

MONDAY

July 23, 2001

WEATHER

Tonight:



SUNNY

TONIGHT 75°-80° TOMORROW 100°-102°

Salvation Army Back-to-School signup begins

The Salvation Army is holding its Back-To-School program today through Friday.

During those 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...

TODAY

Big Spring Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. 1607 East Third.

TUESDAY

Intermediate Line Dance class, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center.

UBS blood drive, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Rip Griffin's. Call Lisa Hernandez at 264-4444 for an appointment.

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

WEDNESDAY

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

Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics, 10 a.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center cafeteria.

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

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

UBS blood drive, 4 p.m.-8 p.m., Coahoma Community Center. Call Russ Mullins at 394-4277 for an appointment.

Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie ladies auxiliary, 7 p.m., 704 West Third.

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Workshop will allow parents to learn about home schooling

By LINDY B. BARR
Staff Writer

Tim Lambert, president of the Texas Home School Coalition, will be the keynote speaker during a workshop on home schooling here Tuesday.

The workshop will be from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, located at Ninth and Gregg Street. Everyone is invited.

"Tim Lambert is a well-known man around this

area, and we thought that it would be a great idea to have him come and speak," said Suzanne Haney, spokesperson for the Big Spring Christian Home Educators group, which is sponsoring the event.

Those attending will be able to ask questions about curriculum. There will be materials to view and purchase from Dow's School Room and Total Language Plus.

"Big Spring Christian

HOME SCHOOLING

When: 6:30 p.m.-9 p.m. Tuesday.

Where: St. Paul Lutheran Church Parish Hall.

For: Anyone interested in home schooling.

Home Educators is a group of parents that is basically a contact group for anyone that has any questions about home schooling," said

Haney. "We have these meetings to encourage and inform home schoolers and the parents of home schoolers," said Haney.

"There are so many families in Big Spring that don't even know that we have a group, and we want to let them know that we are here for their questions," she added.

This workshop will emphasize on the key points of home schooling.

"Teaching your own child is an honor. The longer you do it the more you love it," said Deanne Lester, spokesperson for Big Spring Home Educators.

Many home schoolers are participating in distance learning programs taught through Bob Jones University.

Anyone having questions about the workshop or home schooling can contact Haney at 263-7174 or Marie Dunnam at 267-7663.

Bicyclists on trek to combat MS

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer

The words of 10-year-old Julie Prather, the youngest participant in this year's MS 150 bike tour, summed up the event: "It was good. It was tiring and hot."

The event, a fund-raiser put on by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, started Saturday morning in Midland and ended Sunday afternoon in Snyder, appropriate endpoints for an event combating MS.

The path set out for the 150-plus bikers included an overnight Saturday at the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf in Big Spring, making the entire event about 150 miles of grueling heat and hills.

Prather said she rode the first 30 miles of the tour before she got too tired to continue.

"My dad's still on the road," she said. Her father, Dean Prather, was among about 20 riders who hadn't made it past the finish line by 2 p.m. Saturday.

"We have 15 or 20 still out," NMSS Division Executive Director Kristen Stubbs said. "We had the option to do 100 miles today instead of just 75. That would add another hour onto the trip."

Stubbs said that some hardy riders chose the longer path because they are collecting money by the mile.

"Some people collect a dollar a mile, some just do a flat rate," she said. "There are all kind of different



Daniel and Norma Vasquez rest with their 6-year-old son Michael after riding 75 miles from Midland to Big Spring's SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf campus in Saturday's MS 150 bike tour. Daniel and Norma continued Sunday to Snyder to complete the two-day multiple sclerosis fund-raiser.

ways to raise money." Riders provide their own bicycles, she said, but the NMSS provides everything else.

"Their bikes have to be in good working order, but we have mechanics on the road that can help with broken spokes and flat tires," she said. "We've got a lot of medical help on the road. Everyone's well take care

of." Stubbs added that the route included rest stops every few miles to provide water and nutrients for the bikers.

"It was hot and long, but it was good," Daniel Vasquez, a rider from Lubbock, said. "It was a good little ride."

Vasquez and his wife Norma participated in the

event and were met at SWCID by their son Michael, 6.

"You've got to try to make it in as early as you can because it only gets hotter," Daniel said.

Norma said this is her first year participating in long-distance biking.

"First or last, there are no

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Wednesday is deadline to submit Bible Class logo

By APRIL L. WARD
Staff Writer

The deadline for former Big Spring High School Bible class students to design a logo for the Howard County Bible Class board of directors will be Wednesday. The board, which was formed this year, will use the logo as a letterhead and in fund-raising campaigns.

According to Rev. Joel

Miller, Howard County Bible Board publicity chairman, the board is hoping to see a lot of designs submitted before the entry deadline.

"We're not looking for an artist, we're looking for an idea," he said. "The deadline is coming up here pretty fast, so I'm hoping to get a lot more entries in during the next few days."

Miller said the contest will also be used to draw attention to the program.

"Since this is a religious class, we depend on public donations rather than state funding," he said. "The donations cover the teacher's salary and instruction materials."

Instruction materials include buying each student a Bible to be used as the class textbook.

"The program teaches the Bible as a type of history course," Miller said. "The first semester teaches the history of the Jewish people

in the Old Testament. The second semester is tied into the New Testament."

The Big Spring High School Bible course, currently taught by Dr. Bill Welch, has a long history.

"It is one of the oldest continuous programs," Miller said. "We have traced it back to 1939, and Elizabeth Johansen taught the program for about 40 years."

According to Miller,

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Jobs

Local officials go on the trail, promoting jobs in Big Spring

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

"We want you and your family," seemed to be the slogan for Kent Sharp, executive director of the Moore Development for Big Spring, in Killeen last week.



SHARP

Sharp, along with the Texas Work Force Commission and four local business, attended a Fort Hood/Killeen job fair in efforts to recruit qualified worker to relocate to Howard County. The event drew nearly 4,000 military personal who are retiring or ending their tour of duty, Sharp said.

"I would say we and the other business collected more than 100 applications and resumes of people who said they were seriously considering moving to Big Spring," said Sharp. "Even if we get 10 percent of that it would be a good showing."

Moore Development of Big Spring Inc. and the TWC manned a booth to answer questions about job opportunities and the community.

Local business, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, the Big Spring State Hospital, StarTek and Cornell Corrections also sent representatives. Each had separate booths.

"We were very well represented," Sharp said.

Many of those attending were impressed with the community presentation.

"We received several compliments from people who were very impressed," said Mary Thompson, Texas

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Taco Bell shuts doors across Permian Basin

Herald Staff Report

Taco Bell restaurants throughout the Permian Basin closed on Sunday, including the store in Big Spring.

This morning, a message on the Big Spring store's sign says "Thanks Big Spring for all of the business." The store is located at 2311 Gregg St.

Local Taco Bell representatives could not be reached for comment by press time.

According to reports by the Odessa American, at least nine restaurants have been closed in the Permian Basin, including ones in Midland, Odessa, Andrews and Big Spring.

