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TODAY TONIGHT
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State park's Stargazing rescheduled

Rain did not go away on last weekend so the annual Stargazing event held at the Big Spring State Park will come again on another day.

Those who were deterred from viewing the stars by the rain, will have a second chance to look through telescopes and asked questions by members of two area amateur astronomy clubs.

On Saturday, July 21, members of the West Texas Amateur Astronomy Club of Midland and the San Angelo Amateur Astronomy Club will start setting up their equipment at the pavilion about 9 p.m.

Alton said the clubs expect to see the same heavenly objects as expected last Saturday with the possibility of a few more planets.

Mars is close to the Earth's orbit, said Ron Alton, park manger. The polar ice caps and region of the planet may be visible on July 21 with a clear sky, he said.

WHAT'S UP...

MONDAY

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. Guest singers from Stanton, Midland and Colorado City.

Howard County ARC meets at 806 E. Third at the Bingo hall.

Big Spring Chapter and Council, RAM meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Building, 221 1/2 Main St.

District committee Lone Star of Big Spring meets at noon at 610 Scurry.

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Highland neighborhood plans Fourth of July parade

By LINDY BARR
Staff Writer

The Highland Fourth of July Parade will be making its traditional route through the Highland neighborhood and down Goliad Street. For 33 years now, the Highland parade has



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decorated strollers, wagons, bicycles, hotwheels and more. Each year many of the neighborhood's residents decorate their mail boxes in patriotic style and compete against each other to see who has the most elaborate box.

This parade is open to all citizens of Big Spring.

"Anyone can participate in the parade, we love to see the rest of the community come," said Julie Wolf, the parade's coordinator.

Participants will need to meet at the corner of

Stonehaven and Highland Drive by 9:30 a.m. The parade will begin at 10 a.m. and proceed west on Highland Drive to Goliad where there will be singing, presentation of awards and refreshments.

Entrants will be judged and awarded for their decorations in several categories.

Strollers, wagons, walkers, pets, bicycles and tricycles for youngsters 7 years old and younger.

Scoters, skateboards, rollerbladers, motorized

vehicles, bicycles, horses, yards and mail boxes will be judged in the 8-and-up category.

"Anyone can participate at any age," said Wolf. "Many of the people in the neighborhood love to elaborately decorate their yards and houses up for the fourth of July."

Prizes will be awarded based on creativity and effort.

First, second- and third-place ribbons will be awarded during the ceremony on Goliad Street. All other par-

ticipants will receive a fourth-place ribbon.

Volunteers are welcome to help with the parade.

"As always, we need helpers to assist in judging and donating cookies," said Wolf. "Invite your friends and other family members to participate in the parade. If you have never been a part of the parade before, you are missing a real treat."

Wolf also noted that parade organizers also accept donations to help cover the cost of expenses.

Heart of City Festival continuing

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

From shopping for hand-crafted items to admiring hot rods or running a model train, the Heart of the City Park Festival offered a variety of activities for the public on Saturday.

The festival kicked off in the morning with craft and food booths set up at the park located on the corner of Third and Scurry streets, north of the Howard County Courthouse.

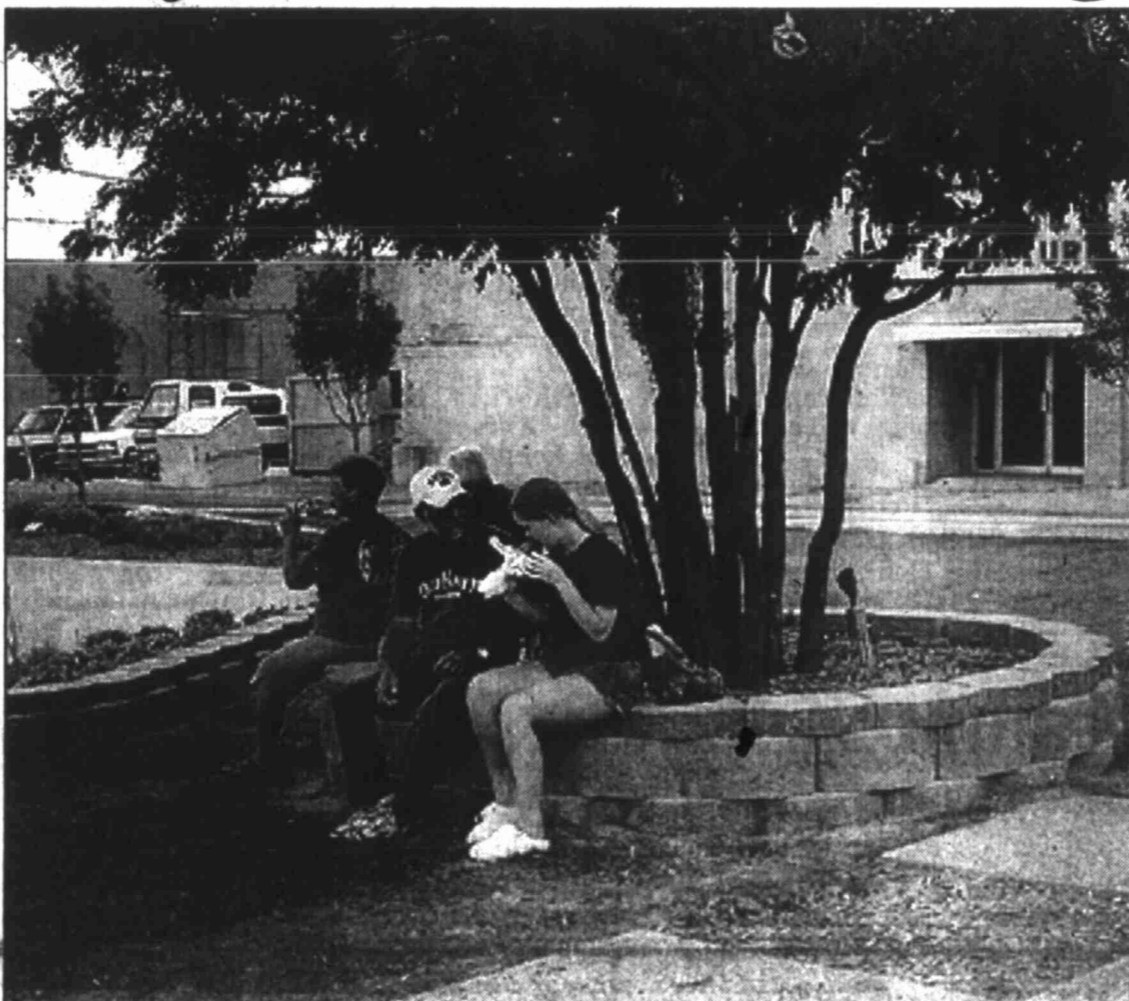
"They have a lot of neat stuff," said Melissa Kreher, who attended the festival with her father.

Several businesses in the area were open for the public to come in and shop, look or just visit. The festival continues today from noon until 5 p.m.

Jack Harrison, who has been helping Main Street Inc. restore the Doc Hardy Memorial Railroad Museum, said he was quite pleased with the number of people visiting the museum.

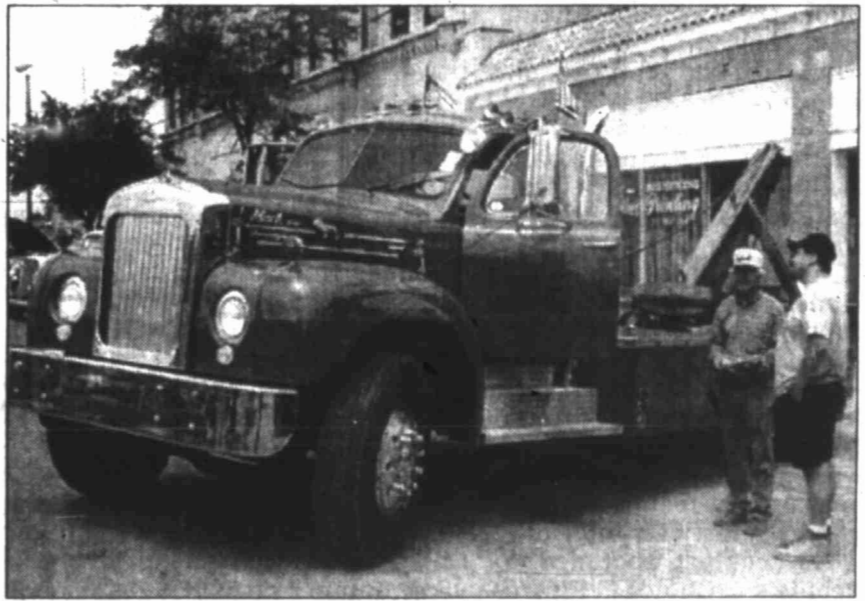
By 1 p.m., almost 20 individuals representing families and groups had stopped in to view the HO model railroad exhibit and maybe take a turn at running one of the trains.

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

The Heart of the City Festival offered a variety of activities during the day Saturday. Pictured at top, Charles Kreher (left) and his daughter, Melissa, enjoy lunch under the shade of a tree. Bottom left, 5-year-old Whitnee Walker (left) watches 7-year-old Darien Walker try her hand at running one of the trains at the Doc Hardy Memorial Railroad Museum while museum volunteer Jack Harrison supervises. Below right, Johnnie Vines (left) talks to Johnny Deleon about Vines' Mac 10 truck entered in the hot rod run contest. The festival continues today from noon until 5 p.m.



YMCA planning to extend hours for skatepark users

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Big Spring Family YMCA officials are set to extend the hours of operation at the skatepark on Monday and that change includes specific hours for different age groups and those using bicycles in the park.

"The largest group of kids utilizing the skate park are 14 and older who skateboard or rollerblade, so the majority of the schedule is built around them," said Pete Thiry, the YMCA's executive director.

Hours for skateboarders and rollerbladers 14 and older are Monday through Friday from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday hours for that age group are 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Specific times have been set in the schedule for those 13 and younger and those who just like to ride bicycles, Thiry said.

Hours for skateboarders and bladers who are 13 and younger are Tuesday and Thursday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday's hours

are from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Hours for those using bicycles are set for 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday and 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Children 9 years old and younger must be supervised by a parent to use the park while youth 10 and older must have a parent sign a waiver before they can participate.

Approximately 120 youth have turned in permission slips signed by their parents, Thiry said.

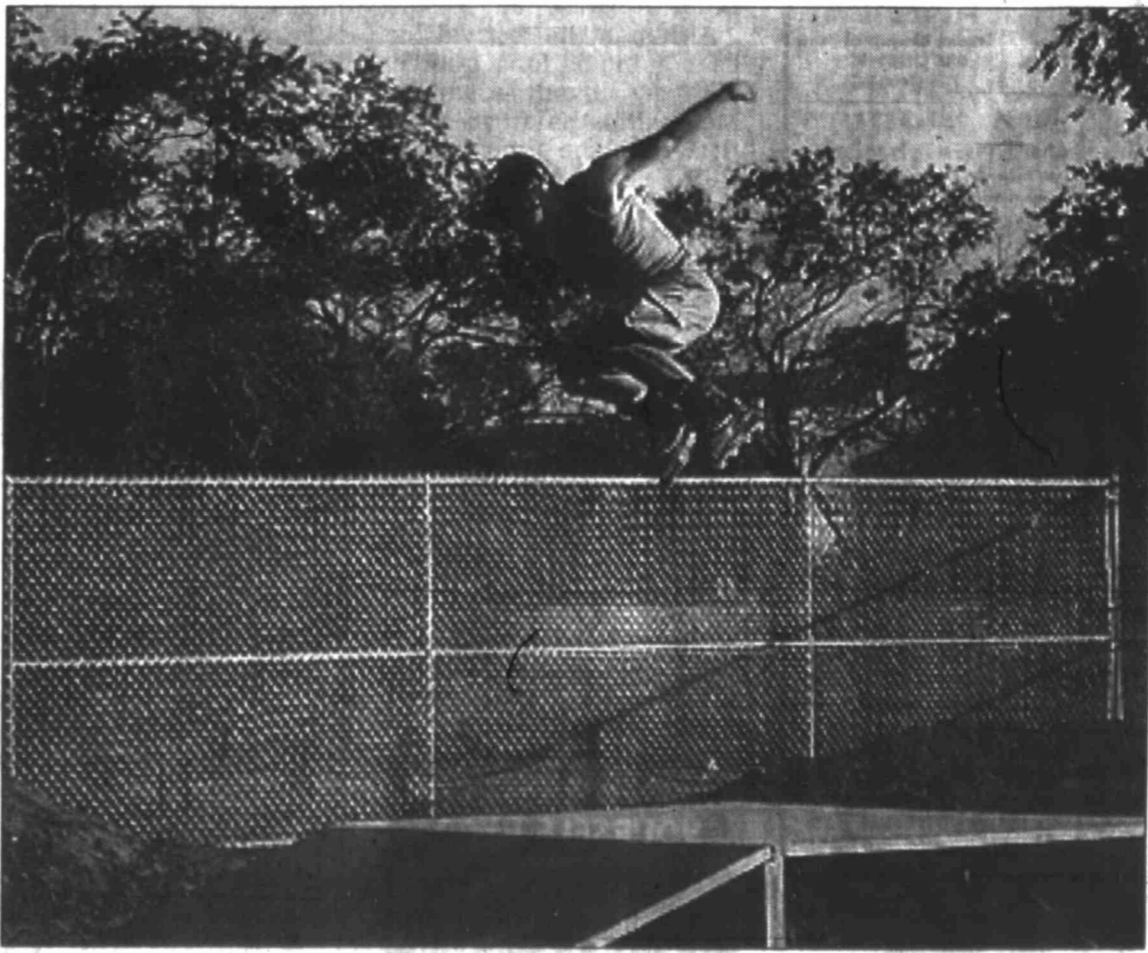
Those using the skate park must use a helmet, elbow and knee pads. Wrist guards are recommend but not required, he added.

"The YMCA is trying to minimize the risk of injury and set a fun and safe environment for everyone," Thiry said.

In the first two weeks of operation, the skatepark has averaged about 30 youths per three-hour session, and Thiry said he is pleased with the response.

The cost for a three-hour

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Ryan Rutledge takes it to the air at the YMCA skatepark Friday. The YMCA is extending the hours of operation on Monday including specific times for age groups and those using bicycles.

