TUESDAY

June 5, 2001

WEATHER



TONIGHT TOMORROW 68°-70° 90°-94°

Moore group calls meeting for Wednesday

Moore Development for Big Spring has called a special meeting for 10 a.m. Wednesday to discuss a technology cooperative.

attendance are In expected to be representatives of Howard County, the city of Big Spring, Howard College, Forsan, Coahoma, West Texas for MHMR, Centers Colorado River Municipal Water District and Big Spring, Forsan and Coahoma independent school districts.

The meeting will be held in the Dora Roberts Civic Center Lake Room.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY ☐ Sheriffs Posse meets

at 7 p.m. at the Clubhouse on Andrews ☐ American Red Cross

meets at Cantebury South, 1600 Lancaster at 7 p.m. ☐ VFW Post 2013

VFW Hall, 7 p.m., 500 Driver Rd. Big Spring Chapter 67 Order of the Eastern

Star, 7:30 p.m., Masonic lOdge, 219 Main.

WEDNESDAY

Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus room.

☐ Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics, 10 a.m., Scenic **Mountain Medical** Center cafeteria. People 50 and older are invited to participate.

Beginning line dance class, 10:30-11:30a.m., free to beginners. Contact Margarita Durand-Hollis at the Dance Gallery.

☐ Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

☐ Big Spring Duplicate Bridge Club, meets every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 1 p.m. at the Big Spring Country Club.

☐ Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center.

☐ Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 West Third.

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Emergency lights will be available at safety workshop

in our area.

By LYNDEL MOODY

Citizens Police Academy alumni will selling emergency light beacons at the Senior Safety Workshop set **JONES** Thursday at Dora Roberts

Community Center.

"These are 60 watt light bulbs you can use for your porch light," said Nancy Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) project coordinator. "In an emergency, you go to the light switch and flip the switch twice. The light will start blinking.'

According to Jones, a blinking light could help emergency services quickly locate the house, especially at night. Jones said the light may be very helpful for those who live in rural

"We are selling them for \$8 plus tax," Jones said.
"The suggested retail price is \$20, but we did not think we could charge that much

The Senior Safety workshop will include three 45minute sessions and is sponsored by RSVP and the **Howard County Seniors and** Law Enforcement Together (SALT). The three-hour program begins at 9 a.m.

The program is open to the public and Jones attend.

Spring Department will be present to hand out safety information for seniors, Jones said.

Also, vendors for the medical alert necklaces, an emergency service, will giving information about the program and RSVP will give a free senior directory and senior magazine to those attending the workshop.

The program includes a presentation by Randall Deavers, coordinator/traffic safety programs for older adults with the Texas Department of Health.

He will give a presentation on safe drivers and riders including tips to be aware of as a person ages.

Paula Hunt, administrator for the Dora Roberts Wellness Clinic, will demonstrate exercise and fitness safety for senior adults.

Also, Jan O'Hern, an information and referral specialist with the Permian

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Public forum

Ensuring prosperous future for Big Spring is purpose of second Town Hall meeting

By BILL McCLELLAN

News Editor

How to ensure a prosperous future for Big Spring that's the topic for a public forum set for

6:30 this evening at **Bauer Magnet** School. It is a fol-

low-up meeting to one held in May which some 60 citicon-



vened at Dora Roberts Civic Center. Community leaders decided to move the forum in hopes of attracting more input. In the previous meeting,

participants discussed redirecting economic development funds toward projects other than attracting industry; promoting Big Spring's assets, including quality of life; improving technology and education.

After giving their input, the citizens met in several groups with each group focusing a separate topic.

Tonight, that is expected to continue

"Tonight, we'll get together in one group for a very short period of time," said Mayor Russ McEwen. "Then we'll have class-

areas of discussion. There will be one notable exception from the previous meeting.

rooms set up for the groups.

We'll break into the four

"In that first meeting, people were drafted into service. They really didn't have a choice as to what group they were in. I think that worked out well because it got everyone to thinking about things. But tonight, people will be able to choose which discussion they want to be involved in," said McEwen.

The mayor hopes each group will elect a chairperson and begin prioritizing what members feel are the most important challenges then setting up goals.

"We need to come to consensus on what we really need to do. By getting into

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State hospital will treat patients to Summer Fun Day

By VALERIE AVERY

Herald Correspondent

Big Spring State Hospital patients will be fitted with caps, visors, sunglasses and

relies on volunteers of all ages.

patient. designed Tshirts Wednesday as they usher in summer with their biggest party of the year Summer Fun

Day. "They all and 'ooh'



'aah' over the presents and are very appreciative," said Maria Brito, Big Spring State Hospital assistant director of community rela-

VA Medical Center community relations director Iva Jo Hanslik oversees Issac Cross,

a summer youth volunteer at the VA, as he stuffs envelopes. Cross is in his first sum-

mer in the program. The medical center is one of many entities in the community that

Summer Fun Day began six years ago after the Volunteer Services Council decided that patients needed to welcome the change in seasons with fanfare. Brito said. The parties were small in the early stages, but have grown to include a wide range of gifts and snacks.

The more than 200 patients will be served soft drinks and cake and will be given T-shirts, sunglasses,

suntan lotion and a cap for men and visors for the ladies.

Patients designed logos for the T-shirts and visors in their Therapeutic Arts and Crafts classes and a committee of volunteers judged the entries before selecting a winner. The winner won \$5 in spending money, and all participants received \$2 prizes, Brito said.

"We picked the logo that would be the best and most appropriate to represent 'Summer Fun Day'," said Shirley Bodin, Summer Fun Day chairman. "It has a picture of a big sun with little

rays all around it."

Members of the Volunteer Services Council will distribute the T-shirts in shades of periwinkle, cyberpink, jade and royal blue in front of the Allred Building gazebo from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Volunteers will take the party on the medical unit for the medically fragile patients, Brito said.

Each patient will be given treats at the summer get together.

