

THURSDAY

July 5, 2001

WEATHER

Tonight:



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TONIGHT 70°-77° TOMORROW 95°-100°

Herald drive set Friday from 1-4 p.m.

United Blood Service bloodmobile will be at the Herald office at 710 Scurry on Friday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

All those interested in donating blood must be 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health. Those who have recently donated whole blood may donate again in eight weeks.

Those wishing to donate blood are asked to carry proof of identification containing a legal name and one of the following: date of birth, Social Security number, UBS assigned donor number or photo identification.

Donors should also know the names of any medication they have taken during the past 30 days.

To make an appointment contact Moody at 263-7331 ext. 234 or call UBS at 1-915-653-1307 or 1-800-756-0024.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

Genealogical Society of Big Spring meets at 7:15 p.m. at the Howard County Library.

Masonic Lodge 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY

The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

AMBUCS meets at noon at La Posada.

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

SATURDAY

The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 to 5 p.m.

Dance, 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 West Third. Members and guests welcome.

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College auditorium renovation begins with asbestos removal

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

Renovation work at the Howard College auditorium began this week with Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) prisoners performing the asbestos removal process.

The approximately \$1.3 million project, funded through private donations, will include adding almost 3,000 square feet to the existing building.

TDCJ prisoners are currently removing floor tiling in the building under the supervision of

John Luker, asbestos removal supervisor, who has had 35 years of experience in the field.

"They used to put asbestos in anything from floor and ceiling materials to cigarette filters and certain baby powders," Luker said.

The material was used so widely because of its durability. Many homes built in the 1940s and '50s probably had some type of asbestos in the construction materials, Luker said. "Asbestos will be here after the end of civilization," he said.

It was sometime in the '70s when manufacturers stopped widely using the product but is still used in some commercial products today, such as brake pads, he said.

There are many forms of the hazardous material, but Luker said the most dangerous is when asbestos is in a friable state, when it can be crumbled into a powder. At that state the asbestos fibers can be released in the air.

Once a fiber is breathed

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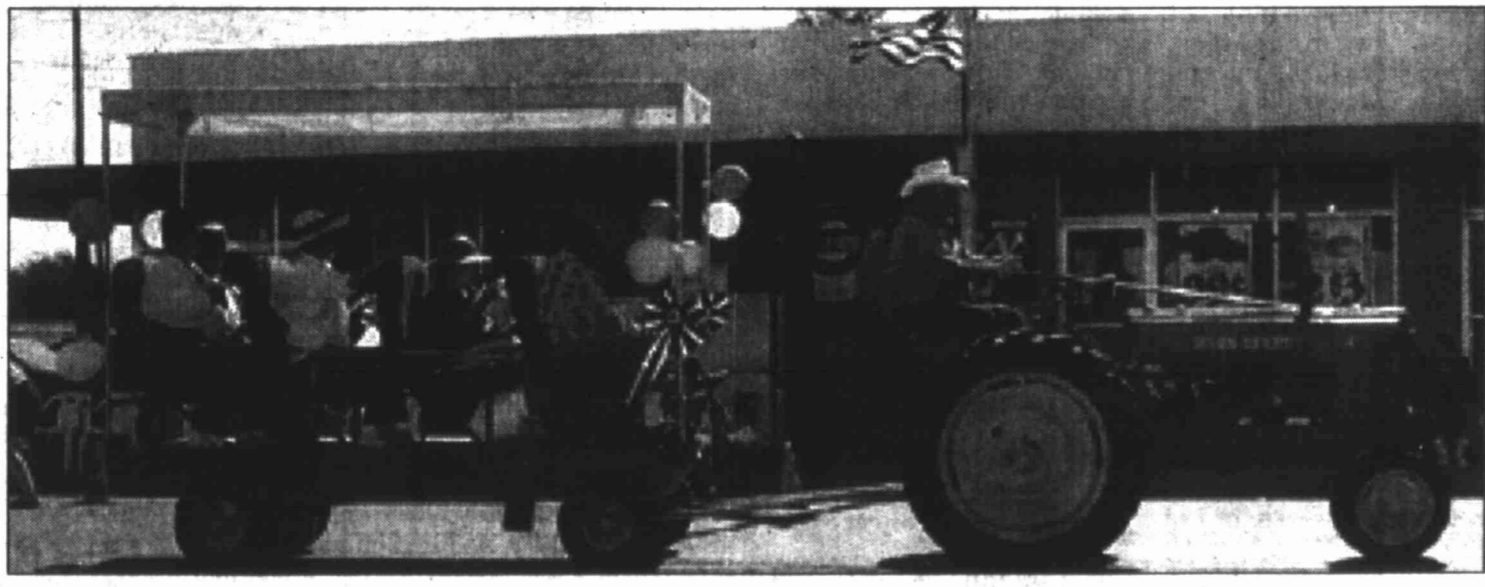
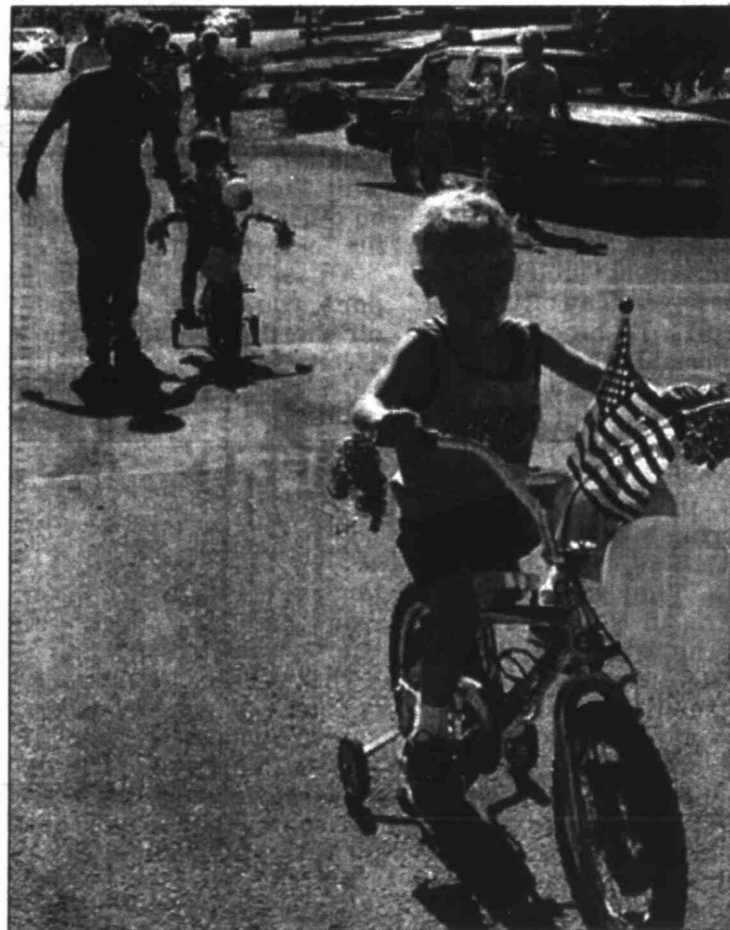


Doug Dallas, environmental specialist for King Consultants, checks a filter in an area where Texas Department of Criminal Justice inmates are removing asbestos material at the Howard College auditorium.

Courtesy Photo

Many people either participated in or watched Independence Day parades Wednesday. Clockwise from right, 11-year-old Tristen Jenkins and her dog, Chili, go patriotic at the Highland South Fourth of July parade. Four-year-old Garrett Kilgore was one of more than 50 residents who participated in the 33rd annual event. At bottom, a tractor pulls a group along Main Street in Coahoma, for the annual Freedom Parade, sponsored by the Coahoma Lions Club. And below, a young girl rides her motorcycle along the streets of Coahoma.

Herald photos/Lyndel Moody



New laws to beef up safety for passengers

By **LINDY BARR**
Staff Writer

More stringent seat belt laws are demanding that parents buckle-up their older children.

The Texas Legislature passed a bill making it illegal for children between the ages 4 and 17 to ride in automobiles or trucks without wearing a seat belt.

The new law, which goes into effect Sept. 1, also states that children who weigh 40 pounds or less must ride in the appropriate safety seats.

"I would love to see all the parents buckle up their kids or put them in a car seat and keep them in it until weight appropriate," said Brian Jensen, Big Spring Fire Chief.

Currently, the law dictates that children that are between the ages of 4 and 15 must buckle-up.

"People need to get into the routine where they buckle-up instantly and have children buckle-up as soon as they get into the vehicle," said Jensen.

Jensen knows from experience.

"Day to day, we see the impact of what happens to people who did not buckle-up. A life is just too much to risk," said Jensen.

Also changing is the law limiting or prohibiting children from riding in the back of pickup beds. Current law states that children under the age of 12 are prohibited from traveling in the bed of a truck or trailer at speeds greater than 35 miles per hour. The new law states that children between the ages of 12 and 18 are prohibited from riding in the back of truck beds, flatbed trucks or trailers.

"There is a program called Kids Aren't Cargo, that stresses the impor-

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Few fireworks problems reported; burn ban holds

By **ROGER CLINE**
Staff Writer

A ban on certain fireworks issued by Howard County Judge Ben Lockhart ended at midnight Wednesday, but the county-wide burn ban is still in effect, he said.

