expects from you. Clarity helps your relationship. Tonight: Out and about.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

**** Spending money to enhance your public image and self-confidence leads you in the right direction. Bosses and those in charge notice your transformation, giving them another indicator of what you are capable of doing. You mesh together both your personal and professional lives. Tonight: Your treat.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** Whatever you do carries with it a touch of magic. Make calls, initiate conversations and allow what you desire to happen. Quit holding back right now, and zoom in. A trip, whether near or far, holds greater rewards than even you realize. Avoid office gossip. Tonight: Smile, and the world is yours.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

*** Step back, and you'll gain. Taking an active role might hinder a project rather than helping it. Review financial commitments with an eye to revamping your budget. Much comes out affecting a relationship that you care a lot about. Examine your ties to this person. Tonight: Let someone treat you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

**** Rarely are you a pendulum swinging from one point of view to another. But right now, you are doing just that. Someone presents a strong argument for doing things one way. What matters to you, ultimately, is your success. Follow up on your highest priority. Tonight: Make the company your choice.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

**** Others come to you. You might not be sure about what you need to do to please a boss or someone you respect enormously. A discussion points you in the right direction. You might not realize what this person sees as your assets. Tonight: Could be late.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** Your mind might be already out the door for the weekend. Let your body follow as soon as possible. Return messages and clear out the clutter on your desk. You will be unusually effective with work that involves a touch of socializing. Seek out someone at a distance. Tonight: Opt for escape.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

**** Deal with others on a one-on-one level, both professionally and personally. You come from a point of security. Consider your options carefully, as no one is pushing you. A work-related change might be just what the doctor ordered. Be sure this is what you want. Tonight: Dinner for two.

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By BETTY DEBNAM

Meet Author Jon Scieszka

If you want a good laugh, read a book by Jon Scieszka (pronounced SHEH-skuh). He takes math, or history or fairy tales, and gives them a funny twist.

Background

Jon Scieszka studied to be a doctor. But after he was accepted to medical school, he switched careers.

He said: "It took me that long to realize I wasn't that fond of sick people or hospitals. I really liked the science part."

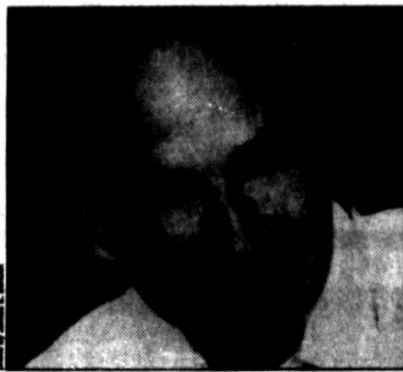
He got his master's degree in fiction writing from Columbia University in New York City. He wrote for magazines while working as a house painter.

In "Math Curse," a girl can't stop seeing the world as a bunch of math problems.

His next job was teaching first grade. Then he taught computers, math, science and history, in grades 1 through 8.

He said teaching gave him "a whole new respect for kids. It's a big challenge being a kid, and adults forget that."

"I saw a need for books with that second-grade sense of humor and intelligence."



Jon Scieszka, 46, and his wife, Jerilyn, have a daughter, 17, and a son, 15. They live in Brooklyn, N.Y.

The beginning

Jon Scieszka took a year off from teaching to write. At first, he could get nothing published. Then his wife, an art director, introduced him to artist Lane Smith.

He began working with Smith on "The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs!" by A. Wolf."

For a long time, no one would buy it. He said, "Publishers would say, 'That's too weird.'"

"The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs by A. Wolf" claims the wolf was framed. As in all his books, there is a message: "Think about who's telling the story."

"The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Tales" pokes fun at some old stories and even at books in general. It won a Caldecott Honor Award in 1992.

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His work

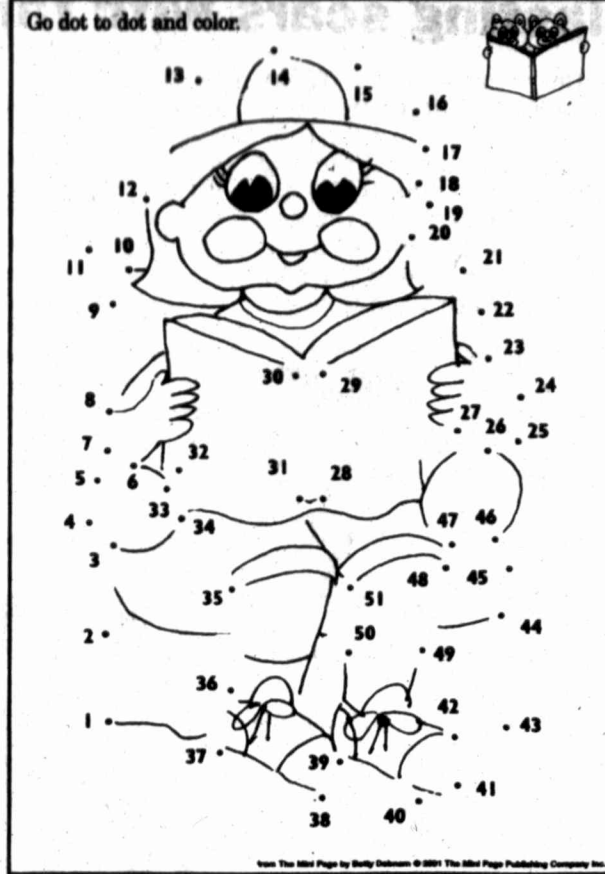
Jon Scieszka says that being a writer is great, but it's also miserable. "You are your own boss, but you have to have homework every night."

