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A longtime holiday tradition. What's available, what the law says and how to have fun and ignite them safely.

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WHAT'S UP

TODAY

Spring City Senior Citizens Country and Western Dance will be 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. All area seniors are invited.

SATURDAY

The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
American Red Cross of Southwest Texas fund raiser, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wal-Mart parking lot.
The Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 to 5 p.m. A one-time admission fee of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens is encouraged.
Dance 8:30 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

MONDAY

Howard County ARC meets at 806 East Third at the Bingo Hall.
District committee Lone Star of Big Spring meets at noon at 610 Scurry.
Senior Circle, 4 p.m., SMMC. Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics.

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Rocha leaves Big Spring High School for Weimar ISD

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Big Spring High School Assistant Principal Osbelia Rocha will be a principal next year — just not in Big Spring.

In a special meeting Thursday night, Weimar Independent School District trustees approved the hiring of Rocha as the district's high school principal and curriculum director. The decision was a 5-1 vote with one member absent.

"I want to thank BSISD

"I was stunned by the decision. I feel like the board members need to learn their function as members. Some of the board members need to understand their function as a board member is to work with the superintendent."

Osbelia Rocha, former BSISD assistant principal



(Big Spring Independent School District) for giving me the opportunity to serve as assistant principal at the high school for the past two years," Rocha said. "It has

been a very rewarding experience for me and a blessing to be part of Big Spring High School and work with the parents, staff, faculty and two excellent adminis-

trators.

"I wish them the best and I am confident that Big Spring High School will reach exemplary status with the educators at the helm."

In a 3-4 vote on June 21, BSISD board members failed to approve the Superintendent Murray Murphy's recommendation that Rocha to fill the principal's position at Moss Elementary. Following the meeting, Trustee Phil Furqueron insisted the vote had nothing to do with Rocha's credentials but a

failure by the administration to compromise with the board.

Furqueron, Mike Dawson, Kent Sharp and Allen Partee voted against approving the hire while Board President Frank Long, Irene Bustamante and Terry Wegman voted in favor.

"I was stunned by the decision," Rocha said. "I feel like the board members need to learn their function as members. Some of the board members need to

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Alert deputy prompts drug bust

Two women jailed after search turns up marijuana

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

About \$16,000 worth of marijuana headed from El Paso to Dallas or Oklahoma didn't get past Howard County, thanks to Sheriff's Deputy Pat Carter's quick thinking and suspicious mind.

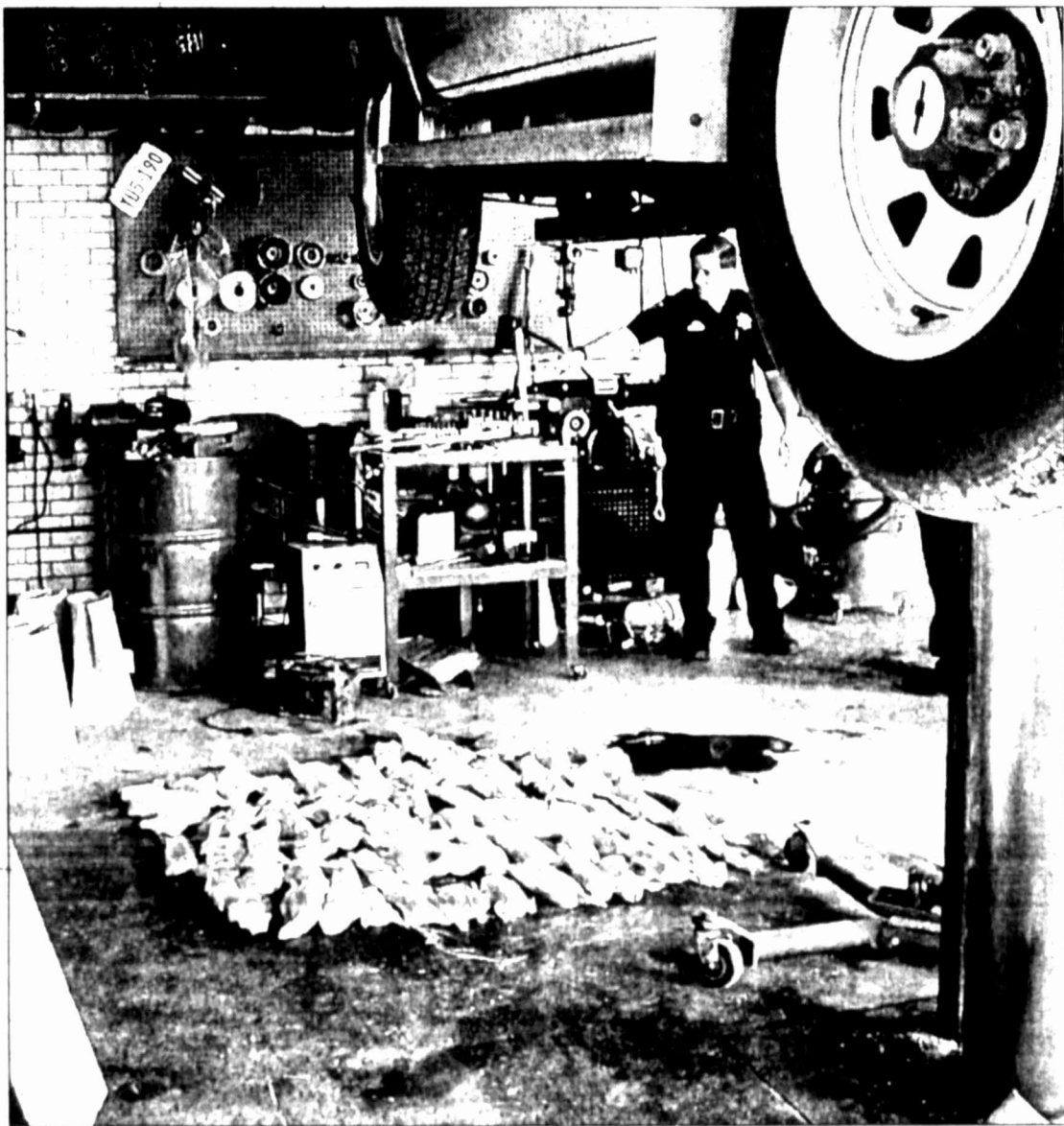
Carter found two women walking from Coahoma's Town & Country convenience store to their stranded van with a tank of gas this morning, and offered to give them a lift, said Chief Deputy Gary Pritchett.

"It was a motorist assist. The vehicle ran out of gas," Pritchett said. "There were two female occupants in the vehicle and we were assisting them in getting back to their vehicle with the gasoline."

