

**TUESDAY**

**July 10, 2001**

**WEATHER**

**Tonight:**



**CLEAR**  
**TONIGHT TOMORROW**  
**75°-77° 99°-102°**

**Salvation Army  
back-to-school  
program slated**

The Salvation Army will hold its Back-To-School program July 23-27.

During these days, the Salvation Army will be taking applications for those in need of assistance with school supplies from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Salvation Army Community Center located at 811 W. Fifth Street.

The Salvation Army is in need of pencils, scissors, crayons, bottles of glue, wide-rule notebook paper, and 2-inch notebooks. Also needed are school boxes, zipper bags, pens, pocket folders with brads, erasers, map colors, markers, manilla paper, dividers, construction paper, and boxed tissue.

The distribution date will be Aug. 13 from 9 a.m. until noon.

**WHAT'S UP...**

**WEDNESDAY**

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

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

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

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

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

□ Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge, 704 West Third.

**THURSDAY**

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

□ The Coffee Club will meet at Gale's Sweet Shoppe at 10 a.m.

□ Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

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**Extension agent for family, consumer science leaving Big Spring**

By **ROGER CLINE**  
Staff Writer

Howard County Extension Agent Dana Tarter is moving to Fort Worth.



**TARTER**

Tarter, who has been the extension agent for family and consumer science in Howard County for seven years, said

she accepted a job as nutrition and health agent in the Tarrant County Agricultural Extension Office. Her last day in Howard County will be July 20, and she starts her new job Aug. 1, she said.

"I'm excited and a little nervous, but I'm certainly looking forward to it," she said. "I think a lot of things I learned here will be very beneficial. I'll be able to take a lot of those positive things and apply them to my job there."

Tarter said the biggest

part of her job in Howard County was teaching the public about family and consumer issues.

"I worked with all of the areas related to FCS," she said. "Nutrition, health, child development, money management, parenting, 4-H programs, all the family related issues."

In addition to offering a newsletter, Tarter wrote a weekly column for the Herald and offered presentations on family-related issues such as nutrition and 4-H programs.

"This time of year there's a lot of requests for canning and food preservation," she said. "And money management — budgeting your food dollars."

Tarter expects her job in Tarrant County will differ slightly from her work here. "The one main thing will be the program itself," she said. "Tarrant County will be only nutrition and health, so it will be more focused. Also I think there will be more networking with other agencies. I could see that I might network

with the hospitals or the home health care agencies there to provide educational programs."

Tarter has learned a lot in Howard County, she said.

"I've enjoyed my work here," she said. "I've enjoyed working with the people of Howard County."

"I think it's been a great experience for me not only professionally, but personally — a growth experience. I've learned a lot and I think I've had a lot of experiences that will help me as I continue."

**Bank robber still at large, FBI says**

By **ROGER CLINE**  
Staff Writer

STANTON — A lone gunman reportedly robbed the First National Bank of Stanton shortly after noon Monday.

The gunman fled the bank on foot with an undetermined amount of cash, according to a Federal Bureau of Investigation press release.

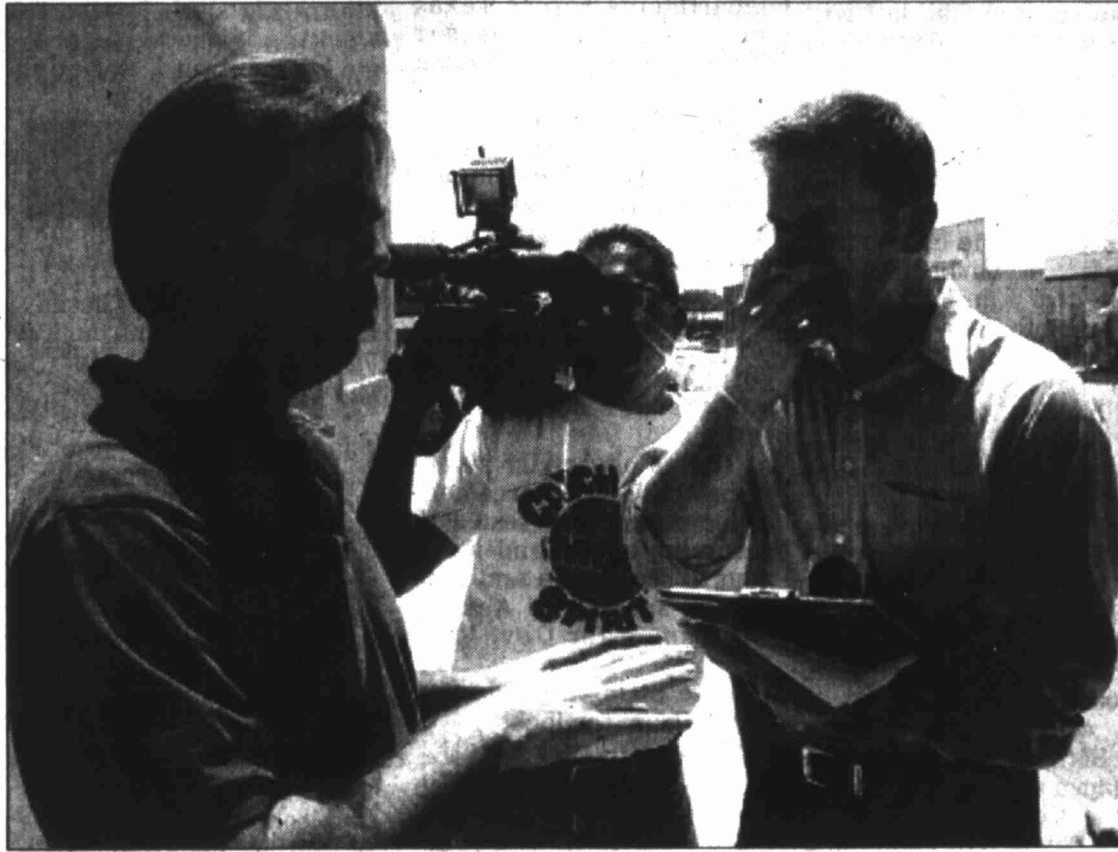
Stanton Police, the Martin County Sheriff's Office, Texas Department of Public Safety Troopers and FBI agents investigated and questioned witnesses at the bank and searched the town Monday afternoon for a man seen leaving the bank after the robbery.

The unidentified man, described by the FBI as a dark-complected caucasian male between 25 and 30 years of age, was reportedly between 5'8" and 6'0" tall, between 150 and 180 pounds with short brown hair and a slight moustache.

The man has a slim build and face, and was wearing blue jeans and a blue patterned shirt with short or rolled sleeves over a white T-shirt, and white gym shoes.

He may have a tattoo on his forearm.

Law enforcement officials on the scene released little information during the investigation, and stayed inside the closed bank most of the day. About 2 p.m., a man identifying himself only as Agent Platt of the



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

**FBI Agent Platt tells area media that he can't release any information about an armed robbery Monday at the First National Bank in Stanton. The FBI later issued a press release containing a description of the suspected bank robber.**

FBI emerged to tell media that the investigators were unable to release any information.

FBI Supervisor Bill Vanderland explained the Bureau's role in the case.

"We have jurisdiction because virtually every bank is federally insured, so the federal government is going to end up footing the bill," he said. "We have jurisdiction in an overwhelming percentage of

bank robberies."

Local witnesses reported that the gunman escaped with a bag full of \$100, \$50 and \$20 bills, and that a two-tone brown Chevrolet truck was seen leaving the scene at a high rate of speed shortly after the robbery, according to Martin County Messenger reporter Mona Hernandez.

The bank was last robbed in 1961, when Roy E. Holland, a used-car sales-

man from Denver, Colo., stole \$5,005 from a teller at gunpoint and fled. Holland committed suicide shortly later when he reached a roadblock manned by Texas Highway Patrolman Bobbie Papan.

Anyone with information about Monday's robbery should call the FBI at 570-0255, the Stanton Police at 756-3303 or the Martin County Sheriff's Office at 756-3336.

**Old Settlers Reunion to feature pet parade**

By **LINDY BARR**  
Staff Writer

Preparations are getting under way for the 68th annual Old Settlers Reunion, set for Saturday.

The day promises lots of activities for all ages, organizers say. Reunion-goers can enter the pet parade or the bicycle decorating contest. And everyone is encouraged to enter a float in the parade.

Registration will be held

at the Martin County Community Center beginning at 9 a.m. Registration will close at 10 a.m. and will reopen following the parade.

"We wanted to have an event that would bring more people into town and an event that would get more children involved. We decided that it would be a great idea to get the pet parade started," said Kathleen Lewis, reunion secretary-treasurer.

Anyone planning on entering a pet in the pet parade

needs to meet under the stop light at 9:15 a.m.

The traditional downtown parade will be held at 10 a.m. The theme for this year's parade is "Pioneer spirit then and now." Judging of the floats will begin at 9:15 a.m. at the Methodist Church.

There will also be awards for the best non-theme float and the best class reunion float.

"We always have a great turnout for this event. We usually have somewhere

from 800 to a 1,000 people each year," said Lewis.

Each year the Martin County Museum selects a family to be honored. This year the Charlie and Nettie Hale family has been selected. A reception will be held at the museum beginning at 2 p.m.

It is a tradition to hold class reunions at the time of the Old Settlers Reunion.