Tests

Howard College schedules dates for Quick TASP

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Herald Correspondent

Howard College Guidance and Counseling Center will offer the Quick TASP July 16 and July 23 for all freshmen students who must complete the test before enrolling.

"Students are exempt from the TASP test only if they meet specific score criteria on one of the traditional college entrance exams," said Elizabeth Palomino, testing coordinator for Howard College.

Students who receive specific scores on either the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) test, the American College Testing (ACT) test or the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) are exempt from the TASP test, she explained.

"All other students must take the TASP in order to attend college for more than a certificate, or one-year program," she said.

Cost to take the TASP is \$29. The test begins at 12:30 p.m. each day and students are allowed up to five hours to finish the test.

"It's called the Quick TASP because students receive their test scores back more rapidly. The test itself is not any easier," Palomino said.

"We want to offer this now because fall registration is just around the corner," she said. "Because so many students have to take the TASP, we want to offer them an opportunity to take their TASP before the fall semester begins."

Howard College registration for the fall semester is set for Aug. 20-21 from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. and Aug.

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OBITUARIES

Mildred Frances Dugan

Graveside service for Mildred Frances Dugan, 88, of Big Spring, will be 10:30 a.m., Monday, July 2, 2001 at Mount Olive Memorial Park with the Rev. Paul Pryor, pastor of Jesus Name United Pentecostal Church, officiating.



Mrs. Dugan died on Friday, June 29, at her home following a long illness.

She was born on Nov. 20, 1912, in Stonewall County and married Walter Dugan on Oct. 23, 1928, in Seymour. He preceded her in death on Nov. 12, 1974. Mrs. Dugan lived in Big Spring for 40 years, moving here from Archer County. She was a member of the United Pentecostal Church and a homemaker.

She is survived by four sons, Wayne Dugan of Midland, Randall Dugan of Wichita Falls, Larry Dugan of Dallas and Johnny Dugan of Big Spring; three daughters, Wanda Wasson, Shirley Hodges and Mary Miller, all of Big Spring; four sisters, Hazel Gunnerson of Abilene, Bernice Goforth of Pasadena, Cassie Goforth of Wichita Falls and Gloria Kellogg of Chattanooga, Tenn.; 23 grandchildren; 56 great-grandchildren; 16 great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Reva Standefer Koonce

Funeral service for Reva Standefer Koonce, 94, of Stanton, will be at 11 a.m. Monday, July 2, 2001, at Community of Christ Church of Midland at 3603 Douglas with High Priest Mark Welch of Dimmitt officiating.

Mrs. Koonce died on Friday, June 29, at her residence.

She was born on Dec. 22, 1906, in Hot Springs, Ark., and married M.L. "Red" Koonce on Dec. 23, 1926, in Midland County. He preceded her in death on May 5, 1977.

She moved to Stanton in 1925 from Colorado City. She and her husband farmed in Martin County where she also worked in the high school cafeteria. She was a member of the Community of Christ Church and was also a member of the Order of the Easter Star.

Survivors include four sons, Gearl Dee Koonce of Georgetown, Earl Lee Koonce of Independence, Mo., Roy Merrida Koonce of Stanton and Thadd Hilton

Koonce of Midland; one sister, Lois Standefer Church of Stanton; 14 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials be made to a favorite charity.

A visitation for family and friends will be today from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home.

Fern Durham

Funeral service for Fern Durham, 90, of Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Mrs. Durham died on Saturday, June 30, at her residence.

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22: from 8 a.m. until noon. Classes for the fall semester begin Aug. 27.

For more information or to register for the tests, call the Howard College Guidance and Counseling Center at 264-5085.

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session will remain \$2 and the cost for those who want swimming privileges will be \$3.

Admission for all-day privileges to the YMCA is \$5 and includes both pool and gym time, he said. Those with full YMCA membership will be able to use the park free of charge.

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Other attractions on Saturday included, hot rods and motorcycles participating in the oldest and longest continuing Rod Run.

This is the 31st year for the Big Spring Car Club Rod Run and the event brought entrees from throughout the West Texas area.

"We had a variety of cars come out from old to new cars, T-buckets to motorcycles," said Sheila Burcham, club president.

Johnnie Vines of Midland even showed off his Mack truck in the contest on Saturday.

A chance purchase at an auction, Vines said he paid \$11,000 for the truck that included a newly rebuilt engine with only 647 miles of engine use. The 1958 model has since been appraised at \$35,000, he said.

More than 30 entries ranging from customized cars to new or vintage vehicles were judged on their appearance including best paint job to nicest interior.

The contest included a People's Choice award picked by the general public. Following the contest, the club held a police-escorted cruise to the Sonic Drive In on Gregg Street.

Although the festival has been going on for a number of years, event organizer Mel Prather said this is the first time the Heart of the City Festival has been held in the park. The park first opened in October.

In past years, the festival has been held at Comanche Trail Park and downtown around the square.

Around 6 p.m., the winners for the Treasure Trails contest sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce were announced.

In third place, Tresea Simer won \$300 while second place winner Tresea Marlow eared \$300.

Sherry Darden walk away with the grand prize of \$1,000 cash and \$1,600 worth of gift certificates.

NASA launches spacecraft to study afterglow of universe's creation

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — A NASA observatory that will scan the universe for the faint afterglow of creation rocketed toward orbit Saturday.

Liftoff occurred right on time at 3:46 p.m., with the unmanned Delta rocket climbing through a cloudy sky.

The \$95 million MAP spacecraft will study the oldest light in the universe, that which was created within moments of the Big Bang. Astronomers expect this picture of the infant universe — "the ultimate baby picture" as NASA science director Alan Bunner calls it — to answer their most basic questions.

How old is the universe? What is it made of and how is it shaped? And perhaps most important, what is its fate?

"The whole science community is agog about this mission because it is going after such fundamental science questions," Bunner said.

At \$145 million, including the rocket, "it's a modest-price mission but with an enormous appeal," he said. He added, hopefully: "We wish it well."

MAP, short for Microwave Anisotropy Probe, will keep looping around Earth until it comes within 1,250 miles of the moon in early August. The observatory — weighing not even one ton — will use the moon's gravity to propel it out toward its final destination, a point 1 million miles from Earth.

It will take MAP three months from liftoff to reach this invisible point in space, on the side of Earth opposite the sun. For two years, it will circle this spot, the first spacecraft to do so, measuring the slight variations in temperature in cosmic microwaves that were once ultraviolet rays.

The constantly expanding universe has stretched this original ultraviolet light into microwaves over the 10 billion to 17 billion years that these rays have been traveling. That is astronomers' estimated range for when the Big Bang occurred and gave birth to the universe in a powerful explosion.

By pointing continually into deep space, MAP will avoid all the microwaves radiating from the Earth and the sun; these rays are more than 1 billion times stronger than the signals the spacecraft will seek. This location also will enable the observatory to remain at a constant temperature, essential in order for the single science instrument to track the afterglow of the Big Bang.

The afterglow is "chock full of clues" about the universe, Bunner said.

MAP will construct four full-sky pictures of this so-called fossil light, each one taking six months. It will measure the slight temperature differences in the microwave background with an incredible accuracy of one-millionth of a degree. The result should be much sharper pictures than those

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gathered by NASA's Cosmic Background Explorer spacecraft, launched in 1989.

Bunner cautions it will be 1 year before MAP's first findings are announced.

Princeton University is among the academic partners in the mission.

Jimmy Carter calls on divided Baptist to find common themes

Former President Jimmy Carter urged sharply divided Baptists on Friday to "find a common theme as partners" eight months after leaving the denomination's conservative wing.

Carter called on members of the moderate Cooperative Baptist Fellowship to look past their differences with the Southern Baptist Convention.

"The arguments about political intrigue and control, women deacons or women pastors or homosexuality, those things in God's eyes fade into relative insignificance," Carter said.

He said moderate Baptists must set the example in forming a coalition to do Christian work.

In a decision he called painful and personal, Carter cut ties to the Southern Baptist Convention eight months ago, saying the group had become "increasingly rigid" in imposing beliefs that violate "the basic premises of my Christian faith."

He was most disturbed he said by recent revisions in the "Baptist Faith and Message." Carter said the changes were meant to discourage believers from interpreting the Bible on their own.

The former president also said he was worried about erosion of Southern Baptist support for separation of church and state. The SBC's Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission is active in the religious right.

He was further angered by the Southern Baptist declarations that wives should "submit graciously" to their husbands and women should not be pastors.

Woman's body found buried in backyard; son charged with murder

MODESTO, Calif. (AP) — A teen-ager who cared for his disabled mother alone for six years was charged Friday with beating her to death with a baseball bat and burying her in a backyard grave.

Robert Weston, 17, was charged as an adult, for the murder that police believe he committed in April. Police dug up the body of Joanne Nocah, 49, in her back yard on Thursday. He could be sentenced to life in

prison. Noack had been in poor health and was partially paralyzed from several strokes, police spokesman Steve Glen said. Weston had been caring for his mother since he was 11.

Noack's older son, Thomas Cope, 24, reported she was missing on June 19. He told police he had called to check on his mother, and Weston said he had checked her into a rehabilitation care facility.

Weston did not enter a plea, and his arraignment was postponed until Thursday. His court-appointed lawyer did not comment Friday during the court appearance.

SUPPORT GROUPS

- MONDAY**
- TOPS Club (take off pounds sensibly), weigh-in 5 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m., College Heights Christian Church, 21st and Goliad.
 - Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of physical/emotional/sexual and/or spiritual abuse. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241 for dates/times of upcoming groups.
 - Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.
 - Bereavement Support Group meets from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. the first Monday of each month at Community Care Hospice.
 - Encourager's support group (all widows and widowers are invited) will meet Monday July 2, at 6 p.m. at La Posada, NW Fourth St. For more information call 398-5522.

- TUESDAY**
- Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.
 - Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.

- WEDNESDAY**
- Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.
 - Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.

- THURSDAY**
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.
 - Al-Anon support group, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

- FRIDAY**
- Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.
 - AA, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. Big Book Study.
 - NA 8 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.).

- Al-Anon support group, noon, 615 Settles.

- SATURDAY**
- Family support group for current and former patients and their families, 1 p.m. weekly, Reflections Unit of Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Call Beverly Grant, 263-0074.
 - Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon, 8 p.m., 10 p.m. open meetings, 615 Settles.
 - NA 8 p.m., St. Mary's Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.).

- SUNDAY**
- AA, 615 Settles, 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting.
 - NA 8 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.).

IF YOU HAVE A SUPPORT GROUP LISTING, PLEASE SUBMIT IT IN WRITING.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from 8 a.m. Friday until noon Saturday:

- JOE OLIVIO JR., 29, of 707 Magnolia, was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- JOSHUA CLIFTON BEATY, 19, of 1303 S. Johnson, was arrested on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia

- JAVIER BECERRA JR., 19, of 1708 Laurie, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana less than two ounces.
- LORI ANN BENNETT, 18, of 1401 Johnson, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana of more than two ounces but less than four ounces.

- MELISSA NICOLE BEATY, 17, of 1303 Johnson, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana of more than two ounces but less than four ounces.

- FERNANDEZ FAUSTINO JUAREZ, 41, of Stanton, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- KYLAND KAY WEGNER, 17, of 8607 Gail Highway, was arrested on a charge of minor in consumption.
- RAYMOND ROLAND ANGLIN, 17, of 1200 Scurry, was arrested on a charge of minor in consumption.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1200 block of E. Third and the 1100 block of Ridger Road.
- INTOXICATED SUBJECT/DRIVER was reported in the 2600 block of Coronado Road and on South Highway 87.
- DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported in the 400 block of Bell.

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Mildred Frances Dugan, 88, died Friday. Graveside services will be 10:30 AM, Monday at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

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Frances Fleckenstein
wishes to thank everybody
that has helped her in her
time of loss.
God Bless You All.

Perhaps you sang a lovely song,
or sat quiet in a chair;
Perhaps you sent beautiful flowers,
if so, we saw them there.
Perhaps you sent or spoke kind words
As any friend could say;
Perhaps you prepared some tasty food,
Or maybe furnished a car;
Perhaps you rendered a service unseen, Near at hand or from afar;
Whatever you did to console the heart
We thank you so much. Whatever the part.
A special thanks to Brother Don Snipes and Baptist Temple. Sheriff Dale Walker & his staff, who delivered the death message professionally but in a caring way. Nalley-Pickle & Welch.
The Family of Wayne Johnson

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POW quiet about past, surprised by medal

HOUSTON (AP) — Gunnery Sgt. David Walker didn't tell many people during much of his 20-year military career that he was a prisoner of war.

So many of those who know Walker, one of 66 hostages held by Iranians in the U.S. Embassy in Tehran in 1979, were surprised when he was awarded a POW medal Friday at the U.S. Marine headquarters in Houston.

It's a time Walker, who retired from the military in 1994, says is part of his past.

"I really don't talk about it a lot," Walker said. "It's my past, but it's not something I'll forget."

Buckley, who awarded the medal to Walker, served with Walker in the early 1980s and had no idea he was a member of the Marine security guard attachment at the embassy during the takeover.

Study: Young criminals are smoking more pot

HOUSTON (AP) — Young adult criminals are turning away from harder drugs in favor of marijuana, according to a study published Friday by the National Institute of Justice.

Marijuana use is on the rise for 18- to 20-year-olds who are in trouble with the law, at 60 percent. That's up from 25 percent in 1991 to 57 percent in 1996, the study found.

The rate peaked at 60 percent in 1999, where the figures have since remained. However, only about 5 percent of the general population smokes marijuana.

Houston was one of 23 nationwide municipalities analyzed as part of the study. It showed that, Houston has a smaller percentage of lawbreakers using marijuana than other metropolitan cities.

Marijuana use among all adult lawbreakers in Houston dropped from 43 percent in 1988 to 14 percent by 1991.

Yates believes 'devil' is in her, brother says

DALLAS (AP) — Andrea Yates told family members from jail that she thinks the devil is in her, which may have led her to systematically drowning her five children, her brother said Friday.

The 36-year-old mother has been largely unresponsive during brief family visits since her arrest at her Clear Lake home last week but asked visiting siblings on Wednesday whether her children had been buried and told them during a Sunday visit that she feared she was possessed, her brother Andrew Kennedy told The Dallas Morning News in Saturday's editions.