"We do this to provide some things for the patients that they ordinarily wouldn't get," Bodin said. "They really enjoy it. They get

something new to wear and they get some food, which is a big deal. It is a chance to have a little party for the beginning of summer

"It's different from their daily routine and it gives them some interaction with people besides the staff. This is just kind of a little break, like recess at school. We just like to do anything to help the patients.

Summer Fun Day is funded by proceeds from the Volunteer Services Council's most productive fund-raiser the Denim

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Tickets still available for AHA gala Saturday

By LYNDEL MOODY Staff Writer

Tickets are still available for the American Heart Association (AHA)—Big Spring

Chapter Heartbeat 2001 Gala set for Saturday at the Old Settler's. Pavilion.

"We are very excited the about rhythm and

BROOKS blues band we have contracted to play for the dance," said Carmen Brooks, the chapter's president. "I understand they are a great band.

The band, "8-Ball," will perform for the dance portion of the evening.

The gala, normally held in February, was set for June

at Comanche Trail Park to give this year's event an outdoor environment, Brooks said.

Al's & Son Bar-B-Q will cater the dinner for the event that begins at 7 p.m. with the AHA board of directors serving the meal. The dance will follow

"We are going to have great food," Brooks said.

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

Those who would like to volunteer to work during the gala should contact Brooks.

The event is the second largest fund-raiser for the Big Spring chapter that also holds the Heart Walk and Jump Rope for Heart.



Project superintendent Pat Collins shows the backdrop behind the 118th District Courtroom bench. Renovation of the former Howard County Library Into a district court building is set to be completed by the end of June.

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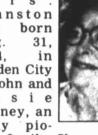
was arrested on a charge of

session of marijuana.

Arlyne Johnston

Arlyne Johnston, 86, died on Sunday, June 3, 2001, at Heartland Nursing Home in Austin.

M r s Johnston born was Aug. 31, 1914, in Garden City to John and Essie Chaney, an early pio-



neer family. She graduated from Big Spring High School in 1931. In 1940 she married Clyde (Shorty) Johnston, longtime owner and operator of the Texaco station on Gregg Street.

Her family and friends will remember Arlyne for her giving nature. She cared for her aged parents with unstinting commitment and remarkable love. She created a warm and happy home for her two children and her husband and in that world of family and service she was at her happiest! We, the ones who loved her, recall her wonderful pumpkin creme pies, her love of bridge and bowling and her fanatical devotion to the Houston Astros. This gentle lady in the front row of many a contest and event supported son and daughter in a thousand activities. A longtime member of the First United Methodist Church of Big Spring, this Christian woman lived her faith. Surely now Arlyne must hear her God as He comforts her: "Rest now thou good and faithful servant."

Survivors include her daughter, June Ann Moore and her husband, Jerry of Austin; in-laws, Anne Chaney of Houston and George Amos, Lois and Dalton Johnston of Big Spring and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Johnson was preceded in death by her son, Don, who died tragically at age 14; her husband of 46 years, Clyde Johnston; her brother, Jim Bob Chaney; and her sister, Johnnie Amos.

Pallbearers will be John Amos, James Johnston. Cunningham, Tommy Hyer, Skipper Driver and Bob

Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1229, Big Spring 79721-1229.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m., Wednesday, June 6, 2001, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. James Wright, Minister of Music at First United Methodist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 10 a.m. to 11:30

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Gregory Phillips, 47, died Friday. Funeral services were 10:00 AM, today at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church.



(916) 267-6331 www.npwelch.com

Arlyne Johnston, 86, died Sunday. Services will be 2:00 PM Wednesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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Mary (Mamie)

C. Reagor
Graveside funeral service for Mary (Mamie) C. Reagor, 101, of Llano, will be 4 p.m., Wednesday, June 6, 2001, at Sonora Cemetery with Bro. Lester Bagley officiating.

Mrs. Reagor died Sunday, June 3, at Hill Country Healthcare Center in Llano. She was born on March 9, 1900, in Smiley and married Leonard Clint Reagor. She lived most of her life in Llano. She was a member of the Llano Church of Christ and was a homemak-

Survivors include three daughters, Linda Carta of Llano: Lila Lee Sprott of San Angelo and Joyce Davidson and husband Ray of Big Spring; one son, Verlon Reagor and wife Doris of Burnet; 15 grandchildren; 10 step-grandchildren; numerous greatgrandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clint, in 1983; one son, Hollis Reagor; two grandsons; three great-grandsons; one great-granddaughter, two brothers; two sisters; and two son-in-laws.

The family will receive visitors today from 6 p.m. -8 p.m. at the Waldrope-Hatfield-Hawthorne Funeral Home in Llano.

The family suggests that in lieu of flowers donations be made to the Cherokee Childrens Home or a charity of choice.

Honorary pallbearers will be her grandsons.

Arrangements are under the direction of Waldrope-Hatfield-Hawthorne Funeral

Homes, Inc.

Gerald Dean

Funeral service for Gerald Dean Culpepper, 75, of Glen Rose, formerly of Big Spring, will be at 2 p.m., Wednesday, June 6, 2001, at the First Baptist Church in Glen Rose. A Masonic graveside service will be held at Fulton Cemetery in Walnut Springs.

Mr. Culpepper died Sunday, June 3, in a Glen Rose nursing facility.

He was born Oct. 20, 1925. in Tuscola and married Norma L. Price on July 4, 1947, in Cisco. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a member of Company G, 261st Infantry, 65th Division of Patton's 3rd Army. He turned down a battlefield promotion to 2nd Lt. in order to stay with his buddies. He was an instrumentation specialist for Brown and Root.

Survivors include his wife Norma Culpepper of Glen Rose; two daughters, Geraldine Culpepper and Ginger Lee Rogers, both of Glen Rose; three sons, Gary

Culpepper Pfluegerville, Joe Ray Culpepper and Jamie Dee Culpepper, both of Glen Rose; two sisters, Freda Ware of Midlothian and Margie Lois Faulk of Katy: two brothers, Brank Culpepper of McGregor and Joseph Farrel Culpepper of Duncanville; 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchil-

Arrangements are under the direction of Wiley Funeral Home in Glen

Rose. **FUN**

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and Diamonds Gala. Bodin and her co-chairman Sandra Cox have been working for months to prepare for the event, finding

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the best prices for gifts and snacks. Once the supplies are delivered an army of volunteers sort the gifts and prepare for the arrival of patients.