"This is just a great time to have a class reunion

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**Three indecency reports filed; police arrest one individual**

Herald Staff Report

Big Spring Police Department received three unrelated reports of indecency with a child over the weekend and arrested a 43-year-old Big Spring resident in one of the cases.

Kelly Dean Allen is currently being held at the Howard County Jail on a charge of indecency with a child and revocation of parole. Municipal Court Judge Timothy Green set a \$3,500 bond for the indecency with a child charge and set no bond for the motion to revoke charge for Allen.

The arrest was made after the victim reported to police Allen had allegedly exposed his genitals to a child in the 600 block of W. Interstate 20, police said.

In another case, the mother of a 2-year-old girl reported to the police on Friday

that her daughter may have possibly been touched in an inappropriate manner by an adult male known to the mother, police said.

No injuries were reported, police said.

The location of the alleged incident is unknown.

On Saturday, the parents of a juvenile female reported to the police that a male juvenile suspect known to the victim had allegedly committed an act of indecency with a child by contact. No injuries were reported. The incident allegedly occurred on the west side of town, police reported.

Police also received a report of aggravated assault on Friday night from a female victim. The victim said she was allegedly threatened with a knife by a suspect known to her. No injuries were reported.

**City**

**Improvements at city airpark on council's agenda tonight**

By **ROGER CLINE**  
Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council will deal with two items affecting the McMahon-Wrinkle Air Park when it convenes at 5:30 p.m. today.

The council will award a contract for installation of a new rotating beacon to replace the old one.

"The one we've got is old and inadequate," Nelda Reagan, air park operations director, said.

The city's purchasing and material control manager has recommended awarding the contract to the low bidder, T-N-T Electric of Big Spring. T-N-T's total bid for the project is \$30,837.55.

The council will also hear the first reading of a resolution for a new weather system for the airport. The satellite-based system would allow pilots to get current weather reports directly from McMahon-Wrinkle instead of from the Midland airport.

"Right now, the closest they can get is Midland," Reagan said. "The weather in Midland is sometimes different from the weather in Big Spring."

The project would cost an estimated \$85,000, of which Big Spring would pay \$21,250 and a grant from the Texas Department of Transportation would pay the rest.

Other items on the council's Tuesday agenda include:

- Final reading of an ordinance allowing employees of the city who have ended

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**Backhoe operator James Darling and co-worker Andrew Martinez of the Big Spring Distribution and Collection Department work to remove and replace a fire hydrant at the corner of Third Street and Benton Avenue at about 10 a.m. today. The hydrant was due for routine replacement and had been "black bagged" by the D&C Department, indicating that it was out of service, said D&C spokesman Jim Piper. The workers had to shut off the water main in the area, so customers on Third Street between Austin and Owens Avenues experienced low pressure or outages.**

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A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

OBITUARIES

Olive Murphree

Graveside service for Olive Murphree, 93, of Big Spring, was held today, July 10, 2001, at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. R.T. Havener, of the First Assembly of God Church, officiating. Mrs. Murphree died Saturday, July 7, at a local nursing home following a long illness.

She was born March 22, 1908, in Hill Country. She had been a resident of Big Spring since 1927. She was a charter member of the First Assembly of God Church and had also served as the church pianist. She had worked for Sears Roebuck for 21 years and retired in 1972. She later worked at the Ritz Theater for five years and at Herman's Restaurant for ten years. She married Lester L. Murphree on Dec. 24, 1925 in Hillsboro. He preceded her in death in 1959.

She is survived by one sister, Margaret Sevier, of Corpus Christi. Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Buddy Marcum

Funeral service for Buddy Marcum of Big Spring is pending with Ellis Funeral Home in Midland. Mr. Marcum died Sunday, July 8, 2001, in Odessa.

Senie Coldiron

Funeral service for Senie Coldiron, 80, of Knott, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Mr. Coldiron died Monday, July 9, 2001, at a local hospital.

Forrest Adams

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their memberships in the Texas Municipal Retirement System to deposit the sums so withdrawn. Final reading of a resolution authorizing an application to the Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant.

Nailey-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home, 908 Gregg St., (915) 267-6331, www.npwelch.com

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL, 24th & Johnson 267-8288, Olive Murphree, 93, died Saturday. Graveside services were 10:00 AM today at Trinity Memorial Park.

Paulne Banks, 86, died Monday services are pending. David Owens, 47, died Saturday. Services are pending in Pasadena, Texas. Senie Coldiron, 80, died Monday. Services are pending. Forrest Adams, 74, died Tuesday. Services are pending.

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Approval of specifications for a greens mower for the golf course. Final reading of a resolution authorizing the mayor to lease backhoes from West Texas Equipment Co. Approval of closing Northeast Sixth Street between North Main and North Scurry for the St. Thomas Church Festival. Approval of a four-way stop at Northwest Sixth Street and North Scurry. Approval of stop signs on North Goliad yielding to East 11th Street. Report on "Pops in the Park." The meeting will be held at the Big Spring City Hall, 307 E. Fourth St.

SETTLERS

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because everyone is in town and since it's summer it is just wonderful to have everyone together," said Lewis. The Museum, the Connell home and the Old Jail will be open for touring. The Museum and the Connell Home will be open following the parade. The Old Jail will be open from 1 to 3 p.m. The Martin County Community Center will be the scene of the concluding events. A barbecue will begin at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$6 per plate. The meal will be catered by Lester and Kim Baker. The program will begin at 7:30 p.m. with Phyllis Long Miller presiding as master of ceremonies. "At the closing event we will honor the one who traveled the farthest, the oldest settler, the youngest settler and we will honor the deceased settlers since June of 2000," said Lewis. In conjunction with the Old Settlers Reunion, there will be a dance held outside at the Community Center. Mike Payne will be playing for this event.

Residents of four states warned of tax scam

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Treasury Department is concerned about people operating scams in four states in which they are offering to calculate the amount taxpayers would receive in tax-refund checks, a spokesman said Monday. The Internal Revenue Service is looking into the matter, Treasury Department spokesman Robert Nichols told reporters during a weekly briefing. There is no need for taxpayers to pay for such a service because the IRS later this month will send out letters notifying people whether they will receive a refund, how much and when. Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio and Oklahoma are the four states in which the IRS has identified scams. "This is outrageous ... and obviously we frown upon this," Nichols said. Individuals, groups or both were marketing services to calculate peoples' refunds for a fee, Nichols said. He did not know, however, whether people actually used the services. Nichols said it wasn't clear whether the marketing of such services was a violation of any law or regulation. The IRS' letters, or notices, giving people information on the tax-refund checks are intended to go out before July 20, which is when the first wave of rebate checks will be mailed out, Nichols said. The actual check mailout will be based on the last two digits of the Social Security number of the tax-

1/2 PRICE BARGAIN SALES, Terry's Kids Shoes, The Big Shoe Store

payer listed first on the 2000 return, starting at 00 and going through 99. The amount of the refund will be based on the taxpayer's 2000 income tax return. The maximum will be \$600 for married filers, \$300 for single filers and \$500 for heads of households. The refunds are part of the 10-year, \$1.35 trillion tax relief package signed last month by President Bush. Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill has said repeatedly that taxpayers don't need to do anything to get a refund, other than file a return for the 2000 tax year.

Texas firearm lock program back on track

AUSTIN (AP) — Thousands of gun locks are headed to law enforcement departments across Texas for free distribution as part of a \$1 million state-funded program. Then-Gov. George W. Bush announced the project last year during his run for president. But the giveaway was delayed until this summer so that problems could be corrected in the cable-style locks. The new locks began going out to Texas police and sheriff's departments in June. "It was obviously something that law enforcement agencies were interested in resuming again, and we're glad to see it's up and running," said Gene Acuna, spokesman for Gov. Rick Perry. Some cities already are handing out the locks. "It's going very well," said Sgt. James Serrato, who oversees the program for the San Antonio Police Department. "If you want gun locks, we've got 'em." The department received 25,000 locks June 14. About 16,000 have been distributed at gun shows, malls and police substations, Serrato said. "One of the comments we received at one of the gun shows is, 'This is one of the best things you have ever done.' They were able to see something tangible being given back by the government," Serrato said. The locks would have a retail cost of about \$10. They are made of a lock and a braided steel cable that is inserted into a gun's barrel, preventing it from being loaded or operated. The locks can be used on handguns and many rifles and shotguns. San Antonio is to get 20,000 more locks in September. Corpus Christi received a shipment of 12,000 locks on June 18. The biggest shipments will go to Houston. City and county law enforcement officials are getting a total of 100,000 locks in late August and September. Beaumont is scheduled to receive 5,000 gun locks in August, while the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department is getting 100 locks. The giveaway is paid for with \$1 million in state money through the governor's criminal justice division.

Support Groups TODAY: Caregivers Night Out, meets every fourth Tuesday every other month from 6-7:30 p.m. at Community Care Hospice. Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920. Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 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. HOME HOSPICE and CANTERBURY are sponsoring a new grief support group. It will meet the second Wednesday of each month at 3 p.m. in the community room at Canterbury South, 1700 Lancaster. Call Home Hospice at 264-7599 or come by 600 South Gregg for further details.