One Taco Bell employee

quoted by the American said Missouri-based Restaurant Systems Group owns the franchise to those nine stores. A representative from Restaurant Systems Group said a news release will be forthcoming in the afternoon, following the approval of Kentucky Fried Chicken.

Tricon Global Restaurants is the parent company of Taco-Bell, Pizza Hut and Kentucky Fried Chicken.

To lighten its debt load and boost sagging sales, Tricon has been shifting operations and ownership to its franchise owners, but has in turn been struggling under the new strategy, the American reported.



The Big Spring Taco Bell unexpectedly closed Sunday, along with most Taco Bell stores in Midland, Odessa and Andrews.

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OBITUARIES

Jessie Scurlark

Funeral service for Jessie Scurlark, 52, of Midland, is pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home in Stanton. Mr. Scurlark died Saturday, July 21, 2001, in a Midland hospital.

Eldred Gray

Funeral service for Eldred Gray, 70, of Big Spring, was held today, July 23, 2001, at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio. Mr. Gray died Monday, July 16, at a local hospital.

He was born on Feb. 17, 1931, in Fate. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving from March 11, 1952, to Feb. 10, 1954. He was a member of the Evening Lions Club and had attended the Christ Community Center Church. He was a certified public accountant.

Survivors include one daughter. Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

L.D. Yates

Funeral service for L.D. "Buster" Yates, 87, of Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Mrs. Yates died today, July 23, 2001, at a local hospital.

Weaver Brown

Funeral service for Weaver Brown, 87, of Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Mr. Brown died Sunday, July 22, 2001.

JOBS

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Workforce development specialist. "They said this was the first time they saw a community recruiting as a group."

Big Spring was the only community represented at the job fair, Sharp said. Local representatives also distributed information about the school district and Howard College.

"Many of those we talked to like the idea of a smaller community," she continued. "They loved the idea of community spirit pulling together."

Response for the fair and earlier fairs held by Moore Development and TWC in South Texas are still coming in.

Thompson said the TWC received a number of resumes and will try to match up skills with the needs of local employers.

Moore Development is currently attending or conducting job fairs along with the TWC in order to recruit

qualified workers into the community to increase the labor pool.

Currently the county has a 4.9 percent unemployment rate, while unemployment for the city is 5.4 percent.

Moore Development has set aside \$30,000 to help families that have found employment in Big Spring to relocate. Each family may receive up to \$500 in expenses if the family has verification of employment in the community.

MS 150

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losers," she said. "That's a nice thing about it. Nobody looks down on you."

For more information or to make a donation, contact the National MS Society at 522-2077 or check their Web site at www.nationalmssociety.org.

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enrollment is high as well. Approximately one out of nine Big Spring High School students is taking it as an elective and 65 students enrolled last spring. There are currently three classes per semester, with a possible fourth class next fall. Plans are also being made to start a class at Forsan and other area schools.

The board is kicking off a campaign to raise funds for the program and hopes to draw community support. Donations to the program are tax deductible and can be sent to Joel De La Garza, treasurer of the Howard County Bible Study Board at either the First Bank of West Texas in Big Spring or Coahoma.

The contest will not be based on the former student's artistic ability, but on how well the design represents the class, its purpose and its impact on students and the community.

Entries must be submitted on a 9-1/2 by 11-inch page with the overall design no larger than 5 by 5 inches. The Howard County Bible Class board of directors will judge the entries, and the winner will receive a prize. Participants must submit their sketch to the Rev. Joel Miller at 2604 Cindy Lane, Big Spring 79720. Judging will be held Aug. 6, and the winner will be notified by Aug. 15.

Miller said he believes that former students realize the value of the Bible class to students and can come up with a suitable logo design.

"We don't care if someone who took the class in 1942 submits the winning logo," he said. "We're just looking for a Christian design that will encompass what the class is about and what that individual has learned from it."

Disney buys Fox Family network for \$3 billion

NEW YORK (AP) — Walt Disney Co. is buying the children's cable network Fox Family Worldwide Inc. for \$3 billion in cash plus the assumption of \$2.3 billion in debt.

The deal announced Monday adds another major cable outlet to Disney's portfolio, which already includes ESPN, A&E, the Disney Channel and Lifetime. The Fox Family Channel, which Disney plans to rename ABC Family, reaches about 81 million subscribers in the United States.

Disney bought Fox Family from News Corp. and Saban Entertainment Inc., which each owned 49.5 percent of the company. Saban, a major children's programmer who created the "Mighty Morphin Power Rangers," had exercised his right to have News Corp. buy out its

share.

For News Corp., the deal provides a welcome dose of cash just as the company is hoping to reach an agreement with General Motors Corp. over a purchase of DirecTV, a division of GM's Hughes Electronics unit.

The deal expands Disney's programming reach worldwide with a 76 percent ownership in Fox Kids Europe, a children's programming channel that reaches 24 million homes, and a 10-million subscriber channel in Latin America called Fox Kids.

Disney is also getting Saban's programming library, which contains more than 6,500 episodes of shows.

Disney will use the new ABC Family channel to distribute programming content from other parts of Disney's entertainment warehouse, including ABC and Disney-owned TV shows. The channel will also continue to show the 700 Club and other shows made by Pat Robertson's Christian Broadcast Network, which originally started the network.

"In creating a new and vibrant family-oriented channel, we also will use the strong programs and brands from ABC and ESPN, as well as Disney-branded services and content from the unparalleled Disney libraries," Disney chairman Michael Eisner said.

Eisner said the channel would draw on resources from both the ABC broadcast network as well as Disney's cable properties, bringing "broadcast and cable to a new level of integration."

Survey says more drivers using hand-held cell phones

WASHINGTON (AP) — At any given time, about 3 percent of drivers are talking on hand-held cell phone while operating their vehicle, according to a government survey unveiled Monday.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that at least 500,000 drivers are talking on their cell phones simultaneously during the daytime. Rates nearly doubled during non-rush hours.

Officials at the agency say this is the first such research report to quantify cell phone use on American highways. NHTSA data collectors observed more than 12,000 vehicles at 640 intersections around the country last fall.

The survey does not cover "hand free" phones that some drivers use and does not attempt to determine the phones' roll in accidents. NHTSA estimates that some form of driver distraction — including talking, eating, reading or even changing radio stations — is involved in 20 to 30 percent of all crashes.

The survey had a margin of error of 1 percentage point. Those driving vans and SUVs are most likely to use a cell phone while driving, while pickup drivers used them the least.

The highest use rate observed during the survey — 8 percent — was for drivers of vans and SUVs during non-rush hours.

Women use their cell phones more than men, 3.4 percent to 2.7 percent. And white drivers use it 3.7 percent of the time, compared to 2.3 percent for black drivers and 1.7 percent for other races.

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Rates are slightly higher in suburban areas than in rural areas, 3.4 percent to 3 percent.

New York became the first state to pass a ban on using cell phones while driving last month. At least a dozen localities and 23 foreign countries have established bans, and several other states are considering similar laws.

Hopkins reaches agreement to resume research

BALTIMORE (AP) — Government regulators told Johns Hopkins University on Monday that the school may resume medical research on humans, four days after the regulators halted such studies because of the death of a volunteer.