"We were trying to pray with her. She said, 'I think the devil's in me.' She asked me and my brother, 'How long do you think the devil's been in me?'" Kennedy said. "I guess she's looking for answers as to why she did what she did."

Manufacturing, service likely cuts for Compaq

HOUSTON (AP) — Technology analysts say manufacturing and customer service components of Compaq Computer Corp. are likely to be the first targets as the consumer PC business continues to look for ways to cut costs.

The Houston-based company has already started to use contract manufacturing companies to cut the cost of making Presario desktop and notebook computers.

Analysts say the customer service side of Presario could be handled by companies that run customer service call centers.

"Consumers don't care what name tag is on the guy who answers the customer support line," said Roger Kay, an analyst with IDC. "They just want someone to answer the phone, and companies want it done for as little as possible."

Defense says Rivas denied public defender

DALLAS (AP) — Defense attorneys asked a judge to throw out a 21-page statement by prison escapee George Rivas because they claim Colorado jailers denied him prompt access to a public defender.

Lead defense attorney Wayne Huff said reporters had an easier time meeting with Rivas than public defender Deborah Groves, who tried repeatedly to see him the day he was apprehended and gave a written confession.

Rivas is the first of six defendants to be tried for the Christmas Eve slaying of an Irving police officer, after they escaped from a South Texas prison on Dec. 13.

Four of the men were captured in Colorado on Jan. 22 and taken to the Teller County Jail where they were interrogated by authorities. One man committed suicide rather than surrender and two others were captured the next day.

Rivas' statement to Irving Police Sgt. Jeff Spivey was introduced Friday during a pretrial hearing before State District Judge Molly Francis. Also admitted as

evidence was a drawing by Rivas of the back of the Oshman's USA Sporting Goods store showing where he and four other defendants were standing at the time of the shooting of Officer Aubrey Hawkins, who was in his patrol car.

Rivas, who was present in the court Friday, told reporters after his capture that he fired the fatal shots at Hawkins, who was hit 11 times.

Sgt. Robert McDonald, of the El Paso County Sheriff's Office in Colorado, said Rivas told him in a statement that the robbery did not go as planned and that no one was supposed to be hurt.

Groves said she would have advised the men not to speak with authorities but was not allowed to see them until a judge ordered it the next day.

"My purpose is to get there as early as possible and tell them what their rights are," she said. "This is the first time I had been turned away from a jail."

But Teller County Sheriff Frank Fehn said Groves was denied access because the inmates had not request-

ed attorneys and a judge had not appointed indigent defense.

Francis said she would consider the defense's motion to suppress Rivas' statement and make her decision in about two weeks.

She did respond to a motion by Huff asking why Rivas was the first to be tried for capital murder.

"We're all set for trial. We've got to start with somebody," the judge said. "Mr. Rivas is that somebody."

She said she also has complied with a request by Huff that Rivas be allowed one hot meal each day. When Rivas is in court, he misses his evening meal. Huff argued that giving him another bologna sandwich would be "cruel and unusual punishment."

Rivas was serving 17 life sentences for armed robbery convictions before his group's escape from the maximum-security Connally Prison Unit in Kenedy.

Francis this week gave questionnaires to 420 potential jurors and will question those that qualify during

July. The trial is expected to start Aug. 13.

The five other defendants will be tried consecutively over a period of at least a year. District Attorney Bill Hill has said he will seek the death penalty against all six and will not accept plea agreements.

Francis has issued a gag order prohibiting all trial participants from speaking publicly about the cases.

In other pretrial motions to be considered by Francis, Huff indicates that Rivas may testify during the guilt-innocence phase. Huff requested that Francis allow his client to testify without facing prosecutors' questions about his criminal record.

The motions also seek to throw out evidence seized in Colorado, and to keep prosecutors from showing jurors crime-scene photographs or displaying the "large quantity" of weapons seized after Rivas' arrest.

Huff also is seeking to prohibit a large number of uniformed police officers, particularly Irving officers, from entering the courtroom because he said it might prejudice the jury.

Nursing homes say state pays inadequate rates

AUSTIN (AP) — The battle over how much Texas pays nursing home operators was back in court Friday, with a coalition of private homes claiming low reimbursement rates from the state are jeopardizing the care of thousands of elderly Texans.

The state asked U.S. District Judge Sam Sparks to dismiss a lawsuit filed in February by five nursing home operators and an industry group, Texas Alliance for Fair Nursing Home Reimbursement.

Sparks did not issue an immediate ruling.

The lawsuit alleges the state hasn't paid nursing home operators enough to provide adequate care as Texas promised in a 1997 settlement with the industry.

Ed Horne, a lawyer for the Attorney General's office,

argued that federal court does not have jurisdiction in the case. The state complied with the settlement and the plaintiffs are trying to force the state to raise rates through the courts, he told Sparks.

The case should be heard in federal court because it was Sparks who oversaw the 1997 settlement, said Dean Davis, the lawyer representing the nursing homes.

That agreement stems from a 1996 lawsuit the industry filed against state welfare officials under a federal law that no longer exists. The state agreed to raise the average daily nursing home rate and agreed to keep up with costs.

The nursing homes claim the state is violating that deal.

The state rate of about \$85 per day is about \$11 less

than the average cost of daily care, forcing nursing home owners to operate in deficit, the lawsuit claims. Texas rates 45th in Medicaid nursing home reimbursement levels, \$25 below the national average, according to industry groups.

Nursing home funding was a major issue this past session, and lawmakers ultimately scraped together about \$439 million in increased funding for the industry.

But the plaintiffs say that increase — \$175 million in state money and the rest in federal funds — isn't enough.

"Folks who think this money has solved the crisis are sadly mistaken," said Mike Burris, alliance chairman. "This stopgap measure doesn't begin to address the problem."

The new funding represents about an 11 percent increase over current average daily reimbursement rates. Exactly how much the state will raise rates has not yet been determined, said Charles Stuart, spokesman for the Texas Health and Human Services Commission.

The alliance estimates the average rate will rise to \$91 a day, a figure they say is still too low to adequately operate.

About 100,000 people on Medicaid live in Texas nursing homes.

"The families in this state that have Medicaid mothers and fathers and aunts and uncles are about to see what a real crisis is because it's just about to happen," Davis said after the hearing.

About 40 percent of Texas' 1,230 nursing homes are in bankruptcy.

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OUR VIEWS

Trade route approval is big first step

It wasn't unexpected Thursday when the news came from Austin that the Texas Transportation Commission designated a route for the Ports-to-Plains Trade Corridor that will take it through Big Spring. Nevertheless, it was greeted with enthusiasm. "It's a great victory," said Mayor Russ McEwen. We concur.

Some individuals in this community and other communities along the route have been working for more than 10 years to see this become a reality. It's an example of what can happen with perseverance and hard work.

By receiving federal and now state recognition, the corridor is poised to become the primary north-south truck route west of Interstate 35. For that reason, Ports-to-Plains presents a real means of growth for West Texas. That fact was recognized by Transportation Commissioner John W. Johnson, who said route has the potential to serve as a "crucial trade corridor," not only for Texas, but for the rest of the country.

What is just as exciting, is that Big Spring's location — also on the major east-west route through Texas — makes it a prime consideration for companies looking for areas to warehouse goods as traffic continues to steadily increase.

The Ports-to-Plains designation also greatly enhances Big Spring's opportunities to construct a truck reliever route around the western edge of the city. This route serves a two-fold purpose: one, to divert heavy truck traffic off Gregg Street, this keeping our streets safer, and two, to serve the purpose of the trade corridor, which is to move goods as quickly as possible from Mexico throughout the United States.

A plus, however, is the accessibility of both rail and air traffic at the western edge of Big Spring. The ability to truck goods from Mexico to Big Spring and ship them out by air, rail or highway should be lucrative to manufacturers and businesses.

It will be some time before all the links along the Ports-to-Plains corridor are widened and other improvements completed. Some say it may be 20 years; however, we feel the time frame could be much shorter than that.

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People need to know the South was right

Most of the political problems in this country won't be settled until more folks realize that the South was right.

I know that goes against the political correct edicts, but the fact is that on the subject of the constitutional republic, the Confederate leaders were right and the Northern Republicans were wrong.

Many people today even argue for the Confederate positions without realizing it.

For example, if you argue for strict construction of the Constitution, you are arguing the Confederate position; when you oppose pork-barrel spending, you are arguing the Confederate position; when you oppose protective tariffs, you are arguing the Confederate position; when you argue

for the Bill of Rights, you are arguing the Confederate position; and when you argue that the Constitution limits the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, you are arguing the Confederate position.

One of things that gets lost when you adopt the politically correct oversimplification that the War Between the States was a Civil War all about slavery is a whole treasureload of American political history.

It was not a civil war. A civil war is when two or more factions contend for control of one government. At no time did the South intend to or attempt to overthrow the government of the United States. The Southern states simply withdrew from what they correctly viewed as a voluntary union. They formed their own union and adopted their own constitution.

The United States government remained intact. There were fewer states, but everything else remained exactly as it was. You can be sure, with as much bitterness and hatred of the South that there was in the North, that the North would have tried

Confederates for treason if there had been any grounds. There weren't, and the South's worst enemy knew that.

Abraham Lincoln's invasion of the South was entirely without any constitutional authority. And it's as plain as an elephant at a tea party that Lincoln did not seek to preserve the union in order to end slavery. All you have to do is read his first inaugural address. What Lincoln didn't want to lose was the tax revenue generated by the South.

As Northern states gained a majority in both houses, they began to use the South as a cash cow. Here's how it worked. Most Southerners who exported cotton bartered the cotton in Europe for goods. When the protective tariffs were imposed, that meant Southerners had to pay them.

To make matters worse, the North would then use the revenue for pork-barrel projects in their states. The South was faced with either paying high tariffs and receiving no benefits from the revenue or buying artificially high-priced

Northern goods.

The South opposed pork-barrel spending: Its correct view was that because the federal government was merely the agent of all the states, whatever money it spent should be of equal benefit. The South's position on public lands was that they belonged to all the people, and the federal government had no authority to give them away to private interests.

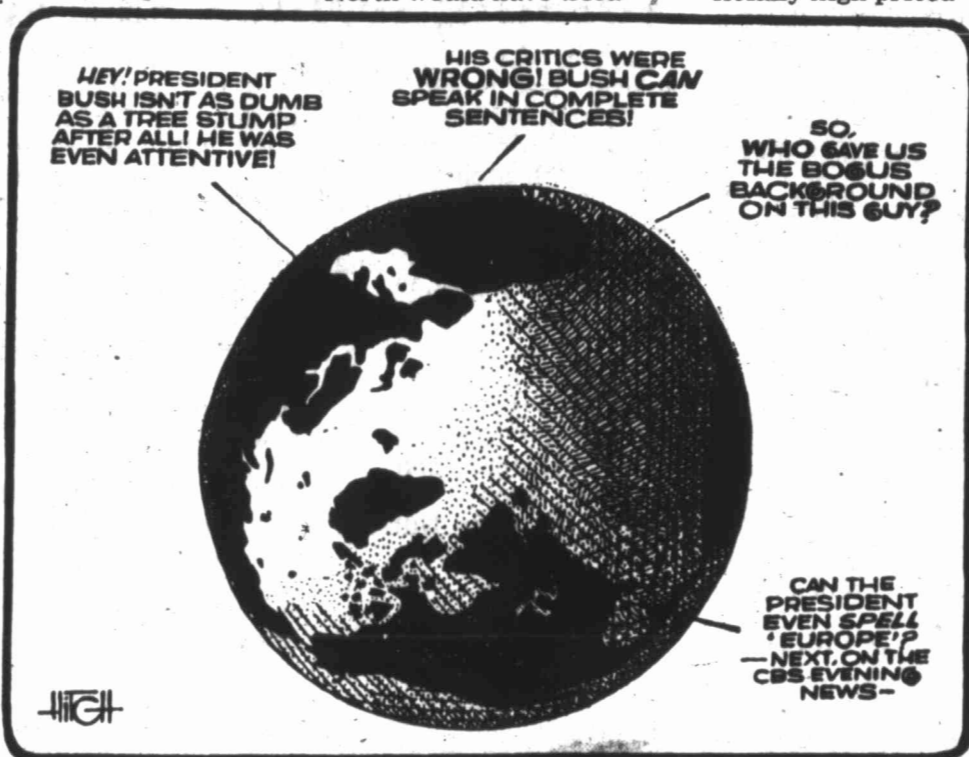
The South also believed that whether a new state would authorize slavery or forbid it was a matter for the people in that territory to decide for themselves. The South never insisted that any new state had to be a slave state, but it opposed the Northern position that any new state must be a free state.

Northerners had announced that they would not be bound by the Constitution. What you had was the rise of modern nationalism fighting the original republic founded by the American Revolution.

So, regardless of where you were born, you might be a Southerner philosophically.



CHARLEY REESE



Stem cell research dilemma

President Bush is poised to make a decision that could affect the future of medical research for decades to come. Whichever way he goes, the political fallout will be substantial.

The issue is stem cell research, and the role of the federal government in funding the research. Embryonic stem cells offer great promise to those who suffer from debilitating diseases — everything from Alzheimer's and Parkinson's to diabetes and spinal cord injuries. The cells are collected from embryos created in fertility clinics that would otherwise be discarded.

Bush said during the campaign that he opposed stem cell research, and when he first took office, some analysts thought he would sign an executive order to impose a ban.

Former President Bush had supported a ban on fetal tissue testing and the parallel between father and son suggested that stem cell research would meet the same fate.

When Bush decided instead to "review" Clinton-era regulations, there was a huge sigh of relief in the scientific and medical community. The Clinton administration had fashioned a compromise that permitted stem cell research to go forward with federal funding as long as there was parental consent and private money was used to obtain the cells from the embryos. But now, months later, there is pressure on Bush to either give a green light to federal research or to fulfill his campaign promise and put an end to such testing.

The debate has exposed a crack in the religious right as some prominent pro-life conservatives side with science and abandon their traditional opposition to embryo research. Their reasons vary. Some, like South Carolina Republican Sen. Strom Thurmond, are motivated because a loved one might benefit from the research. Thurmond has a daughter who is diabetic and stem cell research holds out the hope of growing the cells needed to produce insulin.

Others have struggled to reconcile their religious faith with scientific advances and have found a rationale they are comfortable with. Utah Sen. Orrin Hatch (R), a devout Mormon, and former Florida Sen. Connie Mack (R), a practicing Catholic, are in this category. They differentiate between an embryo created in a petri dish and an embryo implanted in a woman's womb.