BRIEFS

A HEALTH FUND FOR BOBBY LAWDERMILK has been set up at Wells Fargo Bank at 400 Main. Contact Mitzi Knight or Kellie Tubb at 267-5531 for more information. Dr. Lawdermilk, DVM, was diagnosed with Alzheimers three years ago and was recently diagnosed with cancer. Because of his health problems the Lawdermilk's no longer have health insurance. There will be a bake sale from 8 a.m. until everything is sold, Wednesday, July 11 in the lobby at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. A hotdog lunch will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Friday, July 13 in the first floor classroom at SMMC. Donations will be accepted at both events. THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, which delivers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers to

Scenic Mountain Medical Center, 1601 W. 11th Place, 263-1211

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The Connecticut-based group National Shooting Sports Foundation is in charge of purchasing the locks and sending them to law enforcement. In all, 750,000 cable locks will go to 800 law enforcement agencies across the state this year under the program, called Project Child Safe. The foundation offers suggestions to law enforcement departments on how to distribute the locks but doesn't set rules or require paperwork, said Jeanette Mannuzza, the group's coordinator of the Texas giveaway.

"It's simple — you hand out the locks," she said. "We want the firearms to be safe." The group seeks to increase participation in shooting sports while stressing firearm safety, Mannuzza said. It also is working with the federal government on a national gun lock distribution.

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deliver meals. If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

A FUND FOR FRANCES FLECKENSTEIN, whose home was destroyed following Monday's explosion, has been set up at the First Bank of West Texas. For more information on how to make a donation call the bank at 267-1113.

SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH, 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST of Latter Day Saints will be cleaning up the Comanche Trail Park water front. The church would like to get as much of the community involved as possible. If more information on the cleaning is needed, you can call Karla Cervantes at: 264-7651

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.

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marijuana less than two ounces. ASSAULT was reported in the 400 block of Bell, the 1600 block of Harding and the 1100 block of Mulberry. DRAG RACING/RECKLESS DRIVING was reported in the 3700 block of Connally. DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported in the 1800 block of S. Gregg. DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 900 block of Aylesford St.

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following summary: ASSAULT, 2 - AGGRAVATED ASSAULT FAMILY VIOLENCE, 1 - ASSAULT FAMILY VIOLENCE, 1 - BURGLARY OF A HABITATION, 1 - BURGLARY OF A MOTOR VEHICLE, 2 - CRIMINAL MISCHIEF, 2 - DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED, 1 - INDECENCY WITH A CHILD, 3 - POSSESSION OF DRUGS, 1 - RUNAWAY, 1 - THEFT, 13 - CONVENIENCE STORE THEFT, 12 - BEER, 1 - GAS, 11 - ARRESTS, 14 - ACCIDENTS, 8 - MAJOR, 3

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SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activities: WILLIAM RONALD DRIVER, 36, was arrested on a charge possession of marijuana, less than two ounces. (BSPD) GARY MONTEZ, 34, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated, third offense or more and driving while license suspended, enhanced. (DPS) MATTHEW SCOTT REAVES, 18, was arrested on a charge of burglary of a vehicle. (BSPD) THOMAS RIOS, 19, was arrested on a charge of evading arrest/detention using a motor vehicle. (BSPD) DENNIS MELVIN KNOOP, 52, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated. (BSPD) DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 500 block of E. Midway Road. LOOSE DOGS were reported in the 300 block of Denton Road and the 100 block of Basswood.

RECORDS

Monday's high 101 Monday's low 78 Record high 104 in 1942 Record low 63 in 1920 Average high 96 Average low 70 Precip. Monday 0.00 Month to date 0.09 Year to date 5.15 Sunrise Wednesday 6:48 a.m. Sunset Wednesday 8:55 p.m.

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# Stem cell debate: View from sufferers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Adam Singer has fought diabetes for 23 years. Ron Heagy has spent two decades in a wheelchair because of a spinal cord injury.

Both men look to the day when science can cure them of their ailments. But the current debate over embryonic stem cell research divides them.

"It seems to me that it's an easy choice to make — take a shot at saving lives and making life easier for people," said Singer, a 41-year-old commercial real estate agent from Potomac, Md., near Washington.

"I never want to hear of anyone giving up an embryo so that I can get out of a wheelchair," said Heagy, a 39-year-old motivational speaker from Albany, Ore.

The moral questions over stem cell research are hardly easy for anyone.

At issue are embryonic

master cells that can generate all the other tissues of the body.

Scientists believe that if doctors could learn how to control stem cells, they possibly could cure diseases like Alzheimer's, diabetes or Parkinson's or even repair spinal cords.

Abortion opponents find it unacceptable because harvesting the stem cells requires the death of an embryo, which many regard as human life.

Since 1996, the government has banned federal funding of research that would harm, damage or destroy human embryos. But the Clinton administration decided in 1999 to allow federal money to pay for stem cell projects as long as the cells were extracted by researchers not receiving federal funds.

President Bush soon will decide whether to reverse the Clinton administration's compromise. Aides said he

is hearing from scores of people with poignant stories like Singer's and Heagy's.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer hailed stem cells as an area "where there is so much potential for health and for breakthroughs."

At the same time, he declined several times Monday to state Bush's view on when human life begins. The White House later released a portion of a 1999 interview in which Bush said he believes life begins at conception.

"I can't tell anyone that they're wrong for how they feel on this issue," said Singer, a volunteer with the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

The disease robbed him of the ability to open a jar of juice for his young sons.

He knows the disease can kill him, so he hopes stem cell research will be cleared for federal funding and some day be used to cure

him.

"It's a brutal little disease," he said.

Heagy, a quadriplegic who runs an Oregon camp for disabled youth, tells everyone — including Congress last year — that he opposes federal money for embryonic stem cell research even if that research means the eventual repair of his spinal cord, damaged in a surfing accident when he was a teen-ager.

"I sat there as a voice for the embryo," he said. "I've got my challenges. I'm not opposed to walking again. I'm just opposed to the process."

Scientists believe that embryonic stem cells, more flexible than those extracted from fully developed humans, could renew ailing organs or prevent ailments, once researchers study them enough to figure out what causes certain cells to become abnormal and cause maladies in the first place.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Mother arrested for child's injuries

ODESSA (AP) — Police said a 20-year-old Odessa woman may have been having marital problems and became frustrated with her crying 7-week-old daughter when she allegedly fractured the child's skull, legs and ribs.

Laura Ann Ramirez was placed in the Tarrant County Jail on Monday and charged with felony injury to a child. Fort Worth police said she would be handed over to Odessa authorities later this week.

The stress of raising children at a young age, compounded with marital problems, may have led to the abuse, Fort Worth police Lt. Duane Paul said Monday.

"It was relayed to me that the mother was under a large amount of stress and she wasn't able to handle the child and that's why she did what she did," Paul said. "The baby was crying and upsetting her and she just wasn't able to handle it."

The child, Miranda, was in serious condition early Tuesday morning at Cook Children's Medical Center in Fort Worth, a nursing supervisor said.

### Refinery blast, fire cause evacuation

THREE RIVERS (AP) — Three workers remained hospitalized today after a series of explosions and a toxic gas release at the Ultramar Diamond Shamrock refinery drove hundreds of people from their homes and businesses.

"I saw all the smoke and decided it was time to get out of Dodge," said Rod Crawford, a contractor renovating a nearby theater.

The blast, early Monday afternoon, occurred in the alkylation unit of the Three Rivers Refinery, about halfway between San Antonio and Corpus Christi. While on the scene, officials said they heard three other explosions.

The plant, which is Three Rivers' largest employer, was evacuated because the unit contains hydrofluoric acid, company spokesman Scott Spendlove said.

Emergency workers worked to keep the hydrofluoric acid, which can eat through glass and concrete, from affecting the residents of Three Rivers and the water supply at Choke Canyon State Park.

"HF is a very toxic and corrosive substance," said Professor Joe Loter of the Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi's physical and life sciences department. "It's a gas but it will also condense into a liquid."

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission sent six officials to the Choke Canyon Reservoir to monitor the water. They said they found no traces of air and water contamination beyond the refinery's fence.

The reservoir and Lake Corpus Christi are the water sources for Corpus Christi.

# Anthrax: Officials urge precautions must be taken

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — As a result of the second reported case of human anthrax infection, health officials are warning South Texas ranchers, hunters and vacationers to avoid contact with dead or sickly looking animals.

Health officials learned late Friday of a second probable case of human anthrax exposure, both in Val Verde County ranch workers. Tests are still under way, but if confirmed, they would be the first human anthrax cases in Texas since 1988, said Julie Rawlings, an epidemiologist with the Texas

Department of Health.

Officials say there is little risk of the bacterial illness spreading more widely among people, despite a recent outbreak among livestock.

"The best advice now is that if anybody finds a carcass, they should leave it alone. This is not a good time to be out collecting bones or skulls," said Rick Taylor, a field biologist at the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department's Uvalde office.

Hundreds of deer, and several horses and cattle have died from probable anthrax disease in what health offi-

cial are describing as the worst outbreak in two decades.

Confirmed cases have been reported in Val Verde and Uvalde counties, and likely animal deaths have been reported in Bandera, Edwards, Kinney and Real counties.

"I had one client (who) told me he had counted at least 50 on one ranch," said Dr. Cecil Arnim Jr., a Uvalde veterinarian.

The people most likely to encounter infected animals should be familiar with safety precautions because anthrax is endemic to South

Texas, Rawlings said.

"The ranchers and Parks & Wildlife employees should know the best way to deal with them is by burning them and to avoid any kind of direct contact, especially if they have any cuts on their skin where they might come in contact with the animals," Rawlings said.

Anthrax is a bacteria sometimes used in biological warfare.