The federal Office of Human Research Protection approved a plan reached with the university to correct deficiencies found after the June 2 death of a healthy 24-year-old during an asthma experiment.

Hopkins said the federal office has also "imposed certain conditions on the resumption of research." The OHRP said in a letter to the university, posted to its Web site, that the conditions include the continued suspension of certain projects that were not properly reviewed by a local review board.

OHRP recognizes the extraordinary efforts that your faculty and staff have made to develop these corrective action plan and to begin the initial steps to improve your system for protecting human subjects," the federal agency said in the letter to Hopkins.

Ellen Roche, 24, who worked for Hopkins as a lab technician, died last month after inhaling hexamethonium, which restricts airways, in a study designed to help doctors learn how healthy lungs fight asthma-like conditions.

Hopkins said it was the first time in its history that a healthy research volunteer died. The university has accepted full responsibility and suspended 10 projects led by Dr. Alkis Togias, who remains on staff and faces no other disciplinary action.

SUPPORT GROUPS

MONDAY
•TOPS Club (take off pounds sensibly), weigh-in 5 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m., College Heights Christian Church, 21st and Goliad.

•Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of physical/emotional/sexual and/or spiritual abuse. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241 for dates/times of upcoming groups.

TUESDAY
•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, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.

WEDNESDAY
•Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic

Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.

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

BRIEFS

SENIOR CITIZENS WHO HAVE witnessed the effects of childhood diseases are needed to staff a new volunteer program that will promote immunizations. Volunteers 55 and older are sought for the effort, to be known as the Seniors for Childhood Immunization Program. RSVP volunteers will visit new mothers at Scenic Mountain Medical Center and remind them of the importance of the immunizations. To find out more about the program or to volunteer, call 264-2397.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT—FOUR WAY stop at Goliad and 10th St. Signal lights will be taken down. Effective, Monday, July 23, 2001. Until construction is complete. Approximately one week.

MUSICIANS, PICKERS AND SINGERS are wanted for a jam session to meet once a month at a predetermined location. If this sounds good to you please call Jim Pope at 267-7581 or Jim Abernathy at 268-9931 to discuss plans and arrangements. All musicians, good or bad, and fans of music are welcome.

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH located at the corner of Ninth and Gregg will host a workshop on home schooling Tuesday, July 24, from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Key speaker will be Tim Lambert, president of Texas Home School Coalition. For more information contact Suzanne Haney at 263-7147.

MARKETS

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Citigroup	50.26 -3
Compaq	14.39 -26
Cornell	14.13 +11
Dell	26.87 -1.02
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Exxon Mobil	42.35 -1.01
Halliburton	33.02 -72
IFCO Systems	.95 -05
IBM	106.07 +37
Intel Corp	29.34 -59
NUV	9.28 -03
Patterson Ener	115.49 -36
Pepsico Inc	45 -1.24
Phillips Petro	54.41 -5
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Sears Roebuck	45.84 -09
Texaco Inc	66 -1.05
Texas Instrument	30.64 -87
TXU	45.69 -1.49
Total Fina	68.87 +22
Unocal Corp	33.85 -25
Wal-Mart	53.36 -92
Wal-Mart/Mexico	26.4 -26.7
AMCAP	16.91 -07
Europacific	28.27 -02
Prime Rate	6.75 %
Gold	267.95 -269.6
Silver	4.23 -4.29

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the

following activity from noon Saturday until 8 a.m. today including an arrest made on Friday:

•SEAN JUSTIN QUENGA, 19, of 1411 Johnson, was arrested for local warrants.

•DUANE RAY RICH, 37, of Las Vegas, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

•CHRISTOPHER RIVERA, 23, of 508 State, was arrested for local warrants.

•JULIAN PARRAS RAMIREZ, 37, of 800 W. Scurry, was arrested for a local warrant.

•EMMA HARVATH, 41, of 4103 Muir, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

•JESUS MARTINEZ, 25, of 3015 S. County Road 114, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

•ASSAULT CLASS C FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 1700 block of Donely.

•ROBBERY was reported in the 2600 block of Langley where a handgun was stolen.

•DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported in the 1000 block of Main.

•DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 900 block of S. Goliad, 3200 block of Parkway, the 1900 block of Simler Avenue and the 1700 block of Donely.

•SHOTS FIRED was reported in the 1600 block of Lark and the 2600 block of Barksdale Drive.

•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1100 block of W. Third where a 1998 white Buick Century received approximately \$100 worth of damage, the 1200 block of Elm and the 400 block of W. Fourth where a 1991 blue Ford Aerostar received approximately \$300 in damage.

•ASSAULT was reported in the 300 block of Tulane.

•BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 1800 block of S. Scurry.

SHERIFF

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

•LOOSE LIVE STOCK was reported in the area of 11th Place extension.

FIRE/EMS

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

3:01 p.m. — N. Hwy 87, traffic accident, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

5:35 p.m. — 700 block of N. Gregg, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

11:22 p.m. — 1800 block of N. Hwy 87, medical call, one patient transported to VA Medical Center.

RECORDS

Sunday's high 104
Sunday's low 80
Record high 102 in 1922
Record low 59 in 1946
Average high 94
Average low 69
Precip. Sunday 0.00
Month to date 0.09
Year to date 5.15
Sunrise Tuesday 6:54 a.m.
Sunset Tuesday 8:50 p.m.

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Lucille A. Turney, 90, died Saturday. Graveside services will be 9:00 AM Tuesday, at Trinity Memorial Park.
L. D. "Buster" Yates, 87, died Monday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.
Weaver Brown, 87, died Sunday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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Pope

CASTEL GANDOLFO — Pope John Paul II said President Bush is bringing together to human embryo research, saying America has a duty to reject action and violate human life.

Summ

GENOA, Italy — President Bush world leaders left scarred city after some success on had threatened mit, even while overcome difference mate control.

Bush's major achievement came Sunday at the three-day summit when he and President Vladimir Putin agreed to new arms offensive and weapons.

The agreement ease the pressure Bush's plans to build defense system the Russians, and America's allies consider a the 1972 Anti-Missile treaty and to arms control.

On climate con-

Gathe

AUSTIN (AP) — landowners are reporting problems in agriculture pipelines that carry oil and natural production fields pipelines.

The pipelines, which are 8 inches wide, are regulated in rural areas by the federal Pipeline Safety.

Railroad Commission many state pipelines, does not regulate lines in rural areas are regulated and state agencies.

"There's no pricing of these lines," Beveridge, secretary of Texas Land &

Woma

TEXARKANA, Texas — year-old Mandie accused of bilking Conway man of money in child support children and the man to kill him to collect life insurance.

In a probable Friday, an FBI agent Dorothy N. Walker convicted Perkins he had faked a death over five years.

"We cannot find that Mrs. Walker

No-non

CHATTANOOGA (AP) — Judge Williams glowers ager before launching one of his famed morality and mar-

The judge scolded for wearing earrings on his hair long with his girlfriend's traffic violation reason for his conviction, is barely mentioned.

"Living in sin?" right," said Williams with a voice. "Living in sin. You ought to be in that."