"The fireworks ban is off, but the regular burn ban will still



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be on," he said. The ban on fireworks including skyrockets with sticks and missiles with fins, may have ended, but Lockhart said the danger of fire is still there.

"I would hope that people would kind of police themselves," he said.

Big Spring Fire Marshal Carl Condray agreed.

"It's very much still there," he said. "I don't think that rain we had did anything to lessen the danger of fire."

Condray said the fire department dealt with only

one fireworks related fire this year, a grass fire in the Kentwood area.

"We appreciate the public's cooperation," he said. "They did a great job."

The ban was put in place for the holiday as part of the Howard County burn ban, issued because of wildfire-prone conditions in the county.

On June 25, Howard County was declared a disaster area because of the danger of wildfire. The declaration prohibits activities which tend to increase the likelihood of fires.

If anyone burns any combustible material outside of an enclosure which contains flames or sparks, or orders such burning by others could also be severely fined.

Big Spring Police answered 33 calls of illegally-discharged fireworks and one report of selling banned fireworks Tuesday and Independence Day, said police Lt. Terry Chamness. "Most of the time we get there and nobody's there," he said.

"It was just kind of a normal holiday for us. We con-

fiscated some fireworks and yelled at some kids, but that's about it."

As always it is illegal to shoot fireworks within the Big Spring city limits.

Howard County has not had rainfall for an extended period and forecasters offer little promise of a change in the hot, dry conditions in the near future.

These conditions pose the threat of large, dangerous and fast moving wildfires that have the potential of endangering lives and damaging property on a large scale.

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OBITUARIES

Flossie Gilmore

Flossie Gilmore, 87, of Big Spring, passed away on Tuesday, July 3, 2001, at Comanche Trail Nursing Home following a long illness. Service is 4 p.m., today, July 5, at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Elwin Collum, pastor of First Baptist Church in Coahoma, officiating. Burial will follow in Trinity Memorial Park.

Flossie was born on Sept. 17, 1913, in Taylor County. She married L.C. Gilmore on June 15, 1935, in Big Spring and he preceded her in death on April 29, 1993.

Mrs. Gilmore was a homemaker. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Coahoma for 63 years. She was also a member of Sand Springs Senior Citizens Center and had been a volunteer for three years for "Pot Luck for Senior Citizens." Mrs. Gilmore was also president of Midway School PTA for two years. Flossie loved to make quilts, embroidery and do other hand work.

She is survived by three sons, Richard Gilmore and his wife, Jane, of Coahoma, Melvin Gilmore and his wife, Dora, and Don Gilmore and his wife, Lisa, all of San Angelo; two daughters, Ruby Pitzer and her husband, Kenneth, of San Marcos and Patsy May of Odessa; three sisters, Louise Hungerford of Energy, Lois Sheridan of Panama City, Fla., and Arlene Blakney of Big Spring; two brothers, Floyd Mansfield of San Angelo and Harvey Mansfield of Big Spring; 11 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by one brother, Cecil Mansfield, and four sisters, Nettie Kennedy, Lena Macomber, Merle Cheeseman and Jeanette Mansfield.

The family will be at 506 South Avenue in Coahoma and suggests memorials to the American Heart Association, Attention Memorials Department, P.O. Box 15186, Austin 78761.

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

Pauline Weaver

Pauline Weaver, 80, of Coahoma, passed away on Wednesday, July 4, 2001, at her home following a long illness. Service will be 4:00 PM today at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be in Trinity Memorial Park.

Survivors include her wife, Marvel Kirby of Abilene; two daughters, Janace Scott of Abilene and Lynda McDonald of Granbury; one son, Danny Kirby of Stanton; 11 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Ollie Floyd Carper Jr.

Funeral service for Ollie Floyd Carper Jr., 68, of Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Mr. Carper died Thursday, July 5, 2001, at his residence.

ASBESTOS

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into the lungs, it can never be removed and may cause medical problems that might not show signs for close to 20 years, Luker said.

"The only way to tell if there is asbestos in a build-

ing is to hire an air consulting agent," said Doug Dallas, environmental specialist for King Consultants.

To remove the asbestos, prisoners, who have been trained and licensed, work in an air-tight area wearing protective clothing.

The air in the environment changes every 15 minutes is constantly being monitored by equipment and Dallas, who can halt the project if there is problem.

"We control how much air goes in there," he said. Dallas receives samples from the filters to check how many of the microscopic fibers have been caught and figures that number in an equation to see if the numbers are safe.

The air leaving the room runs through a hepa filter that catches almost 100 percent of the impurities in the air, Dallas said.

"The cleanest air in Big Spring is by that air tube," he said. While the inmates are pulling up the tile, a fine mist of water that contains an additive to adhere to the microscopic fibers is sprayed. The fibers should be pulled down to the floor.

The prisoners will also remove the glue under the tiles. Once all the asbestos material is removed, a plastic coating is applied to the walls to remove all remaining fibers.

After each working session, workers scrub down from head to toe before leaving the decontamination area. The water is run through a filter to remove all asbestos fibers, Dallas said.

All the work removing the asbestos is under the strict regulations and specifications of the Texas Department of Health.

Because the TDCJ asbestos removal program is a non-profit organization, the work costs from one-third to one-fourth of that of a for-profit company, Luker said, and they stay busy throughout the year. Many prisoners find employment in the industry once they are released. Jobs can pay as much as \$15 per hour, Dallas said.

Dallas, who has worked with Luker and the TDCJ on other jobs, said they are the "best in the business."

"Once these guys get done, you can go in and eat off the floor," Dallas said. "That is how clean it will be."

SAFETY

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tance of not having children ride in the back of trucks," said Jensen.

There will be exemptions, of course. A passenger may ride in the back of a truck if it is for a hayride, driving on farm or beach or when the vehicle is the only one owned by the household.

But the new law raising the age limit and eliminating any reference to speed is a good one, Jensen said.

"Eventually we need to get rid of any exemptions because there is obviously a higher chance of someone getting hurt," Jensen noted.

Arena where Elvis gave last concert is set to be torn down

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Kay Lipps remembers Elvis Presley's final concert like it was yesterday.

It was June 26, 1977, and from her front-row seat, Lipps managed to snatch two of the many scarves Elvis tossed into the crowd. After hearing her favorite songs, the veteran of 27 other Elvis concerts left the show already dreaming of the next time she'd see the King.

But there wouldn't be a next time. Fifty-one days after the show at an Indianapolis basketball arena, Elvis was dead.

Many fans are now bracing for the demolition of Market Square Arena, scheduled to be brought down by explosives Sunday morning.

"A lot of fans still can't believe it's coming down, and it really is sad," said Lipps, 55, of suburban Carmel. "I'm anxious to know what takes its place. Wouldn't it be a shame if it's just a parking lot?"

A city board voted in 1999 to demolish Market Square after deeming it not economical to operate. Built in 1974, the arena was home to the Indiana Pacers until 1999, when the Conesco Fieldhouse opened.

"It will be a very sad day for Elvis fans," said Todd Slaughter, president of the 20,000-member Elvis Presley Fan Club of Great Britain, the world's largest group of Elvis admirers.

The night of Presley's final show, a nearly sold-out audience of about 16,000 streamed into Market Square to see the King, glistening in a white-sequined jumpsuit with an Aztec sundial motif.

Weeks later, he was found dead at Graceland, his Memphis mansion.

SUPPORT GROUPS

TODAY
•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.).

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

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administration building. Copies of the book can also be purchased at the Heritage Museum.

THE CURRENT COMPUTER CLASS at the Senior Citizens Center is full. Another class will be offered Monday, July 16 through Friday August 3.

Classes are at the Senior Center Mondays and Fridays 10:30 a.m. to noon. A third class will be offered August 6 to August 24. The number in each class will be limited to 12 people. You must sign up at the Senior Center and you will be notified when to attend. Call the Senior Center at 267-1628 or Dorothy Kennemur at 398-5522 for more information. The Senior Center is in need of more computers. If you have one to donate or know of any available please call the Senior Center.

55 ALIVE/MATURE DRIVING PROGRAM class will be held July 13 at 4:30 p.m. and July 14 at 9 a.m. at the VA Medical Center, Room 212. The cost is \$10 per person. Please call 915-267-1729, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., to preregister for the class. This class is not a defensive driving class and cannot "forgive" traffic violations. AARP's 55 Alive Driver Safety Program is the nation's first and largest classroom refresher for motorists age 50 and over.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity:

•FIREWORKS was reported in the on Andrews Highway, on North Birdwell Lane, four miles south on Highway 87 at FM 821 and at Horseman Ranch Arena.

•SELLING BANNED FIREWORKS was reported on South Highway 87.

•A FIGHT IN PROGRESS was reported in the 5100 block of Wasson Road. An arrest was made.

•DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 2200 block of Williams Road, at Sunset Station and in the 500 block of Tubb Road.

FIRE/EMS

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

4:53 a.m. — 4000 block of County Rd., medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

3:11 p.m. — South Mountain and Kentwood, grass fire, extinguished.

RECORDS

Wednesday's high 96
Wednesday's low 71
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Record low 58 in 1924
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I am looking for classmates from the class of 1981. Please e-mail or call with your mailing address. Dee Earhart Thani Atheni@aol.com or 214-340-0645.

A RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE

will be held at Canterbury, 1700 Canterbury, Saturday, July 7 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lots of everything!

A CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION HISTORICAL BOOK

of the Big Spring Independent School district will be on sale at the BSISD

Scenic Mountain Medical Center

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263-1211

Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home
Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory
906 Gregg St.
(915) 267-8331
www.npwelech.com

O. B. Kirby, 84, died Wednesday. Services will be 2:00 PM Saturday at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL
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Consumers to find out about long-distance rate changes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Millions of Americans are getting notices in the mail that aim to clear up one of the murkiest areas of modern telecommunications: long-distance rates.

For the first time, telephone companies must give all consumers a way to find out exactly what they are paying to dial friends and family in other states. Long-distance carriers also must warn people of rate increases or other changes.

Although millions of Americans sign up for calling plans knowing the specific per-minute or monthly rates, these prices can go up at any time without being reflected on a bill. And consumers may not remember how much their service costs at which times of day.

People who do not choose a calling plan may have no

idea what rates they are paying.

Under changes in federal law taking effect Aug. 1, companies will have to establish a direct contract with their users.

AT&T, WorldCom and other major carriers have started sending to their subscribers agreements that lay out specific terms and conditions of service.

The mailers consumers are receiving now either tell them the rate they are paying or where they can find that information. The companies also are letting subscribers know where to find details of future increases. Customers could look them up on Web sites, check toll-free hotlines, wait for calls from the companies or find notices with their monthly bills, under the options carriers are implementing.

"This change will require long-distance phone companies to abide by the same consumer protection laws as any other company does," said Dorothy Attwood, the Federal Communication Commission's top official for phone matters. The move "will go a long way toward giving consumers the information they need to choose a company and plan that's best for them."

Until now, a century-old doctrine obligated the nation's long-distance carriers to tell only the government when they boosted their rates. These in-chick, bureaucratic filings are stowed away at the commission. Consumers could look them up, but they would be hard-pressed to make sense of the legal jargon.

The system, a carry-over

from the days of the Bell telephone monopoly, allowed the government to approve rates to make sure consumers weren't getting gouged. But once the long-distance market became competitive, the FCC stopped reviewing the filings.

Federal officials say it's time for companies to communicate directly with the people who pay the bills, just like other unregulated industries.

Customers of WorldCom's MCI long-distance service are finding in their mailbox a 31-page booklet that details the company's policies — including a promise to tell subscribers 15 days in advance of rate changes.

AT&T, the nation's largest long-distance business with 60 million customers, says customers are most likely to

find out about coming price increases through notices with their monthly statements. The company also has set up a toll-free number with a recording that will be updated on the first and fifteenth of each month with new rate information.

"Keeping customers informed and communicating with them is in our DNA," said Mark Siegel of AT&T.

It's up to state regulators to determine if long-distance companies are doing enough. Officials will be looking at whether consumers are given all the terms and conditions and reasonable notice of any changes, said Deborah Hagan, chief of the consumer fraud bureau in the Illinois attorney general's office.

Carriers also now will be

subject to regular contract law, but major companies are taking steps to avoid litigation. In their service agreements, AT&T, WorldCom and others are including clauses that require most disputes to be resolved through a third-party arbitrator, limiting the ability of consumers to sue.

"It's unclear how difficult it will be for consumers to resolve disputes about charges they thought were unfair," said Gene Kimmelman of Consumers Union. "The theoretical benefits of the change may be vastly diminished by these binding arbitration clauses."

Consumers won't have to do much: As long as they pay their bills, they indicate that they agree to the terms and conditions.

Drinking among teens said rampant

WASHINGTON (AP) — A 15-year-old Ohio boy speaks of friends jailed for drinking and driving. A 17-year-old from Tennessee talks of classmates who use the school bathroom to get an early start on drinking. And a 20-year-old college student from Maryland says a priority her freshman year was to track down a fake ID.

Teen drinking remains widespread in this country despite an intensive campaign to reduce it over the last two decades. Two thirds of Americans — both teens and adults — favor the legal drinking age of 21, according to an Associated Press poll conducted by ICR of Media, Pa.

After dropping significantly in the 1980s, when the legal drinking age was raised to 21 in all 50 states, the amount of teen drinking has settled in at a rate many consider too high and a continuing health hazard.

School officials and drug abuse experts are now looking for ways to regain lost momentum in their efforts to curb a problem associated with 2,273 traffic fatalities among those ages 15 to

20 in 1999, the most recent statistics available.

Fake IDs and underage drinking have been in the news since the 19-year-old twin daughters of President Bush, Jenna and Barbara, had a brush with the law.

Two weeks earlier, Jenna Bush had pleaded no contest to underage drinking and was ordered to receive alcohol counseling and perform community service.

The average age that teens start drinking dropped from about 18 in the mid 1960s to about 16 in the late 1990s, research suggests. Those who start drinking younger are more likely to become alcohol dependent.

"We need to re-evaluate what we're doing and do something different now," said Mark Weber, a spokesman for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. Options include tougher enforcement, community education and promotions to tell students drinking is less rampant than they might think.

In a 1999 survey, about half of all high school students had consumed alcohol

in the past month. Drinking levels grow higher for older teens.

The legal drinking age had reached 21 nationwide by 1988 — spurred by a 1984 federal law that tied federal highway dollars to compliance by the states.

Research suggests the amount of teen drinking dropped by about 13 percent after states raised the drinking age. The number of alcohol-related traffic deaths of those between 15 and 20 dropped by almost half in the decade after the drinking age was changed, according to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

"It's clear that the move in the age to 21 is the most successful effort that we've had in the last couple of decades to reduce drinking and alcohol," said University of Minnesota researcher Alexander Wagenaar. Dwight Heath, an anthropologist at Brown University in Providence, R.I., says researchers "that Europeans are right to expose people to drinking at a younger age and demystify alcohol."

Burglar bars blamed for trapping mom, kids in fatal house fire

HOUSTON (AP) — A boy playing with a fireplace lighter ignited a blaze that killed a mother and three of her children early Wednesday morning, a Houston Fire Department spokesman said.

The victims died of apparent smoke inhalation when fire broke out in their single-story northeast Houston home that had been fortified with burglar bars over the doors and windows.

Robert Lopez, senior investigator with the medical examiner's office in Harris County, identified the victims as Stephanie Denise Hadnot, 30; Mounique Shanta Hadnot, 16; Frank Glen Thomas, 13; and Kym Stephanie Hadnot, 4. He said the preliminary cause of death was smoke inhalation.

Witnesses say Stephanie Hadnot initially escaped the burning home with her own mother, stepfather,

two of her other children and a neighborhood boy staying with the family. But, she ran back into the house when she realized that three of her children were still inside, her father, David Hadnot told the Houston Chronicle.

"Stephanie came out with the two boys (who survived) and went back in to get the others," David Hadnot said. "I'm not surprised. She loved her kids."

All were found in a back bedroom, the children in a closet and their mother just outside the closet, said Capt. Jack Williams, a Houston Fire Department district chief.

A neighborhood boy staying with the family started the fire and could face charges, Williams said. One relative said fireworks inside the house may have been lit.

The victims died near a window.

Toddler left in stranger's car for 12 hours after his baby sitter got out without him

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — A toddler spent more than 12 hours in a stranger's locked car after his teen-age baby sitter, who had gotten a ride with the man, left him behind, police said.

Will Shannon, 49, found the boy in his car Wednesday morning and called police. Javonte Riley, who will turn 2 in August, was treated for mild dehydration, police said.

Police said Shannon had given Javonte's 16-year-old

baby sitter, Shalaundra Edwards, and two other teen-age girls a ride to a housing complex on Tuesday. The girls went inside and Shannon drove off, assuming they had taken the child, police said. He told police he found the boy the next morning.

The teens said they hadn't expected Shannon to leave and that they didn't know his name or address.

Javonte's mother, Vatienson Denise Riley, 28,

called police early Wednesday to report her son missing.

While police searched for the boy, they arrested Riley on two warrants for violation of probation on drug charges. The two girls with Edwards were arrested on warrants for trespassing and possession of marijuana, police said.

Police said the boy would be turned over to the Department of Children and Families.

Teachers fight Web plagiarism with vigilance, hard work, help

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Before her students write term papers, Melanie Hazen makes sure they understand one small thing: You can't put your name on someone else's work. Still, they don't see the harm in borrowing from a Web site.

"Taking something straight off the Internet and using it as their own, they don't seem to think that's stealing at all," said Hazen, an English teacher at Montgomery Central High School in Clarksville, Tenn.

At a time when most schools and public libraries are wired to the Internet, students of all ages are being tempted more than ever to cut-and-paste others' work and pass it off as their own.

For students, plagiarism has never been easier. For teachers, combating it has never been more of a challenge.

A handful of teachers, gathered for the National Education Association's annual meeting, talked about their experiences. They stressed that the vast bazaar of information online requires not only eternal vigilance but a back-to-basics emphasis on

drafts, outlines, notecards and other skills to produce solid writing from students.

Plagiarism is nothing new, but the Internet has made it so convenient that the average student finds it hard to resist, Hazen and others said.

"It's the same thing we were doing 20 or 30 years ago — it's just that the Internet wasn't an option," said Dean Vogel, an elementary school counselor in Vacaville, Calif.

Still, he said, "The reality is, few kids cheat."