When they got to the maroon Astro van east of Coahoma, Carter noticed something that made him suspicious, Pritchett wouldn't say what.

"The officer assisting them noticed some discrepancies in the vehicle," he said. "Further investigation and an interview of the two females who were in possession of the vehicle revealed that there were probably narcotics."

Pritchett said the sheriff's office asked the Big Spring Police Department to bring out its scope, a miniature



Big Spring Police Cpl. Thad Thomas examines 70 packages of marijuana pulled from a maroon Astro van this morning during a drug bust by the Howard County Sheriff's Office and the police. The drugs have a street value of around \$16,000, said Chief Sheriff's Deputy Gary Pritchett.

camera that can fit down the fill tube into a gas tank to look for contraband.

"They located some marijuana in the gas tank," he said.

The two women, Regina Lucy Ann Suke, 37, and

Wyshe Sanchez/Rios, 30, both of Oklahoma City, were arrested and arraigned. Their bail was set at \$15,000 each.

"More than likely they came out of El Paso,"

Pritchett said. "We're not sure if they were on their way to Oklahoma or Dallas."

Carter said he believes the two were headed for

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Public outcry over court's ruling brings swift response

By BILL MCCLELLAN

News Editor

Public outrage over the 9th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals' decision that rejecting the Pledge of Allegiance in public schools is unconstitutional prompted swift response Thursday.



DUNCAN

Less than 24 hours after the 2-1 decision, Circuit Judge Alfred T. Goodwin decided to stay his ruling until fellow members of the appeals court can decide whether to reconsider the case. Goodwin had written the panel's opinion that the phrase "under God" violated the Constitution.

In quick step, Attorney General John Ashcroft requested a full hearing by the appeals court on its decision.

Goodwin's decision and Ashcroft's request mean that all present judges on the 9th Circuit will likely consider the case again.

Lawmakers across the country called the court's action ridiculous.

President Bush denounced the ruling as "out of step with the traditions and history of America," and vowed to appoint judges who would overturn such rulings.

"America is a nation ... that values our relationship with the Almighty," Bush told reporters while attending an economic summit in Canada. "We need common-sense judges who understand that our rights were derived from God."

The House, by a vote of 416-3, passed a resolution protesting Wednesday's decision by the court.

Closer to Big Spring, State Sen. Robert Duncan said the court was misguided in its decision.

"I do not believe the pledge or for that matter, the motto 'In God We Trust' that is on our money

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Red Cross in need of some relief itself

By BILL MCCLELLAN

News Editor

In times of emergency, the American Red Cross is there to help. This time, however, it's the disaster relief agency that is asking for the public's assistance.

"We're in need of financial help. The American Red

Cross of Southwest Texas has exceeded its budget," explained Radford Dunagan, Howard County Red Cross Disaster Assistance Team (DAT) captain.

Red Cross will hold a fund-raiser from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Wal-Mart parking lot on Saturday. Staff from the chapter office in Odessa, local firefighters and members of the Howard County Disaster Team will be on hand to provide information about the Red Cross. Fund-raisers will also be

TO HELP

Bring your donations to the Wal-Mart parking lot between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday or mail them to the American Red Cross of Southwest Texas, 120 Second Street, Odessa, 79761.

held that day in Lamesa and Snyder.

The chapter, which covers

approximately 45,000 square miles and 26 counties, is the second largest in the United States. Despite its size, the chapter's budget is \$50,000. Thus far, however, the chapter has spent \$130,000 responding to fires and other disasters.

The chapter has responded to 220 fires alone.

"Basically, we respond on a short-term basis, providing shelter, medication, food and clothing to disaster

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Cost of first-class stamp takes a 3-cent hike this weekend

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

What's a penny worth these days?

At least a cent and beginning Sunday it will take three more to mail a letter by first class U.S. Post.

"The rate goes up Sunday at midnight," said Jerry Myrick, of the Big Spring Post Office. "Saturday is the last time the public can mail at the old rate."

You don't have to run out in a mailing frenzy to use up that last book of 34 cents stamps just yet.

"They have a 3-cent stamp to make up the difference," Myrick said.

The new 3-cent Star stamp

"The rate goes up Sunday at midnight. Saturday is the last time the public can mail at the old rate."

Postal worker Jerry Myrick

became available in mid-June and can be added to the 34-cent stamp to make up first-class mail letter rate.

A variety of other domestic rates including post cards, parcel post and priority mail will go up at the same time.

The U.S. Postal Service

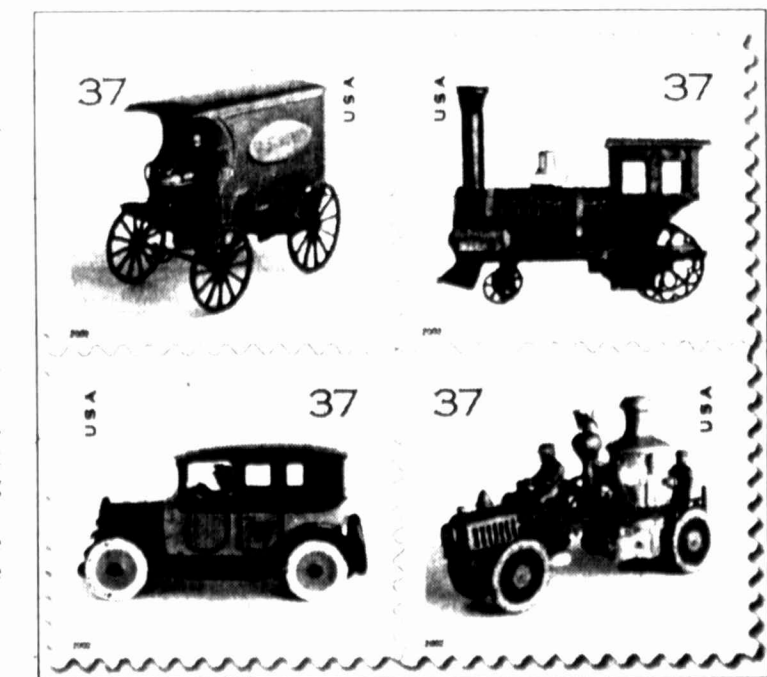
cites cost of doing business has prompted the rise in rates. Postal operations are not subsidized by tax dollars but rely on the sale of postal products and services to cover operating cost.

The boost in the first-class rate to 37 cents was approved in February after months of hearings by the independent Postal Rate commission.

Non-dominated stamps covering the new rates went on sale at the Big Spring Post Office on June 7.

Customer may not see another increase for some time.

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STAMPS

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Postmaster General John Potter has promised rates won't go up again until at least 2004.
For more information, visit the U.S. Post Office

Service Web site at www.usps.com or by calling 1-800-275-8777.