Such comments become the judge's mark — and it him in trouble.

trial Wednesday charges of misconduct by the Tennessee Judiciary, the board that monitors behavior and punishes complaints.

The charges in gally jailing a defendant who mutter when Williams tried to speak, and

Pope advises against creation of human embryos for research

CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy (AP) — Pope John Paul II urged President Bush in their first meeting together to bar creation of human embryos for medical research, saying today that America has a moral responsibility to reject actions that "devalue and violate human life."

The 81-year-old pontiff and Bush met behind closed doors at the papal summer residence Castel Gandolfo in the foothills south of Rome.

John Paul, stooped and frail in his chair, afterward read a statement to Bush and his entourage.

The pope lamented: "Experience is already showing how a tragic coarsening of con-

sciences accompanies the assault on innocent human life in the world, leading to accommodation and acquiescence in the face of other related evils such as euthanasia, infanticide, and, most recently, proposals for the creation for research purposes of human embryos destined to destruction in the process."

"A free and virtuous society, which America aspires to be, must reject practices that devalue and violate human life at any stage from conception to natural death," the pope added.

The pope's admonition raises the political stakes for Bush as he considers federal funding for stem cell research. Allowing the fund-

ing to continue could alienate America's 44 million Catholic voters. If he cuts or restricts funding, Bush risks estranging constituencies such as abortion rights advocates and political moderates.

Bush waved away a question on the matter later today as he took a stroll with Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi.

The president has promised a decision soon on federal funding for stem cell research.

In contrast to the specific objection John Paul raised, embryos involved in the research that Bush is considering are not created for scientific study but are taken from fertility clinic surpluses that would otherwise be discarded.

Bush thanked the pope for reminding Americans that their prosperity "must be matched with compassion and moral purpose."

"And always to all you have carried the gospel of life, which welcomes the stranger and protects the weak and the innocent," said Bush, who also read from a prepared statement. "Every nation — including my own — benefits from hearing and heeding this message of conscience."

Before their statements, Bush gave John Paul a book of poetry. They stood together on the balcony of the pope's library, overlooking the clear blue waters of Lake Albano, and Bush commented: "On a hot day it looks like a

place one would go swimming."

The pontiff's remarks, which Vatican officials a day earlier had not expected, touched upon Bush's pending decision whether to permit federal funds for potentially breakthrough medical research on stem cells from human embryos.

Scientists believe the research could unlock the cures for diseases, including Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's, diabetes and spinal cord injuries. However, abortion opponents say harvesting the stem cells requires the death of an embryo, which many regard as human life.

Bush's entourage included first lady Laura Bush and their daughter Barbara, 19.

Summit fails to resolve climate problem

GENOA, Italy (AP) — President Bush and other world leaders left this riot-scarred city able to claim some success on issues that had threatened their summit, even while failing to overcome differences on climate control.

Bush's major achievement came Sunday at the end of the three-day gathering, when he and Russian President Vladimir Putin agreed to new arms talks on offensive and defensive weapons.

The agreement is likely to ease the pressure against Bush's plans to build a missile defense system, which the Russians, the Chinese and America's European allies consider a violation of the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile treaty and a threat to arms control agreements.

On climate control — the

other major issue dividing America and its partners — Bush refused to back down from his opposition to the 1997 Kyoto agreement, which calls for mandatory cuts in greenhouse gas emissions.

The final statement issued by leaders of the United States, Britain, Germany, Japan, Russia, Italy, Canada and France acknowledged there was "current disagreement on the Kyoto protocol and its ratification" but pledged intensive efforts to protect the environment and assure economic growth.

Bush can claim success in standing up to the Europeans, who back Kyoto. Critics in the United States believe the agreement will harm the flagging American economy.

A public acknowledgment

of differences over Kyoto was enough to satisfy one of its strongest proponents — French President Jacques Chirac.

Chirac had feared that any effort to gloss over the differences would imply that he might renegotiate the Kyoto agreement, costing him support at home ahead of a presidential election next year.

Failure to make progress on climate control was a setback for Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi, who has tried to play a mediating role between the two sides.

However, Koizumi won public endorsement from other leaders for his controversial economic reform plans, giving him political ammunition against critics back home who claim the program will stifle growth

and increase unemployment.

In their final communique, the leaders pledged to attack poverty by lowering trade barriers for poor nations to studying ways to deal with the severe poverty rampant throughout sub-Saharan Africa — programs promoted by British Prime Minister Tony Blair.

Blair described Africa as a "scar on the conscience of the world" and said the summit initiative "gives us the best opportunity, literally for generations, of giving Africa the hope and opportunity it needs for the future."

Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien, who plays host at next year's summit, came away with an agreement for a scaled-down meeting to be held in the Canadian Rockies.

Gathering lines unregulated in rural areas

AUSTIN (AP) — More landowners across Texas are reporting problems with leaks in aging small pipelines that carry crude oil and natural gas from production fields to larger pipelines.

The pipelines, no more than 8 inches wide, are not regulated in rural areas by the federal Office of Pipeline Safety. The Texas Railroad Commission, like many state pipeline agencies, does not regulate the lines in rural areas. Gathering lines in urban areas are regulated by federal and state agencies.

"There's no pressure-testing of these lines," Doug Beveridge, secretary of the Texas Land & Mineral

Owners Association and vice president of minerals for the King Ranch, told the Austin American-Statesman for a story in Monday's edition. The association noted an increase in the problems. "There's no requirement for the type of steel they put into these lines. No one even knows where they are. We've wondered forever for our ranch where are all the lines?"

Bob Hindes owns Hindes Ranch, a beef and dairy operation south of San Antonio. He told the newspaper that the old gathering lines at the ranch have sprung hundreds of leaks during the past 15 years. The oil rights were sold before Hindes purchased

the land. "It makes a mess," Hindes said. "The ground's real soaked with salt water and oil. The grass won't grow for years. We've had spills that would run half a mile down the creeks."

While the General Accounting Office warned Congress 23 years ago that regulation was needed because of increases in problems with rural gathering lines, no action has been taken, the newspaper reported.

Federal officials estimate there are more than 200,000 miles of rural gathering lines, enough to reach three-fourths of the way to the moon. Texas has 43,000 miles of the lines.

The staff of Texas Sunset Advisory Commission, a legislative panel that reviews state agencies, recommended last year that the Railroad Commission regulate the rural gathering lines. The staff said state regulation of pipelines does not adequately protect the public.

The Railroad Commission opposed the recommendation. The Legislature declined to force the agency to regulate rural gathering lines.

Michael Williams, Railroad Commission chairman, said the environmental and safety risks the low-pressure lines pose don't warrant the extra funding needed to regulate the lines.

Woman allegedly hires hit man to kill child support scam victim

TEXARKANA, Ark. (AP) — A 43-year-old Mandeville woman is accused of bilking a 74-year-old Conway man of more than \$25,000 in child support for nonexistent children and then hiring a hit man to kill him so that she could collect life insurance.

In a probable cause hearing Friday, an FBI agent testified that Dorothy N. "Shanki" Blackwell Walker convinced Herbert Perkins he had fathered three children over five years.