A recent Rutgers University survey suggests otherwise. It found that more than half of 4,500 high school students surveyed said they'd downloaded an essay from the Internet or copied at least a few sentences. Around 20 percent of college students admitted the same.

If Internet plagiarism is widespread, it's no wonder. With a few clicks of a mouse, students can access an estimated 600 cheating sites, such as cheathouse.com or www.schoolsucks.com. Those with a credit card can click their way to thousands of essays on nearly any

topic for around \$60-\$100.

Go to your favorite Internet search site and type in "free term papers," along with the title of a classic book that bedeviled you in high school. You'll soon see a long list of sites offering free term papers, plus many more for sale. Most sites will e-mail, fax or express mail the papers, no questions asked.

Gene Nelson, a retired biology teacher who now works for turnitin.com, a popular anti-plagiarism site, said some services even let students order papers that are intentionally mediocre, lest an underachiever risk turning in a suspiciously exemplary essay.

"The kids are up here in terms of technology," he said, holding one hand above his head.

"The teachers are down here."

Not so, said several teachers. "They think that we don't surf the Internet, obviously, but we do, and we know about the same sites that they know about," said Michelle Herman, an English and performing arts teacher at Fargo North High School in North Dakota.

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OUR VIEWS

City's pride shines for 'Pops' event

No place but Big Spring. That seems to be the message this community sends on the third day of July each year when we stage our Pops in the Park extravaganza of patriotic music and fireworks show at the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater.

For a fourth straight year, Big Spring's Fourth of July Foundation opened Independence Day festivities with a concert by the Big Spring Symphony and Chorale and capped the show with a fireworks display that was truly bigger and better than any this community had seen before.

Thanks to donations from local businesses and individuals, no admission was charged of the 7,000-plus who overflowed the amphitheater — the more than \$30,000 price tag for the show having again come as a result of civic pride.

With the amphitheater filled and hundreds of others spreading throughout Comanche Trail Park, police were again forced to close the gates to the park when no more parking was available.

As a result, several thousand people wound up parked along barrow ditches on U.S. Highway 87, watching the fireworks and listening to radio station KBST's live broadcast of the concert.

All told, officials estimated a crowd of somewhere between 10,000 and 15,000 were in or near the park, taking part in the festivities.

At a time when community leaders are in the midst of holding a series of town hall meetings focusing on improving the quality of life in Big Spring; it seems that the Fourth of July Foundation has provided them with an excellent blueprint.

Tuesday's music and fireworks program couldn't match the spectacular volume many of us watched on the A&E Channel's "Pops Goes The Fourth" broadcast featuring the Boston Pops Orchestra — there was no crowd of 450,000, no cannons, no church bells, no "1812 Overture."

But it was our celebration with a distinct West Texas flavor that saw all veterans in the audience recognized and the crowd oohing an aahing as fireworks lit up the sky while "Texas Our Texas," "The Yellow Rose of Texas," and "Deep in the Heart of Texas" were played.

Pops in the Park was and will continue to be distinctly ours.

No place but Big Spring, indeed!

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Health care: Americans seem to want it all

When it comes to health care, Americans want it all, so long as they don't have to pay for it. The so-called Patients' Bill of Rights, which passed the Democrat-controlled Senate last week, is a case in point. Enormously popular with the public, the bill would allow patients increased access to hospital emergency-room care, require insurers to pay for doctor-recommended hospital stays following mastectomies, and give patients the right to sue their insurance company in either federal or state court if insurers refused to pay for some treatments.

But the legislation is likely to fuel big increases in health-care costs, something supporters of the Senate bill, including nine Republicans and all 50 Democrats, don't want to talk about. And no one seems sure about who will have to pay for it.

Part of the problem stems from the way we Americans pay for our health care in the first place. Most Americans don't pay directly for health care, unlike food or shelter (which are every bit as necessary to survival). Most of us get our health-care coverage through our employers, who provide health insurance as a non-taxable employee benefit, paying part or all of the premiums. The effect is to lull people into believing that the benefit is free.

Nothing could be further from the truth. Employers don't really "pay" for health insurance, even if they write the entire check for the employee's premiums. Money that goes to pay for insurance comes out of whatever the employer would otherwise provide in salary or other benefits. The only difference is, employees often have little say in what kind of insurance their employers will purchase on their behalf, what benefits it will provide or how much it will cost.

Health insurance, like every other form of insurance, is a way to spread costs and risks evenly among a large group of people. You pay a few thou-

sand dollars a year to insure your car, home or other property against the relatively small risk that it will be stolen or harmed in an accident. The company can afford to pay for repairing your wrecked vehicle or replacing your burned-down house, even though your yearly premiums amount to only a fraction of the cost, because most of its customers haven't had a similar accident. If you happen to be particularly reckless — or unlucky — and your insured property keeps getting damaged or stolen, your premiums will go up, often dramatically, and you may find it difficult to buy insurance at any price.

Americans don't seem to want the same rules to apply to health care, however. We want coverage, with no increased premiums, no matter how often we get sick or how costly our treatment.

With most employer-provided health insurance plans, you get no direct benefit from leading a prudent, healthy lifestyle or avoiding expensive, unnecessary procedures.

And not only do we expect insurance to pay for catastrophes, such as hospital stays as a result of acci-

dents or serious illness, but we want it to cover routine health care as well. It's a little like expecting your home insurer to pay for a new roof or a paint job, or your automobile insurer to pay for new brakes or tires.

Until health insurance companies started imposing cost controls — by restricting automatic patient access to specialists, denying doctors the right to prescribe any treatment they deemed fit and limiting hospital stays, among other things — the price of health care was spiraling out of control. "Managed care" helped curb health-care costs in the early '90s, but it also fueled the current backlash.

If the Senate version of the Patients' Bill of Rights becomes law — by no means a sure thing with the House yet to act and President Bush threatening a veto of the bill in its current form — we'll all pay for it one way or another. It would be better if we were forced to do so directly rather than through our employers. Then we could make rational decisions about what services we wanted and how much we were willing to pay for them.



LINDA CHAVEZ



Reasons to avoid maximum freedom

Harry Browne is the only libertarian I know who has carried his philosophy to its logical conclusions.

Years ago, in a book titled "How I Found Freedom in an Unfree World," Browne made it crystal clear that the only way to achieve total freedom is to jettison all attachments and responsibilities — to family, to country, to people, to government and to morality. In other words, only when you become a lone-wolf outlaw do you achieve maximum freedom.

That's one of the reasons I don't call myself a libertarian. I've never desired that kind of freedom. My loyalties and responsibilities to family, friends, God and country have always restricted my own freedom. I have never minded that.

This kind of loss of freedom is the price we pay for community. How can you not feel responsibility toward your parents when they have brought you into the world, fed you, clothed you and protected you when you were too small to do those things for yourself? Responsibility is the other side of the coin of freedom, which too many people these days never seem to notice.

Nor can you have rights without a government. You can't have private property without a government. You can't do business without a government. Unless there are means to enforce rights, to record and defend property rights and to guarantee the sanctity of contracts, you can't enjoy any of those things. You could, of course, build your own castle and hire your own army, but that would be going backward.

I've actually heard some libertarians advocate that. It just reminds me that Harry Truman was fond of saying that the only surprises are the history you

don't know. If you know the history of the times when people did have their own castles and armies, then you know they were constantly at war.

Some liberals accuse us conservatives of being against government. We are not. We just seek that elusive balance that our forefathers sought — a government strong enough to do its limited tasks but not strong enough to usurp the people's rights. That itself is a hard-enough political task.

What we conservatives reject is all these discredited utopian schemes, such as socialism. They have all failed, despite rivers of bloodshed, because they are theories dreamed up in the abstract without any attempt to relate them to the reality of actual communities and actual human beings.

The traditional American belief, both among our Revolutionary forefathers and our Confederate forefathers, was this formula: Sovereignty rests with the people, the people control

the Constitution, and the Constitution controls the government.

Today, of course, the Constitution is generally disregarded, and the government presumes to control the people.

Nor do most Americans recognize that tyranny always wears a smiling face. Let me solve your problems, says the would-be tyrant. You don't have a job? I'll provide you with one. You didn't save for your old age? I'll give you a pension. What? You didn't take care of yourself nor put aside a little something for the doctor? Not to worry, I'll provide you with medical care.

Pretty soon, people who think they are accepting "free benefits" find out they have traded away their freedom.

Today working men and women pay nearly half their income in taxes and lose another chunk to that most insidious of all taxes, inflation.

The Founding Fathers would not recognize the country.

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So with three sea board up for election May, Puente threw in the ring. He was six candidates for at-large positions.

A 2000 honor graduate Yorktown High Puente had no experience. He had ran for class office high school.

With some he friends and family made the local radio his campaign trail.

"People started to me because not really knew how it in the community said.

Puente received on-and-highest vote among the field of didates. One incumbent the most votes; failed to win re-election.

Although he attending college in the fall, Puente will commute two week from his home about 80 miles south San Antonio.

"I have to leave at 5:30 in the morning avoid traffic, but that bad," Puente said.