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Up to \$50, \$1.30
\$50.01 to \$100, \$2.20
\$100.01 to \$5,000, \$2.20 plus \$1 per each \$100.

RED CROSS

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victims," said Larry Steward, one of eight Red Cross volunteers in Howard County. "We want to take them out of that disaster-prone area until they can begin to provide for themselves or get help from family or through other means."

Howard County Red Cross volunteers have responded to seven fires this year in Stanton, Snyder, Colorado City, Big Spring and Loraine. These fires displaced 30 people at a cost to Red Cross of \$4,300.

The increase in responses has left the chapter scrambling. "Without the necessary funds, we won't be able to offer assistance," said Steward.

"If every person in

Howard County could give just one dollar, that would really help us out," added Dunagan. "If you can't come by the Wal-Mart parking lot on Saturday, your donation can be mailed to the Odessa office."

Checks should be made out to the American Red Cross of Southwest Texas, 120 Second Street, Odessa, 79761.
Anyone with questions about the fund-raiser or about Red Cross can contact Steward at 264-6130 or Radford Dunagan at 267-6606 or James Parks at the Odessa office at 1-800 219-2154.

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Moore Development puts proposal on hold

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Moore Development for Big Spring board members decided to get a little more information before accepting a proposal to develop a community network for broad band Internet access.

Board members did agree Tuesday to spend money to assess all utility poles in the city.

"The assessment is to see if there is enough room on the poles — poles accessible to accommodate fiber lines or hardware for broad band Internet access," said Tim Blackshear, Moore Development board member.

The Boston-based firm Network Engineering Consulting Incorporated presented a plan to develop

"This is a continuation of what we have been doing for the last couple years to try investigate opportunities for broad band access to Big Spring."

Kent Sharp, Moore Development executive director

a community network for broad band Internet access at the Moore Development board meeting.

"The pole assessment is part of the network plan, a phase of it, and we felt we needed to do that part of the plan," Blackshear said. "If the pole situation is not adequate then that drives the cost of the plan up."

Blackshear estimates the project cost to run from \$2,000 to \$4,000.

"We're hoping that this is done with in the next couple

of weeks," Kent Sharp, Moore Development executive director said.

Sharp said this is an on-going project.

"This is a continuation of what we have been doing for the last couple years to try investigate opportunities for broad band access to Big Spring," Sharp said.

Meeting with business representatives in the community as part of his economic development duties, Sharp said he hears many of the same questions on the

technology.
"Many businesses large and small ask why don't we have Internet cable mobility available in Big Spring like in Abilene," he said.

The technology helps speed up information exchange such as downloading account information to a business's corporate headquarters computer with out taking an extended period of time and personal oversight, Sharp gave as an example.

Blackshear said the board has recently begun working with the consulting firm and chose the firm from recommendations from other cities.

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understand their function as a board member is to work with the superintendent.

"This is not about power but collaboration, working with the superintendent because he has the educational expertise to hire qualified personnel."



BOWERMON

BSISD Assistant Superintendent Esthela Aguirre said she has not received Rocha's resignation and cannot comment until being officially notified.

Weimar ISD Superintendent Kent Bowermon said he is satisfied with the new hire.

"I am on cloud nine," Bowermon said. "I am extremely happy that we are able to hire such an administrator as Mrs. Rocha. I am sorry that Big Spring is losing such a quality administrator but we are extremely pleased that she is going to be here."

Bowermon, the former

BSHS principal who left in 2000 to take over the Weimar superintendent's post, first brought Rocha to Big Spring as his assistant principal.

"She did a fantastic job for me," Bowermon said.

Rocha said she applied at Weimar and another school district in the state. She had already committed to interviews at both districts before she was called to interview for the Moss position.

"She was the No. 1 pick by the committee made up faculty and staff," Bowermon said of decision team at Weimar.

Out of 22 applicants and six finalists, Rocha was the top pick by everyone on the committee, Bowermon said.

"She called us and said she was going to accept the position at Moss and asked to withdraw her name for consideration," he said.

"When the school district in Big Spring did not accept her for the position, she called us and asked if she could resubmit her name. The committee again voted her the top pick for the job."

Bowermon said Rocha's experience in all areas of education is a big factor in

the decision to hire her.

"She has experience in elementary, junior high and high school," he said. "She has a background in math-antics and English. She is bilingual, and on top of that, she is an outstanding person."

Rocha said she is looking forward to the new challenge.

"I fully expect a challenging and exciting school year for 2002-2003," Rocha said.

Weimar ISD is a Class 2A district located between Houston and San Antonio. Weimar trustees offered Rocha a two-year contract that begins July 1. Also during the meeting, trustees hired Rocha's husband Ricardo as a fourth grade teacher.

When Rocha was hired to replace retiring BSHS assistant principal Craig Fischer, she was picked from a group of 30 applicants from Texas, Oklahoma and Utah.

She received her mid-management certification from the University of Texas of the Permian Basin with a mid-management certification in 1999. In 1991 she received a library science degree from Texas

Woman's University and a learning resources endorsement in 1990. She received a master's degree in reading in 1977 from Texas A&I University as well as reading specialist certification. In 1972, Rocha received a bachelor's degree in English and math from Sul Ross State University.

Her career in education spans 30 years. Before coming to Big Spring, she was the learning resources specialist at Odessa Permian High School. She has also been the LRS at three other Ector County ISD campuses.

Ector Junior High School, Bowie Junior High School and Blackshear Elementary Magnet School.

Rocha taught from 1979 to 1988 in Ector County and from 1972 to 1979 in San Felipe Del Rio CISD.

She also has conflict resolution training, instructional leadership training and is knowledgeable in the professional development appraisal system.

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EDITORIAL

"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."

-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

Each week, the *Herald* salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play.

This week we salute:

• **CIRCUIT JUDGE ALFRED T. GOODWIN**, on his decision to stay his ruling on the Pledge of Allegiance until fellow members of the appeals court decide whether to hear the case.

• **PARTICIPANTS** in the Muscular Dystrophy Association lockup at the Big Spring Mall, as well as the many **DONORS**.

• **VICTIMS SERVICES**, which held a 'thank you' luncheon for the volunteers who participated in the "Shattered Dreams" program.

• **BIG SPRING CITY COUNCIL**, on is discussion to address ways to beautify the city.

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:
Having heard the news cast about the board's decision related to the hiring of a new principal for Moss Elementary, I was somewhat dismayed and perplexed. Although I no longer live in Big Spring, I continue to have a heartfelt interest in the town, and especially in the school district. Being a graduate of BSHS, and having served on the board for several years, I believe qualifies me to express my thoughts on the board's recent decision.