"We cannot find any evidence that Mrs. Walker had any children

in the past five years ... She's been scheming to defraud Mr. Perkins," FBI Special Agent Randall Harris told U.S. Magistrate Judge Bobby E. Shepherd.

Harris said the FBI got involved after Walker's cousin, Albert Martin, tipped authorities that Walker offered to pay him \$10,000 to kill Perkins. Martin said Walker also offered to pay him an extra \$150 if he would kill the girlfriend of Clarence Blackwell, her former husband. And he told authorities Walker promised him a \$1,000 bonus if he did a good job

with the killings.

Harris said FBI agents convinced Martin to wear a wire and help them gather evidence against Walker. For nearly half a day, the FBI tracked conversations between Walker and Martin while officers on the ground trailed the car the two were driving. Arkansas State Police followed the car by airplane.

Harris said Walker drove Martin to Nash, Texas, to show him the home of her ex-husband and his girlfriend. As she was driving Martin back to his home in

Stamps, authorities stopped the car on U.S. Highway 82 and arrested Walker.

Martin told agents Walker wanted Perkins dead because she was the beneficiary of his \$50,000 life insurance policy.

Harris said Perkins gave Walker three cars and paid her between \$25,000 and \$30,000 for child support. Perkins' only proof that he was the father of the fictitious 6-year-old twins and 4-year-old child was a photograph of one child, Harris said.

He said Perkins still refuses to

believe that he is not the father of the imaginary children. Perkins also does not believe Walker was plotting to kill him, Harris said. Federal agents plan to show Perkins copies of the surveillance tapes they say show Walker making a deal to have him killed, Harris said.

Walker was convicted of attempted murder in Bowie County, Texas, in the late 1970s when she set a boyfriend on fire. She told authorities she set the man on fire after she found him with another woman.

No-nonsense Chattanooga judge facing impeachment vows 'I ain't changing'

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP) — Judge Walter Williams glowers at a teenager before launching into one of his famed lectures on morality and manners.

The judge scolds the boy for wearing earrings, dropping out of school, wearing his hair long and living with his girlfriend. The teen's traffic violation, the reason for his court appearance, is barely mentioned. "Living in sin? That's not right," said Williams, a slight man with a booming voice. "Living in sin, oh dear. You ought to straighten that out."

Such commentary has become the judge's trademark — and it has gotten him in trouble. He faces trial Wednesday on 26 charges of misconduct filed by the Tennessee Court of Judiciary, the disciplinary board that monitors judges' behavior and pursues citizen complaints.

The charges include illegally jailing a defense attorney who muttered "um" when Williams told her not to speak, and holding a

woman in jail for 77 days despite being authorized to keep her for only a month.

Williams declined an interview but talked about the charges from the bench when informed a reporter was in his courtroom.

"Maybe I'll change if I come back in a different life, but I ain't changing in this one. They'll have to carry me out first. They'll have to bring the stretcher in here," the municipal court judge said.

Williams also is charged with biased, unprofessional and demeaning behavior, and having a "callous indifference" to the importance of his position. A panel of 15 judges will hear the case. Possible penalties range from a reprimand to an impeachment recommendation.

"There are things in their complaint that are factually incorrect, taken out of context and don't come near a violation of the Judicial Code of Conduct," said Roger Dickson, a lawyer for Williams.

Supporters say Williams'

no-nonsense style is effective but critics say it's befitting daytime television, not criminal court.

Williams was reprimanded in 1992 following a complaint that he used a paddle to spank a teen-ager in his courtroom. A year later, he was reprimanded on 13 counts of misconduct, including making jokes about a mentally ill defendant and possessing a gun in the courtroom. He signed a letter of apology to the judiciary.

Williams also was accused of saying unwed mothers should be "spayed." He denied using the term, but admits telling some poor

women to stop having children.

"He's turned his courtroom into a type of carnival. I don't think the judiciary is going to allow that," said former assistant public defender Hank Hill, whose complaint led to Williams' 1992 reprimand.

Perhaps the most damaging of all the charges is that Williams routinely exceeds his authority allowed under the Tennessee Constitution.

As a city judge, Williams is only allowed to fine law breakers up to \$50 and hold them in jail for up to 30 days.

Since being elected in 1991, Williams has allowed

hundreds of teen-age offenders avoid fines or jail by earning general equivalency degrees.

He proudly claims more than 830 defendants have obtained GEDs, with an additional 500 under his mandate to take the exam.

"I don't know anyone who forgets coming through

here, because everything I do is to make sure they don't come back here again," Williams said. "We ought to rattle a person's cage so they don't want to be back here."

Though his methods may be unconventional, Williams is revered by many in the community.

Last derailed train car removed from tunnel

BALTIMORE (AP) — Crews removed the last smoldering railroad car from a downtown tunnel Monday, five days after a CSX train derailed and created chaos across the city.

The last car emerged shortly after 7 a.m. from the north end of the 1-mile-long tunnel, guided by bulldozers and pulled out by a CSX locomotive.

"I think for everybody it's a relief. It's like the Holy Grail to have the final boxcar out of the tunnel, but there's still a lot more work to do," CSX spokesman Rob Gould said.

The car was the last of 60 on the train that derailed Wednesday afternoon. A fire on the train sent smoke billowing across the city for days, ruptured a water main, burned fiber optic cables that carry Internet service and forced the cancellation of three Baltimore Orioles games at nearby Camden Yards.

Crews planned to vent the tunnel before sending structural engineers in to inspect it, Gould said. National Transportation Safety Board inspectors also planned to go in to gather more information on the accident.

Streets passing over the tunnel were closed for a sixth day. Transportation and public works officials said the city's Light Rail line — a popular mode of transportation for commuters and Baltimore Orioles fans — would remain partially closed indefinitely as efforts began to replace the water

main and rebuild the intersection between Lombard and Howard streets.

As the car exited the tunnel, firefighters stood by to extinguish the stubborn blaze burning in the car's wood and paper cargo.

"People normally think, 'How can paper cause such a problem?' But when it's rolled, and it's compacted, it's a very deep-seated fire and it's difficult to extinguish," Fire Department spokesman Hector Torres said.

Four cars, smoke billowing from their gutted interiors, were removed Sunday — two from the south end of the tunnel, and two from the north end.

Mayor Martin O'Malley participated in an informal inspection Sunday, descending into the tunnel for a 45-minute tour in firefighter's pants and boots.

An engineer who accompanied the mayor "is encouraged that when the tunnel is finally checked out, it will be structurally sound," O'Malley said.

The total cost of the damage was not immediately known, but talk of restitution has begun.

"We've had preliminary discussions with the city," Gould said. "We initiated that discussion with them because it's the right thing to do."

Torres said all hazardous materials carried by the train were removed Saturday, and environmental checks turned up no serious damage to air or water quality.

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EDITORIAL

Black community distrusts GOP

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"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

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OUR VIEWS

Take time to give the gift of life

United Blood Services is holding two blood drives in Howard County this week, in hopes residents can help fill a critical need.

The call has gone out especially for donors with O-Negative blood, though everyone else who can donate is also urged to do so.