It rapidly produces toxins that cause severe damage to the respiratory system and brain.

Untreated patients usually die within days.

# Former church leader pleads guilty to rape, molestation

SALEM, Mass. (AP) — A former church youth leader and YMCA swim coach who used his jobs to befriend young boys pleaded guilty Monday in what prosecutors called the biggest child sex-abuse case in Massachusetts history.

Christopher Reardon, 29, had faced 130 counts involving 29 children. On Monday, he hung his head and responded "guilty" to 75 charges during a five-hour hearing that included graphic details of the allegations.

He could get up to life in prison at his Aug. 17 sentencing.

"The defendant essentially exploited his position of authority and trust," prosecutor Robert Brennan said.

About 50 family members and friends of the victims, as well as six boys, listened to the pleas. Several sobbed as the details were

explained, and many embraced when the judge formally accepted the plea.

The victims all were identified as John Does.

Defense attorney John Andrews said Reardon decided to plead guilty — without any promise of a lenient sentence — because he wanted to spare the boys more harm. Eighteen had been expected to testify at a trial that had been set for Monday on most of the charges.

While he responded guilty to 75 accusations, the court recorded guilty pleas on eight charges of rape of a child, each of which carries a maximum sentence of life in prison. One of the eight pleas was made under the Alford doctrine, in which the defendant maintains innocence but admits prosecutors have enough evidence to win a conviction.

Reardon's parents attend-

ed the hearing. His father, John Reardon, read a brief statement afterwards, saying "We hope there is compassion in the community where Chris has spent his whole life."

Reardon led religion classes for children at St. Agnes Roman Catholic Church in Middleton, 20 miles north of Boston. He also directed the Danvers YMCA Summer Day Camp. Prosecutors said he used both jobs to "systematically" befriend boys before his arrest last year.

According to court records, police confiscated at least two dozen pornographic videos, photographs of nude children, inflatable dolls and sex toys from Reardon's home and office at the church. They also found a videotape of Reardon masturbating with a boy in the church rectory and instructions on how to have sex with young boys —

and what to do if they show reluctance.

The molester's then-wife also discovered in their nightstand dozens of pages of charts and computerized spreadsheets filled with meticulous notes and descriptions of boys and how Reardon allegedly

assaulted them.

Nationally, the Catholic Church has spent millions over the past decade to settle sexual abuse cases involving its priests.

In the biggest known case, the Diocese of Dallas agreed in 1998 to pay more than \$30 million to 11 former altar

boys who said they were molested by a former priest Rudolph "Rudy" Kos. He was sentenced to life in prison.

In New Mexico, the archdiocese settled some 45 lawsuits alleging sexual abuse by former priest Jason Sigler.

### Regents select Smith as interim chancellor

LUBBOCK (AP) — Dr. David R. Smith, president of the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center, wants to focus on improving all aspects of Texas Tech University and to continue stoking the fund-raising fires when he takes over as interim chancellor in September.

Smith, 47, was chosen Monday by the university's board of regents to serve as interim chancellor when John Montford steps down as chancellor Sept. 3.

He will continue as president of the health sciences center and will earn the same \$325,000 salary he now earns.

Smith, who was in Little Rock, Ark., to deliver a speech when regent chairman Robert Brown telephoned him with the offer, said he's excited at the opportunity to work more closely with the university and President David Schmidly.

"I'm obviously very honored," Smith said Monday night upon his return. "There is anticipation, excitement and surprise. It's a great, great system."

Smith, who will serve for an indefinite period, did not rule out applying for the post permanently but is not now pursuing it.

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## OTHER VIEWS

# Court ruling fair to all, as it should be

The separation between church and state is one of the most important principles of our government. The very first Anglo settlers in the new world came here to escape religious persecution in Europe. So our founders were very attuned to creating a country in which people would be able to worship the religion of their choosing and not feel intimidated by the government.

Sometimes our country has become so obsessed with enforcing that line that we forget that we also are a country in which many people consider themselves religious. ...

That was the fundamental question facing the U.S. Supreme Court in deciding whether the evangelical Good News Club could hold meetings in a New York school after school hours. The club in question met immediately after school let out.

The court ruled 6-3 that the school had to treat all community groups equally. In short, if it was going to allow Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and other youth groups to meet at the school, it couldn't exclude the Good News Club just because the group espouses an extremely evangelical message.

That's fair. Government has no business excluding groups from using public facilities simply because the message is controversial, even if the message is religious in nature. ...

The United States is perhaps the most diverse country on earth. Often, we struggle with that diversity, but over time we have learned to celebrate it as well. ... Religious groups should not be discriminated against because of their beliefs. That, too, is a vital part of our Constitution.

The Bellingham (Wash.) Herald

## YOUR VIEWS

### TO THE EDITOR:

It is gratifying to note that so many people in Big Spring do not take this great country for granted. Big Spring appreciates that America was not given to us free. It took many brave souls willing to fight and die for her. With lumps in our throats we watched the many men and women at the front of First Baptist Church on the eve of the 4th of July celebrations.

All in the audience could not do anything but love them as they spoke briefly of where they had served in the various parts of the world while at war and peace. Some mentioned of being POWs and others reminded us of those who gave all they could, their lives. We still have precious freedoms because of them.

The great songs by the choir, the music and tribute to all branches of mil-

tary service were all heart warming and gave us all reminders of how much was given for our precious freedoms that we still enjoy.

The concert in the park was also wonderful and gave fitting tribute as it ended with memorable musicals and fantastic fireworks that we are sure were hard to match anywhere in the country.

We have seen many such programs and although we have been in Big Spring just over a year we appreciate the great patriotism exhibited here in tribute to so many people who started this country looking for a place to worship a great and wonderful God who gave us this Great United States of America.

JOE AND WANDA BERNIER  
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# Biethical questions of stem-cell research

The Bush administration may be fixing to fish or cut bait on the stem cell research issue, except it appears it will actually try to straddle the issue. Good luck to them.

Those who believe life begins the instant an egg is fertilized by a sperm hold a theological position not subject to compromise. The pro-life movement initially opposed fetal-cell research because it thought it would somehow legitimize abortion, or allow women having abortions to think at least some good would come of it.

Actually, stem cell research is done on left-over embryos in petri dishes that went unused during fertilization treatments, so we're not even talking about the possibility of a human life. Do you know anyone with Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, diabetes or a spinal cord injury? Stem-

cell research presents a real chance to find a cure for those conditions.

"Biologically speaking, an embryo is not a person. About 25 percent of embryos never make their way through a woman's plumbing in time to attach themselves to the womb wall — they are washed out with the menstrual flood. We do not mourn them as dead people. Natalie Angier, in her book "Woman, an Intimate Geography," says, "We all know about the high rate of miscarriages during the first trimester of pregnancy, and we have all heard that the majority of those miscarriages are blessed expulsions, eliminating embryos with chromosomes too distorted for being."

Speaking of all the bad sperm and all the bad eggs the body rids itself of naturally through a process called apoptosis, Angier observes, "In that sense, we are good eggs, every one of us."

The theory that stem cell research is the beginning of the infamous slippery slope toward heaven knows what Frankenstein experiments in future is genuine-

ly worth considering. The more we mess with nature, the more we seem to learn about how ignorant we are. Nevertheless, the law draws distinctions on all kinds of slippery slopes: The difference between misdemeanor theft and felony theft is one penny.

You can drink legally when you are 21 years old, but not when you are 20 years and 364 days old. In nine states, you can be executed if your IQ is 70, but not if it's 69. A woman can get an abortion in the first trimester for almost any reason, but must show serious threat to her life or health by the third trimester. These are all artificial distinctions. But society is capable of drawing them.

The depressing part of the Bush administration's lengthy indecision over what is a no-brainer to those without the theological commitment to the fertilized-egg-as-human-being position is the political motive. It has been widely reported that Karl Rove, a.k.a., "Bush's brain," wants to outlaw stem cell research as part of his grand strategy to win

Catholic voters over to the Republican Party permanently.

This doesn't do anything to help those with Alzheimer's, but it would help the Republicans. That's some morality.

But Rove's political calculations appear to be off again: Polls show about 70 percent of all Catholics favor stem-cell research. That helpful House trio, Reps. Dick Armey, Tom DeLay and J.C. Watts, wrote Bush a letter calling stem-cell research "an industry of death." Funny, I've never heard any of them describe arms manufacturers that way.

As we inch into new areas of research that raise all kinds of bioethical questions, I often think we are lucky to be able to debate them openly and vigorously, for we sense the new and the strange, and are wary. It is the old wrongs that are harder to come to grips with.

As Tom Paine once wrote, "A long habit of not thinking a thing wrong gives it a superficial appearance of being right, and raises, at first, a formidable outcry in defense of custom."



# A troubled house for the Democrats

Now should be a moment of great opportunity for the Democrats.

House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt, D-Mo.,

and Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., are soulmates in terms of their politics and personal style, and together, they should pose a formidable challenge to the Bush White House. But because House Democrats are so fractured, they are not reliable partners. In every debate so far, from tax cuts to the patients' bill of rights, House Democrats have been irrelevant.

Outnumbered and out-muscled, their voices scarcely have been heard. "They shot us dead and they didn't tell anybody," California Democrat Ellen Tauscher says dryly.