"It's a big decision-making thing," Brito said. "It's an activity that they can par-**Besides** ticipate Christmas, this is the second most exciting event of the year.'

'It's always been fun for the volunteers and hopefully for the patients," Bodin said. "Anytime you're giving back and giving to the less fortunate makes you feel good giving to someone else.

Big Spring State Hospital is a psychiatric hospital run under the auspices of the **Texas Department of Mental** Health Mental Retardation. People from more than 78 counties in the Texas Panhandle and West Texas are cared for in the facility.

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FORUM

these focus groups, we can get away from talking in generalities and develop specific courses of action, said McEwen.

Those on the committee to promote the city's assets might conclude that the best way to do that would be through the community's parks such as Comanche Trail Park, Big Spring State Park and Moss Creek Lake. Or, it might decide to focus some other area. Decisions would be made on how to enhance current assets and whether others should be built, as well as how they might best be promoted throughout the area.

By defining goals and mapping out a future, it is hoped that the city can become a better community in which to live as well as one that will attract visitors and new residents as well as industry.

What is important, community leaders say, is that as many people as possible participate.

"These are the decisions that are going to guide our community in upcoming years. It's vital we get as much input as possible," said Gary rugua, city manager. "We hope as many people as possible will attend."

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Basin Regional Council on Drug and Alcohol Abuse, will give a presentation on medication safety.

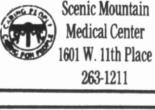
Jones said the purpose of the presentation is to make people aware of the interactions of different drugs when taken together or taken within a period of time.

"Those that go to many doctors may have prescriptions that interfere with each other," Jones said. 'There are some herbal supplements that interfere with

some prescription drugs." There will be breaks between the sessions and free refreshments will be offered.

BRIEFS

JUNE IS PROSTATE Awareness CANCER month. Interested groups or organizations can contact Bill Birrell at 263-0659 for



BIG SPRING ROUND THE TOWN

information on programs or an 18 minute tape narrated by Sydney Poitier.

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

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

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

HILLCREST BAPTIST CHURCH WILL hold an evening Vacation Bible School Monday through Friday from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. at 2000 W. F.M. 700. kindergarten Grades through sixth are invited. There will be crafts, games and a journey on the Trail of Hope. Each day's lesson will on the secret of the stone tablets. Rides are available at 267-1639.

THE HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM, located at the McMahon Wrinkle Airpark, will be open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sunday 1:30 to 4 p.m. The museum will be closed on all city holidays.

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 informa-

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. Earhart Thani Atheni@ail.com or 214-340-

A CENTENNIAL CELE-BRATION 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 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.

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SHERIFF

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

 SAMUEL BAEZA LOPEZ, 24, of Stanton, was arrested on a charge of making alcohol available to a minor. (DPS) JESUSA CANO

PEREZ, 47, of 1800 State, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated. (BSPD) LARA MELEAH SHIPP, 35, of San Angelo,

was arrested on a motion to revoke probation on a second offense of driving while intoxicated. (HCSO) MEL ANTHONY ALMAZAN, 23, was arrested on a charge of failure to

identify as as a fugitive. (BSPD) EDWIN JAMES DEAN, 35, of 1306 Lamar, was arrested on a charge of dri-

ving while license invalid.

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CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 900

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the 1300 block of Colby, in the 400 block of Circle Drive and in the 600 block of Elgin. LOUD PARTY/NOISE

was reported in the 2900 block of W. Hwy. 80.

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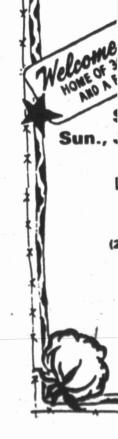
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Prosecutors argue McVeigh has already admitted to bombing

DENVER (AP) - The release of more than 4,400 Oklahoma City bombing documents should not affect Timothy McVeigh's execution because he has admitted his guilt, a prosecutor has argued.

In a brief submitted Monday in U.S. District Court, Sean Connelly asked a judge to deny McVeigh's request to postpone his June 11 execution.

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"Timothy McVeigh does not and could not suggest he is actually innocent of the charges of which the jury convicted him," Connelly wrote. "He does not and could not suggest the death penalty is unwarranted for his exceptionally aggravat-

McVeigh's attorneys declined comment on the brief. U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch will hear arguments Wednesday on

McVeigh's request. McVeigh has claimed the government committed a "fraud upon the court" by failing to turn over the FBI material before his 1997 trial in the bombing, the worst act of terrorism on U.S. soil.

McVeigh asked for a postponement to see if the documents offered grounds for seeking a new trial and to force the government to explain its failure to turn over the material.

In his brief, Connelly

argued that the material has tor said. bearing because no McVeigh confessed in a book and said he and co-conspirator Terry Nichols acted alone.

"Rather than answer for his own proven and admitted murderous conduct, McVeigh would like to put the federal government on trial," Connelly wrote.

McVeigh has identified nine items he claims could have helped his defense, but none prove his innocence. Connelly said.

Under the anti-terrorism law under which McVeigh was convicted, he cannot receive a new trial unless he has strong evidence of his innocence, the prosecu-

"McVeigh is undeniably guilty and there is no case in which the death sentence can be more appropriate than this one," Connelly said.

government's response is strongly worded, aggressive, derisive, mocking, even sarcastic because they are outraged McVeigh would ask for any help," said Andrew Cohen, a CBS-TV legal analyst who covered McVeigh's trial.

McVeigh was convicted of murder and sentenced to die for the April 19, 1995, bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building, which killed 168 people and injured hundreds more.