Even if you believe, as Mack does, that life begins at conception, he does not believe that stem cell research violates that belief.

"As long as that fertilized egg is not destined to be placed in an uterus, it cannot become life," he says.

The political momentum on Capitol Hill supports federal funding for this research. Minority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., has hinted that he could get behind it, and Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., who opposed stem cell research during his campaign last year, has now come out in favor of it. If Bush decides to go forward, he would have plenty of political cover from Republicans on the right.

On the other side is Karl Rove, the political guru who got Bush elected and who fervently believes the path to reelection lies with keeping the Republican base happy. Rove has not spoken out on the issue, yet all the indications are that he is adamantly opposed to federal funding for embryonic research. He fears that it will upset the base and interfere with Bush's efforts to woo Catholic voters. Bush will travel to the Vatican in late July to meet with the pope.

It is hard to believe, given this travel schedule, that Bush expects to make a decision that will displease the pontiff.

Bush could call for more aggressive "adult" stem cell research — using tissue from people rather than embryos. But the scientific promise is not comparable. The White House is searching for a compromise, but on some issues, there is no middle ground.



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Senate OKs far-reaching patients' rights legislation opposed by Bush

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush is turning to House Republicans to counter the patients' rights bill that Democrats and his chief GOP nemesis, Sen. John McCain, pushed through the Senate before taking a weeklong July Fourth holiday.

Bush said he would work with the House to develop a bill that "discourages runaway litigation costs." He said he could not sign the Senate version because "it puts the interest of trial lawyers before the interest of patients."

He may have an uphill fight. In 1999, 68 House Republicans voted for a bill similar to the one the Senate passed Friday night. Of the 60 of them still in office, fewer than a dozen have indicated a willingness to support Bush's views.

The Senate bill is "the product of consensus and compromise," said Rep. Marge Roukema, R-N.J. "This bill can and should be signed into law."

Patients' rights is only one of the year's most contentious issues that GOP leaders in the House have promised to act on after

Congress returns July 10 and before it breaks again. House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., also has promised to do a campaign finance bill in the four weeks before lawmakers take a monthlong vacation in August.

"Doctors and patients should be in control of health care, not trial lawyers and the courts," Hastert said last week as the final touches were put on a bill supported by Bush and Republican leaders in the House.

As with patients' rights, Bush again finds himself on the oppo-

site side of McCain, the campaign finance reformer who mounted a stiff early primary challenge to Bush for the GOP presidential nomination.

"We couldn't have done this without John McCain," said Massachusetts Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, who managed passage of the patients' rights bill for Democrats.

The Senate vote capped a five-year struggle that dated to the Clinton administration — a delay McCain attributed to the power of special interests. "Trial lawyers

have controlled this for the Democratic side and HMOs and insurance companies on the other side gridlocked us," said McCain.

Covering private and federal health programs, all of the patients' rights proposals would require health plans to pay for needed visits to specialists such as pediatricians, minimum hospital stays after mastectomies and access to clinical trials.

Differences emerged over the court remedies available to aggrieved patients and their families.

Privacy notice was in the mail, but who knew?

WASHINGTON (AP) — Many Americans greeted the billion-plus "privacy notices" in the mail recently with a hook shot into the trash can. Now that big yawn may become a collective "oops."

It turns out those fine-print-filled envelope-stuffers weren't your typical junk mail.

They give people a say in how far companies can spread around a mountain of personal information — everything from monthly income and Social Security numbers to credit card spending habits and account balances.

It all adds up to a gold mine of information for telemarketers, direct mailers, retailers and others who want to identify the people most likely to buy their products or services.

"If you just think about what's on your monthly credit card account statement, there's a lot of revealing information there," says Beth Givens, director of the Privacy Rights Clearinghouse, a consumer organization based in San

Diego. Under federal law, Sunday is the deadline for banks, credit unions, insurance companies, mortgage providers, brokerage houses and other businesses that collect personal financial information to mail out notices telling people how they handle it. And if companies want to sell that personal information to nonaffiliated businesses, they have to give consumers a chance to say no — known as "opting out."

Buried in the fine print, many of the notices offer toll-free numbers to call or forms to mail back that give consumers a limited right to block release of their information. Consumers are under no deadline and can opt out at any time.

Nikos Mikalis, a retired clothing designer from Ashland, Ore., is kicking himself for pitching his privacy notices in the trash. Now he's backtracking to notify banks, credit card companies and other businesses not to spread around his private information.

"I just took all of that junk mail and threw it out," he said. "It just ticks me off that I have to go to all this trouble to tell them that they don't have the right to exploit me."

Just about everyone is getting the notices — some people have been inundated with dozens — but not many have paid much attention.

A survey last month by the American Bankers Association found that just 36 percent of Americans said they had read their privacy notices, 22 percent hadn't bothered and 41 percent didn't remember getting them or hadn't received them.

Few have opted out so far — less than 1 percent by some estimates.

John Byrne, the banking association's general counsel, says that is because many people see advantages in having their personal information spread around: They can get catalogs, discount offers and other enticements directly tied to their interests.

"We've made the case that information-sharing will help them," he said. Oliver Ireland, an attorney who helps companies comply with the privacy rules, found his mailbox filled with catalogs for discount sailing equipment after he bought a sailboat.

"I was relatively happy about it," said Ireland, a former Federal Reserve associate general counsel who helped draft the privacy rules.

Consumer groups, for their part, believe the opt-out rate is low because many of the privacy notices are deliberately densely written. A private "readability" analysis of 34 privacy notices found that most were written at a third- or fourth-year college reading level and some were at a graduate-school level.

The notices were loaded with jargon, including such eye-stopping phrases such as "nonpublic personal public information."

Mark Hochhauser, who did the study for the Privacy Rights Clearinghouse, said many banks and other companies relied on sample language provided by the govern-

ment. "Twelve House Democrats have written to federal regulators seeking rules to clarify the notices, which banks and other financial companies will have to issue every year from now on."

Federal Reserve spokeswoman Susan Stawick acknowledged some of the notices have been highly technical. She said the government is advising banks on how to make them understandable.

Consumer advocates say ponderous wording is only part of the problem: Even if people opt out, they can't block information-sharing among affiliated companies, such as banks, brokerages and insurers that join under the same corporate roof. And there are still some cases in which information can be shared with unaffiliated companies.

Jane Hoffman, who writes children's science books from her home in Irvine, Calif., didn't bother to plow through more than a dozen privacy notices she received in the mail, saying "it really stops hardly anything."

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Cheney expected to resume work after getting implant

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Dick Cheney had a special pacemaker implanted in his chest Saturday to control a potentially dangerous heart rhythm. President Bush said the procedure went well and that Cheney would not have to curtail his activities.

The device was implanted in an hourlong procedure at George Washington University Hospital. Cheney left the hospital later in the day and is expected to go to work Monday.

"Everything went exceedingly well, exactly as planned," said Dr. Alan Wasserman, chairman of the Department of Medicine at the George Washington University Hospital.

Bush announced Cheney's procedure during a news conference at Camp David in Maryland with visiting Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi. He said he spoke with Cheney, who said he was doing fine.

Bush and Cheney also discussed Koizumi's visit, with Cheney telling the president "he was doing great," vice presidential spokeswoman Juleanna Glover Weiss said.

The president said he did not think Cheney, 60, needed to curtail his duties

because of his health problems, which included four heart attacks in 25 years.

"No, I don't think he ought to slow down," Bush said. "I think he ought to listen to his body, which he has been doing."

Cheney's cardiologist, Dr. Jonathan Reiner, said he has told Cheney that "this procedure and this device would not in any way interfere with his ability to perform as vice president."

"His life expectancy is excellent," Reiner said, acknowledging that Cheney's heart has suffered "a moderate amount of damage" from the heart attacks.

The type of pacemaker that Cheney received is an implantable cardioverter defibrillator, or ICD. It is a cardiac pacing device that also includes a defibrillator used to stabilize an irregular fast heartbeat. Cheney called it a "pacemaker-plus."

Doctors said that for months, they had been considering performing the tests that led to the implant.

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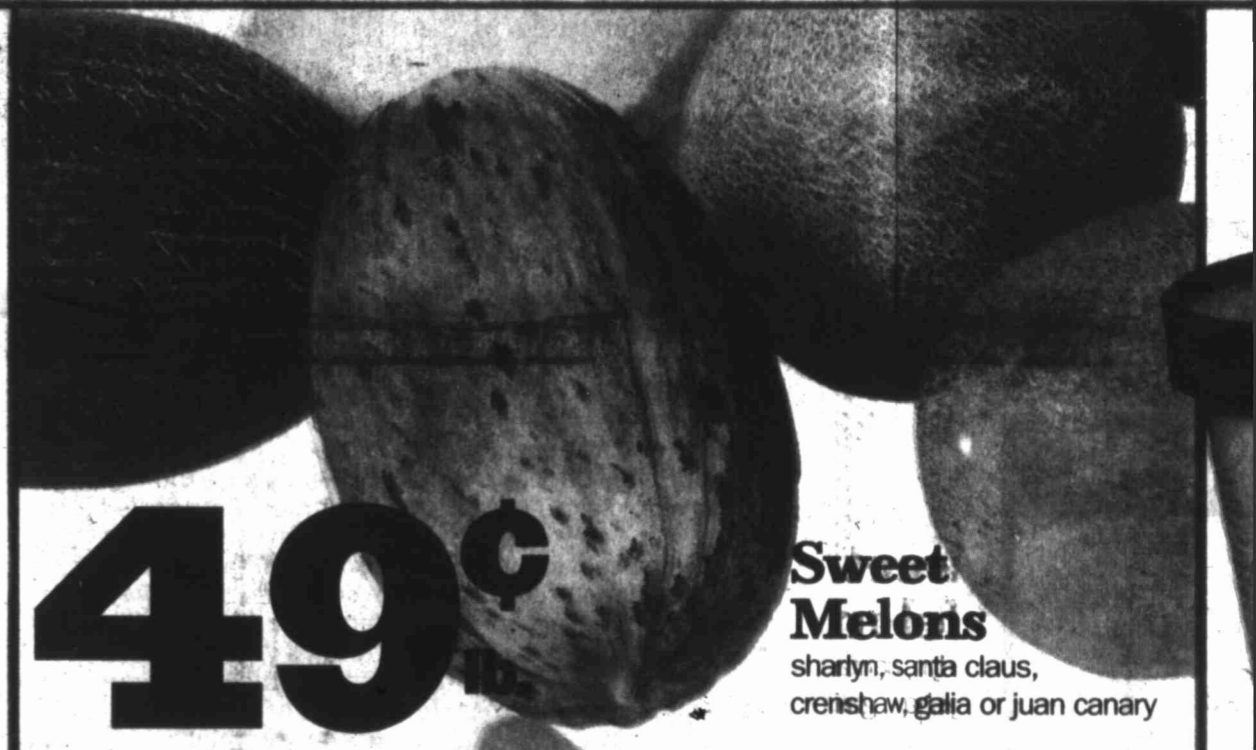


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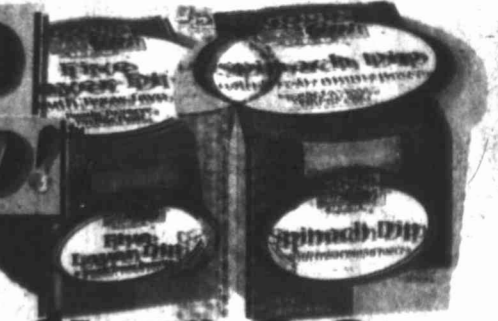


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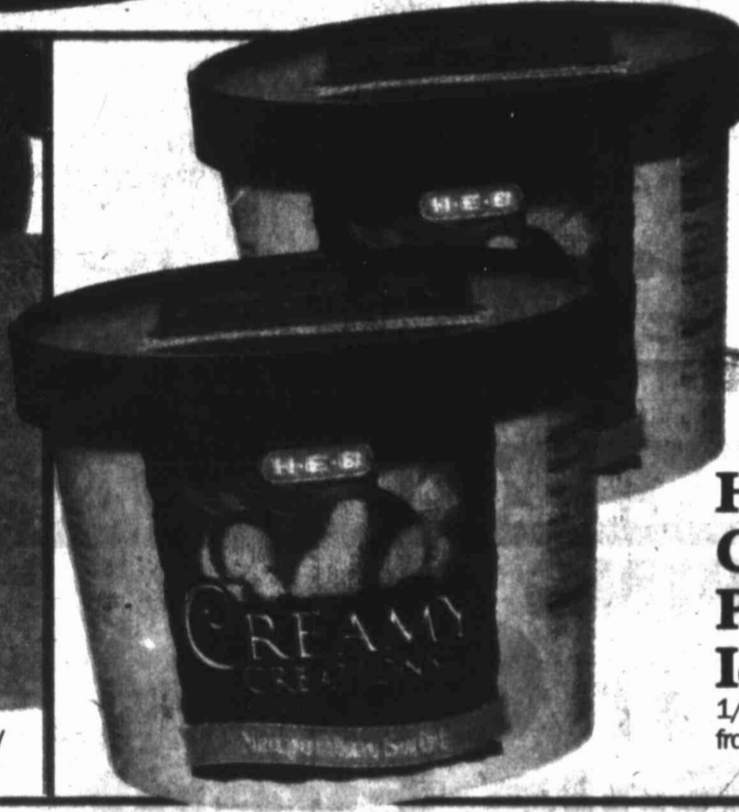
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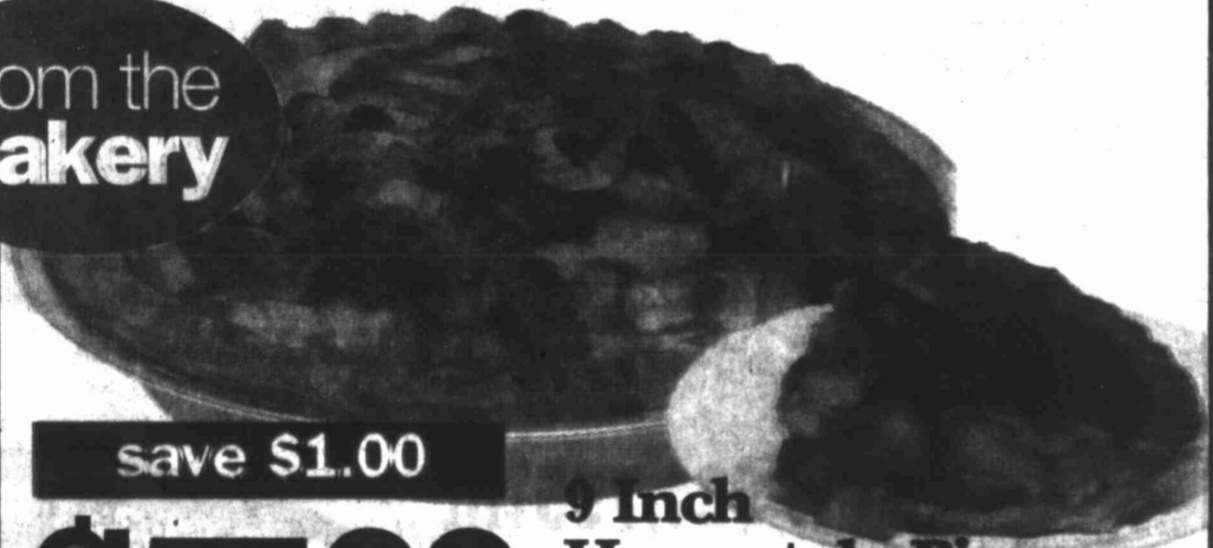
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Arafat meets Peres in his first meeting since Israeli election

LISBON, Portugal (AP) — Yasser Arafat held informal talks with Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, the Palestinian leader's first meeting with a member of Israel's government since Ariel Sharon was elected prime minister in February.