I will not go into the reasons behind the decision, as I do not have all the details, but I will comment on the action taken in Thursday night's meeting. The first thing any board member should know is the role of the board. The board has two main functions, 1) To supervise and evaluate the superintendent, and, 2) to monitor the district budget and make sure the tax dollars are being spent appropriately.

At no time, should a board put itself in the position of micro-managing the district and involving itself in personnel matters. That is the role of the superintendent. If the board does not believe the superintendent is doing the job expected of him/her, then the board can take action in that area.

The board is made up of several new members, and it will be vitally important for them to attend the State School Board Meeting in Austin this summer, to find out what their job is. Being on the school board is a very important job, and should be done for the best of the district and

community, and not individual personalities. The bottom line should always be, "what is best for the children."

Murray Murphy is probably one of the best superintendents in the state of Texas. His interests have always been about what is best for the students, teachers, and staff in the district and what is best for the community of Big Spring. I have had the privilege of knowing Mr. Murphy for several years, and have never known him to be anything but a man of integrity and honesty.

So, I would ask the current board to do one thing. Please do not turn my school district into a "CONTROL" issue, between a few board members and a very fine, dedicated administration. I am not saying that all decisions have to be unanimous, but use some common sense and think about the far-reaching effects your decisions have on the district.

DAN WISE
CLASS OF 1961
SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER,
1983-1996

TO THE EDITOR:
Is this a great place to live or what?

Our taxing entities managed, with the able help of attorney Drew Mouton, to sell not one but two hazardous waste sites for cash.

They not only got these sites out of our name and into an individual's name but they have put money into the coffers and the property back onto the tax rolls, and they did it with the knowledge of the TNRC.

MARCELLOUS (BOOSIE) WEAVER
BIG SPRING

We're in another insurance crisis, sigh

Damn, we're having an insurance crisis again!! This means the industry's profits are down from obscene to excessive and, as we usually find upon close examination, the reason their profits are down is because of their own screw-ups.

For those of you who have not previously paid attention to the routine insurance-crisis drill, we are in a familiar pattern. You may have read that doctors are going broke from high medical malpractice premiums. The poor doctors are being driven out of their profession; they're closing up their offices, leaving us without medical care; their ranks will be halved, we'll all die of untreated disease; the sky will fall, and the world will end. Unless, of course, we do what the insurance companies want. Same song, 65th verse.

What they want this time is to restrict the rights of injured patients to sue malpracticing doctors. In April, the Center for Justice and Democracy released the report, "Shakedown: How the Insurance Industry Exploits a Nation in Times of Crisis." This follows the center's equally useful 1999

study "Premium Deceit — the Failure of 'Tort Reform' to cut Insurance Prices." Limiting the great American right to sue the (expletive) didn't work the last time, didn't work the time before and didn't work the time before that to reduce premiums — so of course the insurance industry wants us to do it again.

Here's the deal: The reason malpractice rates are skyrocketing is on account of the insurance industry's own pricing errors and lost investment income. In a useful summary of the situation, The Wall Street Journal reported this week: "While malpractice litigation has a big effect on premiums, insurers' pricing and accounting practices have played an equally important role. Following a cycle that recurs in many parts of the business, a price war that began in the early 1990s led insurers to sell malpractice coverage to ob-gyns at rates that proved inadequate to cover claims. 'Some of these carriers had rushed into malpractice coverage because an accounting practice widely used in the industry made the area seem more profitable in the early '90s than it really was. A decade of short-sighted price-slashing led to industry losses of nearly \$3 billion last year.'"

Incidentally, the Journal's report contains a stellar public service in its neat dissection of the holes in the database provided by Jury Verdict Research, an

information service. This outfit's alarming accounts about the increase in the size of malpractice verdicts — up 175 percent, according to it — have been driving some of the hysterical media coverage on the impending disappearance of doctors. The journal found "gaps" in the outfit's database. Sounds like more gap than base to me.

In Texas, we have been through tort reform so many times it has become a tradition, like the UT-A&M football game. We're pretty well owned by the tort reformers here: They are the heaviest of heavy-hitter campaign contributors, not just to our statewide officeholders but to all nine of our elected Supreme Court justices, as well. You will not be amazed to learn that our premiums have not gone down, our problems with insurance companies are rife and the governor, who got \$200,000 from insurance, vetoed the prompt-pay bill passed last session.

The insurance industry is accountable to no federal agency, subject to virtually no federal regulation and under only limited control by the states.

Most states do a miserable job of regulation. State lawmakers tend to be easy to stampede, and the insurance companies regularly threaten to drive up the cost of doing business so much it will hurt the economy or even to pull out of a state entirely. Sometimes they even

threaten to leave the entire United States.

Occasionally you will find an insurance commissioner who stands up to them, but it's rare. Texas Watch is a public interest group working to end abusive and unfair practices by insurance companies. It has a depressing litany of cases where Texans end up bankrupt, with no house, still owed money, sued for complaining, etc.

The industry's last "crisis" was post 9-11, you may recall, when it announced the economy would collapse without a federal insurance bailout by Dec. 31 of last year. They demanded a multibillion dollar "backstop," basically capping the liability of insurers in case of further terrorist attacks. The economy did not crumble and in fact there has been a capital flow to the industry, which is recovering nicely on higher premiums.

Nevertheless, the Senate, with its usual impeccable timing — and the usual campaign contributions — approved a bailout bill last week. The House version is, of course, worse — the government picks up 90 percent of the cost for at least a year — and now the bills go to conference.

During one "insurance crisis" in the Texas Legislature, then-Rep. Bob Armstrong was moved to compose a country song on the subject: "As they thought on matters theoretical, All the malpractice wasn't medical."



MOLLY IVINS



Amtrak and government monopolies

A mtrak, the National Railroad Passenger Corp., was created as a publicly held company in 1970, but from the start it has required federal subsidies to survive. Now, President George W. Bush has made it clear that he is not a proponent of these subsidies.

However, the only two options being discussed are whether to sustain the money-losing corporation with continued subsidies or to break it up into smaller, regional subsidized entities.

The second of these would be akin to what happened when AT&T was broken up into the so-called Baby Bells. That experience only replaced a national monopoly with regional

monopolies. Nothing changed until local-service competitors arrived on the scene.

The problem with Amtrak and AT&T is that Amtrak is, and AT&T was, a government-sanctioned monopoly. And when it comes to monopolies, government monopolies are preferable to private monopolies. This is why a third option should be on the table: the U.S. government takes control of Amtrak.

Such federalizing seems to go against the concept of free enterprise, but nothing is more anti-free enterprise than a monopoly. That is why government monopolies — that are answerable to the people — are preferable to private monopolies. That is why local governments have monopolies on fire departments, police departments, and water bureaus. More to the point, that is why local governments monopolize metropolitan train services such as subways, light railways, elevated trains and monorails.