McVeigh, who is at the federal prison in Terre Haute, Ind., had dropped all appeals and was set for lethal injection May 16. But six days before the executhe tion. Justice Department began turning over more than 4,400 pages and 11 CDs of FBI material that should have been given to McVeigh's defense.

Defense attorney Richard Burr said last week that McVeigh decided to seek a stay because he was concerned about the "overreaching of federal law enforcement authorities" and thought the last-minute disclosure of the documents overrode his earlier decision not to fight execution.

In a related development Monday, the U.S. Supreme Court delayed a ruling in Nichols' request for a new trial, saying the government must first respond to his assertion that mishandled evidence in McVeigh's case adversely affected him.

The court's decision raised the possibility that the justices would reopen the case involving Nichols.

Nichols, 46, was sentenced to life in prison after being convicted in federal court of involuntary manslaughter and conspiracy.

Prosecutors in Oklahoma have brought state murder charges against Nichols in hopes of winning a death

Republicans face final day of Senate control, held since 1995

WASHINGTON (AP) — It mally wield their majority should look like just another day in the Senate to anyone watching lawmakers debate education legislation

But in reality, it will be anything but just another day. Thanks to the decision by Sen. James Jeffords, R-Vt., to leave the GOP, today will mark the Republicans' final day of controlling the chamber, which they have done since 1995.

Democrats will first for-

on Wednesday morning, giving them command of the agenda and marking the first time in history that the Senate has changed hands in a meaningful way in the midst of a session.

"I'd anticipate you'd see the normal course of events on the floor on the education bill," Ron Bonjean. spokesman for Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said Monday.

Behind the

though, things will be sim- Minority Leader Tom mering in a Senate that Democrats will soon control by 50-49 plus Jeffords, who will be an independent but will side with Democrats in reorganizing the chamber.

Lott will meet with other GOP members who will negotiate with Democrats over new committee rosters and Republican demands for processes to protect nominees by President Bush.

Those bargainers may also meet with Senate

Daschle, D-S.D., who will become majority leader and who opposes a process to help Bush's nominations.

Until the Senate approves a resolution revamping committee rosters to reflect the Democratic majority, memberships on committees will revert to the end of the last Congress, when the GOP had control.

Because of vacancies caused by retirements and election defeats, that will

give Republicans majorities on eight major committees and Democrats one, with seven tied.

Fresh from a weeklong Memorial Day break, Democratic and GOP senators will have separate lunches, where conversations will no doubt focus on the new Senate. At the GOP gathering, there may be continued recriminations over Jeffords' defection.

Though Democrats will take the majority and with

it more control over what is debated, the Senate will essentially remain the precariously balanced body it has been all year. As a result, Daschle acknowledged, both parties' moderates will continue to play a crucial role, as they did in last month's passage of Bush's \$1.35 trillion, 11-year tax cut.

"It is critical," Daschle said. "If we're going to govern, we have to govern from the middle.'

HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, June 6, :

Your positive, high energy often brings wild, unanticipated reactions. Think in terms of being effective and trying to work with others. By playing amateur psychologist, you learn to understand others better. You might feel as if you are on a seesaw as you attempt to juggle different forces. If you are single, an assortment of options and people surrounds you. Think deeply about what you want. If attached, go along with your partner on adventures more often. As a Get into a favorite sport. result, your significant LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) plays devil's advocate.

of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult ARIES (March 21-April

**** An impulsive gift or token of affection wins attention. someone's Sometimes, slowing down the hectic pace of your life and stopping to do something meaningful might be ultimately more important than anything else. Dial up a key associate. Tonight:

TAURUS (April 20-May

Venus moves into your sign, adding to your well-known sensuality. Extremes punctuate moods and partnerships. If you work well with an associate, you will ultimately benefit professionally. The results of a must appearance will surprise you. Tonight: Accept an invita-

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) **** Others come to the rescue. Though you're born under a sign associated with mental dexterity, you might be overly emotional

in the next few weeks. A friend could have your best interest in mind, though you'd never know it from his caustic tone. Tonight: Accept another's offer.

CANCER (June 21-July

*** You accomplish a lot very quickly. Your high energy helps you breeze through work. Take time to socialize with others at work. Listen to someone carefully who has some awfully "sweet" words to share. Network at a meeting. Others will respect your perspective. Tonight:

frequently. SAGITTARIUS gain when you want something -- you're bound and determined. Friends could challenge you, though somehow you turn criticism into a positive feedback. Good for you! Another admires your ability to work with the public. Tonight: Take a midweek break.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) **** Often, your words anchor others and help them remember what is and what isn't important. Use your high, nervous energy and clear out a physical task. A diet or new health plan gets a good start if you begin right now. Exercise also will help vou reduce stress. Tonight:

Mosey on home. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** Reach out for others. Don't stand on ceremony when you really don't need to. Your humor and sense of direction help others who might not be as easygoing. Your ingenuity emerges when dealing with a child or risk. Curb the flirting if you're attached! Tonight: Visit with a favorite person.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-

***** Try the unexpected, and be open to reversing positions. Life would not be as fun or exciting if everything went as you wanted it to go. Display what you do well for others. Go in a new direction. Try a risk or two. other will indulge you more . You drive a hard bar. Others seek you out and will ask for feedback. Tonight: It's your call.

> CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** You could be spending to mollify some of your strong feelings. Rather than acting out, discuss your emotions in a way that someone can understand. You might be surprised how intimate chats could resolve problems, given

time. Tonight: Take some thinking time. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb.

***** Once more, you do the unexpected. Why should you be surprised by others' reactions? Go with the unpredictable and work with others. Extremes punctuate interpersonal relationships. What starts as a flirtation could become a lot more. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March

**** Stay on top of a professional matter. You might be overwhelmed by what a boss or someone in authori. and certificates for \$1 off ty drops on you, nonfood items. Understand that anything is possible, especially if you refuse to accept the word "no." Use your ingenuity and brainstorm with others. Tonight: All eyes turn to you.