Each day, he says, "I always try to write something, just to keep going. This is great advice for kids too, to write stuff down. It seems almost stupidly simple, but that's the best way."

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Goldie Goodsport's Report
Supersport: Tausha Mills

Height: 6-3 Birthdate: 2-29-76
Weight: 232 College: Alabama

Last year was Tausha Mills' first as a center for the Washington Mystics. She averaged 4.2 points per game. Her best was 17 points in a game against the Detroit Shock.

She began playing basketball when she was 13 and played on both her high school and college teams.

Before joining the Mystics, she played pro basketball in Turkey and also for the American Basketball League's Chicago Condors.

Tausha, whose full name is Nartausha, grew up in Gariand, Texas. She studied criminology in college. Her nicknames are "Baby Shaq" and "T-Mills." She has three dogs, Hoops, Rebounds and Roco.

Meet Blaque

Last year was a big one for the group Blaque. They released their first album and wrote many of the songs on it.

The members are Natina Reed, Brandi Williams and Shamari Fears. The name "Blaque" stands for "Believing in Life and Achieving a Quest for Unity in Everything."

Growing up in Queens, N.Y., Natina dreamed of being Miss America, a veterinarian or a movie star. Her father was a preacher, and she played drums in her uncle's church.

Brandi grew up in Detroit in a musical family and always wanted to be a singer like her father, uncle and aunt.

Shamari, too, dreamed of being a singer. She also grew up in Detroit.

MIGHTY FUNNY'S FUNNY PHONICS

It's fun to learn phonics, or the way letters sound. This week's target sound is the one made by the AW blend, as in the word hawk.

Cindy: Why does a cat in the desert remind you of Christmas?
Charlotte: Because he has sandy claws!

Robert: This salad tastes awful. Are you sure you washed it?
Victor: Yes. I even used soap!

Zeke: What do you call a cow eating grass?
Callie: A lawn moo-er!

Summer Reading TRY 'N FIND

Words that remind us of summer are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: SUMMER, FUN, CAMP, PLAY, RELAX, READ, FRIENDS, OUTDOORS, VACATION, GAMES, SPORTS, SUN, FAMILY, JUNE, TRAVEL, VISIT, SWIM, POOL, OCEAN, BEACH, TOUR, JULY.

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Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and her friends are having fun reading and relaxing at the beach. See if you can find:

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- flyswatter
- key
- doughnut
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- pencil
- caterpillar
- number 3
- word MINI
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IN BRIEF

Sands' hoops camp slated for June

There will also be a Camp for Champs basketball camp for students entering grades first through eighth at the Sands Gymnasium beginning Monday.

For more information contact coach Harold Scott at 353-4563 or coach Lisa Lowry at 353-4404.

Tennis camp set to begin Monday

There will be a tennis camp for boys and girls ages 5-18 beginning Monday at 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

The camp will run through Thursday with registration being taken at 8:30 a.m. Monday.

The fee is \$100 and includes one t-shirt.

For more information contact Sarah Corse at 263-2275 or Dennis Smiley 263-3848.

Camp of Champs weight camp set

There will be a weight camp held beginning Monday at 9 a.m. for fifth through eighth graders at the Athletic Training Center.

For more information contact Ricky Long at 264-3662 or 263-0519.

Coahoma softball all-skills camp

There will be a all-skills camp beginning Monday, June 4-7 for second through ninth grade girls who want to develop their skills in fielding, throwing, hitting, base running, individual techniques and drills for all positions.

The camp will run from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Coahoma High School softball field. The cost to attend (includes instruction and a camp t-shirt) is \$50 (if received by Friday) and \$55 (if received after Friday).

For more information contact Robby Dickenson at 394-4924 or 270-7924.

Archery 3-D benefit shoot

There will be an archery 3-D benefit shoot Sunday, June 10 to help defray medical expenses for the Whitehead family.

Alexis, the daughter of Jake and Kim Whitehead has a terminal brain disorder and all proceeds from the event will be donated to the family.

There will be 15 targets double staked. The fee ranges from \$5-\$30 (cub to family max). There will be a very limited sighting in range so please be sited in before coming.

There will also be catering by the co-host, Price Construction employees (\$5/plate). Registration begins at 7-10:30 a.m.

For more information contact Gary Maddux at 631-0138, 264-1309 or Julia Maddux at 267-1691.

Chicano golfers will hold annual tourney

The Chicano Golf Association will hold it's annual golf scholarship tournament at Comanche Trail Golf Course Saturday and Sunday, June 8-9.

The \$60 fee covers green fee for both days.

For more information call 264-2366 or 263-4044.

ON THE AIR

Television

BASEBALL
2 p.m. — USGA, Women's U.S. Open, ESPN, Ch. 30.

BASEBALL
2 p.m. — Kansas City Royals at Texas Rangers, FXS, Ch. 29.

NHL PLAYOFFS
7 p.m. — Stanley Cup Finals, Game 3, Colorado Avalanche at New Jersey Devils, ABC, Ch. 2.

Injured Snow, Sixers survive Milwaukee, 89-88

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Several hours before he became Philadelphia's latest hobbled hero, Eric Snow sat down with his surgeon and the team doctor to hear the latest news about his ankle.

It was fractured, not sprained as originally believed, and further stress might cause a problem. Disregarding his wife's wishes, Snow decided to play.