Local rail lines such as the Virginia Railway Express that links communities 45 miles away with Washington, D.C., or the light-rail system MAX that similarly connects outlying communities with Portland, Ore., are examples of government-owned-and-operated rail lines that enhance their communities. They are efficient, economical, and popular. So why is it necessary to have privately owned, government-subsidized Amtrak control the route from Washington, D.C., to Baltimore, Maryland, also a distance of approximately 45 miles?

Significantly, the idea that such rail lines would hinder other modes of transportation has proven to be unfounded. This is because rail lines transport people from area to area, whereas taxis transport people from point to point, and buses fall in between the two. In other words, there is room for all of them.

So why is there government ownership of rail

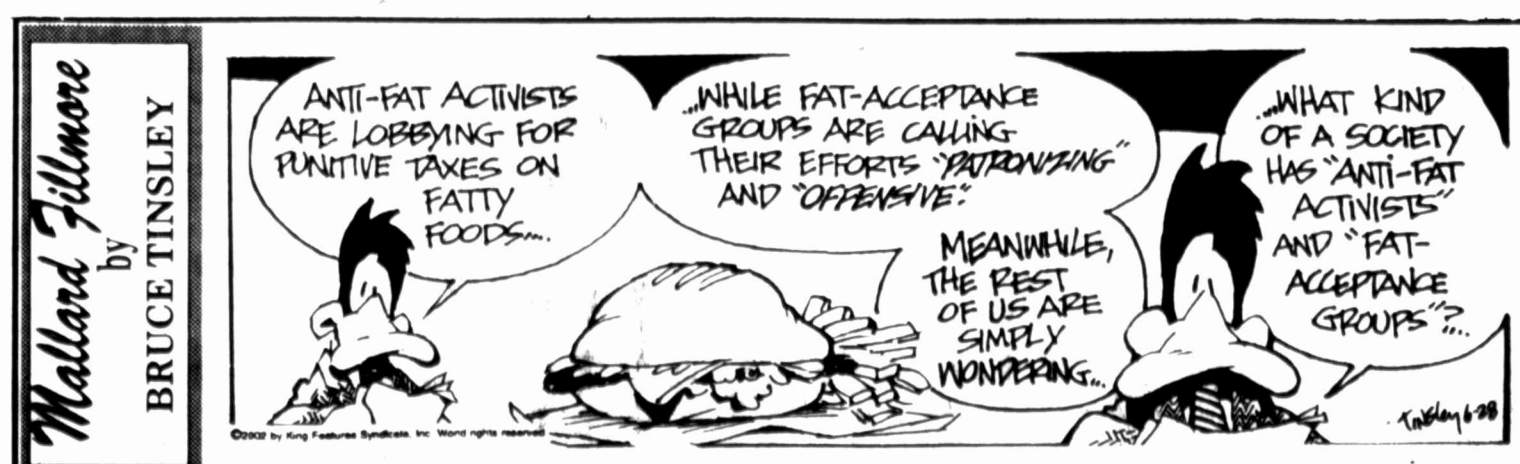
lines and not those other modes of transportation? The answer is that rail beds and monorails can only accommodate one train at a time, and by definition that is a monopoly.

Amtrak doesn't even have the benefits of public utilities that are not only government subsidized, but guaranteed to earn profits. The odd thing about the government's efforts with Amtrak is that all sides get the worst of the situation. The government spends billions of dollars; the public has no say in the operation; and Amtrak is not guaranteed a profit. Quite the contrary, the government provides the corporation with just enough money to keep operating — at a loss.

Prediction: The Amtrak experiment has failed. The Bush administration will seek to break up the corporation into regional rail systems. Congress will balk, and Amtrak will eventually become a government-owned-and-operated system.



JACK ANDERSON



Mallard Fillmore
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Court OKs school vouchers

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court ruled Thursday that tuition vouchers are constitutional, a landmark church-state decision that could fundamentally change the educational landscape by allowing wider public financing of religious schools.

The 5-4 decision allows taxpayer money to underwrite tuition at private or parochial schools if parents retain a wide choice of where to send their children. Like other recent rulings led by the court's conservative majority, the case allows blending of government and religion, and it takes that trend further than ever before.

Vouchers are an education idea championed by conservatives including President Bush, who call them a ticket out of dismal and dangerous public schools. Opponents say they divert badly needed public money from already strapped public schools.

The decision closed out the court's annual term.

"The Supreme Court has offered the hope of an excellent education to parents and children throughout our country," Bush said. "This decision clears the way for other innovative school choice programs so that no child in America will be left behind."

Vouchers do not put the government in the unconstitutional position of promoting religion so long as par-

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ents make schooling choices for their children and have a wide menu of public, private or religious schools, the court majority said.

The ruling upholds a program in inner-city Cleveland that gives mostly poor parents a tuition subsidy of up to \$2,250 per child. The city has one of the worst-rated school systems in the nation.

"The Ohio program is neutral in all respects toward religion," Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist wrote for himself and Justices Sandra Day O'Connor, Antonin Scalia, Anthony M. Kennedy and Clarence Thomas.

Cleveland parents may spend the money at private

academies, church-run schools or at suburban public schools with better academic credentials. In practice, however, more than 95 percent of the participating schools are church-affiliated.

The majority rejected arguments that the program created the impression of government-sponsored religion.

"No reasonable observer would think a neutral program of private choice, where state aid reaches religious schools solely as a result of the numerous independent decisions of private individuals, carries with it the imprimatur of government endorsement," Rehnquist wrote.

The ruling provoked three overlapping and strongly worded dissents. Justice David H. Souter wrote the main one, which was joined by fellow liberal-leaning Justices John Paul Stevens, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen Breyer.

Souter took the unusual step of announcing his dissent from the bench, and took aim at the idea that giving parents spending choices cancels out constitutional worries about where the money ends up.

"There is, in any case, no way to interpret the 96.6 percent of current voucher money going to religious schools as reflecting a free and genuine choice by the families that apply for vouchers," Souter wrote.

The Who's John Entwistle found dead at 57

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Stunned fans of The Who's John Entwistle left flowers and consoled each other outside a casino concert hall where the bass player who helped make the band one of the biggest in rock history had been expected to perform Friday.

Entwistle was found dead Thursday in his Hard Rock Hotel room of an apparent heart attack. He was 57.

"The Ox has left the building — we've lost another great friend," bandmates Pete Townshend and Roger

Daltrey wrote on Townshend's Web site.

Former Rolling Stones bassist Bill Wyman described Entwistle as "the quietest man in private but the loudest man on stage."