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OUR VIEWS

Never a bad time to think about safety

here are some things in life that are simply given ... one of them is that each of us is going to get older. And as we age, there are certain safety concerns that don't necessarily come to mind when we're vounger.

That is why the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) and Howard County Seniors and Law Enforcement Together (SALT) will sponsor a Senior Safety Workshop at 9 a.m. Thursday in the Dora Roberts Community

Medication, exercise and driving safety will be the primary focus of the workshop — information senior citizens need to consider.

Randall Deavers, coordinator of traffic safety programs for older adults with the Texas Department of Health, will provide driving tips as well as suggestions for those who ride in vehicles; while Paula Hunt, administrator for the Dora Roberts Wellness Clinic, will demonstrate exercise and fitness techniques designed for senior citizens; and Jan O'Hara, an information and referral specialist with the Permian Basin Regional Council on Drug and Alcohol Abuse, will discuss medication safety during the last of the workshop's 45-minute sessions.

The free program is open to those of all ages, since organizers stressed that the information to be covered during the event is necessary for those who are caregivers for older parents and family members.

We encourage local residents to make the most of the Thursday program.

After all, there's never a bad time to concern ourselves with safety — not only for our own well-being, but those around us.

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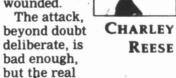
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Cover-up over the USS Liberty shamefu

une 8, 1967, is a day that really ought to live in infamy. On that day, Israeli jets and torpedo boats attacked a U.S. Navy intel-

ligence ship, the Liberty, in international waters. Thirty-four **Americans** were killed and 171 wounded.



infamy is that on that very day, the U.S. government conspired with the Israeli government to cover up the truth. Before any American had talked to the ship, American politicians were rushing to the press to peddle the Israeli claim that the attack was a mis-

This cover-up continues. Alone among all the maritime disasters and attacks. the attack on the USS Liberty, which was clearly marked and sailing in a calm sea under clear skies, is the only one that Congress refuses to make the subject of a public hearing and inquiry. At the time of the attack,

to never speak of it. After they retired, however, they got together and for decades have been collecting information and asking for a public inquiry. All of their requests are stonewalled.

the survivors were ordered

The standard government boilerplate sent to people is that these are old charges and there is no evidence to back them. That is a baldfaced lie.

There are several sources of information: One is the USS Liberty home page: www.ussliberty.org/jim/uss

Another is the book 'Assault on the Liberty" by Jim Ennes, the officer of the deck at the time of the attack.

A third is another excellent book, "The USS Liberty: Dissenting History vs. Official History," by Dr. John E. Borne.

"History Undercover" on the History Channel is scheduled to air a documentary about the attack and cover-up on Aug 9. Even though this program is completed and scheduled, I am skeptical that it will be aired.

Those who support Israel have proven in the past to be quite effective in censoring negative information about Israel. After all, it is they who have frightened

Congress into abandoning its duty.

The cover-up itself is full of mysteries and questions that need to be answered. Survivors have, from two separate sources, information that a U.S. submarine was present during the attack and photographed it through its periscope. The U.S. government continues to deny this, though both sources claim to have been crew members on the sub.

Why is this denied? Why, if the sub were present, did it not surface and offer assistance to the USS Liberty, which was in grave danger of sinking from a large hole blasted in its side by an Israeli torpedo? The ship would have sunk but for the heroic efforts of its officers and the surviving crew members.

The Israelis used machine guns, cannon fire, rockets, napalm and torpedoes in an attack that lasted more than an hour. They also deliberately destroyed all the ship's life rafts. Clearly they intended to sink the ship with all hands lost. Their apology and compensation do not change the facts.

The Liberty didn't sink, and the Israelis abruptly ended the attack only after they learned that U.S. jets had been launched from a

carrier 300 miles away.

But those jets were recalled by a direct order from Washington. Why? If they had been allowed to proceed, the torpedo boats' attack could have been prevented. Why are more than 6,000 pages of documents still classified? Survivors and the American people deserve to know the answers.

Adm. Thomas Moorer, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs, has always publicly scoffed at the Israeli explanation that it was a mistake.

"What is so chilling and cold-blooded," Moorer has written, "is that they (the Israelis) could kill as many Americans as they did in confidence that Washington would cooperate in quelling any public outcry."

Washington did exactly that, and so, of course, did most of the nation's news media.

Contrast, if you will, the reaction of the U.S. government and news media to the incident with the intelligence aircraft that landed safely in China.

The crew was well-treated and released.

Yet Americans claimed to be outraged. The Chinese treated our men a hell of lot better than the Israelis treated the men of the USS Liberty.

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Phone: 1-800-252-9600. Decision: Parents or child-care centers?

PEARL HARBOR

or years, child care has been the rallying call of working women. If America could have a universal system, like many European nations do, children would get the early education they deserve

while their mothers earn a living. But the notion has lost its luster. First came reports that infants left in day care grow withdrawn, refusing to



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respond to their parents when they return. Professionals feared these children would grow up unable to relate to anybody and become serious

social problems Now mothers and fathers are turning against childcare centers, strongly preferring that their children have a parent at home with them most of the day, every day. In a survey conducted by Public Agenda of New York and fortified by seven focus groups, the overwhelming majority took

this view, while some added that they could manage with both parents working different shifts. Other possibilities included care by close relatives, another mom in the neighborhood, or a babysitter at home. As for day-care centers,

63 percent of those surveyed are convinced that even those centers of high quality are not able to give their children the love and attention they would receive at home. No one, they feel, can do as good a job with their babies as they themselves can, not only in conveying affection, but also in inculcating moral values and standards of conduct. They believe that dads are just as effective in this respect as moms.

Moreover, large numbers of young parents in America are arranging their lives to give their children the care they want for them. Many are living in smaller houses, forgoing luxuries and travel, and putting their careers on hold. Others are moving closer to grandparents in order to assure that their offspring have proper supervision.