"I just wanted to give it a go and try to see what I could do, and I was fortunate enough to make a big contribution," said Snow, who made his team's final two baskets in the 76ers' 89-88 victory, giving them a 3-2 lead over the Milwaukee Bucks in the Eastern Conference finals.

Snow shot 7-for-9 and scored 18

points, nearly duplicating his output from the first four games, in which he scored a total of 20 points.

Dikembe Mutombo had his best game of the series with 21 points, 13 rebounds and 9-for-9 shooting from the foul line, while Aaron McKie added 15 points and had four of Philadelphia's 13 steals.

Taken together, those contributions helped the Sixers overcome another poor shooting performance by Allen Iverson, who shot 5-for-27.

Snow turned his ankle in Game 4, and he found out Wednesday that in addition to a sprain he also has a hairline fracture of the ankle running perpendicular to a 2-inch screw that was inserted after a previous fracture.

Snow risks breaking the screw or further displacing the fracture, and the team doctors did not recommend one way or the other whether he should play. He wore a special brace on the ankle besides heavy tape to protect it from a 90-degree turn.

"I was looking at his X-rays, and I was shaking my head at how he already has a screw in his foot, then I saw the size of the fracture," Iverson said. "I said myself that I'm proud to be a part of this — everyone laying it on the line."

Philadelphia's victory wasn't assured until Glenn Robinson missed a 10-footer from the baseline and Ray Allen missed a tip-in at the buzzer.

The series resumes Friday night at Milwaukee, where the 76ers will try to advance to the NBA Finals for the first time since 1983 and face the Los Angeles Lakers.

Teams that have taken a 3-2 lead have gone on to win a best-of-seven series 83 percent of the time.

Robinson had 22 points, Allen added 20 and Sam Cassell had 18 for the Bucks, who allowed the 76ers to come back from an early 16-point deficit. What hurt them the most was two four-point possessions and one five-point possession by Philadelphia after they picked up two untimely flagrant fouls and one technical foul.

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Big Spring's Whitney Hufford (8) delivers a pitch during the Lady Steers phenomenal district run. The Lady Steers ended their season with a loss to Andrews but will return a number of players such as Hufford next season.

Chang falls to Roddick as history repeats itself

PARIS (AP) — Watching teen-ager Andy Roddick writhe in pain from cramps during a five-set match at the French Open, Michael Chang had an eerie feeling of history repeating itself.

This time, Chang lost. "I didn't want to think about it too much," Chang said. "I wanted to stay focused."

Twelve years ago, Chang won an epic match against Ivan Lendl in the fourth round of the French Open, serving underhand against the No. 1 player when cramping nearly overwhelmed him.

He won that match after 4 hours and 37 minutes, then went on to become the youngest men's champion at Roland Garros at age 17 years and 3 months.

On Wednesday, Chang lost in 3 hours, 50 minutes to the 18-year-old Roddick, losing the second-round match 5-7, 6-3, 6-4, 6-7 (5), 7-5.

Roddick's body contorted in sudden jerks of pain between points, clutching his head and leaning on his racket as the cramping worsened in the dramatic final set.

For onlookers, the similarity between the two matches

was uncanny. Chang, now 29, begs to differ.

"I think with Ivan, it was just something that was so different," he said. "It has similarities definitely, but it was a little bit different at the same time."

If Chang was trying hard not to remember his win over Lendl, Roddick thought of little else.

"That's one of my first memories of tennis, that match against Lendl," Roddick said. "It definitely crossed my mind. I thought that was pretty ironic."

"It was like a fairy tale." Unlike Chang back in 1989, Roddick's serve was devastating throughout the match, with 37 aces and 32 service winners.

"That serve really saved him," Chang said. "I had a lot of chances."

"Even when he was cramping, he was still able to bomb the serve."

Roddick was loudly jeered for throwing his racket down in frustration in the first set, but by the fifth the crowd was shouting "Andy! Andy!" as the teen-ager drew closer to victory.

After sealing the match, Roddick threw his baseball cap into the crowd, then

ripped his shirt apart. Roddick next faces sixth-seeded Lleyton Hewitt, who routed Russian qualifier Nikolay Davydenko 6-0, 6-1, 6-3 in their second-round match.

Defending champion Gustavo Kuerten cruised to his second consecutive straight-set win, eliminating Argentina's Agustin Calleri 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.

Despite the easy win, the top-seeded player wasn't impressed with his performance. "I didn't play with the same intensity I played in the first match," the 24-year-old Brazilian said before explaining how he overcomes those rough patches.

"When I have a problem during a match, I try to think back and remember my great moments here," he said.

Kuerten won the title in 1997 as an outsider ranked 66th in the world, and again last year. Chang was not the only former champion to exit the tournament Wednesday. Sergi Bruguera, who won the French in 1993 and 1994, retired from his second-round match, blaming sinus problems.

Butler headed South to play football at Charleston Southern University next season

By **KAMILAH WARD**
Sports Writer

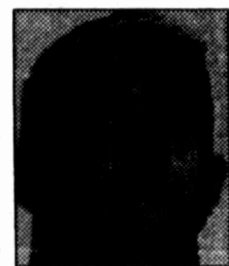
Bowe Butler put God first when he initially signed with Air Force Academy

saying that he wanted to eventually become a minister some day.

Well that day may come sooner than expected, after Butler signed with Air Force Academy, he opted to attend Charleston Southern University in hopes of one day becoming a youth minister.

"Bowe is a unique individual," said his father Dwight Butler. "He has never been swayed by popular demand and has never followed the crowd."