The two officials met in a "good atmosphere" at the Portuguese premier's residence late Friday, said Colette Avital, an Israeli lawmaker and former diplomat. "There will be a follow-up," she said.

"It was a good meeting," Peres told reporters. He stressed the talks with Arafat were "not a negotiation" but "an informal meeting" initiated by Portuguese Prime Minister Antonio Guterres. "It was an exchange of views," he said.

Arafat praised the long-time Israeli peace negotiator as a "peace partner" and said, "We have to thank him from all our hearts for his efforts."

However, Arafat and Peres disagreed on the use of international observers to monitor a test cease-fire deigned to end nine months of violence.

Still, Portuguese officials said the meeting was an important signal from Sharon, who allowed the talks to take place and to be made public. He had earlier rejected a proposal.

After their meeting, Arafat and Peres each addressed some 400 delegates at the 50th anniversary

sary meeting of the Socialist International organization.

The Palestinian leader called for the deployment of foreign monitors in the conflict areas to oversee a tentative cease-fire brokered by CIA director George Tenet.

"We need your voice to send international observers, without delay, to the Palestinian territory. I would like to ask why does the government of Israel reject the dispatching of international observers to consolidate and protect the cease-fire," Arafat said.

Speaking later to The Associated Press, Peres said Israel's position was that no outside observers would be allowed until the fighting ends. "Observers can observe once you have peace. They cannot observe a lack of peace," he said.

In his speech Peres condemned terrorism and said security was the first step to peace.

"The only ingredient necessary to get the locomotive of peace on its way, in our view, is security, not occupation. You have security, you'll have freedom," he said.

"A good neighbor is better than a good gun, and we are looking for a good neighbor," he added.

The meeting came in the wake of an agreement brokered by Secretary of State Colin Powell that calls for a seven-day test period for the truce.

Annan wins second term as U.N. chief

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — One admirer has called Kofi Annan "a rock star of international diplomacy." Another says there is "a saint-like sense about him."

Colleagues heaped praise on the world's most prominent diplomat Friday, as he was elected to a second term as secretary-general of the United Nations.

In the wood-paneled General Assembly chamber, representatives of the 189 U.N. member nations approved the re-election of the 63-year-old Ghanaian by acclamation Friday, bursting into applause and then rising from their seats to give him a standing ovation as he entered the room and walked to the podium.

Annan's uncontested election, more than six months before his first term expires Dec. 31, was unprecedented, reflecting the overwhelming support he enjoys from both rich and poor countries.

Bangladesh's U.N. Ambassador Anwarul Chowdhury, who officially informed the assembly of Annan's nomination by the

Security Council, said the secretary-general lived up to the expectations facing him when he took office Jan. 1, 1997 — that he would carry out his duties "in the most impeccable, impartial and independent way."

"He has excelled in his office, delivering under trying circumstances," said Chowdhury, the current council president. "His reform efforts of the United Nations have made the organization ready for the challenges of the 21st century. He has made the United Nations more relevant in today's world."

One by one, representatives from Africa, Asia, Latin America, Eastern Europe, Western nations, and the United States as the host country, paid tribute to Annan's accomplishments during his first term — and set out their wish lists for his next five-year term, which begins Jan. 1, 2002.

Acting U.S. Ambassador James Cunningham called him "a global citizen who gives voice to all the people of our United Nations."

Bosnia's U.N. Ambassador Husein Zivalj, on behalf of Eastern Europe, gave him "high marks" for his efforts to preserve peace, protect the environment and promote human rights and economic development.

Nigeria's U.N. Ambassador Chief Arthur Mbanefo praised "this great son of Africa" for making the fight against AIDS his personal priority, for promoting links with business and launching an overhaul of U.N. peacekeeping.

Almost every speaker pointed to the ambitious agenda Annan drafted to reduce poverty, give every child an education, halt the AIDS epidemic and improve human rights in the 21st century.

That far-reaching agenda was adopted at last September's Millennium Summit by over 150 world leaders, the largest-ever gathering of heads of state and government.

Annan said he plans annual reports on progress toward the summit goals "indicating where we are

succeeding and where we are failing — and why."

During his first term, the secretary-general said, he sought to make the United Nations more responsive to change, to openly admit its past failures, to speak out for the poorest and the most vulnerable and "to make universal human rights the touchstone of my work."

"The task is not done," he said, pledging to continue to promote human rights and U.N. reform and to build partnerships with the business community, foundations, nonprofit organizations and civic groups.

Former U.S. Ambassador Richard Holbrooke said U.N. reform is only 25 percent accomplished, and urged Annan to complete the job.

"Kofi Annan is the right man at the right time and the right place," Holbrooke said in an interview. "He's become a rock star of international diplomacy and he has the single best chance of anyone I know of reforming the U.N. and making it a better organization."

Bush embraces Japan's economic reform package

CAMP DAVID, Md. (AP) — President Bush embraced Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi's economic reform package on Saturday even though it forces tough choices for the world's second-largest economy.

Meeting at the presidential retreat in Maryland's Catoctin Mountains, both leaders reported they narrowed their differences on the environment and missile defense. Bush expressed no fear that Koizumi's tough-medicine reforms

would hurt the U.S. economy.

"I have no reservations about the economic reform package the prime minister is advancing," Bush said, Koizumi at his side in a joint news conference. "He talks about tackling some difficult issues that some leaders in the past refused to address."

Wearing open-collared shirts and no sport coats, the pair was relaxed and playful. The news conference began with the prime minister tossing a baseball

underhand with Bush, who snagged it with one hand and winked at the U.S. press corps.

Bush gave Koizumi the ball and a brown leather jacket. The prime minister gave Bush a picture frame and a digital camera, which the president can use to take pictures of fish he catches at his Texas ranch.

"I want to praise the prime minister for his vision of reform," Bush said. "He is willing to make difficult choices."

Bush was asked if he were

worried, as some in the United States are, that the prime minister's approach to deficit reduction would slow Japan's economy and create a ripple effect that could hurt U.S. businesses.

"The prime minister recognizes that there needs to be deep and meaningful reforms," Bush said. "I strongly support the prime minister's reform agenda."

That was pleasing to Koizumi, whose predecessors American presidents constantly had prodded over economic policy.

EPA administrator suggests NAFTA talks to examine approaches to global warming

MEXICO CITY (AP) — EPA Administrator Christie Whitman proposed holding talks with Mexico and Canada on greenhouse gas emissions, following criticism of U.S. rejection of the Kyoto accords on the same issue.

Her comments came at the end of a meeting Friday in Guadalajara of top environmental officials from the three North American Free Trade Agreement countries.

Speaking in a telephone news conference, she said the three countries will "look at what kind of market-based approaches we can undertake to address the greenhouse gas issue."

NAFTA's Environmental Cooperation Commission "is a very good body to undertake that," Whitman said. The Kyoto accords were global in scope.

The talks may involve a U.S.-backed idea to give companies credits for reducing emissions or making environmental improvements at one site. The credits could be transferred or sold to cover emissions elsewhere.

President Bush's decision to withdraw from the Kyoto accords on global warming drew protests in Mexico and throughout the world. U.S. officials argued the agreement failed to limit emissions in developing nations and would encourage polluting industries to move there.

Whitman dealt with another sensitive issue, a decision requiring Mexico to release nearly 200 billion gallons of water into the Rio Grande basin. Governors in northern Mexico say they can ill afford to repay water when their region is suffer-

ing from a prolonged drought.

Mexico fell behind on its commitments under a U.S.-Mexico treaty to let water flow into the overused river, instead using it for agriculture.

While refusing to commit to renegotiating the repayment schedule, Whitman said the United States will "be as understanding as we can of the obstacles for repayment, and to ensure the repayments meet with the needs of the debtor."

On other matters, Mexico's Environment Secretary Victor Lichtigter said he will ask his nation's congress to require companies to report publicly on their emissions of air, water and ground pollutants.

All three NAFTA countries pledged to make such records public, but Mexico is the last to do so. Lichtigter said the proposal will be sent to congress in September, and could be in place by 2002.

Because reporting has been neither mandatory nor public, there is little solid information on the quantity or kind of pollutants generated in Mexico.

The environment officials, including Canada's Karen Redman, said that they would study demands that

NAFTA strengthen its environmental complaint process, which has been criticized as toothless.

NAFTA rules allow anyone to file a complaint if a member government fails to enforce environmental standards, but it may take years for the commission to issue a "factual record" — which contains no recommendations, and no sanctions.

Of the 31 citizen complaints filed in the last seven years, only two have made it to the report stage and member governments can decide to keep those reports secret.

"If they write a report (on violations) and it only comes out three years later, then what good does it do?" asked Gustavo Alanis, a member of the commission's joint public advisory committee.

Proposals before the commission would make the complaint process speedier and more public and require governments to report on what they are doing to correct problems.

CEC Director Janine Ferretti defended the commission's lack of enforcement powers, saying the public attention it draws to violations is a deterrent. "Sunshine is a wonderful disinfectant," Ferretti said.

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Rose Magers volleyball camp
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Game strategies as fundamental volleyball stressed.
Registration forms mailed to Tracie 2711 Rebecca, 79720.
For more info call Pierce at 264-3662.
Black Gold to set for July 1
The Big Spring Gold Tennis Tournament has been scheduled July 13-15 at the Tennis Center Comanche Trail.
Play will be in boys and girls doubles and mixed in five age groups.
Fees will be \$10 event, \$20 for tournament.
Entries must be no later than July 10.
For more info call Wendy Just 5485.
YMCA swim team seeks competitors
The Big Spring Swim Team is competing in local meets.
Practice sessions held Monday Thursday morning.
To be eligible, compete, youngsters able to complete the YMCA pool.
For more info call the YMCA at 4011.
Senior Class ragball tournament
There will be a tournament for the Big Spring School senior Friday and Saturday 13-14.
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2 p.m. U.S. Senior Open, KWES, Ch. 8
2 p.m. PGA Golf, Hartford Open, WFAP, Ch. 8.

IN BRIEF

Rose Magers-Powell volleyball camp set

The Rose Magers-Powell Volleyball Camp will be held July 16-18 at Steer Gym.

The camp which is open to second graders through high school seniors.

Fees for second to fifth graders is \$55, it will be \$70 for sixth to eighth graders and \$95 for high school athletes.

Sessions for grades 6-8 will be 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., while those in grades 2-5 will attend from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. High school campers will work from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Game strategy, as well as fundamentals of playing volleyball will be stressed.

Registration fees may be mailed to Traci Pierce at 2711 Rebecca, Big Spring 79720.

For more information, call Pierce at 267-4047 or 264-3662.

Black Gold tourney set for July 13-15

The Big Spring Black Gold Tennis Tournament has been scheduled for July 13-15 at the Figure 7 Tennis Center in Comanche Trail Park.

Play will be conducted in boys and girls singles, doubles and mixed doubles in five age divisions.

Fees will be \$15 for one event, \$20 for two and \$25 for three.

Entries must be received no later than July 6.

For more information, call Wendy Justiss at 6398-5485.

YMCA swim team seeks competitors

The Big Spring YMCA Swim Team is currently competing in long course meets.

Practice sessions are held Monday through Thursday mornings.

To be eligible to compete, youngsters must be able to complete a lap of the YMCA pool.

For more information, call the YMCA at 267-8234.

Annual Coahoma ragball tournament

There will be a ragball tournament Friday and Saturday, July 6-7, at the Coahoma Little League park.

For more information contact Rocky New at 394-4041.

Senior Class to hold ragball tournament

There will be a ragball tournament sponsored by the Big Spring High School senior class on Friday and Saturday, July 13-14.

The entry fee is \$100 per team.

For more information contact Brittany Bryant at 267-1011.

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GOLF

2 p.m. U.S. Senior Open, KWES, Ch. 8.
2 p.m. PGA Golf, Greater Hartford Open, WFAA, Ch. 8.

Sampras, Davenport advance to top 16 at Wimbledon

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Lindsay Davenport used yet another straight-set victory Saturday to move closer to regaining the Wimbledon championship she lost last year to Venus Williams.

The much taller Davenport, seeded third, beat No. 30 Patty Schnyder of Switzerland 6-2, 6-3 after a brief rain delay, the third of the tournament's first six days.

"I'm timing the ball a little bit better now than I was a few days ago," Davenport said. "I thought I played great."

She reached the round of 16 by capitalizing on Schnyder's poor serving. She broke Schnyder in the first game of the second set when Schnyder faulted on seven of her 10 serves.

Schnyder got in only 47 percent of her first serves, compared with 62 percent for Davenport.

Schnyder, in the third round for

the first time in her six Wimbledon appearances, improved in the third game of the second set with an ace and a service winner on the last two points to make it 2-1. But Davenport held her serve the entire match.

Davenport, the 1999 Wimbledon champion and winner of last year's Australian Open, missed three months this year with a knee injury.