Tauscher faults the majority for shutting down the Democratic opposition. Though the Republicans

have only the slimmest majority, they have stifled dissent by limiting congressional hearings and floor debate, in effect leaving Democrats speechless. But Democrats also have themselves to blame for their ineffectiveness. "Democrats are screaming for new blood and unified leadership," says a Democratic Party operative. While Gephardt gets high marks for his dedication to the House, he has his eye on the 2004 presidential race.

If control of the House were within grasp, would he seriously contemplate another run for the presidency? And David Bonior, Gephardt's heir apparent, has set his sights on next year's Michigan governor's race. Tired of being Gephardt's perpetual heir apparent, Bonior's expected exit is a signal to Democrats that their hopes of regaining the majority anytime soon are probably futile.

Democrats are still in shock over their dismal showing in the 2000 congressional races. After setting fund-raising records and recruiting unusually high-caliber candidates, they took back only one

seat. Explaining what went wrong to the party's big contributors and convincing them to bet again on the Democrats is proving difficult. Next year's election will be the fourth successive try to regain the majority, and optimism is in short supply. Tauscher likens it to "deal fatigue," a Wall Street term used when something you once loved no longer gets your juices going. Democrats had everything going for them in 2000, and they couldn't get over the finish line.

"There's a sense that the opportunity has been lost — not just for the moment, but for the near term as well," says the Democratic Party official.

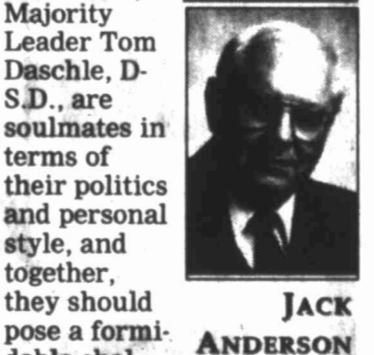
Redistricting makes the task even harder. In addition to the very real loss of seats because of shifting populations, the continuing uncertainty over where the new lines will be drawn leaves incumbents in limbo and stalls the recruiting process for candidates.

The Democratic National Committee has traditionally focused more on the presidential race, but with Democrats trying to claw their way back into power

wherever they can, the DNC is playing a greater role in congressional races. Party chairman Terry McAuliffe is a whirlwind of activity, but some Democrats are skeptical about whether his frenetic pace will accrue to the benefit of the party.

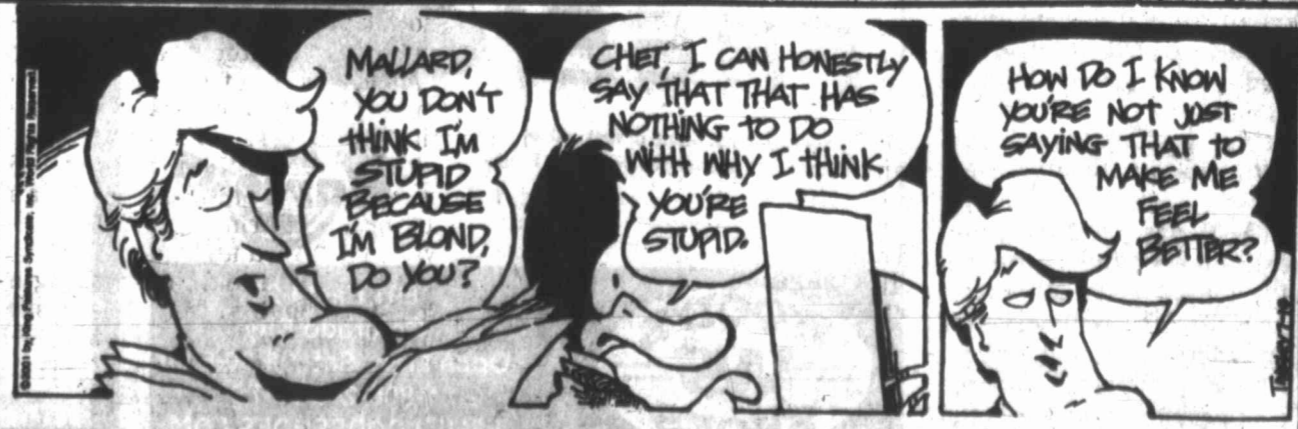
McAuliffe is raising a lot of money, which is his specialty, but he's also spending substantially to improve the DNC's operation and reach. The newly created Voting Rights Institute, headed by former Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson, is a case in point. Party veterans thought it was a peace bone thrown to Jackson, who challenged McAuliffe for the chairmanship, and to African-Americans, who are suspicious about the party's entreaties to Hispanics.

But under McAuliffe's direction, the Voting Rights Institute has turned into a real and costly enterprise, giving skeptics heartburn. McAuliffe's enthusiasm rubs some the wrong way, but others see his energetic and sometimes abrasive style as just the kind of shock therapy that Democrats need to come back from the dead.



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### Rose Magee volleyball

The Rose Magee Volleyball team held July 10 Gym.

The camp will be held at the second grade high school.

Fees for sixth graders is \$70 for sixth graders and school athletes.

Sessions for will be 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., while grades 2-5 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. school campus from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Game strategies as fundamentering volleyball stressed.

Registration mailed to Tr 2711 Rebecca 79720.

### Black Gold set for Friday

The Big Spring Gold Tennis has been scheduled for Friday through the Figure Center in Com Park.

Play will be in boys and doubles and girls in five a.

Fees will be \$70 for three.

For more call Wendy J 5485.

### YMCA swim seeks comp

The Big Spring Swim Team competing in meets.

Practice sessions held Monday through Thursday.

To be eligible, youngsters must be able to complete the YMCA pool.

For more call the YMCA.

### ACS still on Texas Golf

The American Society is again the Texas Golf Society's 680th annual 289 courses the state.

The passes and proceed program of the Cancer Society.

Both the Country Comanche Course are planned.

For more call 1-800-ACS.

### Saints see stay in New

BATON ROUGE (AP) — The Saints aren't where for a State

announced they have agreed with a final that will help league's poor in New Orleans.

Steve Per staff to Gov. said Monday Louisiana's Saints \$1 guaranteed cash to assume financial state also would what was called "inducement" until a stadium was built.

In the next Foster will announce to build a new stadium totally re team's current

ON THE

### Televised baseball

7 p.m. All-Star Game

### 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.

#### Black Gold tourney set for Friday start

The Big Spring Black Gold Tennis Tournament has been scheduled for Friday through Sunday 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. For more information, call Wendy Justiss at 3398-5485.

#### 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.

#### ACS still offering Texas Golf Pass

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

The passes are \$35 each and proceeds from the program benefit the Cancer Society.

Both the Big Spring Country Club and Comanche Trail Golf Course are participating.

For more information, call 1-800-ACS-2345.

#### Saints seem set to stay in New Orleans

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — The New Orleans Saints aren't going anywhere for a while.

State officials announced Monday that they have agreed in principle with the NFL team with a financial package that will help keep the league's poorest franchise in New Orleans.

Steve Perry, chief of staff to Gov. Mike Foster said Monday that Louisiana will provide the Saints \$12.5 million in guaranteed operating cash to assure the team's financial stability. The state also would continue what was called "an escalating inducement package" until a new or renovated stadium is functional.

In the next two weeks, Foster will appoint a committee to study whether to build a new stadium or totally renovate the team's current home.

#### ON THE AIR

#### Television BASEBALL

7 p.m. — Major League All-Star Game, FOX Ch. 3.

## Gonzalez tops Bond, Sosa to win Home Run Derby

SEATTLE (AP) — Luis Gonzalez was the unknown basher.

"Don't know him at all, to tell you the truth," Thomas Knapp said.

Gonzalez had just won Monday night's All-Star Home Run Derby, earning Knapp, a fan from Potters Mills, Pa., \$250,000 toward a new house as part of a promotion.

Gonzalez won esteem for himself. "You are out here among your peers," he said after outslugging Sammy Sosa 6-2 in the final round. "The whole world is watching, and this is actually where you get recognition for doing something like this."

With 35 home runs before the All-Star break, Gonzalez shot up to the top rank of stars. But it was Gonzalez who was starry eyed when

he walked toward the plate at Safeco Field.

"I was kind of in a fog, especially considering the guys I was going against the last couple of rounds,"

Gonzalez said. "I was so nervous in my first Home Run Derby. I just wanted to get past the first round."

Barry Bonds was knocked out in the semifinals, and Alex Rodriguez didn't even make it out of the first round at Safeco Field, known more for pitching than bashing.

Bonds, whose 39 homers for San Francisco set a record at the All-Star break, hit the longest drive of the day — a 476-foot drive that a fan dropped out of the first row of the right-field upper deck. He also had a 472-foot shot among his seven in the first round.

Oakland's Jason Giambi put on the best show, hitting a Home Run Derby-record 14 in the first round before he was knocked out 8-6 by Sosa in the semifinals.

"I was honored to be in it," Giambi said.

Gonzalez, who brought along Arizona bullpen catcher Jeff Motuzas to hit against, watched Giambi and concluded he had no shot.

"I was thinking that trophy had his name on it," Gonzalez said.

But Gonzalez showed that steady can succeed, too, hitting five homers in the first round, then beating Bonds 5-3 in the semifinals.

Bonds played down the competition to reach the season record set in 1998, when Mark McGwire out-

homed Sosa 70-66 as they both topped Roger Maris' previous mark of 61, set in 1961.

"Mark had Sammy pushing him," Bonds said. "Me and Gonzo — what the hell are we doing? There's no fight."