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WOODY'S SHOES

Dispelling folklore when tracing an ancestor's background

Most families have some kind of story or "family lore" about an ancestor that just does not seem to be true or that has conflicting information. Most of these stories have been handed down through the years by very reliable people



BOBBY RAWLS

which tends to confuse us even more. Just what is the truth? How do we decide which is true or can we ever figure it out? In some cases we may never find the truth! But, in some instances if we dig deep enough, and by using various sources, we can piece together enough supporting information to put the puzzle together and finally find the truth. For many years it has been stated that my fifth great-grandfather, the Rev. Gabriel Rawls, came to America as a missionary to

preach to people. A family bible states that Gabriel's son, Joseph Rawls, was born in England. It does not state that Gabriel was. Gabriel supposedly has a Mason's Apron he had in England that the family kept as a family heirloom. He supposedly did not join here in America, yet his son Joseph did. At first it seems cut and dried that Gabriel was also born in England as well. However, further research starts unraveling some of that family lore.

First of all England did not start sending missionaries until some 20 years after Gabriel had appeared in America in the 1770s, so the statement of him being sent as a missionary was a little off. Second, Gabriel was listed on a land record in 1772 with Luke Rawls, who was undoubtedly his brother. It is a proven fact that Luke Rawls had lived in Northampton county, North Carolina from the 1750s and in Nansemond county, Va., before then. Gabriel, Luke and Jesse Rawls were listed in the

vestry book of upper parish, Nansemond County, Va., in the 1750s. In Gabriel's case, his land was processed in 1759. This land was the land that had belonged to the "orphans of Luke Rawls" in 1752. It appears that this "old Luke Rawls" was the father of Luke, Gabriel and Jesse. Although Luke and Jesse are in records in America from the 1750s until their deaths, Gabriel disappears from 1759 until 1770. I believe since he was studying to become a minister he most likely went to

England while doing so and returned to America afterward. That would explain his not being on any records in that time period and his children being born in England. When trying to disprove family lore we must have an open mind and not take everything we hear as fact. With enough research we can clear up much of the wrong information. Bobby Rawls writes a regular column on genealogy for the Herald.

Young trustee serious about serving ISD

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — After spending two years working part-time at the Yorktown school district and hearing complaints from his co-workers, 18-year-old Marcus Puente decided he might be able to help. The sophomore at the University of Texas at San Antonio is now a member of the school board for the town with 700 students from kindergarten to 12th grade. Puente, who turns 19 in a month, is one of the youngest — if not the youngest — school trustees in the state. By law, school board members in Texas must be at least 18. The business major said he takes the responsibility seriously. "Some people thought I was doing it as a joke; others said I never had a chance," Puente told the San Antonio Express-News. Puente, who installed and fixed computers at the district, said he could relate to some of his co-workers' concerns. Turnover was high and morale was low. "I would have lunch with them and hear them complain," Puente said recently from his home in Yorktown. "There were problems with student discipline, and the district was experiencing financial problems." So with three seats on the board up for election in May, Puente threw his hat in the ring. He was among six candidates for the three at-large positions. A 2000 honor graduate at Yorktown High School, Puente had no political experience. He never even ran for class office while in high school. With some help from friends and family, Puente made the local rounds on his campaign trail. "People started listening to me because nobody else really knew how everybody in the community felt," he said. Puente received the second-highest vote total among the field of six candidates. One incumbent got the most votes; another failed to win re-election. Although he will be attending college full-time in the fall, Puente said he will commute two days a week from his hometown about 80 miles southeast of San Antonio. "I have to leave my house at 5:30 in the morning to avoid traffic, but it's not that bad," Puente said.



Charlotte Wilhoit and 3-year-old Blair Wilhoit take stroll in the Highland South Fourth of July Parade on Wednesday.

Octoberfest promises lots of fun for seniors

Experience fall and nature at its best this year "Deep in the Heart of Texas." That's what folks 50 and over will be doing at the Texas 4-H Center on Lake Brownwood when adults will enjoy the annual Octoberfest during October. Sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension service, Octoberfest is offered for men and women alike to enjoy the wonderful activities offered during the week of Oct. 22-25. Opportunities include "hands-on" learning centers where one can learn holiday crafts, line dancing and other exciting pro-



DANA TARTER

jects. Educational programs on topics such as horticulture, photography, nutrition, finances and other current interests are a popular highlight. Fishing on Lake Brownwood adds popularity to your stay. Lighted tennis courts, horseshoes, billiards, volleyball, shuffleboard, dominoes and card and table games are all popular activities. Fun and educational tours are also an option for those who prefer this type of fun. "Octoberfest... The Wild, Wild West!" will be the featured theme for the week. A costume contest and some Wild West games will be in store for participants. Octoberfest '01. Are you 50 and older? Then its for you. Get away and learn to make the most of the best years of your life. Call the county extension office today at (915) 264-2236 for registration forms and more information.

Killer bees found in Brazos County

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — The discovery of so-called killer bees in Brazos County has prompted state officials to add the county to the list of 132 Texas counties that are under a quarantine restricting movement of commercial bee populations. State officials said

Tuesday they have confirmed the presence of Africanized honey bees in Brazos County, more than a decade after the insects first entered Texas. Officials urged residents not to panic, but said people should be cautious when outdoors and watch for bee swarms and hives.

Texans celebrate Fourth July with parades, fireworks, festivals

DALLAS (AP) — When it comes to Fourth of July celebrations, Texas lives up to its reputation of everything being big. With festivities statewide lasting from one day up to one week, virtually every Texas community has a parade, fireworks, food and dance. At the "Old Fashioned Fourth of July" in Dallas on Wednesday, festivities were sprinkled with lessons on Texas' role in America's independence. Among featured performers representing the 18th and 19th century were Buffalo Soldiers and the Nortex Square and Round Dancers. "A lot of people don't know what part (Buffalo Soldiers) played in American history," said 1st Sgt. Elmer Sweat of the Bear Creek Buffalo Soldiers Youth Organization. "They weren't just soldiers. They did most of the dirty work and didn't get much credit." Buffalo Soldiers were originally a group of blacks that fought under George Washington during the war for independence. By 1866, Congress authorized six regiments of black troops that played a major role in the history of the West. They got their name in the mid-19th century by the Plains Indians as a term of respect. Just beyond soldiers representing the 9th Texas Infantry Unit of 1861, men and women in their senior years do-si-doed to the sounds of fiddle playing. The North Texas Square and Round Dancers showed off the dance that their state invented — the square dance. "We want to get more people interested in square dancing," said Gerry Green, the group's vice president.

"And what better way than through a patriotic time like the Fourth." Before a fireworks display lighted up the sky, Gov. Rick Perry led the Austin Symphony Orchestra in "Stars and Stripes Forever" Wednesday evening. In Corpus Christi, more than 1,000 people boarded the USS Lexington to listen to the local symphony and watch a fly-by from the Navy as fireworks began. At Comfort Park west of San Antonio, thousands poured in to celebrate in Texas style Wednesday morning. "Everybody loves the Comfort parade," said Marti Ashcraft, president of the Comfort Chamber of Commerce. "It lasts for two hours. It's

huge." The crowd was expected to be so large that hours before the parade began, neighbors roped off the area in front of their houses to keep people from parking their cars and spoiling their view. In some parts of Texas, the Fourth of July was a day of prayer and healthy competition. Fireworks were common everywhere.

In Plainview, the 27th Annual Citizens Prayer Breakfast was followed by a 3-on-3 basketball tournament and other children's activities. Lufkin continued its Independence Day celebration — now in its 31st year — with musical entertainment, sand volleyball and an even lengthier fireworks display than previous years.

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IN BRIEF

Steers win Permian 7-on-7 tournament

The Big Spring Steers added another win to their summer schedule as they defeated Odessa Permian 44-32 in the Odessa Permian 7-on-7 tournament championship game. The Steers advanced to the championship game by winning their first three games of the tournament. The Steers crushed Odessa High School 48-6 in the opener, defeated Fresh in a high-scoring shootout 72-63 and then defeated Midland High School 48-14 to advance to the title game. The tournament sweep increases the Steers' summer record to 21-2.

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 how to play 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 398-5485.

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.

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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Sidewinders at YMCA nationals

By DOUG LAW
Sports Editor

Six members of the YMCA Big Spring Sidewinders gymnastics team will compete in the YMCA National Gymnastics Championships in Toledo, Ohio, Friday through Sunday. The sextet that qualified to the nationals includes Cassidy Peek, 11, of Sweetwater; Maegan Fox, 13, of Big Spring; Cheridan Felty, 14, of Big Spring; Mikelle Farris, 15, of Odessa; Crystal Wingert, 15, of Big Spring; and Stephanie Stewart, 18, of Big Spring. The six girls will be competing against 154 other competitors at the nationals.

The top 80 girls from the first day of competition will advance to the second day. The final day of competition will pit the top 10 girls in the finals. Each of the Sidewinders will participate in all four events — parallel bars, balance beam, vault and floor exercise. The girls will compete in the nationals in two divisions, the junior division, which is for girls 16 and younger, and the senior division for athletes 17 and older. All six girls practice five days a week under the guidance of their coach, Russ McEwen. He will be taking the team to nationals for the final time this week, having announced that he is retir-

ing after coaching the Sidewinders for 20 years. The six girls qualified for the nationals by achieving an all-around points score of 32 out of a possible 40. Stewart is a former national all-around individual champion and will be looking to repeat. Stewart's top event is the uneven parallel bars and has placed at the nationals for the last five years. She will attend Boise State University in Idaho in the fall on a full gymnastics scholarship, and is the only Big Spring athlete to ever win a scholarship in gymnastics. Wingert specializes on the floor exercise and balance beam. She has been involved in gymnastics since she was 9 years old.