Day-care centers are not well regarded. Parents worry about neglect and abuse, either physical or sexual. This concern is especially acute in lowincome families. Even though reports confirm that a hild is far more likely to be badly treated at home than at a day-care center, worries persist, no doubt fueled by media coverage of the few problems that have occurred. And while it is generally conceded that children learn to get along with each other at day-care centers, parents nonetheless fear they might pick up troublesome manners and behavior there. For all that, child advo-

cates continue to press for better trained and better compensated professionals in day-care centers. They call for stricter licensing standards and more generous funding by Congress. However, parents see it differently. They insist that caring for their children is their own responsibility, not the government's, though they would welcome tax credits that would help them keep one parent at home. As for day-care centers set up by companies, most employers say that

operating expenses and liability coverage would be too costly. They point out that they're doing all they can to give their people health insurance and pensions, the first of which means more to most workers than day care. Child advocates want companies to offer six months' paid parental leave, but that hardly seems likely to hap-

Most of the respondents in this survey recognize that day care is necessary for some families, especially those on welfare. In fact, there are times when some women resent that they have to work while mothers on welfare get to stay at home with their children. All that has changed with welfare reform, of course. Now 63 percent of African-Americans and 52 percent of white parents call for expanding preschool programs to help prepare lowincome kids for first grade.

The overriding concern of parents is finding someone trustworthy to look after their children. It's not convenience or cost. What would mean the most to them is tax breaks that help one parent stay at home full time.



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There will be an athletic booster club meeting Monday at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria. All are welcomed.

Archery 3-D benefit shoot

There will be a archery 3-D benefit shoot Sunday to help defray medical expenses for Whitehead 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 Association will hold it's annual golf scholarship tournament at Comanche Trail Golf Course Saturday and Sunday.

The \$60 fee covers green fee for both days. There will be a barbeque Saturday.

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

Country club parent-child tourney

There will be a parentchild two-person scramble golf tournament at the Big Spring Country Club Saturday and Sunday.

There will be a shotgun start both days beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday.

The entry fee is \$80 in the open division and \$30 in the trophy division plus your golf cart (private carts are welcome). A parent may play with more than one child. The entry fee for the second team is half price.

To sign up call 267-5354.

ACS still offering Texas Golf Pass

The American Cancer Society is again offering the Texas Golf Pass that entitles holders to more than 680 rounds of golf at 289 courses throughout the state.

The passes are \$35 each and proceeds from the program benefit the Cancer Society's research, education programs and patient services efforts.

For more information. call 1-800-ACS-2345 or check the society's web site at www.acs-tx.org

Tech's opener may bring about old rivalry

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Bob Knight and Steve Fisher, old rivals from the Big Ten, could meet in the championship game of Texas Tech's season-opening tournament in

November. Fisher's San Diego State Aztecs will play Northern Iowa in the opening round on Nov. 16 in Lubbock, while Knight's Red Raiders will play William & Mary in his home debut. The winners will play for the title the next night.

Knight led Indiana to three national championships in his 29-year span. He was hired by Texas Tech in March.

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Agassi's love affair with French public now faces tough test

PARIS (AP) - What happens tribute to his adoring public by when a player yells "shut up!" to the crowd on center court at the French Open?

If his name's Andre Agassi, he receives polite applause.

The reaction to his outburst — prompted by distracting shrieks during his fourth-round match on Monday - is a measure of how popular Agassi has become since winning the French Open two years

After defeating Franco Squillari to reach the quarterfinals, Agassi paid bowing to all four corners of the stands and blowing kisses.

But the love affair could be about to end.

On Wednesday, the American faces local favorite Sebastien Grosjean, the only Frenchman in the quarterfinals.

"I will understand the loyalty factor," Agassi said. "I'm going to do my best to not hear anything out there and just go to work."

The lack of crowd support could work in Agassi's favor.

Grosjean, 23, is playing only his second Grand Slam quarterfinal and his first at Roland Garros. With the weight of national expectation on his shoulders, he risks the fate of Amelie Mauresmo,

Frenchwoman who was hyped to win the tournament, but lost in the first round. She blamed her defeat on pressure from the French public. If Grosjean doesn't please fans,

he'll soon know about it. Unlike Mauresmo, Grosjean will

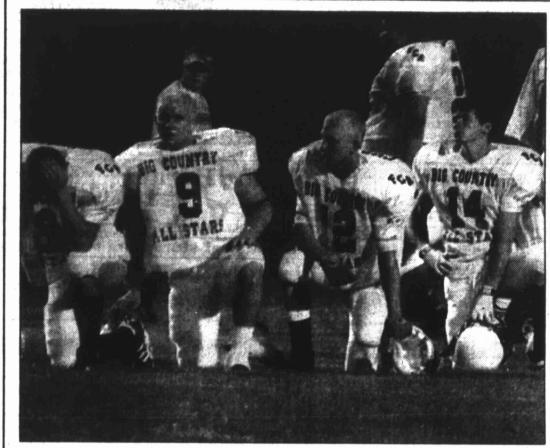
have the advantage of going into the match as the underdog.

He lost to Agassi in straight sets in their only previous meeting, a first-round match in 1998.

They narrowly missed playing each other again in the final of this year's Australian Open.

"A match like that can really take your legs out for a long time," Agassi said. "Instead of it hurting (Grosjean), it seems like he played better. That says a lot for his spir-

The third-seeded American is bidding for his second title at the French in 13 attempts.



Former Big Spring linebacker Bowe Butler (9) rest on the sidelines with his North squad teammates Saturday night during the second annual Big Country All-Star Football Classic in Abilene. The North Squad defeated the South squad 14-7 on a clutch play in the final minutes of the game involving another former Big Spring player Jason Woodruff.

Rice, released by 49ers, appears headed to Raiders

LOS ALTOS, Calif. (AP) -After 16 record-setting years in the Bay Area, Jerry Rice doesn't want to stray far from his mansion, his friends and his fans.

Rice, who set every significant NFL receiving mark while winning three Super Bowls with San Francisco, was released by the 49ers Monday.