And Gonzalez said there's no pressure on him. Arizona leads the NL West by 3 games, while Bonds' Giants are 5 games back.

"It has not been a distraction to our ballclub, what I've been doing in the first half," Gonzalez said. "I'd just as soon keep it that way. Hopefully, the thing it won't do is hinder our ballclub."

The Derby was somewhat lacking in drama. Still, it attracted huge Major League sluggers like Sosa, Gonzalez and Bonds.

## All All-Star eyes focus on Mariners' slugger Ichiro

SEATTLE (AP) — All day long, all eyes were on Ichiro Suzuki.

And the Seattle sensation played the All-Star role perfectly.

At batting practice, Ivan Rodriguez walked up to the cage to hug Suzuki, and coach Don Zimmer came over to embrace him.

Suzuki's rock-star sunglasses perched on his backward cap, he dug in with his special steel spikes — emblazoned in Mariners colors with "All-Star Game 51" on the heel — and promptly hit the first pitch into the right-field stands.

"This guy is one of the top five players in the world," New York Mets catcher Mike Piazza said.

Earlier, a crush of cameramen, most of them Japanese, surrounded him at a hotel press conference.

"It is Ichiro mania here," Kansas City first baseman Mike Sweeney said.

"People walk in and we all just point over there."

The crowd at Safeco Field that cheered his every swing confirmed what every player knew:

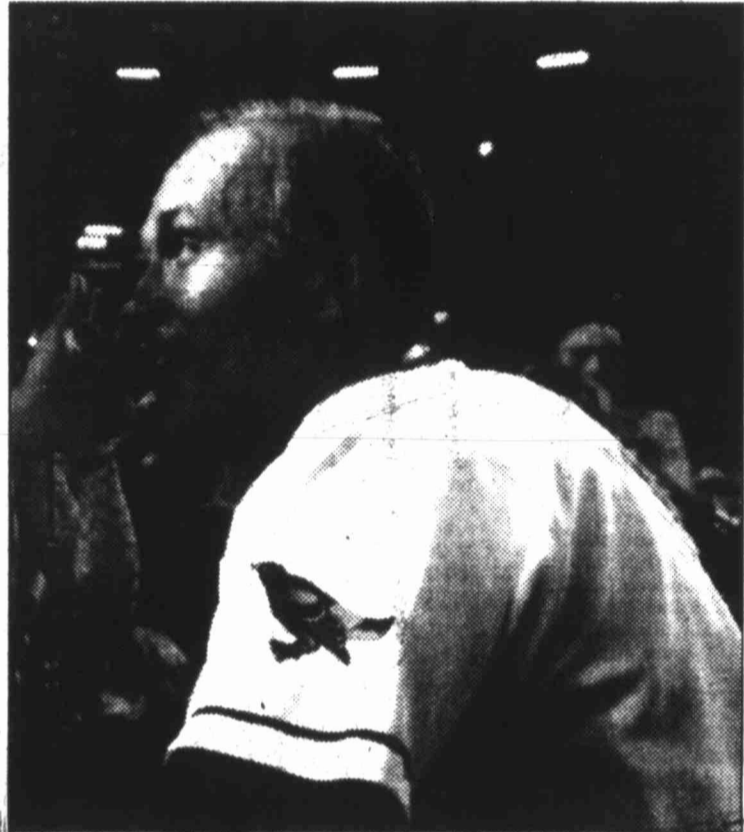
It's the Year of Ichiro!

Because in an All-Star game full of intriguing subplots, Suzuki was the main reason fans in more than 200 countries are likely to watch Tuesday night.

Not to see what else Roger Clemens can throw in Piazza's direction. Not to hear A-Rod get booed at his old ballpark. Not to enjoy the tributes to Cal Ripken and Tony Gwynn, either.

"I'm pretty sure that every TV in Japan will be tuned into the game," NL starter Curt Schilling said.

"One of the things a veteran pitcher told me a long time ago is that as an opposing pitcher, you have the ability to shut up a sta-



Cal Ripken smiles at a recent ball game, thinking of his final All-Star game at bat, which he will get tonight at 7 p.m. at Safeco Field in Seattle.

spots in the All-Star game. "I did not expect the honor, so I would not have been disappointed if I did not make the All-Star team," he said.

Now, he's drawing a crowd wherever he goes. "I'm looking forward to seeing Ichiro, because everybody is looking forward to seeing him," Cincinnati first baseman Sean Casey said. "It will be interesting to see him take batting practice and things like that. His style is different. It's stuff you don't see."

Such as the sumo-style squats he does before hitting. Or the rice balls, made by his wife, Yumiko, that he eats prior to games. Rarely has anyone seen so much buildup for someone in the All-Star game.

Suzuki is hitting .347 for the best team in baseball and leads the AL in runs scored with 76.

The rookie was the majors' top votegetter in fan balloting for starting

## Wimbledon Ivanisevic wins men's singles title

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — The message of Goran Ivanisevic's improbable Wimbledon championship is clear: When it comes to men's tennis, expect surprises.

Pete Sampras lost there for the first time in five years, Andre Agassi squandered a semifinal that he was two points away from winning and Pat Rafter did the same in Monday's final.

They were the top three seeded players in the tournament. But in a wacky fortnight, plus one day, it was Ivanisevic, unseeded and unpredictable, who won one of the most thrilling Wimbledon finals ever.

"I can be a little wild on the court," the left-handed Croat said, "but I'm mentally, actually, very, very well, very good. And I think that's why I won this year."

Ivanisevic completed his climb from wild-card entrant to Wimbledon champ with a 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, 2-6, 9-7 win over Rafter in 3 hours, 1 minute.

Even Ivanisevic was shocked at that latest twist in men's tennis.

"I think I'm dreaming," he said. "Somebody is going to wake me up and tell me, 'Man, you didn't win.'"

In a men's tour lacking a dominant player, there have been eight finalists in the last four Grand Slams. A new pair could emerge at the U.S. Open in September.

One of the most feared servers on the tour, Ivanisevic committed 16 double faults to just four by Rafter on Monday. In the last game, Ivanisevic double-faulted at match point

twice, then lost a third match point after a shaky volley.

So close to becoming a champion, he played like anything but that. Eventually, he had match point for the fourth time and started with a fault.

"I say, 'OK, fourth match point, just put that second serve, doesn't matter where. Maybe he's going to miss,'" Ivanisevic said. "And he did it. I was like, 'Wow, great.' Couldn't believe the ball was going into the net."

Just one more unexpected development in a tournament filled with them.

The reaction of the emotional Ivanisevic, though, wasn't a shock. He fell on his back, rolled on his stomach, then got up with tears in his eyes. He and Rafter hugged at the net, then he climbed into the stands and threw his arms around his father and other supporters.

He didn't strip off his shirt and toss it to the crowd as he had done after winning two earlier matches. But during the last game of those matches, Ivanisevic didn't kiss the ball, cross himself or shed tears the way he did Monday.

When the match was over and the title was his for the first time, an unusually lively crowd at Centre Court cheered — Croats and Australians honoring their countrymen and all of them applauding a match in which a fierce refusal to lose was one of the strongest weapons for both players.

It was a dramatic finish to the championship match.

## DeFrantz, Baldwin at odds over IOC presidency

MOSCOW (AP) — The American Olympic community has a problem. Its senior official is running for the most powerful job in sports, while its national leader thinks someone else would do just fine in the job.

This is the welcome mat to be laid out Wednesday, when U.S. Olympic Committee president Sandy Baldwin arrives to watch Los Angeles attorney Anita DeFrantz run for the presidency of the International Olympic Committee.

DeFrantz, the first woman to hold a vice presidency on the committee, is a longshot to be selected from a field of five candidates to succeed Juan Antonio Samaranch.

Nevertheless, she was angered Monday about reports in which Baldwin said Kim Un-yong, a South Korean diplomat and sports leader and a leading contender for the presidency, would be an OK choice despite a stern rebuke stemming from the Olympics' greatest scandal.

"Dr. Kim is an extremely bright man who understands sport. He knows how to organize and promote sport," Baldwin said.

Told of the remarks, DeFrantz literally bit her lip.

"Does she vote?" DeFrantz asked. "I guess she's expressing her opinion."

Baldwin, scheduled to arrive at the IOC meetings on Wednesday,

does not have a vote. She said she would discuss the situation with DeFrantz.

"I would assume we'd all sit down together in Moscow if Anita doesn't appear to be winning and try to strategize the American point of view," she said.

Kim was pleased by Baldwin's remarks.

"Very good news," he said. "Any nice words would be helpful. Maybe she knows I work for the Olympics and sports."

While Baldwin's statement was far short of an endorsement, it was extraordinary.

An IOC investigation of the million-dollar bribery scheme surrounding Salt Lake's winning bid for the 2002 Winter Games slapped Kim with a severe warning. It was a punishment just short of the expulsions and resignations that swept 10 members from the ranks.

At least one of the IOC's worldwide sponsors, John Hancock financial services, has questioned whether the election of Kim would be a rebuke of membership and financial reforms adopted in the wake of the scandal.

But Baldwin told the Washington Post that public relations issues "would go away fairly quickly" if Kim were elected.

"Do I think we would go through some? Yes," she said. "But Dr. Kim

is a very practical man. Ultimately, his image is important to him. I think he would work very hard to change that perception."

The first woman to head the USOC, Baldwin has spent time with all five candidates in their home cities.