The Herald accidentally ran the wrong picture with the outline on the Big Spring Junior all-star picture Wednesday. The Big Spring Junior League All-Stars will play Floyd Gwinn at 6 p.m. Saturday, at Floyd Gwinn Park in the first round of the district tournament. Coahoma forfeited to Big Spring in game one. Pictured in the back from left are coach Brock Gee, C.J. Lowery, John Terry, Jeremy Renteria, Wesley Smith, Chad Heinis, Lee Gillihan and coach Luis Lopez. Kneeling are Michael Shockley, Jeremy Cerda, Phillip Padron, Chris Carrillo, Chance Rainer, Ray DeLeon and Coley Hollandsworth. Josh Helmstetter is not pictured.

Rangers get rare win over Seattle

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Despite 50 losses and a 28-game deficit in the AL West, the Texas Rangers are starting to feel good about themselves. "The team is playing better the last couple of weeks," Andres Galarraga said. "We're playing with some emotion and putting some things together." Rob Bell pitched into the seventh inning, and Rafael Palmeiro homered as the Rangers snapped Seattle's five-game winning streak with a 6-3 victory Wednesday night. Texas beat baseball's best team for just the third time in 12 tries this season. "To beat Seattle is big for us," Galarraga said. Alex Rodriguez went 3-for-4 with a run scored and a stolen base against his former teammates. Rodriguez left Seattle as a free agent in the offseason to sign a \$252 million contract with the Rangers. In other American League games, it was New York 4, Baltimore 3; Boston 13, Cleveland 4; Oakland 2, Anaheim 0; Toronto 8, Tampa Bay 1; Detroit 6, Kansas City 4; and Chicago 4, Minnesota 3. In National League games, it was Arizona 3, Houston 2; New York 2, Chicago 1; Pittsburgh 14, Cincinnati 3; Philadelphia 4, Atlanta 1; Los Angeles 4, San Francisco 0; Montreal 9, Florida 6; and St. Louis 7, Milwaukee 2.

Bell (2-0) had his longest stint in four starts with the Rangers since being acquired in a trade with Cincinnati on June 15. He allowed three runs and six hits in 6 1-3 innings, struck out four and walked one. "My main focus was to go seven innings," Bell said. "I was getting guys out early and had some pretty good stuff." Bell held the Mariners hitless the first four innings before Bret Boone led off the fifth with a double. "Tonight he had a real good changeup and he threw it for strikes," Rangers manager Jerry Narron said. "We expect him to be a big part of our success in the future." Mike Venafro retired major league hits leader Ichiro Suzuki with runners at first and third to end it for his third save. But it didn't come easy. Suzuki's grounder to second was fumbled by Mike Young, who recovered and used his glove to roll the ball to Rodriguez for the forceout. Second-base

umpire Rob Drake called Bell out on a close play. Bell thought he was safe and heaved his helmet in anger. "The umpire made the right call," manager Lou Piniella said. "Close, but out." Jamie Moyer (9-4) allowed five runs and 11 hits in six innings in the loss.

Yankees 4, Orioles 3. Roger Clemens won his eighth straight start, and Paul O'Neill hit a three-run homer as New York stretched its winning streak to seven by winning at Baltimore. Clemens (12-1) allowed two runs and five hits in 6 2-3 innings, improving to 21-3 since coming off the disabled list last July 2. Mariano Rivera got five outs for his 27th save. O'Neill homered in the third off Calvin Maduro (0-2), five batters after Sidney Ponson left with a blister on his middle finger.

Red Sox 13, Indians 4. Dante Bichette was 4-for-5 with a two-run homer and a two-run double as Boston won at Cleveland. Manny Ramirez, still getting a mixture of boos and cheers from Indians fans, went 2-for-5 and scored two runs against his former team. Jose Offerman had four singles and two RBIs for the Red Sox, who built an 8-1 lead against Dave Burba (8-6) and matched their season high with 19 hits. Tim Wakefield (6-2) allowed four runs and six hits in six innings.

Athletics 2, Angels 0. Cory Lidle (2-4) pitched five-hit ball for 7 2-3 innings to extend visiting Anaheim's losing streak to a season-high seven. The game was scoreless until the fifth, when Johnny Damon's two-out double off Scott Schoeneweis (6-8) bounced just fair up the right-field line to score Terrence Long. Long added an RBI single in the sixth.

Blue Jays 8, Devil Rays 1. The Devil Rays set an AL record with their 59th loss before the All-Star break. At 25-59, they're off to the worst start since Detroit was 24-60 after 84 games in 1996. Steve Parris (4-5) gave up seven hits in his fifth career complete game for the Blue Jays.

Wimbledon fans to see familiar stars in semis

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — The trademark ivy was stripped from the clubhouse facade, the number of seeded players was doubled and Pete Sampras lost. Wimbledon was a tournament in transition at the traditional All England Club, where lineswomen still wear long green dresses and the walls surrounding Centre Court haven't been blighted with ads. On Wednesday, though, the old guys had their day. Friday's final four will have a familiar look to Wimbledon tennis fans. Andre Agassi faces Patrick Rafter in the semifinals for the third consecutive year. Tim Henman, a losing semifinalist to Sampras in 1998 and 1999, plays Goran Ivanisevic, runner-up in 1992, 1994 and 1998. "Experience is always an

advantage, assuming you have your health and you still have your shots," Agassi said. "It's a very difficult thing to do, to go out there for the first time and to step up to the occasion and keep everything together." All Wednesday's quarter-final winners were older than their opponents. Roger Federer, 19, dethroned seven-time champion Sampras two days earlier. But Henman, a 26-year-old Englishman surrounded by Union Jacks in the stands, beat Federer 7-5, 7-6 (6), 2-6, 7-6 (6). Lleyton Hewitt, 20 years old and seeded fifth, didn't survive the fourth round. Andy Roddick, 18 and touted as the next American star, lost to Ivanisevic in the third round. Ivanisevic is playing like

it's still 1998. He was runner-up that year to Sampras and ended it as the world's 12th-ranked player. This year, after enduring shoulder problems, he's ranked 125th and needed a wild-card invitation to play. He's the first wild-card player among the men and women to reach the semis since the system started in 1977. "People should learn that with me you never know," he said. "I'm not surprised because I'm the guy who can wake up one day and beat anybody." Ivanisevic, 29, beat fourth-seeded Marat Safin 7-6 (2), 7-5, 3-6, 7-6 (3). Ivanisevic pounded 30 aces past last year's 21-year-old U.S. Open champ. "The way he's playing now, it's like he's back in the Top 10, really close to 1, 2 in the world," Safin said.

Waltrip expects he'll have an emotional return to Daytona

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — It took 15 long years and 462 agonizing defeats for Michael Waltrip to find the winner's circle. But Dale Earnhardt's death has kept him from enjoying that breakthrough victory. Waltrip won for the only time in his career in February, taking the checkered flag in the biggest of all NASCAR races — the Daytona 500. A half-mile behind him, his friend and boss was killed when his car crashed into the wall. The death of NASCAR's icon forever spoiled Waltrip's crowning moment and put his celebration on hold. Now, as Waltrip returns to Daytona International Speedway for Saturday's Pepsi 400, emotions will be running high. But Waltrip isn't sure how he'll feel when he walks through the tunnel and sees the track

that brought him both glory and heartache. "My emotions kind of bounce all over the place on a day-to-day basis," he said. "For me to say that I won't feel any special emotions or different emotions wouldn't be true. I'm sure it will be weird." On Wednesday, the track held Michael Waltrip Day to celebrate his win in the 500. The celebration is typically held the day after the race, but was postponed because of Earnhardt's death. So Waltrip was forced to put on a smile and commemorate the victory without The Intimidator, the man who made it possible. Looking for a driver last winter to start a third team at Dale Earnhardt Inc., he picked Waltrip, long considered the best driver never to have won a Winston Cup race. Earnhardt said he was certain Waltrip would turn

his career around. "Why he hasn't won a race yet is circumstantial," Earnhardt said in October. "He has a lot of credits to his name and the mix is there, so he is definitely going to be a winner." Earnhardt never got to see his prediction come true, crashing on the final turn of the final lap before Waltrip crossed the finish line. But Earnhardt briefly saw success at a point in the race when all three of his drivers — Waltrip, Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Steve Park — were running 1-2-3. Waltrip, who wound up beating Earnhardt Jr. to the line, would like to duplicate that feat Saturday night as a way of honoring the seven-time series champion. "It would be such a tribute," Waltrip said. "I think the way that we look at it is everybody is going to be thinking about him anyway, so it would be great for

the fans and for this organization. "For us drivers, to just say, 'We're all thinking about you Dale and this is how it wound up,' that would be the greatest feeling in the whole world, even if I was third." But that would be a stretch considering the way Waltrip has run since Daytona. He hasn't had a single top-10 finish. In fact, with 13 consecutive finishes of 20th or worse, he has plummeted to 28th in the series standings. There are a variety of reasons for the slide, which led last month to the firing of crew chief Scott Eggleston. Steve Hmiel, director of motorsports and technical operations at DEI, has temporarily taken over the crew-chief duties. His biggest challenge has been to repair Waltrip's confidence, which he tries to do as a soothing voice in his

ear on race day. "I don't think anyone realized how much Dale Earnhardt's death affected Michael," Hmiel said. "He was so much more to Michael than his boss. He was his longtime friend, like a brother almost, and I think his death has haunted Michael on the track at times. "The biggest thing now is to remind Michael during the race that he's a good driver and he's going to turn this around." Ty Norris, general manager of DEI, believes winning the 500 gave Waltrip and the rest of the team too many expectations. "Because of our early success, I think we all had the audacity to believe we weren't going to struggle the way a first-year team struggles," Norris said. "But like so many new teams, we've been brought back down the hard way."