The first drive is set from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday at Rip Griffin's on Interstate 20. The second will be held from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. Wednesday in the Coahoma Community Center.

Donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh more than 110 pounds and be in good health. Proof of identification is needed and donors are asked to know the names of any medication they have taken in the past 30 days.

Walk-ins are welcome, but you'll be served faster if you make an appointment first. If you can donate blood at Rip Griffin's on Tuesday, call Lisa Hernandez at 264-4444 to make an appointment. If Wednesday is better or you live near Coahoma, call Russ Mullins at 394-4277.

The important thing is to give. Summer is always a tough time for area hospitals because with people on vacation and involved in recreational activities, less blood is donated. However, because people tend to be more active, the need for blood remains steady.

We hope you will consider giving the gift of life either at Rip Griffin's on Tuesday or the Coahoma Community Center on Wednesday. There is no greater gift than one which could mean the difference between life or death for someone's loved one.

Please, make an appointment today.

OTHER VIEWS

The U.S. Supreme Court recently put the brakes on police departments seeking to use heat sensing cameras to detect marijuana plants growing inside someone's house. The court said police must have a search warrant before they can use technology that lets them see what is going on inside a person's home.

But new technology is spurring all sorts of government initiatives to keep track of people.

— About 60 communities now use cameras to catch people running red lights.

— The National Park Service is testing a program that uses a combination of radar and cameras to catch speeders on park roads.

In theory, this sounds good. But the price in terms of lost privacy is very, very steep.

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Of all the outreach efforts undertaken by the Republican Party, their most difficult is to the black community.

Many Republicans, both black and white, acknowledge it could take a very long time, before they make much headway recruiting blacks to join the party. And the level of distrust in the black community remains high, say black Republicans attending a national GOP gathering in Boston.

Yvonne Brown became Republican mayor of Tchula, Miss., recently, six years after she and her husband started providing a ministry in the town. "It boils down to personal relationships," she said.

Jennifer Carroll, executive director of the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs, ran for Congress, but found many blacks were skeptical when meeting a black Republican. "They have a sense that you're not for real, not part of them, don't understand their issues."

Garry Sprauve, party chairman in the Virgin Islands, has found the Republican Party is still a very tough sell in the black community.

"The key is for the ultra-conservative wing of the Republican party to understand that if you're going to let everybody in, you have to come to the center a little more," said Sprauve. "Historically, the party has been for big business and for whites and has not made African-Americans feel welcome."

And blacks have not made Sprauve feel welcome. "I'm looked at many places I go as an Uncle Tom, like I sold out because I'm Republican," he said. "But I believe in a two-party system."

The black outreach effort may fare better among younger generations, said Chris Garrett, who leads the black outreach effort for the RNC.

"We've had a problem of not getting our message out," Garrett said. "We'll be getting it out to African-American newspapers, African-American radio stations. We'll let them make a decision based on all the information."

Republican National Chairman Jim Gilmore knows the outreach to the black community is a slow process, but he said it's worth the effort.

"We will be thinking more about this community in terms of our policies," he said. "It is very difficult

because the leadership in that community is mostly tied to the Democratic Party as an institution. Democrats have taken African-American leaders and built them into the party structure, and as a result Republicans get shut out. We don't get invited to things. If we do go, we're not made welcome."

Gilmore said he's encouraging state party officials to find people within their communities who aren't tied to the Democratic Party, and encourage them to consider the GOP.

"This isn't going to be easy, but our mindset is that this is permanent," he said.

President Bush has shown interest in winning over more black voters after losing their votes by a 9-1 margin in the election. Republicans are also targeting Hispanics, Catholics and women this year.

The state GOP chairs assigned the job of increasing outreach to the black community acknowledge it's difficult, but say it's potentially rewarding.

For Pat Brister, state GOP chair in Louisiana, the Republican outreach to blacks was too long in coming. "We should have been doing it sooner. We're just getting into it."

North Carolina state GOP chair Bill Cobey has been

working for two decades to win over black voters.

"I was a congressman and I know that in the African-American community in the Raleigh area, they like me," Cobey said. "But didn't translate into them voting for me. They always voted Democrat and their mothers and fathers would turn over in their graves if they voted Republican."

The president can speed up a slow process by his leadership and policies, Cobey said.

"George W. Bush has the ability to fast-forward this process," he said.

For Jennifer Carroll of Florida, it's most important to communicate to black voters that the Republican agenda could be good for them — tax cuts, education and numerous policies aimed at encouraging private enterprise.

"When you look at everyone in this country, they're all affected by the same issues," Carroll said. "The Democrats have done such a great job of demagoguing the Republicans on this. The Republican Party hasn't done its part to say: These are the things we're doing for the working people."

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The victors write the history of war... trials

President Slobodan Milosevic is awaiting trial in the Netherlands for war crimes. It is a victory for mankind when a head of state can be tried for alleged genocide. Though he is known as the



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"butcher of Belgrade," the prosecution still has the burden of proving beyond a reasonable doubt that Milosevic directly ordered the "ethnic cleansing" that resulted in the killings, rapes, and enforced deportation of a million ethnic Albanians. The trial is not expected to get underway until next year, and a verdict could be two years away.

In the meantime, the eyes of the world will be on the court in The Hague, where the procedures used to try Milosevic will be judged for their fairness and for the precedents they establish.

Milosevic was turned over to the international body under pressure. His successor, Yugoslav

President Vojislav Kostunica, wanted Milosevic tried at home by his own people before having to answer for wider crimes against humanity in a world court. But Serbian-style justice moved too slowly for world opinion, and Milosevic's head became the price Belgrade had to pay to free up \$1.28 billion in foreign aid.

Milosevic becomes the test case in whether a court of nations, answerable to no single government, can render a verdict that will rise above revenge and hold up in the history books. If successful, it will move the world closer to a permanent International Criminal Court.

The idea of trying war criminals in a context outside their own country was established at Nuremberg after the atrocities of Hitler's Germany during World War II. The Allies rejected the notion of collective guilt and sought to affix the blame for what happened on specific individuals.

The Hague builds on the legacy of Nuremberg by holding a head of state accountable so future national leaders will know that even in wartime, there are rules. But what might have happened had the

United States lost that war? Would President Harry Truman have been tried for the killing of civilians during the firebombing of Tokyo and the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki? Or would Winston Churchill have been held accountable for the strategic bombing of German cities, most notably Hamburg and Dresden?

The principle is praiseworthy, but it does pose risks. Any arrangement that compromises national sovereignty, however noble, is cause for alarm. It's easy to condone turning over Milosevic, whose acts of barbarism seem well established even to his countrymen.

A poll in Serbia showed 80 percent of the people approve of the action taken by Prime Minister Zoran Djindjic, who bucked the authority of his president to extradite Milosevic. But what if the situation is not so black and white?

The victors write the history of war, and with the notable exception of Vietnam, the United States has been on the winning side.

But judging by the reception the United States often gets at the United Nations, there is considerable

resentment on the part of many nations against the lone superpower. Michael Barone, a respected conservative writer, worries that a world court stacked with nations unsympathetic to the death penalty could decide to prosecute U.S. governors who preside over executions. A British writer, Christopher Hitchens, has raised the possibility that Henry Kissinger might be called to account before the world for some of his orders when he was Secretary of State.