Originally, the 6-foot-1, 210-pound linebacker was being recruited by a number of schools like Tarleton, Liberty, Baylor and Abilene Christian University. So Charleston Southern wasn't in the pic-



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ture. Having signed in early March, the decision to attend Charleston Southern didn't come until late.

"I'm extremely excited for him," said Butler. "My concern as a parent is that he finds a school and is happy with that decision. We waited in hopes that there wouldn't be any more changes."

Charleston Southern is a fairly new Division I-AA program and part of the Big South Conference. Butler was one of two players from the Bigger, Faster, Stronger Magazine High School All American first team to sign with the Buccaneers.

"I think he's possibly on the forefront of helping the school make a few moves next season," Butler added. "Maybe it was divine intervention — but God definitely has a plan for him."

Butler was recognized as an academic scholar as well the District 4A Defensive Player of the Year in Texas. He will be competing on the North Squad in the Big Country All-Star Classic set to begin 8 p.m. Saturday at Shotwell Stadium in Abilene.

Central, Western hockey leagues agree to merger

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — The Central and Western Professional Hockey leagues will merge for the coming season.

The new Central Hockey League will consist of between 18 and 24 teams, but the specific franchises to be included have not been announced.

"We're going through what I would term as the biggest crossroads our industry has gone through," CHL chairman Tom Berry said Wednesday. "We've now positioned ourselves to be the strongest Double-A hockey league in the nation."

The WPHL and CHL are lower-tier, developmental leagues.

The CHL, revived in 1992, has 10 teams with franchises located in Tulsa, Oklahoma City, Wichita, San Antonio, Huntsville, Ala., Columbus, Ga., Fayetteville, N.C., Macon, Ga., Indianapolis and

Memphis. The WPHL, which began in 1996, has 13 franchises.

Eight teams are located in Texas — Austin, Corpus Christi, Lubbock, San Angelo, Amarillo, Fort Worth, Odessa and El Paso. Other WPHL teams are in Bossier-Shreveport, La., Lake Charles, La., Monroe, La., Tupelo, Miss., and Albuquerque.

Josh Evans, a spokesman for the CHL's Oklahoma City Blazers, expects the merger to benefit both leagues.

"The two leagues have been at war for some time, really since the WPHL entered this level of hockey," Evans said.

"They were all competing for players."

Officials will work out the differences between the leagues, including the number of veteran players allowed on each team, salary caps and rookie quotas.

Moses Malone, Krzyzewski, Chaney elected to Hall of Fame

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP) — Moses Malone, among the first to go straight from high school to the pros, and college coaches Mike Krzyzewski and John Chaney are joining the Basketball Hall of Fame.

The three — one of the smallest groups in years — will be inducted Oct. 5, Hall of Fame President John Doleva said Wednesday.

Malone, among the most dominating centers in the game, jumped from Petersburg (Va.) High School to the Utah Stars of the American Basketball Association in 1974 at the age of 19. He went on to play 21 years in the ABA and NBA.

"It is an honor to think people consider me a great player," Malone said. "I never considered myself a great player. I considered myself a hard worker."

The 6-foot-10 Malone became the third leading rebounder in NBA history — behind Wilt Chamberlain and Bill Russell — with 16,212, and the NBA's fifth leading scorer with 27,404 points. He also ranks third in games played with 1,329, second in free-throw attempts with 11,090, and first in free throws made with 8,531.

A 12-time NBA All-Star, he led the Philadelphia 76ers to the 1983 NBA championship and was selected the MVP of the NBA Finals.

He also played for Houston, Milwaukee, Atlanta, Washington and San Antonio.

"I have to give thanks to a lot of players who I played with," Malone said. "You can't think of me as a great player without mentioning the great players I played with and the great teams I played on."

He said if he had to single out one of his former teammates it would be Hall of Famer Julius Erving.

"I love him," Malone said. "He is an ambassador of the game."

Krzyzewski won his third national championship at Duke this spring. He has amassed a 606-223 record in 21 seasons of coaching at Duke, where he also won NCAA titles in 1991-92, and four seasons at Army. The 69-year-old Chaney has coached 29 years.

He won a Division II national championship with Cheyney State in 1978. Since taking over Temple in 1982, he has led the Owls to 18 post-season tournament appearances and five NCAA regional finals.

Coaches are eligible for induction after 25 seasons of coaching, while players must be retired for at least

five years. A person needs 18 of 24 votes from the Honors Committee to be inducted.

For the first time since 1992 the Honors Committee did not elect a female player or coach. Two female coaches, Cathy Rush of Immaculata College and Kay Yow of North Carolina State, were among the 17 finalists.

The other finalists included coaches Lute Olson, Larry Brown and Jerry Tarkanian, and players James Worthy, Adrian Dantley, Bobby Jones, Earl Lloyd, and international stars Dino Meneghin and Drazen Petrovic.

Proposed as contributors were Tex Winter, Grady Lewis and wheelchair basketball pioneer Junius Kellogg.

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MLB STANDINGS

Table with columns for American League East Division, Central Division, West Division, and Wednesday's Games. Rows include team names, wins, losses, and percentages.