"He was unique and irreplaceable," Wyman said.

Entwistle, a co-founder of The Who, was on medication for a heart condition, according to Steve Luongo, the drummer in another

Entwistle band for the last 15 years. An autopsy was scheduled for Friday, but Clark County Coroner Ron

Flud said no foul play was suspected.

The group, founded in London in the early 1960s, was part of the British rock invasion along with the Rolling Stones and the Beatles. Their parade of hits included "I Can See For Miles," "I Can't Explain," "Substitute," "Pinball Wizard," "Won't Get Fooled Again" and "Who Are You."

The Who's first hit, "My Generation," became an anthem for baby boomers and included the line, "Hope I die before I get old."

CONGRESS

Congress votes to raise debt limit by \$450 billion

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats say congressional approval of a \$450 billion boost in federal borrowing underlines how the tax cut President Bush engineered last year forced the government back into the red.

Republicans counter that though they didn't like muscling the debt limit increase through the House on Thursday, doing so let them thwart Democrats who had offered to support the effort — in exchange for higher federal spending.

The House voted 215-214 to increase the current \$5.95 trillion debt ceiling, the first federal borrowing increase Congress has granted in five years.

The Democratic-controlled Senate had approved the measure by a bipartisan 68-29 margin on June 11. Bush is certain to sign it.

After more than half a year of prodding Congress to act, a relieved Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill praised lawmakers after the vote. Treasury officials had asserted that congressional approval was needed by Friday or O'Neill would have to take extraordinary actions to avert an unprecedented federal default.

"House members who voted for this legislation put politics aside and did the right thing for the country," O'Neill said in a written statement.

Just three Democrats and six Republicans crossed party lines, highlighting the House's partisan rift over the issue.

Emphasizing the political sensitivity of the matter, the \$450 billion increase would provide enough money for the government to pay its bills until at least December. That means Congress would not have to revisit the question of borrowing until after the November's elections for control of the Senate and House.

House passes Medicare prescription drug bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans pushed a Medicare prescription drug bill through the House early Friday, capping a week where the GOP used its slim majority to also allow the government to borrow more money and advance a trade bill.

GOP leaders had lobbied reluctant members all week to support the bill. In the end, the measure, which has yet to be taken up in the Senate, passed by a near party line 221-208 vote, giving Republicans a victory to tout as they head home for a weeklong July 4 recess.

The vote capped a marathon session that lasted into the early hours of Friday morning. It provided an emotional debate with both sides accusing the other of neglecting the needs of the nation's 39 million seniors

on Medicare.

The House bill would spend \$320 billion over 10 years to offer seniors a prescription drug benefit and rely mainly on private insurers to administer the plan.

Seniors would pay monthly premiums of about \$33 and a yearly deductible of roughly \$250.

The government would pay 80 percent of the next \$1,000 of drug costs and 50 percent of the subsequent \$1,000.

All beneficiaries — low-income included — would have to pick up the tab beyond that, until they reached \$3,700 in out-of-pocket expenses, at which time all additional costs would be covered.

Democrats complained that the gap in coverage in the Republican plan — between \$2,001 and \$3,700 — would leave seniors burdened with too many out-of-pocket costs. They accused Republicans of being beholden to big business.

Democrats were unable to offer their alternative proposal, estimated to cost between \$800 billion and \$1 trillion with a \$25 monthly premium and \$100 yearly deductible.

Congress endorses big boosts in defense spending

WASHINGTON (AP) — Moving with speed and near-unity, Congress endorsed much of the defense spending increases that President Bush sought to improve military readiness and conduct the war on terrorism.

In separate actions Thursday, the Senate passed a \$393 billion policy bill that approves programs for the Pentagon and other agencies with military functions and the House agreed to a \$355 billion bill that specifies defense spending amounts for fiscal year 2003 starting Oct. 1.

The Senate vote was 97-2, with only Sens. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., and Russ Feingold, D-Wis., dissenting. The House tally was 413-18.

However, these were two different types of measures. The Senate bill must be reconciled with a House authorization bill passed last month. And the spending bill that the House approved Thursday would have to be reconciled with an appropriations measure the Senate has not yet acted on.

The defense bills would raise pay a minimum of 4.1 percent for all military personnel, increase spending on aircraft and shipbuilding and target funds to fight terrorism. The House bill includes \$4.7 billion to buy 23 F-22s and continue developing the stealth fighter, which is slated to replace aging F-15s. The Joint Strike Fighter, a high-tech aircraft that Lockheed Martin is developing with U.S. allies, gets \$7.5 billion.

The House measure would eliminate funding for the \$11 billion Crusader artillery system.

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CHURCH NEWS

First Baptist

You are invited to a wonderful day of worship at First Baptist Church this Sunday.

During the morning worship at 10:50 a.m., we will observe the ordinance of the Lord's Supper and will hear the sermon, "The Supper," from our pastor, the Rev. Dennis Teeters.

The evening worship will begin at 7 p.m. which is an hour later than our normal worship time to allow you to worship at your own church and still be able to come and join us for our annual God and Country Patriotic Concert which will

be presented by the music ministry of First Baptist Church under the direction of Stan Hanes.

Our entire community is encouraged to come for this time of thanking God for our nation and His goodness to us.

All veterans present who have served our country in times of war and peace will be honored. Rick Green will be the guest speaker.

First Assembly of God

You are invited to our fifth Sunday sing this Sunday night at 6 p.m.

In the morning service at 10:40 a.m. Pastor R. T. Havener will be presenting a message on "The Memory of God" taken from Genesis 8:1.

The congregation of First Assembly of God invite the

public to join them at Fourth and Lancaster for a wonderful day of worship.

St. Mary's Episcopal

Everyone is invited to attend worship services at St. Mary's. During our summer schedule, Holy Communion will be celebrated Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

The Inquirers' Class is Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

This class is for anyone interested in learning more about the ways and teachings of the Episcopal Church.

The Pastoral Care Group will meet on Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in the church office.

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201 or visit our web site at

www.stmarysbt.org. St. Mary's is located at 1001 South Goliad.

First United Methodist

"Chosen" is the title of Dr. Dave Ring's sermon on Sunday.

The sermon is based on Deuteronomy 7:7-11. Worship services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m.

Sunday School classes meet from 9:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Classes are available for children and adults.

Wednesday's activities include Noon Bible Study in Garrett Hall. The study is a "Survey of the New Testament." Cost for the lunch is \$2. The study is designed to ensure that those who work can eat and participate in the study during a one-hour lunch break.

There is no Chancel Choir rehearsal from June 26 to July 31. Rehearsals will resume on Wednesday, August 7, at 7:30 p.m.

The church offices will be closed July 4.