Make an exception for Milosevic, the critics say, but beware the slippery slope. They prefer instead "the Mandela solution." Former South African President Nelson Mandela did not try to convict a generation of white South Africans for the cruel and often violent system of apartheid. His "Truth and Reconciliation Commission" achieved justice without retribution and allowed the country to move on. But the conditions that created Mandela, a statesman of unparalleled civility, are unlikely to be duplicated anywhere and, if anything, underscore the need for a judicial body like the court at The Hague.



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The Indios Softball Tournament has returned to Big Spring and will be held Friday through Sunday at Cotton Mize Field in Comanche Trail Park. Trophies will be given to the top four teams and windbreakers will be won by the first-place team. The second-place team wins T-shirts while 10 All-Tournament Team members will be honored. The entry fee is \$115 and more information is available by calling 263-3096.

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. Interested swimmers are encouraged to contact the YMCA and compete in the long course swimming meets. 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. Both the Big Spring Country Club and Comanche Trail Golf Course are participating in the program and order forms are available at the two courses. For more information, call 1-800-ACS-2345 or check the society's web site at www.acs-tx.org

Florida transfer declared eligible

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — The NCAA has declared Florida basketball transfer Adrian Moss eligible to play this season, giving him four years of eligibility at the school. While a senior at Humble High School in Texas, Moss signed a letter of intent in 1999 to play at Southwest Texas State, but he changed his mind after that school made coaching changes. The 6-foot-9, 220-pound forward spent last season at Fork Union Military Academy in Virginia.

Coch cleared of discrimination

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP) — Alabama coach Dennis Franchione has been cleared by federal investigators in a racial discrimination claim brought by two former players at Texas Christian. A report by the U.S. Department of Education Office of Civil Rights (OCR) found that brothers Adrian Lewis and Allen Lewis "were not treated differently on the basis of their race." The OCR report said that its investigation found no evidence to support those charges.

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7 p.m. — Houston Comets at Minnesota Lynx, ESPN, Ch. 30.

Duval's emotions show through with the sunglasses off

LYTHAM, ST. ANNES, England (AP) — The wrap-around sunglasses came off, and the most emotion David Duval probably will ever show spilled out. It was nothing more than a smile of relief and eyes brimming with contentment. Together, though, they revealed a lot about Duval and what his first major championship meant. He finished at 10-under 274 for a three-stroke victory over Sweden's Niclas Fasth (67), the only one among a long list of proven players who sustained any kind of challenge.

Ian Woosnam finished with a 71 and was four strokes back along with Ernie Els (69), Darren Clarke (70), Miguel Angel Jimenez (70), Billy Mayfair (70) and Bernhard Langer (71). Tiger Woods (71) took triple bogey on the par-3 12th and wound up nine strokes behind in a tie for 25th at 1 under, his worst finish in a major in nearly four years. A final-round 67 Sunday did more than just get Duval's name engraved on the claret jug right beneath that of Woods. It also took

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—David Duval

away forever the hated label of the best player never to win a major. Duval knew all that. Yet he struggled more to put it into words than he did with his clubs on a brilliant, sunny day on the links of Royal Lytham & St. Annes

to win the British Open. The look on his face would have to suffice. "You know, I beat them all this week and I feel really good," Duval said. "It feels wonderful." The world's No. 1 player before Woods, Duval was No. 1 at Royal Lytham because he was able to fashion weekend rounds of 65 and 67 on a golf course that wasn't meant to give up two rounds that low in a row. In the final round, he navigated his way out of knee-high rough five different times in the final round, but made only one bogey.

After that bogey on the par-3 12th, he promptly came back to birdie the next hole. Then Duval parred his way home to beat Sweden's Fasth by three shots and hard-luck Ian Woosnam and five others by four. Last year, he flew home with close friend Woods on Woods' jet after his buddy had won. This time he had the same claret jug Woods carried in his arms. Only now it had his name on it, too. "I like the position of my name right below his," Duval said. "It looks like it is in the right spot."

Influx of youngsters creates new attitude around Cowboys

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — When the Dallas Cowboys opened training camp last season, they had eight players from their three-time Super Bowl champion clubs still on the roster. The goal was to try winning one more title together. This year, the Three Rings alumni group is down to Emmitt Smith and Darren Woodson. The rest of the roster is a collection of youngsters, career backups and guys trying to revive stalled careers. Now the goal is to try figuring out which players should be part of the future.



Cowboys owner Jerry Jones, shown here in a press conference, believes he is building a team that will rival Dallas' previous Super Bowl greats.

The turnaround has led to a new attitude — one that coach Dave Campo considers refreshing. "Every time I say that, it's like I'm knocking the guys that were involved in the Super Bowls, and I'm not," Campo said Sunday, the first day of two-a-day practices. "It's just a matter of fact that when you have a lot of young players there's a different kind of enthusiasm. This is a hungry group. They're enthusiastic about being out there. There's not a guy out there that's not focused on being as good as we can be. That part of camp is going to be fun to be around." As he churns the roster, Cowboys owner Jerry Jones believes he's building a new core. He's confident the new one will be as strong as the one that won Super Bowls in 1992, '93 and '95. It's hard to imagine any team putting together a group as young and talented as Dallas had back then. It's even harder to imagine the Cowboys doing it now considering their poor record in recent drafts and the fact they've been without a first-round pick the

past two years. But Jones counters critics by saying the players who became big-name stars weren't all considered sure things when they were taken. "Nobody knew Daryl Johnston was going to be something or Tony Tolbert," Jones said. "Mark Stepnoski was an undersized center. People around the league sneered at us for drafting him. And although he was No. 1 in the draft, if you look back at it in the first and second year, there was nobody who was really sold that Troy Aikman was going to be Hall of Fame, All-Pro. As a matter of fact, there was contention about whether it was going to be Aikman or (Steve) Walsh, or Aikman or (Steve) Beuerlein."

Aikman ended up working out pretty well. So did Erik Williams, Leon Lett, Chad Hennings, Kevin Smith and Dale Hellestrae, all of whom were still playing key roles this time last year but are no longer here. Campo said he expects to find breakout performers among his group of wannabes. "That's what I'm banking on as the excitement of being here," he said. "At this point, I don't think we're very highly thought of because of the name guys we've lost over the years. But I think this team is more talented than what we had back in '89 and '90. "This team has some experience factors they have to get through, but talent-wise, I feel very good about this young group."

Armstrong makes light work of one of toughest events

LUZ-ARDIDEN, France (AP) — Lance Armstrong might make dashing to mountaintops on a bike look easy, but he knows it isn't, and so do his fans. "People in the States don't realize the athleticism," said Bill Emery, a legal records manager from Arlington, Va., who followed Armstrong's last three mountain stages in the Tour de France. "It's so impressive what they do."

It's the toughest endurance event. "I ran a marathon and I didn't have to get up the next day and do another one," said his wife, Helena, a Washington D.C. attorney. The couple is part of a small but visible number of American cycling fans who line the roads of France to watch the three-week, 20-stage tour, arguably one of the toughest sports events in the world.