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NATIONAL LEADERS

BATTING—Aunita, San Francisco, .370; Aibu, Houston, .366; Pujols, St. Louis, .358; Berkman, Houston, .343; P Wilson, Florida, .342; Casey, Cincinnati, .335; Walker, Colorado, .333; L Walker, Colorado, .333. RUNS—Hilton, Colorado, 53; Floyd, Florida, 45; L Gonzalez, Arizona, 45; Klesko, San Diego, 44; L Walker, Colorado, 44; Sosa, Chicago, 42; Burnett, Milwaukee, 41; Bonds, San Francisco, 41. RBI—Hilton, Colorado, 59; Bonds, San Francisco, 52; Pujols, St. Louis, 51; Klesko, San Diego, 51; L Walker, Colorado, 50; Sosa, Chicago, 47; L Gonzalez, Arizona, 43. HITS—Aunita, San Francisco, 71; Pujols, St. Louis, 67; P Wilson, Florida, 67; L Gonzalez, Arizona, 66; Hilton, Colorado, 63; Vna, St. Louis, 62; L Walker, Colorado, 61; 778. DOUBLES—Hilton, Colorado, 18; Rolen, Philadelphia, 18; P Wilson, Florida, 17; Nevin, San Diego, 17; Kent, San Francisco, 17; 7 are tied with 15. TRIPLES—O Cabrera, Montreal, 5; N Perez, Colorado, 5; Vna, St. Louis, 5; L Castillo, Florida, 4, 10 are tied with 3. HOME RUNS—Bonds, San Francisco, 28; L Gonzalez, Arizona, 20; Drew, St. Louis, 17; Hilton, Colorado, 17; Pujols, St. Louis, 16.

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PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Placed RHP Wayne Gomes on the 15-day disabled list. Activated RHP Vicente Padilla from the 15-day disabled list. SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Optioned INF Edwards Guzman to Fresno of the PCL. FOOTBALL. NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE. ARIZONA CARDINALS—Agreed to terms with QB Renaldo Hill on a three-year contract. Signed WR Bobby Newcombe and TE Tevita Ofahegaue. ATLANTA FALCONS—Signed LB Matt Stewart. DALLAS COWBOYS—Announced the retirement of WR Carl Pickens. DENVER BRONCOS—Signed QB Steve Beuerlein to a multiyear contract. DETROIT LIONS—Announced the resignation of Steve Reaven, media relations director. JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Signed WR Sean Dawkins to a one-year contract. NEW YORK JETS—Signed OT Jason Fabini and G Kerry Jenkins to one-year contracts. PITTSBURGH STEELERS—Signed WR Chris Taylor. WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Named John Schneider vice president of player personnel.

NBA PLAYOFFS

Conference Finals (Best-of-7) Milwaukee 88, Philadelphia 89. Friday, June 1 Philadelphia at Milwaukee, 7 p.m. Sunday, June 3 Milwaukee at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m., if necessary.

WNBA

Wednesday's Game Utah 81, Phoenix 62. Today's Games New York at Miami, 6 p.m.; Washington at Cleveland, 6 p.m.; Houston at Indiana, 6 p.m.; Minnesota at Portland, 9 p.m.; Phoenix at Seattle, 9 p.m. Friday's Game Los Angeles at Orlando, 6:30 p.m.

NHL PLAYOFFS

STANLEY CUP FINALS (Best-of-7) Colorado vs. New Jersey Saturday, May 26 Colorado 5, New Jersey 0 Tuesday, May 29 New Jersey 2, Colorado 1, series tied 1-1 Today Colorado at New Jersey, 7 p.m. Saturday, June 2 Colorado at New Jersey, 7 p.m. Thursday, June 4 New Jersey at Colorado, 7 p.m. Monday, June 7 Colorado at New Jersey, 7 p.m., if necessary Saturday, June 9 New Jersey at Colorado, 7 p.m., if necessary

MLS

Wednesday's Games Miami 2, D.C. 1 Los Angeles 4, Chicago 3 Colorado 1, San Jose 1. Today's Games Chicago at D.C., 1 p.m.; Los Angeles at Columbus, 3 p.m.; Kansas City at Tampa Bay, 6 p.m.; Miami at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.; San Jose at Colorado, 8 p.m.

ARENA FOOTBALL

Buffalo at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m. Florida at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m. Carolina at Nashville, 7:30 p.m.

Bonds passes McCovey and Williams on homer list but Giants lose

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Barry Bonds would gladly trade home runs for wins. Bonds became the most prolific left-handed home run hitter in NL history Wednesday night, connecting twice for the San Francisco Giants in a 4-3 loss to the Arizona Diamondbacks. With 522 homers, Bonds moved past Hall of Famers Ted Williams and Willie McCovey into 11th place on baseball's career list. Bonds shook hands with McCovey, who was sitting in the front row at Pacific Bell Park, after hitting his major league-leading 28th homer. "It's a great honor to be able to have that accomplishment," Bonds said. "But we're in the business of trying to get back in the postseason." The Giants have lost five of six games. Arizona has won six in a row. "It's really hard when you're not winning games right now," Bonds said. "You're losing one-run games, or you're not being able to score in opportunities you would have normally done in the past."

Cubs 3, Reds 1

Sammy Sosa hit his first home run in two weeks, helping Chicago win its 10th straight game. The Cubs, who swept the Reds last week at Wrigley Field, completed their first three-game sweep in Cincinnati since 1989. Sosa's 15th homer was his first since May 16, when he connected for No. 400. The Reds went 6-22 in May, their most losses in a month since 1952.