Advance registration is now in progress for "Roundup 2002" in Lubbock, August 24 from 9 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. This is a spiritual enrichment and leadership training day with approximately 60 workshop sessions on a variety of topics.

The registration fee is \$25 per person. The church will provide transportation. Information about the roundup is in the purple booklet in the foyer of the sanctuary or call the church office.

First United Methodist Church is located at 400 Scurry. For more information on any of the programs

at First United Methodist Church, call the church office at 267-6394.

First Presbyterian

On Sunday the Rev. David Marx, interim minister's sermon, will be entitled "The Gracious Invitation." Worship service begins at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Summer Sunday School is held at 9:45 a.m. Youth and children continue their work on a "Habitat for Humanity" project. Sunday School is followed by Take Ten at 10:30 a.m.

Choir Practice is held at 6 p.m. on Wednesday night.

Please join us for any or all church activities. Everyone is always welcome at First Presbyterian Church. The church is located on Runnels between Seventh and Eighth.

CLUB NEWS

TOPS 21

Eleven members of TOPS 21 met for a regular Monday night meeting on June 24 at 6 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehab Center, 306 West Third.

Donna Menges voiced the opening prayer and the group repeated the TOPS pledge and sang the fellowship song.

The KOPS also repeated their KOPS pledge.

Member Virginia Langston read an original poem she had written which will be sent to TOPS International for publication in the monthly TOPS magazine.

Donna Menges was the TOPS best loser and Gladys Russell was KOPS best with a turtle.

Each received the weekly award.

Olnee Menges presented the program on how to plant a TOPS garden which was very inspirational and well received by the chapter.

Anyone interested in TOPS can call 1-800-932-8677 or locally anyone can call 263-0391 or 263-1758 for more information.

Sand Springs Lions

The Sand Springs Lions Club met June 17, with Shyrlee Reid, president, presiding.

Ben Boadle worded the opening prayer and Laura Thompson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jarred Barbee introduced

his guest, Bill Addy and Phillip Reid introduced guest, Jack Buchanan from the Coahoma Lions Club.

The Secretary/Treasurer Madeline Boadle read the minutes of the last meeting, minutes were approved as read.

President Reid reported an official visit to the Coahoma Lions Club was made by Phillip Reid, Jarrell Barbee and herself.

Old Business - The Sand Springs Lions will again help the Coahoma Lions Club with their food wagon at the Howard County Fair.

The schedule for the fixing of meals for 2002-2003 was approved.

The August 19 meeting will be the Annual Family Picnic at the Coahoma Park.

New Business - There will be a parade July 6 in Coahoma.

The Sand Springs Lions will have a group to ride in the parade.

Everyone who can is urged to take part in the parade.

Reunion reservations for the Community Center has been made for July 21, McMurray Family; July 27, Rodriguez Family; and June 7, 2003, Barbee/Graham Family.

The Sand Springs Lions Club meets the first and third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Lions Community Center on Scout Hut Rd. in Sand Springs.

"Is this the future that we all want for our children?"

In the midst of the horrible cycle of violence, occupation, and terror in the Middle East is the haunting question for Muslims, Christians and Jews - Is this the future that we all want for our children?

Unless all parties involved in the spiraling violence in the Middle East embrace and immediately cease-fire and return to the arduous task of negotiating a just peace without delay or preconditions, the future for the children of that land is very bleak and bloody.

Every day, more Palestinians and Israelis lose their lives, and every day many more are losing their hopes for a future of dignity, security, and peace.

It is clearer now than ever before that the status-quo is unacceptable.

Israeli occupation cannot be sustained - militarily or morally - nor can the discriminate use of force in civilian areas.

Palestinian attacks on innocent civilians cannot be tolerated - both because they are morally indefensible, and because they undermine the legitimate

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claims of the Palestinian people.

To bring about security and peace in this holiest of lands, there is an urgency for the U.S. Government to continue to use every means to persuade leaders on both sides to turn away from actions which permit, incite, or employ violence and to return to the search for peace based on mutual respect and equal justice for Palestinians and Israelis.

Both parties must embrace an immediate cease-fire and accept international monitors or peace-keepers to enforce it.

Because of the special intervention of God in the history and lives of the people of the Holy Land, we all feel a special bond of solidarity and concern with the people of that land.

Already sacred places have been damaged. The world community must demand that all holy places are sacrosanct and inviolable, and respect for all people to worship freely.

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Seuss on the loose

FORT WORTH — Do you like to rhyme and such?

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Do you want to be the Cat in the Hat?

Do you want to act like that? Then the Museum of Science and History is definitely where you should be.

"Seuss!" is a vivid interactive exhibit that displays a love of Theodor Geisel's children's books, with recreations of scenes from some of his most popular ones, including "The Cat in the Hat, Green Eggs and Ham, There's a Wocket in My Pocket!" and "One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish".

The exhibit runs through Sept. 29. "This exhibit, like Seuss' books, speaks to the inner child in all of us," says Chip Lindsey, the museum's director of visitor programs. "It has the greatest attraction for those getting ready to read and the early readers."

Using brightly colored life-size murals and landscapes, "Seuss!" lets you climb right inside the books. Sail on the boat from "Green Eggs and Ham", then follow the train tracks through the tunnel. Kids can even mess up the life-size house from "The Cat in the Hat", then tidy up with his big cleaning machine, a kid-operated device that has a hand for sorting things into three categories.

Kids and parents can reenact the house's destruction with hand puppets of Thing One and Thing Two, the Cat's hoyden helpers. Crawl on up on the seven-hump Wump of Gump from "One Fish Two

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director of visitor programs.

And because it's Seuss, the exhibit will appeal to all ages, not just the 2- to 5-year-old set it's aimed at.

"This is the nonsense we screen out of our lives," Lindsey says. "Seuss relishes the nonsense and helps you figure out the world."

"We're going to have some thirtysomethings and fortysomethings on their hands and knees becoming part of the Seuss books once again. Seuss is timeless."

"Seuss!" also works on children's early reading skills, asking them to match shapes and exposing them to new words. It also encourages parents to read and rhyme with their children, Goolsby says, which is the beginning of literacy.

"It's true literacy at its earliest form, and Seuss is so good at that," Goolsby says.

Developed by the Children's Museum of Manhattan, the traveling exhibit is on a 10-city tour. Admission to "Seuss!" is included in the museum's regular exhibits fee, which is \$7 for adults, \$6 for seniors, \$5 for children ages 3-12 and free for those younger than 3.

"Man, if you've got a 1 1/2-year-old, there's no excuse not to come 3/8," Lindsey says.

Fish Red Fish Blue Fish', then hop on the mat from 'Hop on Pop'.