Sunday saw riders complete the last of five exceptionally difficult mountain stages — three of which Armstrong won on his way to claiming the leader's yellow jersey. They rode to the top of the Col du Tourmalet mountain pass, which, at 6,979 feet, is the tour's highest. Then they had to climb to this ski station in the Pyrenees. The toughest part of the tour is now over, but the 152

riders still competing have a long, hard road ahead before they reach the Champs-Elysees in Paris on July 29. After a rest day Monday, they will ride a 144.38-mile stretch, the Tour's longest, from Pau to Lavalur in southwestern France, most likely in high temperatures. On Friday, they will race in a 37.88-mile individual time trial. Although far from easy,

the remaining six stages are unlikely to drastically change the overall race standings, meaning Armstrong is on course for a third title within a week's time. The 29-year-old Austin, Texas, native maintained a big lead over his main rival, Jan Ullrich of Germany, despite finishing in fourth place behind him in Sunday's stage from Tarbes to Luz-Ardiden.

Yankees get World Series rings, regain AL East lead

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Mike Mussina walked in from the bullpen as his New York Yankees teammates got their World Series rings, and he thought ahead. "Hopefully, a year from now, I get to stand out there and get one," he said. Mussina then helped the three-time defending World Series champions regain sole possession of first place in the AL East, beating the Toronto Blue Jays 7-3 Sunday to stop the Yankees' four-game losing streak. Tino Martinez and Paul O'Neill homered into the upper deck in the

fourth inning, and Bernie Williams and Jorge Posada also homered for the Yankees, who took a one-game lead over second-place Boston. Hall of Famer Yogi Berra presented the three-carat diamond rings in a pregame ceremony. The jewelry includes the words "Tradition" and "Pride" and features three subway cars — representing the Yankees' victory over the Mets in the Subway Series for their third straight title. In other games it was Chicago 13, Boston 8; Cleveland 6, Detroit 3; Seattle 6, Minnesota 3; Tampa Bay 7, Texas 4; and Kansas City 5, Oakland 4. Anaheim and Baltimore split a day-night doubleheader, the

Angels winning 9-4 and losing 5-1. In NL games, it was Houston 3, Chicago 0; Atlanta 8, Montreal 2; Philadelphia 3, New York 2; Arizona 12, San Francisco 4; Pittsburgh 2, St. Louis 0; Florida 11, Cincinnati 7; San Diego 4, Milwaukee 0; and Los Angeles 9, Colorado 8. New York manager Joe Torre, Toronto manager Buck Martinez, Blue Jays reliever Chris Michalak and Toronto coach Terry Bevington were ejected following an inside pitch by Jay Witasick and a hit batter by Michalak. Alex Gonzalez homered twice and Brad Fullmer also connected for Toronto, which had won three in a

row. Devil Rays 7, Rangers 4. Greg Vaughn hit a grand slam off Pat Mahomes with two outs in the seventh at Tampa Bay after Juan Moreno (1-1) loaded the bases with a walk to Ben Grieve. Tanyon Sturtze (5-8) gave up four runs and eight hits in seven innings. Royals 5, Athletics 4. Rey Sanchez went 4-for-5 with three RBIs and singled in the winning run off Jim Mecir (2-7) with two outs in the ninth at Kansas City. Roberto Hernandez (3-3) was the winner despite wasting a 4-3 lead.

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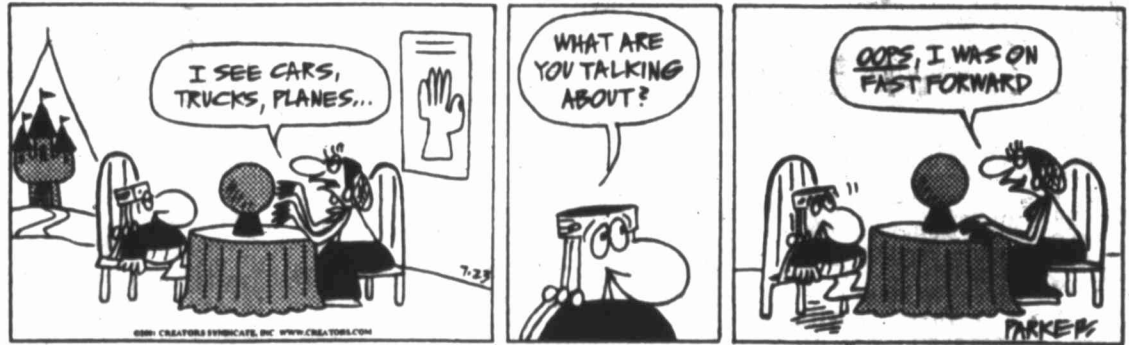
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today is Monday, July 23, the 204th day of 2001. There are 161 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 23, 1886, New York saloonkeeper Steve Brodie claimed to have made a daredevil plunge from the Brooklyn Bridge into the East River.

On this date: In 1885, Ulysses S. Grant, the 18th president of the United States, died in Mount McGregor, N.Y., at age 63.

In 1892, Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia was born.

In 1914, Austria-Hungary issued an ultimatum to Serbia following the killing of Archduke Francis Ferdinand by a Serb assassin; the dispute led to World War I.

In 1945, French Marshal

Henri Petain, who had headed the Vichy government during World War II, went on trial, charged with treason. (He was condemned to death, but his sentence was commuted.) He died in prison on this day in 1951.

In 1952, Egyptian military officers led by Gamal Abdel Nasser overthrew King Farouk I.

In 1967, rioting that claimed some 43 lives erupted in Detroit.

In 1977, a jury in Washington, D.C., convicted 12 Hanafi Muslims of charges stemming from the hostage siege at three buildings the previous March.

In 1984, Vanessa Williams became the first Miss America to resign her title, because of nude photographs of her that turned up in Penthouse magazine.

In 1986, Britain's Prince Andrew married Sarah Ferguson at Westminster Abbey in London. (The couple divorced in 1996.)

Ten years ago: The Senate

of strict new conditions on renewal of China's normal trade status in 1992; however, the 55-44 vote fell short of the two-thirds majority later needed to override President Bush's veto.

Five years ago: At the Atlanta Olympics, Kerri Strug made a heroic final vault despite torn ligaments in her left ankle as the U.S. women gymnasts clinched their first-ever Olympic team gold medal. The Senate passed a welfare overhaul bill.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Gloria DeHaven is 76. Actor Calvert DeForest is 73.

Answer to previous puzzles grid with words like BOILERPLATE, AXE, IRREVERENCE, RIN, MID, RHINO, BASIS, RUSH, TEEM, EMUS, MONTESSORI, NABS, IMPACT, SAN, ETS, FRAILTY, MTA, FEE, BRILLO, DMIT, AUCTIONEER, ANNE, CRTS, REDD, BLDGS, THIEF, DAT, OOO, LASTRESORTS, RUN, INTRAVENOUS, SRS, TOMYDORSETT.

Newsday Crossword

HANDY by Lee Weaver Edited by Stanley Newman

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.