Kim said her visit to Seoul this year was a continuation of long-

established links between the two countries.

"We have good relations between U.S. and Korean sports," he said. "She was impressed by what she saw."

Earlier, the IOC said Kim's name had been picked in a blind draw to be listed first on the electronic voting board.

## Sports Hall of Fame seeks cash to house Landry items

WACO, (AP) — When Tom Landry's widow offered some of her late husband's belongings to the Texas Sports Hall of Fame last year, museum officials had to politely decline.

"We told her we were honored and delighted, but there was not space at the present time," said director Steve Fallon.

Fallon and other officials hope to raise \$1.2 million to create space for the trademark fedora and other belongings of the famed Dallas Cowboys coach, along with upgrading the museum's Landry Theatre.

Museum officials this month will ask the city for up about \$200,000 of downtown tax district revenue to replace obsolete audiovisual equip-

ment in the theater and create more exhibit space in the theater for Landry's memorabilia.

Another \$1 million will be raised privately for an endowment to fund long-term improvements at the museum.

Landry memorabilia will include his University of Texas football uniform, his New York Giants coaching jacket and his Super Bowl rings and trophies.

Hall of fame President Bland Cromwell said the Landry exhibit should generate more museum traffic through the proposed enlargement of the facility.

"I think Landry was such a well-liked, super person that it will be a real focus point," he said.

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**HELP WANTED**

Part time income. Over \$500 monthly, delivering the Midland Reporter Telegram to homes & stores in the early morning hours. Apply immediately for the Big Spring area. Call Deanne at 1-800-542-3952 Ext. 3005

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**LOANS**

**NEED CASH NOW OPEN** E-Z Cash \$100 to \$1000. No Credit Check. Checking Acct. Required. 263-4315

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**GRAIN, HAY OR FEED**  
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**DOGS, PETS, ETC.**  
Free to a good home, 3 month old female German Sheppard puppy. Not necessarily a child's dog. Call 263-4645

**FOUND / LOST PETS**  
Found male Scottish Terrier in the vicinity of 12th/Douglas. Call 267-7789 to claim.

**FURNITURE**  
E-Z Rentals 120 days same as cash. Name brand TVs, VCR's, furniture, appliances, etc. 263-4315

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**HOUSES FOR SALE**  
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Small 2 bdr. 1 bh house C/H/A, fenced back yard. Newly remodeled. Call 267-9822.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR Wednesday, July 11:**

Aim high, and don't lose your momentum this year. If you're confused, ask questions rather than staying up at night worrying and making mountains out of molehills. You have an unusual ability to absorb information - so read. Take seminars and travel. Open new doors. Your career or stature in your community will benefit as a result. If you are single, you could meet someone quite special and exotic by your next birthday. Make sure this person is emotionally available. If you are attached, your relationship grows with more openness. You both benefit from time alone and time together. ARIES pushes your buttons.

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)**  
\*\*\* Confusion surrounds communication. You might be saying the right words, but another could be hearing them differently. Somehow, you see the humor in all this and start to laugh. Lighten up and give everyone, including yourself, some slack. Tonight: Whatever makes the RAIN smile.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
\*\*\* You mean well. To get where you want, you might have to jump over some issues. Don't push someone so hard. Stay as clear as you can, as money dealings easily could go haywire. You have an unusual learning ability as well as spending ability. Tonight: Take a night for yourself.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
\*\*\* Others continue their strong stands. You won't be

**HOROSCOPE**

able to clear the air because of confusion. You express yourself clearly, but many find you rather intellectual. Slow down and explain your thinking, piece by piece. A friend delights you. Tonight: Have fun.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**\*\*\* Do research and come to your own conclusions. A discussion needs clarification. You might want to brainstorm with someone who processes matters differently - though still intellectually. Prepare to assume responsibility if you want this plan to work. Tonight: In the limelight.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**\*\*\* At first, you might have difficulty convincing someone of your financial logic. This person doesn't mean to sabotage you, but he has strong opinions. Remain positive, and express your good will. Detach from the immediate, if possible. Tonight: Relax your mind as well as your body.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
\*\*\* Others challenge your ability to get the job done. Concentrate and focus on your goals, even if others specialize in boomerangs! Deal with people on a one-on-one level and success will follow - if not immediately, soon after. Basic issues come to the forefront. Tonight: Arrange to spend quality time with a friend.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
\*\*\* Concentrate as best you can. Calls, e-mail and information keep throwing you off track. Absorb information, and carefully sort through facts. You tighten an idea by constantly testing it. Schedule meetings for later in the day, when you'll understand more here. Tonight: Out and about.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
\*\*\* You might feel like

someone keeps raining on your parade. Ultimately, you might appreciate this person for his kindness and efforts to keep you out of the mire and muck. Concentrate on one item at a time. Brainstorm, but don't sign anything. Tonight: Work as late as you need to.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
\*\*\* Others make a task more complicated than it needs to be. Recognize another's attempt to help you, and give thanks appropriately. Eventually, you will see the wisdom in his ideas. Allow your imagination to play a larger role. Tonight: Take a midweek break.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**\*\*\* Speak your mind, but don't be surprised by all the strange reactions. Monopolize another's good will, and before you know it, you have solutions. Sort through confusion. Assume a message could have been lost or the words misunderstood. Tonight: Mosey on home.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**\*\*\* Your possessive side emerges when dealing with someone. Creativity comes out, but it might not be all

that positive. Your temper flares when you least expect it to. Use caution with money, but don't let anyone talk you into wild ideas. Wait a day before signing off on a deal. Tonight: Out and about.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
\*\*\* Your personality could overwhelm someone who is close to you. You might not be aware of the mixed messages you're giving out. You are coming from a sound point of view. Opportunities will knock on your door if you relax and ease up. Tonight: Treat someone to dinner.

**BORN TODAY**  
Writer E.B. White (1899), President John Quincy Adams (1767), designer Giorgio Armani (1934)

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**Biological mom not welcome at daughter's wedding**

Dear Ann Landers: Twenty-eight years ago, I had a baby and put her up for adoption.



ANN LANDERS

It was a difficult decision, and I always wondered what had happened to her.

Six years ago, I located "Jennie," and we had a joyous reunion. Unfortunately, her parents were not happy about it and have refused to meet me, even after all this time. There is no reason for their insecurity. Jennie adores her adoptive parents.

Here's the problem: Jennie is getting married soon and although she would love to have me attend her wedding, her mother is paying for the event and has made it clear I am not welcome. Jennie asked me not to attend, and I accepted her decision.

Last week, to my surprise and delight, I received a wedding invitation in the mail. It included an RSVP card with written directions to the church. I was walking on air. I returned the card immediately, and went out and bought a stunning new outfit and the appropriate shoes. Two days later, Jennie called to say the invitation was intended as a "keepsake" and I was not supposed to come to the wedding after all. I was heartbroken.

If the invitation was only a keepsake, why didn't she include a note saying so or send the invitation after the wedding? My best friend says I should go anyway, at least to the ceremony. What do you say, Ann? -- Southern Belle in South Carolina

Dear Belle: Jennie sounds either flaky or careless (maybe both). Make plans at once to go out of town - anywhere will do. And if you haven't already sent a wedding gift, I suggest that you skip it. Maybe it hasn't sunk in yet, but you have been royally insulted.

Dear Ann Landers: I have been happily married for three years and have a 6-month-old baby. I am Hispanic, and my husband is of German-American descent. We want our child to speak both English and Spanish.

The problem is my mother-in-law. She teaches high school Spanish, and although she speaks the language fairly well, she has a heavy American accent. I do not want her to speak Spanish to my child because it may confuse him and ruin his pronunciation. I have politely asked her to stop until he is old enough to differentiate between her accent and mine, but she

has ignored my request. I'm afraid if I insist, she will become angry and stop visiting.

My mother-in-law is otherwise a nice woman. I don't understand why she won't respect my wishes. Please tell me how to handle this.

**Florida Dilemma**  
Dear Florida: The baby is 6 months old, and you are worried that he will speak Spanish with an American accent? You will be around your child a lot more than your mother-in-law. He will speak the brand of Spanish he learns from YOU.

I'm sure your son will speak flawless Spanish when he gets older. I'm still dining out on my high school Spanish, and no one has ever commented on my Midwestern accent, which I'm sure must be obvious. Those who speak Spanish well appreciate the fact that I'm making the effort.