He is expected to sign with the Oakland Raiders on Tuesday, with plans to play at least two more

At Rice's charity golf tournament Monday, San Francisco vice president Bill Walsh said Rice, his favorite player, plans to sign with Oakland. The Raiders called a press conference for Tuesday to announce "a player signing."

Before Rice teed off at Los Altos Hills Country Club, he said he was still dealing with the emotions generated by his long-anticipated release by the 49ers.

"I think I've had time to prepare for it, and I'm at peace right now," Rice said. "I've had so many great years with the 49ers. I have so many friendships. I can always go back to that."

Agent Jim Steiner said both the Raiders and the Seattle Seahawks submitted contract offers. Rice said that if he chose Oakland, its proximity to his new 15,000square-foot home in suburban Atherton would play a large part in the decision.

"We hope to get something done real soon, so I can do what I've been doing over the years," Rice said. "I'm pretty close, and I'm excited about that because this has been a long, long offseason. I'm ready to bring it to a close right

Steiner said Rice's new deal would be a "two-year commitment on both sides' part." though the actual contract may be longer because of salary cap machinations.

The 38-year-old Rice, who holds league records with 1.281 receptions and 187 touchdowns, spent his entire career with the 49ers, but was cut because of the team's salary cap problems.

Rice has anticipated his release since early last season, when he saw his role diminish as Terrell Owens became San Francisco's top

Though the 49ers offered Carmen Policy.

him a \$1 million bonus to retire, Rice didn't want to stop playing.

Rice's NFL Among records are his 176 touchdowns on pass receptions; 12 seasons with more than 1.000 yards receiving; 1,848 yards receiving in a single season; and 22 touchdown receptions in a single sea-

The 12-time Pro Bowl selection was the NFL Offensive Player of the Year in 1987 and 1993 and the Super Bowl MVP in 1989. He has 19,247 yards receiving, including at least one catch in his last 225 games, another record.

Rice is the final link to the 49ers' two decades of excellence. Joe Montana, Ronnie Lott, Steve Young and countless others already have retired, and Walsh recently stepped down as general manager.

Rice would become the latest San Francisco great to spend the twilight years of his career with the Raiders and owner Al Davis. Besides the teams' geographical rivalry, Davis frequently clashed with the 49ers during the tenure of former San Francisco GM

Lakers will take team title over individual awards

LOS ANGELES (AP) -The Philadelphia 76ers won most of the NBA's individual awards this season. That's fine with the Los Angeles Lakers, as long as they win the championship.

"You have the MVP over there, you have the coach of the year, you have the defensive player of the year, you have the sixth man of the year. What more do you want?" Lakers star Kobe Bryant wondered Monday.

The 76ers might ask for some time off, something the Lakers have had plenty of due to their overwhelming success in the playoffs.

Idle since completing a sweep of the San Antonio Spurs in the Western Conference finals May 27, Lakers practiced Monday for the first time since learning they'd play Philadelphia in the NBA Finals.

A lengthy film session was planned for later in the

series with them We had identical records. Now it's time to find out who's the best team," Lakers reserve Brian Shaw said.

Most observers believe that will be the Lakers, who gathered momentum by winning their last eight games of the regular season and 11 straight in the play-

Only one other team the 1989 Lakers — has entered the finals without losing a playoff game, but they were swept by the Detroit Pistons in the NBA

Anything close to the Lakers being swept now seems the longest of long shots unless they're hit by injury.

That was the case 12 years ago when starters Byron Scott and Magic Johnson injured their left hamstrings.

These Lakers, unbeaten since April 1, are quite healthy, save for Shaquille O'Neal's tweaked left ankle, an injury coach Phil Jackson said he's not concerned about.

The 76ers, 11-7 in the playoffs, but still alive, have been without starting forward George Lynch due to a broken foot for 10 games, although he might return next week.

Allen Iverson, winner of mer.

the MVP award, missed Game 3 of the Eastern Conference finals with a sore tailbone, but is obviously better now, as evidenced by a 44-point performance in Game 7 of the conference finals on Sunday night.

Eric Snow is playing despite being hobbled by an injured ankle. Aaron McKie, winner of the sixth man award, is starting in his place.

"Because of Eric's ankle situation, they've been going with a different lineup," said Derek Fisher, who figures to be assigned to Iverson at the start of Game 1. "It's been effective for them. Now, the matchups are a little different.'

The 76ers gathered at their practice facility in Philadelphia before flying to California on Monday. With almost 72 hours between games, they're are in their longest layoff since mid-May.

There is some concern the Lakers' lengthy layoff might leave them rusty when the finals begin Wednesday night at Staples Center.

"It feels good to finally know who we'll be playing.' Bryant said. "The coaching staff has done a good job of preparing us. Now, it's up to us to play to our ability.

"We'll be more than prepared for Wednesday.

The Lakers demolished San Antonio in the conference finals by an average of 22.3 points - difficult to imagine as recently as late March, when there was some question whether they'd have homecourt advantage in any playoff series, much less the finals.

O'Neal, the most dominant big man around, and Bryant, playing an unbelievable all-around game. have led the way.

Fisher, Horace Grant and Rick Fox have been at their best in the playoffs, and reserves Shaw and Robert Horry have done their share, too.

On the other side, the 76ers have come together, especially Iverson and coach of the year Larry Brown, who have had a difficult time coexisting in the

In fact, 76ers owner Pat Croce recently said Iverson was almost traded last sum-

Twins have choice of top talent with No. 1 pick overall

Twins scouting director Mike Radcliff approached this year's baseball draft knowing his organization is in an enviable position.

The Twins have the No. 1 overall pick and their choice of a number of major league prospects in the draft, which begins today. "We don't look at it as pressure at

all," Radcliff said. "We just feel fortunate to be picking at the very top of this year's draft. There are some quality guys to pick from at the

It's just a matter of agreeing on the player who best suits the organization — and the one most likely

to sign. "Obviously, the final piece in any draft is factoring the signability, particularly when you have one of the top picks," Radcliff said. "It's the last thing that happens, but sometimes it's the most publicized

NEW YORK (AP) - Minnesota and most controversial. It's certainly become an integral part of the process the last few years as the money has exponentially gone up."