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FISHING REPORT

SOUTH
AMSTAD: Water fairly clear; 80 degrees; 38 low; black bass are fair to good on soft jerkbaits and spinnerbaits over grass. Striped bass are fair on slabs and striped jigs early and late in 20-30 feet near the dam. White bass are fair on slabs and jigs way up the Rio Grande. Crappie are fair on live minnows above Rough Canyon. Channel and blue catfish are fair on cheese-bait in 5-20 feet. Yellow catfish are fair on droplines and trotlines baited with live perch.

WEST
ALAN HENRY: Water clear; 80 degrees; black bass are fair on Carolina-rigged 10' camo, watermelon or blue fleck Power Worms. Crappie to 3 pounds are fair on minnows and jigs near the dock and on the main lake.

ARROWHEAD: Water murky; 5.5 low; 77 degrees; black bass are slow in the shallows on spinnerbaits. Crappie are good on jigs and minnows around the derricks in 20 feet and under lights at night. White bass are good trolling with chrome Rat-L-Traps and RoadRunners near sandbars and under lights at night. Catfish to 10 pounds are good on trot or jug lines baited with shad or perch.

BRADY: Water lightly stained; 77 degrees; black bass are fair on white spinnerbaits. Crappie are slow. Catfish are fair.

COLORADO CITY: Water clear; 85 degrees; black bass are slow on spinnerbaits and purple or red soft plastic worms. Crappie are slow. White bass are fair on Rat-L-Traps. Redfish are good on cut shad and Rat-L-Traps. Catfish are good on cheese bait in 5-10 feet water.

FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 79 degrees; black bass are slow. Crappie are good on minnows in brushpiles 14 feet deep. White bass are good on silver Rat-L-Traps and live bait. Blue catfish are good on stinkbait and minnows. Yellow catfish are good on goldfish and perch.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water lightly stained; 77 degrees; 12.5 low; black bass are fair on Carolina-rigged watermelon or chartreuse french fries and spinnerbaits. Crappie are good in 12-20 feet on minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair. The concrete boat ramps are out of the water. A temporary ramp is open near the dam (turn at Wal-Mart and follow the paved/caliche road to the east side of the dam).

NASWORTHY: Water stained; 72 degrees; black bass are fair on red shad soft plastics in reeds. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass and striped bass are good on minnows and shad. Catfish are good on minnows and cutbait. Lake is being dredged of 2-feet of silt (3 year project started summer 2000).

OAK CREEK: Water lightly stained; 76 degrees; Water low-no boat ramps open; black bass to 5 pounds are fair on topwaters along the bank. Crappie are slow. Catfish are good on jug or trotlines baited with minnows.

OH. IVIE: Water lightly stained; 77 degrees; 15 low; black bass to 11 pounds are fair on Carolina-rigged watermelon or french fries and blue fleck Power Worms. Crappie are fair. White bass are fair. Smallmouth bass are slow. Catfish are good on cutbait and minnows on trotlines. The road to Concho Park is under construction.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water lightly stained; 80 degrees; 2.25 low; Fishing is very slow but improving — toxic algae bloom affected all species of fish throughout lake (restocking taking place). Black bass are very slow. Striped bass are slow. Catfish are slow.

SPENCE: Water murky; 73 degrees; black bass are fair on topwaters early, later switching to white spinnerbaits and jigs. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. White bass are fair on slabs and minnows. Striped bass are fair early. Catfish to 50 pounds are fair early on worms and minnows.

STAMFORD: Water clear; 77 degrees; black bass are slow on live bait, spinnerbaits and crankbaits. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs in 12-18 feet. White bass are fair on minnows. Blue catfish are good on shad, perch and punchbait near the hot water discharge.

SWEETWATER: Water clear; 75 degrees; 16.5 low; black bass to 9 pounds are good on minnows and green pumpkin soft plastics. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. White bass are fair. Blue catfish to 18 pounds are good on shrimp and doughbait.



By BETTY DEBNAM

The Mini Page Salutes ...

United States Symbols

Symbols send signals. These patriotic symbols stand for our country and its ideals. These great American symbols have inspired us for years. We can be inspired by simple drawings as well as the the real flag, building, statue or poster.

The flag



In 1814, our most famous flag, the Star-Spangled Banner, inspired Francis Scott Key to write our national anthem. Above is the first known photo of that flag, taken in 1872.

Visitors to the National Museum of American History in Washington, D.C., can see the flag as it is being restored. For more information, visit the Web site at www.americanhistory.si.edu.

On June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress approved the first design for our flag. It had 13 red and white stripes and 13 stars on a blue field. The flag changed as new states joined the country. Today's flag has 50 stars, one for each state. The 13 stripes stand for the first 13 states.

The bald eagle



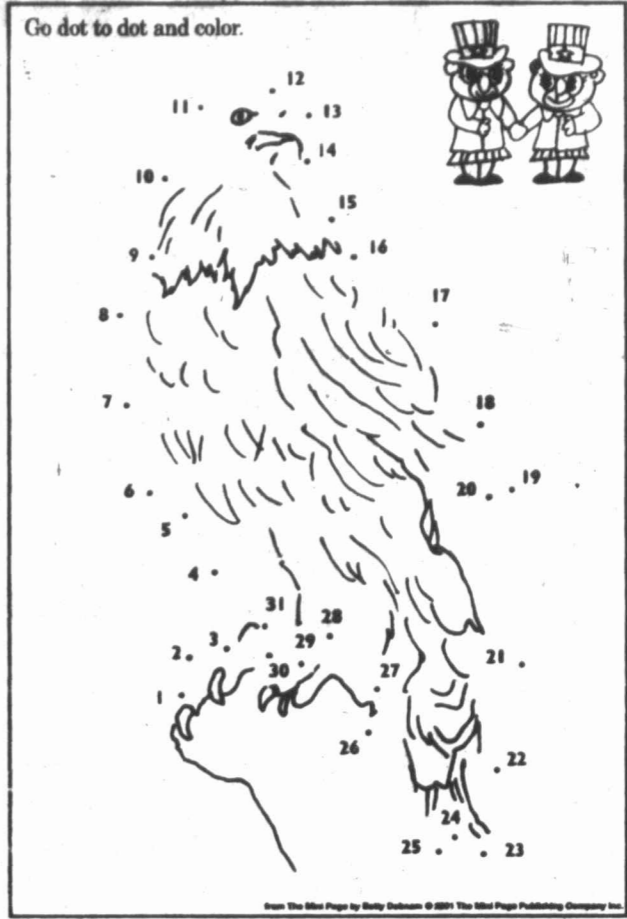
The bald eagle once was an endangered species. It is still threatened, but its numbers are growing.

The bald eagle is a living symbol of the United States. It is found only in North America. Its white head feathers make it appear as if it is bald.

Eagles are often used as symbols of strength and bravery. Native Americans include eagles in many of their stories and dances.



In 1782, Congress chose to put the bald eagle on the Great Seal, which is the official stamp, or mark, of the United States.



Rookie Cookie's Recipe Summer Slaw
You'll need:
• 1 egg, hard-boiled, shelled and chopped
• 1 cup green cabbage, shredded
• 1 cup red cabbage, shredded
• 1 carrot, shredded
• 2 tablespoons olive oil
• 1 tablespoon apple cider vinegar
• 1/2 teaspoon salt
What to do:
1. Combine first 4 ingredients in a large bowl. Mix well.
2. In a small bowl, combine remaining ingredients. Mix well.
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Christine was born in Butte, Mont., and lives in Anchorage, Alaska, where she works as a doctor. She and her husband, John, also a doctor, have two children.
In the cold Alaska weather she trains indoors on a treadmill and skis cross-country outdoors.

Meet Kyle Schmid
Kyle Schmid, 16, has been acting for much of his life. Besides being in several commercials, he has also been in TV shows and movies, including "Alley Cats Strike!", "I Was a Sixth-Grade Alien" and "Sandy Bottom Orchestra."
Kyle is also a good athlete. He plays soccer, football, tennis, volleyball, hockey and golf. In addition, he mountain-climbs, skis and swims.
He lives in Mississauga, Ontario, Canada.

Mini Jokes
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Tina: Ever since he was a kid!
Dashau: Who is the most musical deer?
Bradley: Do-re-me-fa-so-la-ti do!
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Ralph: Sure — father cat, mother cat and two kittens!