Dear Readers: Here's a lulu for my stupid crooks collection, sent in by a reader in Moroa, Ill., who sees my column in the Decatur Herald:

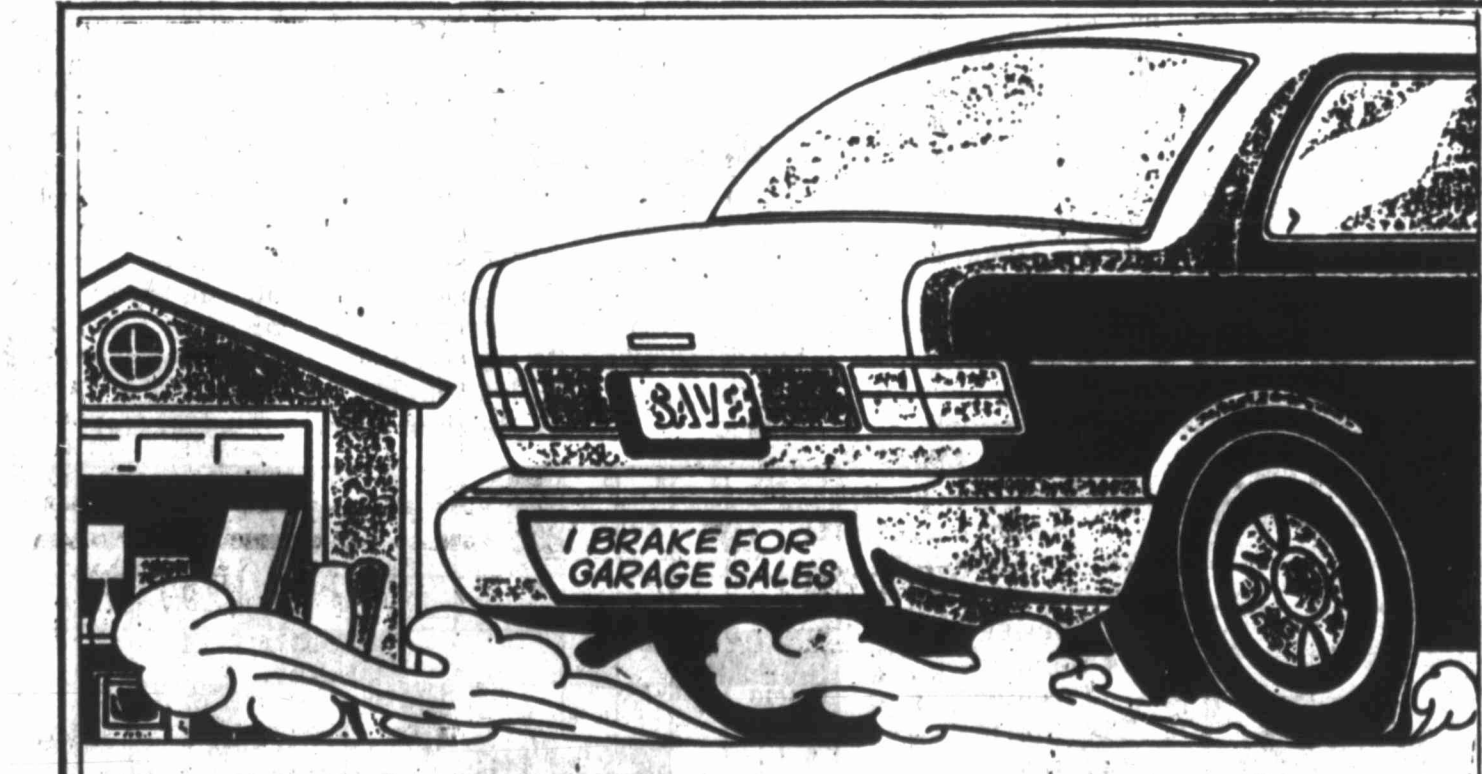
An escaped Oklahoma inmate in a stolen van got lost, called 911 and asked to be taken back to prison. The 38-year-old inmate was serving a 12-year burglary sentence when he escaped from a work crew. He drove a Correction Department van 150 miles north to Garden City, Kans., before calling authorities from a convenience store to come and get him.

Dear Ann Landers: I am a 50-year-old single female, and I look very good for my age. Most people think I am much younger. I am dating a 30-year-old man who has no idea how old I am. "Andy" is attractive, intelligent, considerate and financially secure. He's the best man I've met in a very long time.

Andy knows I have an adult daughter and probably thinks I am in my early 40s, at most. I'm not sure how he would take it if he knew my real age. Is there hope for us being together, Ann? Should I tell him the truth, or say nothing and hope for the best? -- In Love in Los Angeles

Dear In Love: If Andy knows you have an adult daughter, he must assume you are at least in your 40s. Does he expect you to have children with him? If so, you'd better get this resolved at once. It would be best to tell Andy exactly how old you are and clear the air. I'm betting it won't make a particle of difference.

**NOBODY ASKS FOR IT**  
Help STOP Sexual Assaults  
Call 263-3312  
Rape Crisis Services/Big Spring



**GARAGE SALE FEVER**

Lots of people "brake for garage sales." In fact, garage sale hopping has become something of a national pastime. So get a piece of the action! Clean out your garage and clear out your basement. Gather up those old, unwanted items and turn them into extra cash! Advertise your sale in the

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DENNIS THE MENACE



"GUESS WHAT? THE McDONALD'S SPRINKLERS COME ON BEFORE THE SUN COMES UP."

FAMILY CIRCUS



"Mommy! Our lettuce is startin' to rust!"

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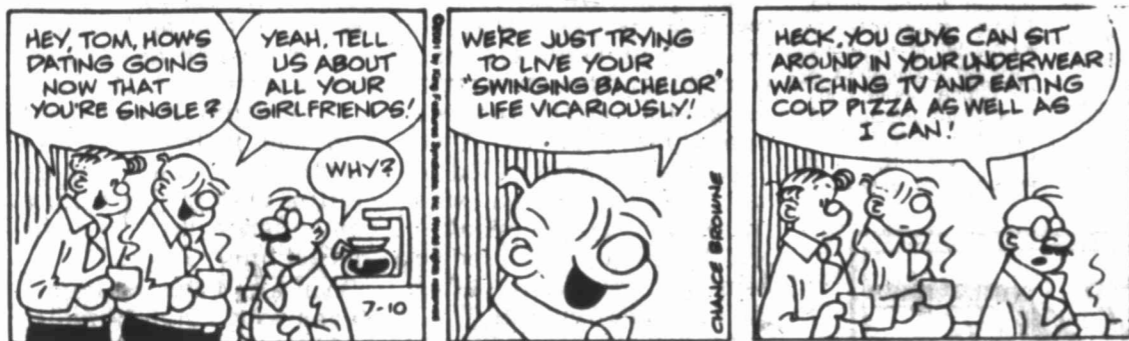
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS  
Today is Tuesday, July 10, the 191st day of 2001. There are 174 days left in the year.  
Today's Highlight in History:  
On July 10, 1951, armistice talks aimed at ending the Korean conflict began at Kaesong.  
On this date:  
In 1850, Vice President Millard Fillmore assumed the presidency, following the death of President Taylor.  
In 1890, Wyoming became the 44th state.  
In 1919, President Wilson personally delivered the Treaty of Versailles to the Senate, and urged its ratification.  
In 1925, the official news agency of the Soviet Union, TASS, was established.  
In 1940, during World War II, the 114-day Battle of

Britain began as Nazi forces began attacking southern England by air.  
In 1943, during World War II, U.S. and British forces invaded Sicily.  
In 1962, the Telstar communications satellite was launched from Cape Canaveral, Fla.  
In 1973, the Bahamas became independent after three centuries of British colonial rule.  
In 1985, bowing to pressure from irate customers, the Coca-Cola Co. said it would resume selling old-formula Coke, while continuing to sell New Coke.  
In 1999, the United States women's soccer team won the World Cup, beating China 5-4 on penalty kicks at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif.  
Ten years ago: Boris N. Yeltsin took the oath of office as the first elected president of the Russian republic. President George H.W. Bush lifted economic sanctions against South Africa. President Bush announced he was appoint-

Answer to previous puzzle: A 10x10 grid with letters.

Newsday Crossword

PRAYGROUNDS by Fred Piscop  
Edited by Stanley Newman

- ACROSS  
1 The Zoo Story playwright  
6 Golf's warning  
10 Heavenly instrument  
14 Attraction (Michael Douglas film)  
15 Inland Asian sea  
16 New York canal  
17 Can openers  
19 Chapters of history  
20 Kids' song refrain  
21 European wheat  
22 Shiver from fear  
25 Laugh, so to speak  
27 Sault Marie  
28 for the course  
29 Electric-current blocker  
31 Seaweed  
34 Senator Feinstein  
35 Citrus fruits  
39 Ream units  
40 "Whoopee"  
42 Gun makers  
45 It or lose it  
46 Poseidon's realm  
47 Smellery supply  
48 Matador's colleague  
52 Hair-styling emporium  
54 Top picks, slangily  
55 Matinee hero
- DOWN  
56 City, near Raleigh  
61 Fax, perhaps  
62 Pig's place  
63 Actress Lotte Koala's home  
65 River to the Baltic  
66 Neither sharp nor flat  
1 New York Jets' grp.  
2 di-dah  
3 Air-conditioning unit: Abbr.  
4 Like some seals  
5 Spanish hero  
6 Mystic of India  
7 Sandwich cookie  
8 Bit of sunshine  
9 Golfer Ernie  
10 Fictional Uriah  
11 Rap-sheet dalum  
12 Theater district  
13 Annoy  
18 Start of a bray  
21 Thin  
22 Sauna site  
23 Sentry's cry  
24 Impel  
25 Many months  
26 Annapolis sch.  
29 Runs amok  
30 Video-game maker  
32 Retort to "Are not!"  
33 Director Nora  
34 Plow pioneer  
36 Impolite glance  
37 Barak of Israel  
38 Mediocre  
41 Not 'neath  
42 Give support to  
43 "See Spot run" book  
44 Hoops star Karl  
48 Origami need  
49 " had it"  
50 Casals' instrument  
51 Visibly frightened  
53 Ye Shoppe  
54 Counterfeit  
56 Naval rank: Abbr.  
57 Bricklayer's burden  
58 Pen filler  
59 Soap ingredient  
60 Produce, as an egg

Crossword grid with numbers 1-66 indicating starting positions for words.