Astros 7, Padres 4

Pitcher Wade Miller went 3-for-3 as Houston ended its eight-game losing streak. Craig Biggio homered on the second pitch of the game at San Diego. The Astros got 11 hits in the first two innings off Bobby Jones. Miller, who had been 1-for-20 this season, became the first Astros pitcher to get three hits in a game since Mike Hampton on July 28, 1999. The Padres loaded the bases with no outs in the ninth, but Billy Wagner struck out pinch-hitter Mike Colangelo and retired Mark Kotsay and Ryan Klesko on popups. Klesko's homer in the first inning gave him 40 RBIs in May, breaking Ken Caminiti's team record for a month.

Phillies 6, Mets 3

Marlon Anderson hit a tiebreaking single, and Philadelphia completed a three-game sweep at Shea Stadium. Bobby Abreu and Doug Glanville homered as the Phillies moved 15 games over .500 for the first time since July 2, 1995. Reliever Vicente Padilla, activated from the disabled list before the game, pitched a hitless inning for the victory.

Golfer hopes Supreme Court ruling will help his dream

HOUSTON (AP) — JaRo Jones doesn't want to play on the PGA Tour like fellow disabled golfer Casey Martin but does want the right to ride his single-rider golf cart and play in the U.S. Senior Championships. This week's Supreme Court ruling in Martin's case might have moved him closer to his goal. Jones, 54, is suing the United States Golf Association for the right to ride a golf cart in tournaments, just as Martin challenged the PGA Tour. "I hope it helps," Jones said Wednesday. "I hope the USGA now understands that we were right all along and that they will go ahead and drop their appeal. If they'll do that, I'm ready to go for next year." A federal judge ordered Jones be allowed to use the cart last year but Jones shot a 12-over-par 84 and failed to qualify for the Senior Open. On Tuesday, the Supreme court voted 7-2 to allow Martin to ride a cart on the PGA Tour because of pain in his right leg, caused by a circulatory disease that makes it almost impossible for him to walk 18 holes. Jones, from Baytown, just east of Houston, suffers from post-polio syndrome and neuromuscular atrophy, conditions resulting from having polio at age 4. From a sitting position on his cart, Jones can drive a golf ball 270 yards but the USGA has insisted he play without his specialized cart. Jones has taken on the cause of disabled golfers who just want to play. His cart has caused problems at courses where officials didn't want him driving the vehicle on tees and greens. "My goal is to try to qualify and play in the U.S. Senior Open Championship and along with that goal has been to own a golf course where people with disabilities can learn to play golf," Jones said. Jones sued last May, contending his right to use a cart was covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act. "I think the biggest question is just what are the overall ramifications in the long run about the whole issue and who is covered and what accommodations will need to be made," Marty Parkes, USGA senior director of communications, said Wednesday. "We've had questions about scenarios like sprained ankles, and for things like that we don't have an answer."

SIXERS

Continued from page 1B Milwaukee's Jason Caffey scored from the lane with 18 seconds left, and the Bucks fouled McKie with 13.9 to go. The 76ers had made 25 of 26 free throws to that point, but McKie was short on both attempts. Milwaukee got the ball to Robinson for a good shot, but it wouldn't go — and neither would Allen's tip. "It never should have come down to that," Robinson said. "We basically gave them 10 points. We have to make sure that if we go down, we go down playing the right way." Iverson finished the first quarter shooting 2-for-10, and he missed all three of his shots in the second quarter. Mutombo (13 points) and Snow (10 points) kept the 76ers within striking distance through the second quarter. Iverson missed a wide-open corner jumper early in the third quarter, making him 2-for-18 from the field, and things seemed to be going Milwaukee's way as Cassell hit consecutive jumpers over Iverson for a 63-55 lead. Moments later, though, Cassell fouled Iverson on a 3-point attempt and picked up a technical foul for arguing. Iverson hit all four free throws, Mutombo converted a hook shot and Iverson finally hit a jumper — making him 3-for-20 — to tie it at 63-all with 2:40 left in the third. It was a tight game the rest of the way, and the 76ers barely prevailed.