The Liberty Bell
The Liberty Bell hangs in a special building near Independence Hall in Philadelphia, Pa.
The Liberty Bell was made in England in 1752. It cost about \$300. It rang on July 8, 1776, to announce the adoption of the Declaration of Independence.
It was used to announce special events until it cracked about 60 years later. Today it is not rung, but only on display.
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The Statue of Liberty
On July 4, 1884, France gave the Statue of Liberty to the United States as a gift of friendship. It is a symbol of freedom throughout the world.
Two years later, in 1886, the statue was open to visitors.
The seven rays of her crown stand for the seven seas and seven continents. Her torch is a symbol of welcome to new arrivals. The broken chain at her feet is a symbol of freedom. She holds a tablet with the date of the Declaration of Independence.
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To do: Look through your newspaper for other symbols.
Next week, The Mini Page goes underground with a story about prairie dogs.
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Uncle Sam
This 1917 poster is one of the most famous in the world. It is based on a self-portrait of the artist.
The name "Uncle Sam" had been around for many years, but we did not know exactly what he looked until an artist drew this famous poster during World War I. James Montgomery Flagg drew a strong, serious Uncle Sam. The purpose of the poster was to get men to join the Army. His poster influenced how Uncle Sam is pictured today.
In 1961, Congress declared Uncle Sam a national symbol.

Symbols TRY 'N FIND
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Site to see: www.uechs.org

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this year. You particularly
enjoy being with one person
at a time, be it for business
or personal reasons. You
tend to hold a lot in, and
you are not always verbal.
If you are single, a potential
mate could be emotionally
unavailable or married.
Check people out carefully.
Someone special will pop
up if you are discriminating.
If you are attached, share
more of your inner mental
meanings, and trust will
build. AQUARIUS understands
your interest in life/death
issues.

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)**

**** You're in the limelight.
Others admire your bright
and buoyant ideas. When
no one has a suggestion,
you show your innate Aries
ingenuity. Friendship
brings you closer to a loved
one. In fact, you deal with a
particular love relationship
as you would a friendship.
Tonight: Let off steam.

**TAURUS (April 20-May
20)**

**** Take off and hop into
the car as early as you can.
You don't want to be way-
laid or asked to do something
you would rather not. You
choose to indulge a loved
one or yourself. You don't
need to justify your actions.
You work hard enough.
Tonight: All eyes

turn to you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

**** Deal with a partner
head on. Give up on hem-
ing and hawing. Brainstorm
with someone and you'll
come up with unusual ideas.
Seek out an expert opinion.
Express yourself, while keep-
ing in mind what would be
the most diplomatic thing to
say. Tonight: Opt for differ-
ent.

**CANCER (June 21-July
22)**

**** Others want your
impressions and feedback.
Think about how much you
want to reveal to a key
associate or partner. You
might opt to say little. Some-
one still tries to manipulate
a conversation. Remember,
you're overly sensitive. Tonight:
Do something special with a
loved one.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

**** Another's brightness
and inventiveness work with
your goals. Together, you
two become an unbeatable
force. Somehow you'll discover
how much fun you have as
well. Don't forget a meeting
or get-together. Others count
on you. Tonight: Party the
night away.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

**** Your creativity encour-
ages others to discuss prob-
lems with you, yet you might
need to establish boundaries
about how much you are will-
ing to do - even if you are
flattered. Slow down. Take
some time off. Go out for
some R&R.

Tonight: Early to bed.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

**** Funnel your attention
to where you can make
changes. Get the impres-
sion of someone who knows
much more about the issue
at hand. Helpful advice
goes a long way toward
resolving the issue. Remember
that your adviser has the
gift of attachment. Tonight:
Be the flirt that you are.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov.
21)**

**** Keep the ball rolling.
Don't allow a conversation
to close off before you have
established understanding.
Someone shares many ideas
and heavy feelings, which
you, as a Scorpio, can deal
with easily. Establish greater
comfort at home. Tonight:
Stay close to home.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-
Dec. 21)**

**** Work with your
finances and make sure you
can deal with an expense
before you make the commit-
ment. Speak your mind to
a playful associate. Even
when working, you two
have a lot of fun. Return
calls and catch up on a
friend's news. Tonight:
Visit a favorite eating spot.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-
Jan. 19)**

**** You prove to be most
convincing when dealing
with funds and a project.
You might want to think
about asking for a pay raise
in the near future. Practice
asking with a loved one.
You see, it isn't that hard!
Meanwhile, indulge your-

self with a new item.

Tonight: Order in.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb.
18)**

**** You might volunteer to
pitch in before you realize
exactly what you agreed to.
Spontaneity pushes you in
a new direction. Break past
a pattern that sometimes
prevents you from being as
close to someone as you
would like to be. Energy
soars late afternoon.
Tonight: Your smile wins
the day.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March
20)**

**** A friend shows you
unusual understanding,
which could surprise you.
Slow down and spend qual-
ity time with a loved one.
Huddle in and pull back
from the hectic pace you
have been keeping. A fam-
ily member invites you for a
get-together. Tonight: Put
on the breaks.

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Lazy mom threat to young couple's new marriage

Dear Ann Landers: I have
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to "Allen," and I love him
dearly. He is warm, caring
and faithful. We both work
full time, and we have no
children as yet. The prob-
lem is Allen's mother.



**ANN
LANDERS**

My mother-in-law had a
mild stroke five years
ago, mostly because she
doesn't take care of her-
self. The woman has diabe-
tes, and refuses to exercise
or eat properly. Mom is able
to walk, talk and clean up
after herself, but decided
she should move in with us
because she couldn't handle
living alone.

Now our entire lives focus
on Allen's mother. We have
no privacy. She expects us
to wait on her hand and
foot, and will not perform
the simplest tasks - which,
by the way, she is perfectly
capable of doing. She has
moved so much of her fur-
niture into our house there
is no room for ours. I can
no longer buy my favorite
foods because "Mom might

be tempted."

I have become irritable
lately and take it out on
Allen. I am only 29, and my
mother-in-law is 53. I can-
not bear the thought of liv-
ing like this for the next 30
years. It is like having a
child in the house, and it
rules out the possibility of
having children of our own.
I couldn't handle the stress.
Allen refuses to put Mom
in an assisted-living facility
because it would cost too
much. While I agree it would
take a big chunk out of our
income, I think it would be
worth it. Meanwhile, I have
been offered a great job in
another state, and am seriously
considering taking it and
leaving Allen. Am I being
selfish? Tell me what to do.
-- Unhappily Married in
Chicago

Dear Chicago: So, Allen
will not put his mother in
an assisted-living facility
because "it would cost too
much"? Ask him what he
thinks his marriage is worth.
It appears that your beloved
refuses to face reality. Does-
n't he understand that his
stubbornness could cost him
his marriage? Allen should be
aware that denial is more than
a river in Egypt. And you can

tell him I said so.

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Dear Ann Landers: I hope
you will let me use your
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my chest. All children with
aging parents need to see
this.

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give your parents? Do you
actually stop by their
house? Or do you just
phone and assume every-
thing is "fine"? Do you
remember the nights they
stayed up taking care of
you when you were sick,
and the sacrifices they
made without making a
point of it? Do you realize
that, for an older person,
taking out the garbage
might be a major ordeal
and shopping for groceries
can be exhausting? Do you
know how much energy it
takes to run the dozens of
errands that make up a typ-
ical day?

Don't tell me you're too
busy. That's a lousy excuse.
Your parents took care of
you - no matter what. You
can at least stop by on your
way home from work to see
if the light bulbs need
changing or the faucet is
leaking. Don't ask. DO IT.
And if you cannot do it,
hire someone to see that it's
done.

And remember, your chil-
dren are watching you.
They are learning how to
take care of you when you
get old. -- Family Matters in
Florida

Dear Florida: If ever I saw
a letter that needs to be
taken seriously, you've
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for nurse for physician's
office. Bilingual
preferred. Please
contact Alison Israel,
915-756-3345 ext. 226.

Full time person needed
for receptionist for
physician's office.
Computer and medical
experience preferred.
Bilingual preferred.
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TOO LATES

□ Carport Sale: 1107
Lloyd Sat. 8-1. Movies,
fum., clothes, burritos,
cold drinks - everything
must go.

□ Friday 8-6 Sat. 8-12.
Sale 2 ml. North FM
700. 1 ml. East on S.
Anderson turn South to
2115 Nell.

□ Carport Sale: 2202
Warren (past Berea
Baptist). Saturday only
9am-6pm. Young boy
clothes & toys,
computer, books,
videos, etc.

**MAD? BANKS DONT
GIVE MORTGAGES
LOANS DUE TO
CREDIT PROBLEMS.**
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(254)947-4475 TEXAS
FAIR RATES.

□ Family Backyard
Sale: 1506 Stadium 8-5,
Fri. & Sat. Mens &
womens clothing,
scrubtops, shoes, lots
of misc.

**Don't throw
those unwanted
items away!
Sell them!
Call
263-7331 and
place your
garage sale in the
Herald
Classified
section and
receive a Garage
sale kit Free!
Call Today!**

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**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
OF PROPOSED TEXAS
HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT
CONTRACTS**
Sealed proposals for highway
improvement contracts will
be received by the Texas
Department of Transportation
(TXDOT) until the date(s)
shown below, and then pub-
licly read.

**CONSTRUCTION
MAINTENANCE
CONTRACT(S)**

District: Abilene
Contract: 1158-02-018 for
RIPRAP, CULVERTS, CHAN-
NEL CLEANING IN HOWARD
County will be opened on
August 07, 2001 at 1:00 pm at
the State Office.