"I'm moving fine," she said. "I don't feel like the months off have hampered me too bad."

After sitting out the French Open, she won the Wimbledon tuneup at Eastbourne and has had little trouble this fortnight.

"If someone can have a year like Venus did last year, you almost have to just shrug your shoulders and say, 'that's too good,'" Davenport said.

Her next match is set for Monday against 14th-seeded Jelena Dokic,

who beat 21st-seeded Barbara Schett, 6-3, 7-5.

Among other seeded women, No. 7 Kim Clijsters won, No. 16 Silvia Farina Elia lost, and No. 31 Tamarine Tanasugarn upset No. 6 Amelie Mauresmo, 6-4, 6-4. Tenth-seeded Thomas Enqvist advanced in the men's competition.

On Friday, Pete Sampras dominated Sargis Sargsian 6-4, 6-4, 7-5 to move into the fourth round, where he'll meet 15th-seeded Roger Federer on Monday for a quarterfinal berth.

"The athlete usually does well" on grass, a fast surface, the top-seeded Sampras said. "My movement, I think, is something that is underrated. But when the game's there and you're clicking on all cylinders, it's fun to play."

Starting in 1993, when he began his run of seven championships in eight years, Sampras is 56-1 at

Wimbledon, losing only to Richard Krajicek in the 1996 quarterfinals.

One more title and the American will break Willie Renshaw's record set in the 1880s for most championships, and tie Bjorn Borg's modern record of five in a row.

He's more relaxed than last year at Wimbledon, when he set the record for 13 Grand Slam titles, surpassing Roy Emerson's 12.

Tying Borg "is not really a big focus of mine, whereas last year the record certainly was a big focus," Sampras said. "But seven out of eight — I'll take that."

His 31st consecutive Wimbledon win Friday tied Rod Laver. Only Borg, with 41 and a similar stolid on-court persona, has a longer streak.

Contrast that with Goran Ivanisevic, who serves some of the

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Junior rodeo offers exciting show

By DOUG LAW
Sports Editor

Rodeo fans were kept on their edge of their seats at the Friday session of the 56th Annual Howard County 4-H Club Junior Rodeo as the action was fast and furious with several scores in the 70s.

The junior rodeo was sanctioned by the High Plains Junior Rodeo Association, which attracted competitors from New Mexico and Texas for the 215 events.

The rodeo crowd cheered on the competitors and appreciated the strong efforts of the entrants, especially in the rough stock events, which consisted of bareback, saddle bronc, bull dogging, steer riding and bull riding.

Cody Alford of Gardendale posted low score of the night in the bareback event with a fine 71 while Bobby Wood of Monahans hung onto Post 66 for a 62 score in saddle bronc. Both riders were in the Boys 13-to-19-year-old division.

Two competitors, Aaron Lide of Andrews and Koben Puckett of Clayton, posted identical 72 scores in the 9-to-12-year-old steer riding event and tied for the high score of the night. Clay Paige of Amarillo earned 69 points in the steer riding event.

New Mexico cowboy Jonathan Quimbey of Clovis earned a fine 72 score which was the only qualified ride in the 16-to-19-year-old bull riding event out of three competitors.

Also in rough stock competition, Miles Thompson earned low time with a 22.78 seconds clocking in the 16-to-19-year-old bull dogging event.

Jesse Clark of Portales, N.M. and Tyler Frey of Canyon tied for the high score of the night in the 8-and-under calf riding event with identical 55 scores.

Lane Baggett of Midland earned a 43 score after riding his calf and Klate Graham, also of Midland, had a 22 score on board an uninspired calf.

Kelsy Garrison of Channing had the quickest time with a 9.79 second clocking in the 13-to-15-year-old calf roping.



Gardendale cowboy Cody Alford spurs his horse to a fine 71 score Friday in the 13-to-19-year-old Boys bareback-saddle bronc competition. Alford made a strong ride on his mount during the rough stock competition and received lots of applause from the crowd in the junior rodeo..

Herald photo/ Doug Law

Cimarron Thompson of Hobbs, N.M. ran into a race horse style calf and stopped the clock in 18.15 seconds.

Miles Thompson of Hobbs, N.M. fired up the crowd with a fine 10.19 second time, which was low time of the night in 16-to-19-year-old calf roping.

Brett Squyres of Plains roped his calf in 12.75 seconds while Shane Skinner of Portales, N.M. ran into one of those fast running calves, roping his in 23.87 seconds.

Fast time of the day was earned by Kody Porterfield of Brownfield with a 6.31 second clocking in the 9-to-

12-year-old calf touching event, which had 15 entrants.

The second competitor of the event, Cody Burney of Snyder was close behind Porterfield with a quick time of 6.50 seconds. The last competitor was Hart Greenwood of Carlsbad, N.M. stopping the stop watch in a creditable 7.37 second time.

Hugh Greenwood, also of Carlsbad, N.M. earned a 8.66 second time while Logan Helton of Amarillo tagged his calf in 10.34 seconds. Tuf Cooper of Childress got his calf in 10.66 seconds while Cliff

Cooper, also of Childress, had a 13 second time. Clay Paige of Amarillo tagged his calf in 13.50 seconds and R.H. Whitten of New Home had to chase a fast calf stopping it in 27.84 seconds. Competition in the 8-and-under barrel racing was very close with four of the five competitors finishing within half a second of each other.

Lane Hall of Pampa stopped the clock in 18.428 seconds for low time of the night, while Charisi Heirich of Slaton was just a heart-beat behind with a

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Sierra's bat leads Rangers

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Ruben Sierra quietly dons his uniform with white and blue trim hours before the game, then struts from his locker for a glimpse at the lineup to be certain he's in it.

In the late 1980s and early '90s, Sierra never checked. He was the star hitter for the Texas Rangers and one of the best in the American League.

But Sierra's career cratered. Within eight years, he bounced through 10 organizations, getting traded four times and released six more. There were stints in the minors and independent leagues.

But now Sierra is back with the Rangers and again swinging powerfully. As of Thursday, the 35-year-old switch-hitter was hitting .321 with 10 homers and 32 RBIs.

Grateful for a second chance and humbled by his failures, Sierra's resurgence has become a cheerful story in Texas' otherwise forgettable season.

"He's been nothing but a positive influence," manager Jerry Narron said. "I know that he feels like he lost some time over the last few years. He's doing everything he can to make up for it."

Sierra broke into the majors in 1986 as a 20-year-old with unlimited potential. He homered in his second big-league at-bat and set a club-record with 10 triples that season.

By 1992, Sierra had become the Rangers' all-time leader in doubles, triples, homers, RBI, runs and total bases. He was named the team's player of the year four times and was an All-Star three times.

Dubbed "El Caballo" ("The Horse"), the Puerto Rico native wore the No. 21 of childhood hero Roberto Clemente and became an inspiration to a new generation of players from the island, including future Rangers Ivan Rodriguez and Juan Gonzalez.

But distractions got in the

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Knight's basketball camp draws hundreds at Texas Tech

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — David Newberry of Midland came to Bob Knight's basketball camp at Texas Tech to work on his game.

He could have stayed home and attended a basketball camp there, but Knight's notoriety played a role in the 14-year-old's decision to come to Lubbock.

"I thought it'd be fun 'cause you always see him on TV, and it'd be nice to meet him," Newberry said as he waited to rejoin a scrimmage game.

As he checked in at the four-day Bob Knight Boy's Basketball School earlier this week, Newberry got his wish. Knight autographed the youngster's "Who's

Your Daddy?" T-shirt.

Knight, his assistant coaches and others from the Lubbock area and Indiana are running hundreds of youngsters through their basketball paces in the United Spirit Arena. Knight, who has staged basketball camps for more than 35 years — at West Point and Indiana — speaks to each group of campers twice a day.

Knight was hired by Tech in late March, six months after he was fired from Indiana University for violating a zero-tolerance behavior policy imposed by the school. He has threatened a lawsuit over his dismissal.

On Thursday, about 150 campers sat on the arena floor as Knight stressed the importance of becoming smarter players, of getting an education and avoiding drugs and alcohol. He told the group that hard work will pay off, whether it's in a classroom or on a court.

But they shouldn't think that it can happen all at once, Knight told them.

"Because you're not going to become a better player by being in camp for four days," Knight said.

Knight's son, Tim, who is coordinating the camps, said attendance is "way up" compared to previous camps at Tech. About 600 will probably sign-up to par-

ticipate in the seven camps offered this summer, he said.

Last year, less than 400 attended camps put on by former Tech coach James Dickey.

The numbers could have been even higher, he said. When Tim Knight organized his father's camps in previous years, the brochures were mailed out in February. This year, details for the Tech camps were not finalized until late April.

Most of those attending the camps are from Texas, but some came from surrounding states. There are camps for guards and post players, a session for teams

and a school that covers all facets of the game.

"This is one of the dinosaurs," Tim Knight said. "This is one of the few remaining camps that is all about basketball."

That's what enticed David Simmerman to attend the guard camp last week and the school, which ended Thursday. Additionally, most of Simmerman's family is from Indiana, said the senior from Allen High School in a suburb north of Dallas.

"We're all huge fans of his," the 17-year-old said. "I'll be a Texas Tech fan instead of an IU fan."

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way. He began showcasing horses and recording music. Then he spent an off-season bulking up in hopes of adding power. Instead, the extra muscles slowed his swing. Sierra was only 26 when Texas first gave up on him...

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18,480 second round. Jesse Clark of N.M. also finished behind the leader over a tenth back with a 18.1 time. Shanna Elida, N.M., was pack, stopping 18.904 seconds...

KNIGHT

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The focus of both sessions, Simmerman said, was basketball, but that wasn't the only type of instruction imparted. Knight and his camp staff stress education and the importance of working hard in school.

hustle. And you give it all you've got no matter what your skill level." Over the years, as many as 80,000 youngsters have attended Knight's camps, Tim Knight said.

WIMBLEDON

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hardest aces and funniest quips on the tour. He had 41 aces, the most since Krajicek set a tour record with 49 at the 1999 U.S. Open, and beat Andy Roddick 7-6 (5), 7-5, 3-6, 6-3.

the fastest recorded on the men's tour. He and sixth-seeded Tim Henman give Britain two players in the round of 16.

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18.480 second clocking. Jesse Clark of Portales, N.M., also finished close behind the leader just barely over a tenth of a second back with a 18.545 second time. Shanna Anthony of Elida, N.M., was right in the pack, stopping the clock in 18.904 seconds. Big Spring entry D'Amberly Averette had some problems with the barrels, finishing in 32.220 seconds.

Lorissa Jo Lide of Andrew had low time of the day with a 16.764 second time in the 9-to-12-year-old barrel racers. April Loyd, also of Andrews stopped the clock in 17.77 seconds while Mishae Griffin of Lovington, N.M. earned a 19.724 second time.

Tara Schroedter of Roby raced her horse to a 21.356 second time, Katelyn Lide of Andrews stopped the clock in 22.75 seconds, Haley Nelson of Channing earned a 23.87 second clocking and Rana Terry of Portales, N.M. chased the barrels to a 28.196 second time.

Linsey Ewing earned fast time of the day in 13-to-15-year-old barrel racing division with a time of 16.640 seconds and Taylen Gregory of Pampa earned the other 16 second time of the night with a 16.748 second clocking.

Three of the next four barrel racers clocked times within half a second of each other.

Whitney Parks of Snyder stopped the clock in 17.288 seconds, Shalie Anthony of Elida, N.M. narrowed the gap with a 17.432 second clocking and she was

chased by Kassi Burney of Snyder who raced to a 17.736 second clocking. Holly Brooks of Welch stopped the clock in 17.968 seconds and Big Spring barrel racer Crystal Strum had a 23.188 second clocking.

Wendy Brooks of Welch set quick time with a 16.380 second clocking in the 16-to-19-year-old barrel race. Ashley Branch of Aspermont had a problem with the barrels, stopping the clock in 21.664 seconds while Christie Heronema of Andrews had the same problem, stopping the stop watch in 22.884 seconds.

Jesse Clark of Portales, N.M., set low time of the night in 8-and-under pole-bending with a 22.722 second time, while Lane Hall of Pampa stopped the clocks in 24.304 seconds. Charisi Heinrich of Slaton clocked a 26.216 second time and D'Amberly Averette of Big Spring stopped the clock in 35.85 seconds.

Tara Schroedter of Roby set low time of the night in pole-bending competition with a strong 20.524 second clocking in the 9-to-12-year-old division. Her time was the fastest of any pole-bender Friday night.

Close behind Schroedter was Lorissa Jo Lide of Andrews who stopped the clock in 21.236 seconds and she was chased by April Loyd of Andrews who was clocked in 22.060 seconds and Rana Terry of Portales, N.M. clocked a 22.300 second time. Mishae Griffin of Lovington stopped the clock in 23.312 seconds while Haley Nelson of Channing clocked a 29.196 second time.

Michelle Blount of Paducah stopped the clock in 24.560 seconds for low time of the night among 13-to-15-year-old pole-benders. Linsey Ewing clocked a 25.452 second time and Kassandra Clarks of Portales, N.M. ran a 32.225 second time and Shalie Anthony of Elida, was close behind with a 32.456 second timing while Taylen Gregory of Pampa stopped the clock in 39.104 seconds. Ashley Branch of Aspermont set low time with a 27.932 second timing in the 16-to-19-year-old pole bending class, and Wendy Brooks of Welch stopped the clock in 32.721 seconds.

Bret Squires and Coby Wood earned the only qualified time out of six entries with a fine 8.87 second clocking in 16-to-19-year-old team roping class.

The duo of Gary and Grady Herrera stopped the clock in 20.56 seconds for the sole official time in the 13-to-15-year-old team roping event.

Competition in the 9-to-12-year-old steer breakaway event was fast and furious as Cliff Cooper of Childress blasted the clock with a 3.19 second clocking and Clay Paige of Amarillo was right on his heels with a 3.35 second clocking. Aaron Lide of Andrews stopped the clock with a nice 4.09 second time and Cutter Whipple of Gail had a 4.69 second clocking.

Logan Screws of St Vrain, N.M. stopped the clock in 5.18 seconds and Lucas Screws of St. Vrain, N.M. was close behind with a 5.87 second clocking. Lorissa Jo Lide of Andrews stopped the clock in 7.69 seconds.