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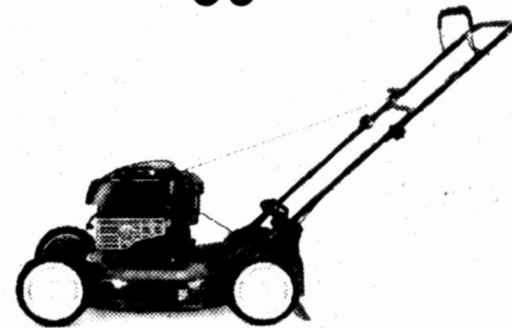
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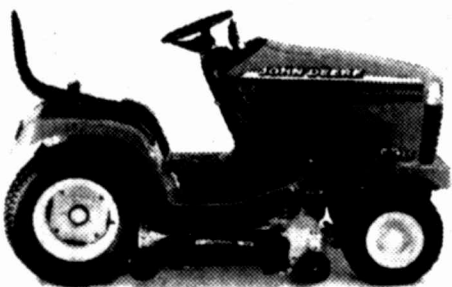
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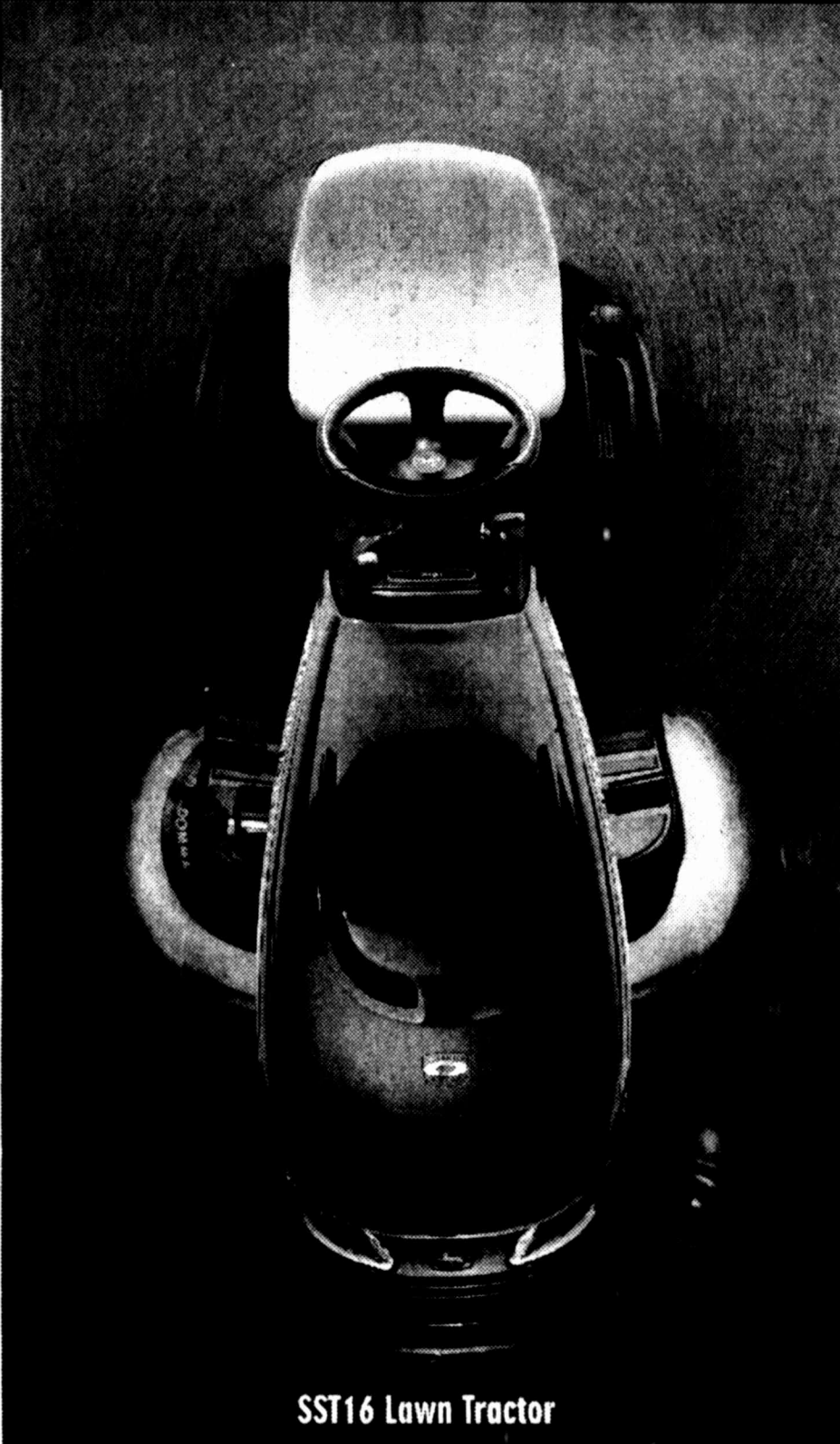
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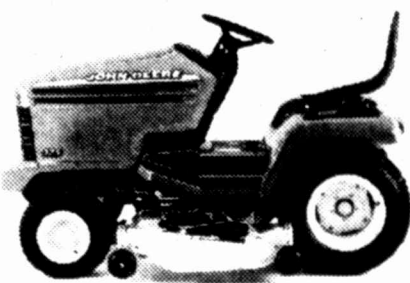
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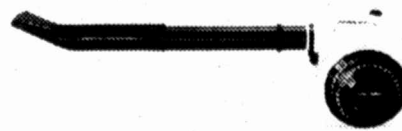