Southern California junior righthander Mark Prior, high school catcher Joe Mauer and Georgia Tech junior third baseman Mark Teixeira are considered the class of this year's draft crop.

The Twins, picking No. 1 overall for just the second time in franchise history, hadn't yet decided on who to take as of Monday night.

The Chicago Cubs, Tampa Bay, Philadelphia and Texas follow Minnesota to round out the first five picks.

Minnesota had three of the first 42 picks last year and signed the second overall selection, Cal State-Fullerton right-hander Adam Johnson. But the Twins were unable to agree to terms with Notre Dame righty Aaron Heilman (No. Taggert Bozied (No. 42). Now. Minnesota has the franchise's first No. 1 overall pick since 1983, when it took right-hander Tim Belcher and couldn't sign him.

"It's gotten absolutely ridiculous in the amount of dollars that are being invested in unproven commodities," Tampa Bay scouting director Dan Jennings said. "If there's any pressure, it's knowing the financial commitment the team is going to make. So you want to make sure the pick is the best one."

Prior is considered by some to be one of the greatest college pitchers ever. He is 14-1 with a 1.50 ERA and had 189 strikeouts and just 17 walks in 131 2-3 innings for the College World Series-bound Trojans.

Mauer, from Cretin-Derham Hall in Minnesota, played baseball, basketball and football in high school. He could join Danny Goodwin

31) or San Francisco third baseman (Chicago White Sox, 1971) and David Clyde (Texas, 1973) as the only players to be chosen by their hometown teams with the No. 1 pick.

Teixeira was sidelined for 10 weeks with a broken right ankle, but is considered one of the greatest college switch-hitters ever. He's hit for power and average everywhere he's swung a bat, including for Team USA last summer.

Other players likely to be selected with the top few picks include Heilman, Middle Tennessee State right-hander Dewon Brazelton. righty Gavin Floyd of Mt. St. Joseph High School in Maryland, Kent State first baseman John VanBenschoten, and first baseman Casey Kotchman of Seminole High

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from a cup - always from a glass. To this day, I prefer tea in a glass, but it seems no restaurants serve it that way. I rarely order tea when I am dining out, but whenever I have done so, and asked that it be served in a glass, I have received some very odd looks.

Dear Ann Landers: Is it proper to ask a smoker who stinks of tobacco smoke to please move away or go outside to air out?

I was in my doctor's office recently, after having fasted for more than 12 hours in order to take a test. Another patient came into the waiting room after she had just finished a cigarette outside. The tobacco stench was all around her, filling most of the room. I moved as far away as possible, but minutes later, another smoker came in, also stinking of tobacco smoke. On an empty stomach, the odor was more nauseating than usual, and I had to leave the room.

When I saw the doctor, I mentioned my dilemma. but he had no idea what to do about it. I told him I would ask you, and he was interested in what you would say. So, Ann, what's the answer? -- Stan in Greensboro, N.C.

Dear Stan: There isn't much you can do, but if he's willing, your doctor could install better ventilation in his office. Also, he might open a window, put in a ceiling fan or place deodorizers around the waiting area.

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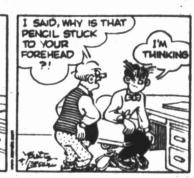
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Today's Highlight in History:

On June 5, 1968, Sen. Robert F. Kennedy was assassinated after claiming victory in California's Democratic presidential primary. Gunman Sirhan Bishara Sirhan was immediately arrested.

On this date: In 1783, Joseph and Jacques Montgolfier publicly demonstrated their hot-air balloon in a 10minute flight over

Annonay, France. In 1794, Congress passed the Neutrality Act, which prohibited Americans from enlisting in the service of a

foreign power. In 1917, about 10 million

American men began registering for the draft in World War I.

In 1933, the United States went off the gold standard. In 1940, the Battle of France began during World War II.

In 1947, Secretary of State George C. Marshall gave a speech at Harvard University in which he outlined an aid program for Europe that came to be known as the Marshall Plan. In 1967, war erupted in

the Mideast. Six days of fighting with Egypt, Jordan, Syria and Iraq left Israel in control of the West Bank, Gaza Strip, Sinai Desert and Golan Heights. In 1975, Egypt reopened

the Suez Canal to international shipping, eight years after it was closed because of the 1967 war with Israel. In 1976, 11 people were

killed when the Teton Dam in Idaho burst. In 1999, jazz and pop

singer Mel Torme died in Los Angeles at age 73.

Today's Birthdays: Broadcast journalist Bill Moyers is 67. Actor Spalding Gray is 60. Rhythm-and-blues singer Floyd Butler (Friends of Distinction) is 60. Country singer Don Reid (The Statler Brothers) is 56. Rock musician Fred Stone (Sly and the Family Stone) is 55. Rock singer Laurie Anderson is 54. Country singer Gail Davies is 53. Rock musician Nicko McBrain (Iron Maiden) is 47. Jazz musician Kenny G is 45. Rock singer Richard Butler (Psychedelic Furs) is



Newsday Crossword DAY AT THE BEACH by Shirley Soloway Edited by Stanley Newman

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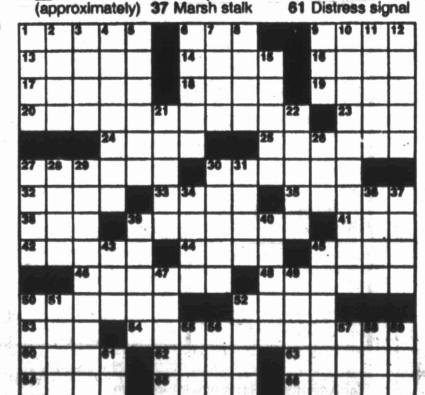
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