There was a two-way tie between Jesse Clark of Portales, N.M. and Shanna Anthony of Elida, N.M. with identical 16.87 second clockings in the 8-and-under breakaway event.

Tara Schroedter of Roby earned the only registered time with a 7.47 second clocking in the 9-to-12-year-old girls breakaway roping event.

Cody Burney of Snyder stopped the clock in a quick 3.72 second time for low time of the night in 9-to-12-year-old breakaway roping event.

Aaron Lide of Andrews was close behind with a 3.91 second clocking and Cliff Cooper of Childress was just a notch back with a very close 3.97 second time.

Kody Porterfield of Brownfield stopped the clock in 5.28 seconds and Hart Greenwood of Carlsbad, N.M. was close behind with a 5.78 second clocking. Logan Screws of St. Vrain, N.M. had a 14.40 second clocking.

Kelsy Friskup of Canyon set low time of the night with a quick 4.09 second clocking in the 13-to-15-year-old girls breakaway event and Taylen Gregory of Pampa clocked a fine 4.53 second time while Holly Brooks of Welch stopped the clock in 5.13 seconds and Kassi Burney of Snyder had a 6.06 second clocking.

Kelsy Garrison of Channing was on fire as he blasted the clock with a low 2.84 second time for low time of the night in the 13-to-15-year-old breakaway event, closely followed by Lance Millican of Robert Lee with a 3.41 second clock-

ing. Dustin Anthony stopped the clocks in 12.65 seconds and Cimarron Thompson of Hobbs, N.M. clocked a 13.03 second time.

Kaci Friskup of Canyon escaped with low time of the night with a quick 3.81 second clocking in 16-to-19-year-old breakaway roping competition with Kali Froneberger of Ira close on her heels with a fine 3.94 second clocking. Close behind Froneberger was Ashley Branch of Aspermont with a nice 4.10 second clocking.

Shanna Athony of Elida led the 8-and-under goat tying competitors with a quick 10.59 second clocking. Lane Hall of Pampa stopped the clock in 15.63 seconds and Jesse Clark of Portales, N.M. clocked a 22.97 second time.

Tori Bilberry of Elida, N.M. set fast time of the night with a 10.59 second closing in the 9-to-12-year-old goat tying and April Loyd of Andrews was closed behind, stopping the clock in 11.19 seconds. Tara Schroedter of Roby stopped the clock in 11.41 seconds while Mishae Griffin of Lovington, N.M. ran a 12.22 second time. Katelyn Lide of Andrews stopped the clocks in 13.66 seconds and Lorissa Jo Lide of Andrews clocked a 21.00 second time.

Kassandra Clark of Portales, N.M. stopped the clock in 10.00 seconds for low time of the night in 13-to-15-year-old goat tying and Linsey Ewing took up the challenge, stopping the clock in a very close 10.03 second time. Shalie Anthony of Elida, N.M. clocked a 10.72 second time

and Holly Brooks of Welch was close behind with a 11.19 second clocking. Kelsy Friskup of Canyon stopped the clock in 12.22 seconds, Whitney Parks clocked a 14.31 second time and Michelle Blount of Paducah stopped the clock in 17.82 seconds.

Kaci Friskup of Canyon stopped the clock in 11.87 seconds for quick time of the night in 16-to-19-year-old goat tying and Ashley Branch of Aspermont had a 19.88 second clocking.

Coby Wood of Monahans set a rapid pace, stopping the clock in 6.59 seconds for low time of the night in 16-to-19-year-old boys ribbon roping, followed by Joshua Ownbey who clocked a 10.06 second time. Nick Bailey of Big Spring stopped the clock in 16.82 seconds and Miles Thompson of Hobbs, N.M. finished with a clocking of 19.82 seconds.

Lance Millican of Robert Lee, had low time of the night with a 7.72 second clocking in 13-to-15-year-old boys ribbon roping, followed by Cimarron Thompson of Hobbs, N.M. with an 8.53 second clocking. Kelsy Garrison of Channing stopped the clock in 9.82 seconds and Gary Herrera clocked a 11.25 second time. Coy Speer of Clovis, N.M., clocked a 12.10 second time and Dustin Anthony of Elida, N.M., ran a 16.90 second time.

Logan Screws of St. Vrain, N.M., set low time of the night with a quick 6.21 second clocking in the 9-to-12-year-old boys ribbon roping event and he was pursued

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Williams' homers power Yankees to 6-4 win over Tampa Bay

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Bernie Williams hit a pair of two-run homers and Tino Martinez also connected Saturday as the New York Yankees rallied from four runs down to beat the Tampa Bay Devil Rays 5-4.

New York churned its roster more during the game, acquiring reliever Mark Wohlers from Cincinnati for prospect Ricardo Aramboles.

Gerald Williams, signed by New York on Thursday night, made the first appearance of his second tour with the Yankees when he pinch hit for Paul O'Neill in the eighth inning with Tampa Bay clinging to a 4-3 lead.

Gerald Williams walked against left-hander Doug Creek (2-2) and Bernie Williams, batting right-handed, followed with a drive to deep left for the 12th multihomer game of his career, the first since May 17 last year. His first homer of the game came batting left-handed against Ryan Rupe.

Braves 5,
Mets 2

Greg Maddux pitched eight strong innings Saturday and Brian Jordan and Mark DeRosa drove in two runs apiece as the Atlanta Braves beat the New York Mets 5-2.

Maddux (9-5) gave up eight hits, two runs — one earned — didn't walk a batter and struck out six in finishing up a perfect June with a 5-0 record in six starts.

Steve Karsay, who came to the Braves in a trade with Cleveland for John Rocker on June 22, pitched a scoreless ninth to pick up his first save with Atlanta.

The Mets got an unearned run off Maddux in the second when Todd Zeile and Benny Agbayani each singled with none out. Zeile took third when catcher Paul Bako threw wildly on an attempted pickoff and scored on Desi Relaford's sacrifice fly.

The Mets are playing without All-Star catcher Mike Piazza, who is out for 7-to-10 days after breaking a toe on his left foot Friday.

Reds 7,
Cubs 1

Kelly Stinnett homered twice and Ken Griffey Jr. added a solo shot as the Cincinnati Reds took advantage of an off-day by Julian Tavarez to beat the Chicago Cubs 7-1 Saturday.

A rare meltdown by the Cubs' pitching staff set up their sixth loss in nine games. Despite the slump, they've maintained a comfortable lead in the NL Central.

Griffey tied the game at 1 in the first inning with his fourth homer since returning from a torn hamstring. Stinnett added a solo shot

in the second and a two-run homer in the third that smacked off the green padding atop the right-field wall, just out of Sammy Sosa's reach, and bounced into the Cubs' bullpen.

It was that kind of day for the Cubs, who never threatened after the Reds scored five times in the third inning. Bill Selby, an infielder who replaced disabled shortstop Barry Larkin, drove in a career-high three runs with one

swing, a bases-loaded double ahead of Stinnett's homer.

Mariners 5,
Angels 3

Tom Lampkin hit a tiebreaking solo homer and Denny Stark won in his first major league start as the Seattle Mariners beat the Anaheim Angels 5-3 Saturday.

Stark (1-0) allowed three runs and eight hits in 5 2-3 innings, striking out four

and walking one.

Stark was 9-1 with the Rainiers after missing most of last season because of a strained right shoulder.

Jose Paniagua inherited a bases-loaded, two-out jam from Stark before retiring Larry Barnes on a flyout with his first pitch. Paniagua escaped his own jam in the seventh, getting Troy Glaus to hit into a double play with runners at first and second.

Kazuhiro Sasaki got three

outs for his major league-leading 28th save in 32 attempts.

Ramon Ortiz (6-6) allowed five runs — four earned — and eight hits in 6 1-3 innings.

Giants 5,
Cardinals 2

Pinch-hitter Pedro Feliz drove in two runs with an eighth-inning single as the San Francisco Giants rallied to win in Barry Bonds' absence, beating the St.

Louis Cardinals 5-2
Saturday.

Bonds bruised his right wrist making a catch at the wall on Friday, and manager Dusty Baker gave him the day off. Bonds, who leads the majors with 39 homers, vowed to return to the lineup Sunday, when he will resume his chase of Mark McGwire's record.

Bonds hasn't hit a home run in a week, but he's still well ahead of the previous fastest homer paces.

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by three competitors with seven second times.

Tuf Cooper of Childress stopped the clock with a nice 7.15 second time, followed by Kody Porterfield of Brownfield with a 7.500 second time. Cody Burney of Snyder clocked a 7.88 second time while Payton Terry of Portales, N.M., stopped the clock in 8.78 seconds. Loagon Helton of Amarillo clocked a 10.15 second time and Cliff Cooper of Childress stopped the clock with a 10.75 second time.

Competition was close in the 13-to-15-year-old girls ribbon roping as one-tenth of a second divided the top two competitors.

Kelsy Friskup of Canyon had fast time of the night with a quick 10.09 second clocking and Linsey Ewing was right behind her by stopping the clock in 10.19 seconds. Taylen Gregory of Pampa clocked a 11.22 second time and Whitney Parks clocked an 18.47 second time.

Ashley Branch of Aspermont had the only qualified ride in 16-to-19-year-old girls ribbon roping as she stopped the clock in 17.53 seconds.

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I'M FREE

Break out the red, white and blue! As we prepare to celebrate our nation's independence, we asked some local youngsters to share their thoughts on freedom. As always, we found their insights bright, funny and revealing.

The topic we gave to kids in the summer program at the Big Spring Family YMCA was, "How I know I'm free."

Tori Bohanon, 11

I know I am free, because I am able to choose what school, church or program I want to attend. In other countries, the citizens aren't as fortunate as I am to have rights. In some places, the government doesn't even care about their citizens, ... but here, in the U.S.A., the government does care, about everyone. It doesn't matter if you're black or white, big or little, they care. People have died fighting in wars, trying to gain one of the most valuable things in the world - freedom. I'm very thankful that people cared enough to die for future generations, to fight for what they didn't have.



Alesha Yanez

The king of England didn't want us to have our own country, so we did a war. The king of England captured a guy from the United States side and they put him in jail. One morning he woke up and saw our flag standing, so he made a song and that is why I'm free, why our country is free.

Mary Rogers, 11

The red, white and blue flag represents our country's freedom. When I look at our flag, red reminds me of the blood those men and boys gave for our country's freedom. White is for the spirits of the people who died for our freedom. Blue is the color worn by the Union Army during the Civil War. The stars represent our 50 states.

Marjorie Dawson, 11

I'm free because our ancestors died in wars for this cause; indeed, there is more awareness of multicultural issues in almost every aspect of life. Perhaps there is only one real way we won our freedom, yet there are many ways to express it. One critical way is through making our own choices, yet sometimes they are not the right ones. The freedom to make choices definitely outweighs the consequences of making a wrong decision, after all that's how we learn. Continued learning is growing and that is the key to happiness; freedom makes that possible.



Vanessa Covarrubias, 8

People risked their lives for our freedom. You don't know how many people have died just for us. Now we have the right to go to any church and to any school we want. I hope freedom goes on forever.

JoAnn Hirzel, 10

I've read from many books on the slavery people had. We had wars to fight for our freedom. I know I'm free because... slavery does not happen today. We can go to any school we want. We can worship



at any church we want and go to any restaurant we want.

Jennifer Petersen, 11

Lots of people say they are not free at all, but they are free. They just have to believe in freedom. For example, the gate isn't locked, just push it open. Freedom is waiting for you.

With an eye on the U.S. flag are, clockwise from top left: Jessica Oliva, JoAnn Hirzel, Marjorie Dawson, Mary Rogers and Alesha Yanez.



My Hollywood minute: Rent it at your local video store

Each time I run into Bob "Tumbleweed" Smith at the post office or the supermarket, we reminisce about when that famous, or what was then the notorious, Hollywood film "Midnight Cowboy" came to Big Spring circa 1968.

It had an X rating back then but was later changed to an R.

We talk about how a theater manager in Brownwood was arrested by their Chief of Police for showing an X-rated movie in his Popcorn

Cathedral, then we laugh to the point of hysteria.

The actors in the film arrived in Big Spring to shoot the beginning. Dustin Hoffman was not here but Jon Voight was.

Well, I was familiar with Mr. Voight because he had been in a couple of Gunsmoke episodes.

At that time I was very active in our Little Theater of Big Spring, and since the director, who was very British, was encouraging locals to appear in the film,

I was one of the first to try out.

We met out at the Ramada Inn on I-20 which is now a prison. Mr. Voight turned out to be one of the friendliest people I had ever met. He saw me,



AL SCOTT

"What are ya doin' in that getup?" was my line to (John) Voight. "Get back there and clean up that crap."

walked into the room and extended his hand to me.

He said something like "Hi, I'm Jon Voight." I introduced myself and told him that I enjoyed his work on TV. He seemed very pleased at my compliment. The shooting began down-

town in front of Big Spring Hardware with Voight dodging a beer truck. Shooting continued on Third Street in the Miller's Pig Stand and I had several takes as the restaurant manager.

If you can, please rent the film. This writer is in the

credits at the end. "What are ya doin' in that getup?" was my line to Voight. "Get back there and clean up that crap."

Today when I see it, there is a very young Al Scott behind a sink of dirty dishes.

It was my first Hollywood film and my last.

I should have gone to Hollywood with my "Midnight Cowboy" credits. Ah well...

Al Scott writes a regular column for the Herald.

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WEDDINGS

REUNION



Platte - Reed

Cheryll Platte and Johnathan Reed, both of Big Spring, exchanged wedding vows May 19, 2001, at Baptist Temple Church with Bill Banks, youth minister, officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Larry and Jackie Platte of Big Spring.

The groom is the son of Bob and Judy Reed of Big Spring.

Pianist was Debi Newell. The bride was given in marriage by her father Larry Platte and wore an off-the-shoulder gown made of Italian matte satin with a chapel-length train, dusted with seed pearls and bugle beads.

She carried a cascading bouquet of white roses, day lilies and gardenias.

Lyndsey Allen, cousin of the bride, served as maid of

honor. Bridesmaid was Codi Graves.

Abby Platte and Kelsey Brock, cousins of the bride, served as flower girls. Christopher Reed, son of the groom, served as ringbearer.

Ricky Brackeen served as best man. Groomsman was Aaron Reed, brother of the groom.