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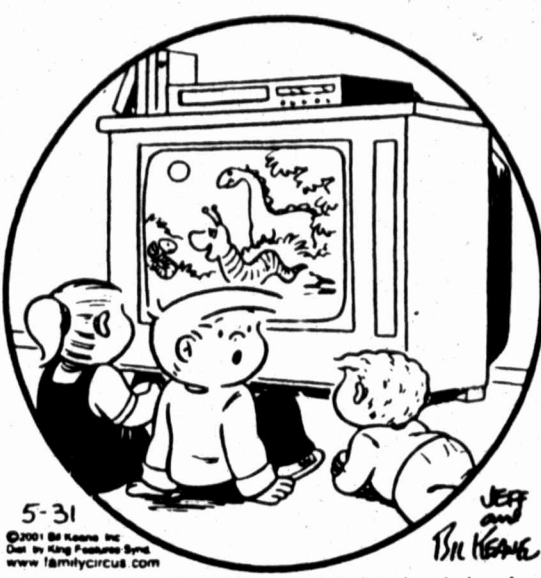
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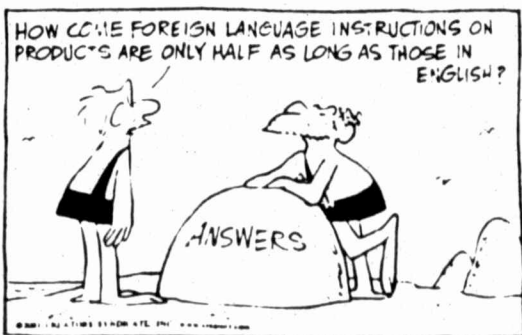
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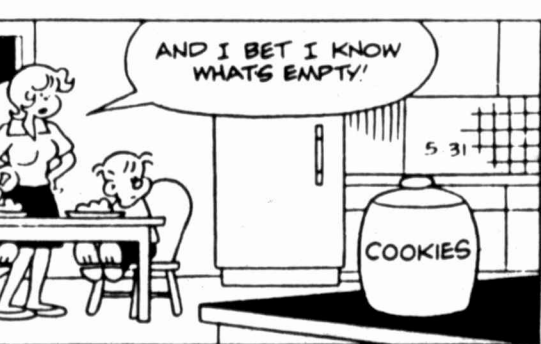
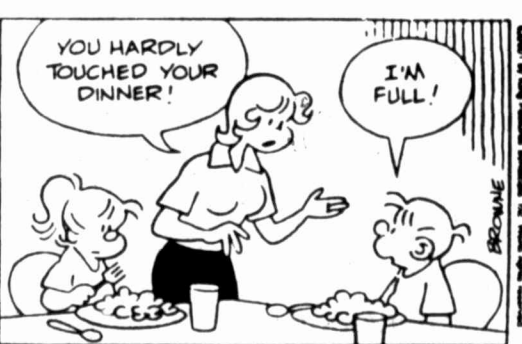
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today is Thursday, May 31, the 151st day of 2001. There are 214 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 31, 1819, poet Walt Whitman was born in West Hill, N.Y.

On this date:

In 1889, more than 2,000 people perished when a dam break sent water rushing through Johnstown, Pa.

In 1910, the Union of South Africa was founded.

In 1913, the 17th amendment to the Constitution, providing for the popular election of U.S. senators, was declared in effect.

In 1961, South Africa became an independent republic.

In 1962, World War II Gestapo official Adolf Eichmann was hanged in Israel for his role in the Nazi Holocaust.

In 1970, tens of thousands of people died in an earthquake in Peru.

In 1976, Martha Mitchell, the estranged wife of former Attorney General John N. Mitchell, died in New York.

In 1977, the trans-Alaska oil pipeline, three years in the making, was completed.

In 1989, House Speaker Jim Wright, dogged by questions about his ethics, announced he would resign. (Thomas Foley later succeeded him.)

In 1994, the United States announced it was no longer aiming long-range nuclear missiles at targets in the former Soviet Union.

Ten years ago: Leaders of Angola's two warring factions signed a peace treaty, ending a 16-year-old civil war. Federal health officials announced a new Medicare fee schedule.

Five years ago: Benjamin Netanyahu claimed victory in Israel's election for prime minister, defeating incumbent Shimon Peres by nine-tenths of 1 percent.

Today's Birthdays: Prince Rainier of Monaco is 78. Actress Elaine Stewart is 72. Actor-director Clint Eastwood is 71. Opera singer Shirley Verrett is 68. Actor Keir Dullea is 65. Singer Peter Yarrow is 63. Singer Johnny Paycheck is 63. Former Anglican Church envoy Terry Waite is 62. Singer-musician Augie Meyers is 61. Actress Sharon Gless is 58. Football Hall-of-Famer Joe Namath is 58. Actor Tom Berenger is 51. Actor Gregory Harrison is 51. Comedian Chris Elliott is 41. Actor Kyle Secor is 41. Actress Lea Thompson is 40.

Newsday Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.

Newsday Crossword

BARD'S EYE VIEW by Patrick Jordan

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- ACROSS: 1 Right-angled annexes, 5 Styptic ingredient, 9 Hindu prince, 14 In ___ of (instead of), 15 Catherine ___-Jones, 16 Wed on the run, 17 Pennant, 18 Way off yonder, 19 Ed Norton's workplace, 20 Start of a quip, 23 Deli breads, 24 Skilled technique, 25 Actress Silverstone, 28 Schoolbook, 30 Confederate soldier, 33 Wouldn't stop gabbing, 34 Except for, 35 Ticked off, 36 Middle of quip, 39 Roommate of 31 Down, 40 Belmonts' lead singer, 41 Olympian Comaneci, 42 Broadway sign, 43 Fairy-tale mermaid, 44 Burns jasmine, perhaps, 45 Hot tub, 46 Onetime Solicitor General, 47 End of quip, 54 Celestial hunter, 55 Melange, 56 Wiggly fish, 58 Kitchen strainer, 59 Brings out in the open, 60 Israel's first king, 61 Gave up, 62 Sensed, 63 Poker card, 9 Vacation mecca, 10 Wide-eyed, 11 Cheek, 12 Did an impression of, 13 Towel pronoun, 21 Twisting the truth, 22 Paraffin-based, 25 Burnoose wearers, 26 Type of pointer, 27 Musical beginning, 28 Lake near Carson City, 29 Neck and neck, 30 Thoroughfares, 31 Roommate of 39 Across, 32 Frat letters, 34 To-do, 35 Most elegant, 37 He spoke for Mortimer, 38 Lethargic, 43 Began playing on Broadway, 44 Talk-show partner, 45 It may be wood-burning, 46 Saloon entertainer, 47 Anjou alternative, 48 Pennsylvania port, 49 See 29 Down, 50 Be a couch potato, 51 Nastase of tennis, 52 Within reach, 53 Envelope part, 57 Guileful

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-63 indicating clue positions.