Ushers were Wesley Platte, brother of the bride, Donny Allen, cousin of the bride, and Bubba Watson. Candlelighters were Wesley Platte and Donny Allen.

A reception was held at Baptist Temple Fellowship Hall.

The wedding cake was five tiers with basket weave detail and decorated with white gardenias and daylilies. The groom's cake was a German chocolate sheet cake with his initials on top and accented with chocolate-covered strawberries.

The bride is a 2000 graduate of Big Spring High School and is attending Howard College.

The groom is a 1998 graduate of Big Spring High School and is attending the police academy.

Following a wedding trip to Vanderpool the couple will make their home in San Angelo.



Hein - Martin

Misty Denise Hein and Jason Ray Martin, both of Big Spring, exchanged wedding vows June 8, 2001, at East Side Baptist Church with Pastor Doug Shelley officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Lawrence and Angela Hein and the granddaughter of Dale and Bonnie Hein.

The groom is the son of Jack and Janet Martin of Water Valley.

Pianist was Marie Daniels. Vocalists were Sandra Samuels and Brian Vincent.

The bride was given in marriage by her father and wore an off-the-shoulder, floor length, white satin gown decorated with pearl and antique beading and lace appliques and featured

a seven-foot, cathedral-length train. She carried a heart-shaped cascading bouquet of Burgundy and white roses.

Jaime Davis served as maid of honor. Katie Hein, sister of the bride, served as flower girl and Dustin Powell served as ringbearer.

Robert Grey served as best man.

Candlelighters were Sandra Baker and Jennifer Martin. Ushers were Jeff Davidson and Brian Vincent.

A reception was held at the fellowship hall at East Side Baptist Church. The bride's cake was heart-shaped, three-tiered, and decorated with Burgundy flowers and Cupids holding up the tiers.

The groom's cake was chocolate in the shape of double hearts.

The bride is a 2000 graduate of Maranatha Baptist Academy and is currently attending Howard College.

The groom is a 1998 graduate of Water Valley High School and is presently employed by Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

After a wedding trip to Dallas/Fort Worth the couple will make their home in Big Spring.

Visiting with Inez Bearden recently were her daughter and her husband Faye Lyn (Sis) and Stanley Nall of Havana, Ill. Also her son David, wife Becky and two of their children Gabe and Sara Bearden of Houston.

Elvin and Lloyd Ola Bearden went to visit with the Nalls and learned David and family would be there Saturday as would their daughter, Sue, of Azle and their son and family, Mike and Molly, of Taos, N.M. It was decided to call other relatives in the area and have a dinner and visit with one another.

Elvin obtained the Big Spring Evening Lions meeting room so we would have space and tables for the 30 plus in attendance.

Coming from Odessa were Tim and Phyllis Raney and their family, the children of Bettye Raney Gainus of Big Spring. Brenda Mims of Stanton came. She is the daughter of Martha Freeman the other

younger sister of the A.F. and Ellie Bearden's parents and grandparents of all attending.

Janice and Raymond Walton of Stanton, Inez's youngest daughter and husband, Darrell of Ackerly, Inez's oldest son and his son Leland and his new bride Stacie of Lubbock also came.

Mike and Molly's two sons, E. Michael and Ian were there as well.

Food of all kinds, hugs, kisses and pictures were enjoyed by all.

It was also Elvin's and Lloyd Ola's 55th wedding anniversary.

Elvin was the senior Bearden and he and Mike and his two sons made up four of the "Bearden Name." David and Gabe, Darrell and Leland made up eight of the nine. David and Becky's son Marshall David could not make it — maybe next time.

The last planned get together was in 1995 and not as well attended.

ANNIVERSARY



Peugh - Stanton

J.E. and Joann Peugh of Stanton celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 29, 2001, at a back yard patio party with family and friends and hosted by their children and spouses.

He was born in Walters, Okla. She was born Joann Shaw in Knott.

The couple met on a blind

date in August 1950. The marriage took place in the home of the groom's sister, Bill and Roxie Shockley.

Their children are Johnny and Carla Peugh, Patty and Kenneth Schuelke, Danny Peugh, and Tammy and Kay Blocker, who live west of Knott in the Merrick Community.

They have 11 grandchildren.

They have lived 12 miles west of the Knott/Stanton area throughout their marriage.

They are retired farmers and are of the Baptist faith. Their hobbies include fishing and photo preservation.

The couple's comment about marriage is that they have been blessed with good family and friends.

WHO'S WHO

Students receiving degrees from Hendrix College:

Kimberly Robertson-Turnbow received a bachelor of arts degree in Physical Education, graduating cum laude. Robertson-Turnbow is the daughter of Terry and Cheryl Robertson of Big Spring. Barbara Tweedy received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from Coahoma. Ashley Alexander of Forsan, Jerrod P. Beall and Stacy Lynn Beall both from Knott; Roxanne Segura Castro, Joey J. Davis and Sherra D. Wells all from Stanton; and Alison M. Cooper from Tarzan; Casey Ray Hayes and Crystal Jean Rich both from Westbrook.

Spring semester are Crystal Dawn Cates, Reuben Michael Chance, Shanna L. Dickens, Shana Rene Earnest, Clayton Noel Fryar, Michelle Marbeiter, Kelly L. Ralston, Leslie Y. Rodriguez, Joy Lynn Seago and Jill Tubb, all of Big Spring. Also included are Charles Daniel Clark and Lucas C. Phinney, both from Coahoma. Ashley Alexander of Forsan, Jerrod P. Beall and Stacy Lynn Beall both from Knott; Roxanne Segura Castro, Joey J. Davis and Sherra D. Wells all from Stanton; and Alison M. Cooper from Tarzan; Casey Ray Hayes and Crystal Jean Rich both from Westbrook.

Guido Emerson Toscano of Big Spring, a student of Texas Christian University, recently completed spring classes with a perfect 4.0 GPA.

Three year old Gloria Dawn Stinson of Big Spring competed in the West Texas Baby Pageant and won three first place trophies in the photo, beauty and age divisions. Awards were presented at the Odessa College Auditorium. Gloria is the daughter of Andrea and Danny Oyler and Ronnie and Rachel Stinson and the granddaughter of Mary and Raymond Churchwell and Jamie and Dan Stinson all of Big Spring.



STINSON

Local students receiving degrees from Tarleton State University for the spring semester 2001 are Irene L. Cantu, Bachelor of Science, Big Spring and Adam Timothy Tindol, Bachelor of Arts, Coahoma.

Local students receiving degrees from Texas A & M University are Aaron Maxwell Barr of Coahoma. The distinguished students list included Sara Rachel Thornton, Cheryl Ann Coates and Drew Berton McKimney, all of Big Spring.

Angela Kay Sturm of Big Spring made the Dean's List.

Students attending Angelo State University in San Angelo included on the Dean's List for the 2001

HUMANE SOCIETY



Billy Gun

black Chow mix, neutered male, 6 yrs.

Retta — Black and white, Border Collie mix, spayed female, 6 yrs.

Rebecca — Medium mix breed, brown, spayed female, 5 yrs.

Bob — Pointer mix, brown and black, neutered male, 6 yrs.

Ashley — Shepherd mix, brown and black, spayed female, 4 yrs.

Many, many more - come see!!

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Sugar Bear — Smiler,

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Courtesy Patrol puts everybody on the right course

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — The West Virginia Courtesy Patrol roams the roads, helping stranded drivers get back on the right path.

It's had the same effect on its own members: former welfare recipients who earn a steady wage and train for new careers while assisting drivers.

"It's the best thing that has ever happened to me. I knew what I wanted to do, but I didn't know what direction to go, how to go about doing it," said Tim Hall, who joined the patrol's welfare-to-work program after health problems caused him to fall behind on bills. He is now interviewing for law enforcement jobs.

The program has helped more than 30 participants find full-time jobs since it was launched three years ago. And it's been touted by the U.S. Department of Labor as a national model for welfare programs. But high gas prices and a tight state budget have left its future in doubt.

The \$5.5 million program will be funded through the next fiscal year, which ends June 30, 2002, but state officials are uncertain whether it will continue to receive funding in future years.

"It's an excellent program as far as public relations is concerned and as far as the image of our state is concerned," state Transportation Secretary Fred VanKirk said. "But it's something that's over and above what we normally do, so we'll continue it as long as we can afford it."

At least 25 other states operate similar highway assistance programs, but most use state transportation workers and monitor roadways only in urban areas during peak traffic hours.

West Virginia's around-the-clock patrol covers 780 miles along the state's six interstate highways and five Appalachian corridors.

Patrollers cruise the state's mountainous roadways in white pickups, looking for stalled vehicles or flashing hazard lights. Most stranded drivers have run out of gas, need their car jump-started or have a

flat tire.

The patrollers also help State Police and other emergency crews with highway accidents and remove debris and dead animals from the road. The program has logged nearly 17 million miles and assisted 60,000 vehicles since 1998.

"We've been very busy," program director Jennifer Douglas said.

The Courtesy Patrol has also been busy handling robust demand to get into the program. It sometimes has a waiting list as potential patrollers vie for the \$5.50 hourly wage — and a chance at a new career. Participants normally work about 33 hours a week.

"It turned my life around," said Karen Hunt, who took computer classes that qualified her to move up in the patrol to a supervisory position. "For 10 years before that, I was unemployed and drawing assistance. Prior to that, I was a bartender."

James Pyle has been with the patrol since its inception, and he cannot stop talking about his upcoming GED exam.

"I wish I hadn't quit school," Pyle said. "But now I can look at my kids, who are 14 and 15, and say, 'If dad can do it, you can do it.'"

Others have gone on to become truck drivers, construction workers, travel agents, mechanics, telemarketers and cashiers.

"They don't sound like success stories to a lot of people, but it's a real step up from where these people were," said Bill Alderman of Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College, who works full time as the Courtesy Patrol's education manager.

The federal government authorized \$3 billion in 1997 for welfare programs, with local agencies expected to build on the framework and continue when the investment ends.

"What we're hoping is that these programs have put together a lot of unique partnerships and that those partnerships will be sustained even though the federal investment may be over," said Dennis Lieberman, director of the welfare-to-work program for the U.S. Department of Labor.

Douglas said that shouldn't be a problem as long as the state is able to continue with its funding.

"Just because welfare-to-work ends doesn't mean there isn't still a welfare population," she said. "Our mission doesn't change."

MILITARY

Air Force Senior Airman Jennifer M. Richburg has graduated from the Airman Leadership School at Cannon Air Force Base, Clovis, N.M.

During this five-week course, airmen learn to understand their positions in the Air Force organizational structure, leadership and communications skills, and the need for professional development to be effective noncommissioned officers.

Army Pvt. William T. Jeter has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Knox, Ky.

Jeter is the son of Tommy and Carol Jeter of Stanton.

Navy Seaman Recruit Phillip T. Kuykendall, a 1999 graduate of Big Spring High School, recently graduated from Operations Specialist School.

Marine Corps Pfc. Roscoe L. Magers, son of Dana D. And Timmy L. Magers of Westbrook, recently completed the Personnel Clerk Course at Personnel Administration School, Marine Corps Service Schools.

Navy Petty Officer 3rd class Jeffrey A. Rodriguez, son of Marlene F. and Charlie V. Rodriguez of Big Spring, recently returned from a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman. While operating in the Persian Gulf, the Truman Battle Group enforced United Nations sanctions against Iraq by diverting 22 vessels with more than \$5 million of suspected contraband cargo.

Marine Corps Pvt. John C. Escamilla, son of Rague and Juan S. Escamilla of Big Spring, recently completed the administrative clerk course at Personnel Administration School, Marine Corps Service Support School at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

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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)

Accept the mini tremors that surround your life as a challenge to your pioneering Aries spirit. Look at the unpredictable as being exciting rather than being frustrating. A loved one wants to be doted upon. Remember that everything with this person is a two-way street. Tonight: Continue making nice.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Though a key friend changes plans radically, you really don't care because you're having a good time wherever you are. A smile will win you many friends. Treat someone to a movie and dinner. Let your generous Taurus ways emerge. Tonight: Don't count on making this an early night.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Make calls, but don't be surprised by what you hear. Someone certainly has a way around problems, completely avoiding them if need be. Gemini wants to solve the world's problems. Recognize that you might not have as much control here as you would like. Tonight: Whatever you are

doing, keep it hush-hush. CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Your eyes twinkle with news and events. Don't be the hard-shelled, defensive Crab. Let others in, and share more of your happiness. Focus on the long term in an important friendship that could be taking a turn. Are you sure you want to add romance to the mix here? Tonight: Forget tomorrow. Relish now.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Others appear destined to create an uproar, and on some level you actually enjoy it! Laugh and enjoy yourself with close loved ones. Be your Leo self. Remain loving in your dealings with others, even if they test your patience. Others respond to your caring. Tonight: Make it easy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

You could still be a bit uppity from recent events. Use the Virgo trait of nurturing, and slow down. Lavishing attention on others comes back multifold. Ask a loved one to join you at a movie. Why not make this an old-fashioned date? Tonight: Munchies at a favorite place.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

A child undermines your plans. Sometimes Libra becomes wide-eyed at socially inappropriate behavior. Think carefully before you decide on a particular course of action. Indulge a partner or your sweetie. This person cannot do enough for you. Let caring flow. Tonight: Go along with someone's plans.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Your domestic situation might not be the way you would like it to be. Loosen up and enjoy what others offer. Someone gives you the red-carpet treatment. Go where the getting is good. Claim your Scorpio strength and walk away from a hassle. Tonight: Indulge yourself and someone else.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

What preoccupies the Winged Horse? Someone might be disappointed that you won't join in, but what you are doing now will demonstrate your caring at a later date. Express your feelings in a way that suits you. Tonight: Nap, then decide.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Gather with friends. Stop the Capricorn-like worrying about an investment, because you can do nothing about it. A child or a new friend wants you to do something special. Is there any reason not to? Love grows with more quality time. Tonight: Call it an early night, if need be.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

You might opt to work or to do another responsible thing. You actually enjoy yourself as you complete this project. Treat your family as Aquarians treat their friends. Invite someone to a late lunch. Your effort touches this person deeply. If you have time, breeze through a favorite store. Tonight: Out.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Don't create a problem where there isn't one. You might be causing a hassle because of the unfamiliarity of a person or your plans. Not everything is clear yet. Be adventurous, as Pisces normally is. You will learn a lot about others' styles. Tonight: Get to know someone better.

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