"Of course, there's a nice quiet corner for parents and children to sit down and read the Seuss books, too," Lindsey says.

Reproductions of the books' original artwork and photographs depict Geisel's life and creative process.

The eye-catching artwork will snag the attention of even the smallest museum visitors, says Kit Goolsby, the museum's director of education.

"It engages very young children from 18 months with visually stimulating, thought provoking graphic images," Goolsby says.

"The exhibit will encourage them to explore lots of different things in a developmentally appropriate manner."

Even a tiny child will understand "hop" if she's hopping on the pop mat, Goolsby explains.

And "Seuss!" will encourage child/adult interaction, Goolsby points out.

"Some parents who are fabulous at loving but don't know how to encourage a child to learn," she says.

Sands Varsity Cheerleaders win awards at Howard College NCA Cheer Camp



The Sands Varsity Cheerleaders recently attended the NCA Cheer Camp at Howard College. The 2002-2003 squad received six superior ribbons and one excellent, two Stunt Smart certificates, one Motion Award, Top Team Finalist, the Split Stick every day, and the prestigious Herkie Team Award for displaying outstanding teamwork, spirit, and leadership throughout the camp. Members of the squad are: Kandis Carson (Sophomore All-American nominee), Hollie Gibbs (Senior All-American), Sheridan Sillipo (Senior All-American nominee), Kim Peacock (Senior All-American nominee), Roxanne Castro (Senior), Marissa Delgado (Senior), Shaunessy Peacock (Sophomore), Tisha Lucio (Sophomore), and Amanda Watkins (Senior All-American nominee).

Church News and Club News should be turned in by Wednesday noon before the Friday they are to appear and will run as space allows.

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IN BRIEF

Olympian will offer volleyball camp here

Rose Magers-Powell, a member of the United States volleyball team that earned a silver medal at the 1988 Olympic Games, will be conducting a volleyball camp in the Big Spring Junior High School gymnasium on July 22-25.

The camp is designed to teach the fundamentals of the sport and game strategy.

The camp will be conducted in three separate phases, helping campers develop at their appropriate levels. The camp will be divided into grades 2-5, 6-8 and 9-12.

To register, or for more information, write: Traci Pierce, 2711 Rebecca, Big Spring, Tex., 79720.

Down & Dirty toumey gets under way today

The Down and Dirty Softball Tournament is scheduled to begin today and run through June 30 at Tommy Walker Field in Stanton.

The top three teams will receive awards. The top three individuals will get T-shirts. In addition, an MVP and Gold Glove will be named as will an all-tourney team.

The tournament will be played under USSSA rules using .47 core balls. A three home run rule will be used.

Local seniors sought for all-star game

The promoters of the 2002 All Americas basketball game are looking to add a few Crossroads area athletes to the roster. High school seniors that graduated in May from Big Spring, Klondike, Sands or Grady that would like to participate should contact Tommy Wells at (915) 816-6336 or 263-7331.

The boys' and girls' games will be played prior to the 2002 All Americas Bowl, an international six-man all-star game featuring players from the U.S., Canada, Australia and Norway.

Ragball toumey is set for July 5-6

Booths are available for the 10th Annual Ragball Tournament, sponsored by the Coahoma Softball Association.

For more information call Laura Martin at 267-8660, Candy Parrish at 394-4034 or Neasa Iden at 399-4443.

Wynn benefit scramble set July 13

A four-man scramble with proceeds to benefit the Matt Wynn family of Coahoma will be held July 13 at Comanche Trails Golf Course. Entry fees are set at \$200 per team.

For more information, call Denise Coates at 393-5584.

USSSA qualifier slated for Midland

The Permian Basin USSSA will be hosting the Last Chance Softball Tournament at the Bill Williams Complex in Midland on July 13-14.

USSSA registration is required. To enter call (915) 699-5559.

Caprock league to hold open toumey

The Caprock Summer League will be holding its first Men's Open Basketball Tournament beginning today.

For more information contact Karen Moeller at (806) 793-6836.



HC junior rodeo gets under way

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Forget the dogs, the bulls were the ones having their day.

After the first round of competition, the bull riding division remains wide open in the 57th Annual Howard County 4-H Junior Rodeo. Only three riders managed to go the distance Thursday in front of a small crowd in the Rodeo Bowl thereby leaving the race for the rodeo's premier event wide open heading into tonight's action.

"It was a tough night for the cowboys," said rodeo announcer T.C. Long, who presented Jim and Vicky Purcell with a plaque dedicating this year's event to them. "The bulls won 12 of the 15 rides."

The bad news began early for area cowboys. Only one rider, Kody Mahaffey, managed to stay aboard his mount in the 8 & Under Division. Mahaffey, a rookie rider, earned a score of 51 in his first go of the three-day event, which is being sponsored by the High Plains Junior Rodeo Association and the Howard County 4-H Club.

Dylan Pareo, Gage Gillespie and Dylan Sant all failed to sit their mounts for the required six seconds.

Seth Mahaffey grabbed the early lead in the 9-12 division in grand fashion. The first rider out of the chute, he cranked out a mark of 69. Loagan Helton battled back from a hard out of the gate to claim second after the initial round with a mark of 68.

Five riders in the 9-12 division failed to post legal rides.

The bulls owned the 13-15 and 16-19 divisions, tossing eight of the nine riders. Canyon cowboy Rocky Fry, competing in the 16-19 bracket, was the lone rider to score, earning a mark of 77.

Jeffery Seaton and Trey Wheeler highlighted the opening round of calf roping action. The two posted sub-11-second efforts and moved into first



Rocky Fry (top) leans into the jump of his ride Thursday during the opening night bull riding action at the Howard County Junior Rodeo. Fry grabbed the early lead in the 16-19 division with a score of 77. Big Spring's Rusty Martin (bottom) attempts to keep his balance in the 9-12 division action.

and second place in the 16-19 standings.

Seaton put the pressure on the rest of the field early in the action. The fourth rider out of the chute, he lassoed his steer and posted a time of 10.5 seconds. Wheeler finished second with a time of 10.69.

Marty Eakin placed a close third in the 16-19 calf roping rankings. He posted a run of 10.88 seconds in his initial try.

The rodeo will begin its second round action tonight beginning at 7 p.m. It will conclude with a 6:30 p.m. start on Saturday.

Morrison stages yet another Wimbledon upset

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Now appearing in the Upset Spotlight at Wild Wimbledon, where nearly anyone, it seems, can be a star for a day: Jeff Morrison.

He's ranked 98th, hadn't won a Grand Slam match 'til this week, and left West Virginia to pursue a career in tennis instead of the family trade — waste water and sewage treatment.

Morrison subtracted yet another top-10 player from the second round Thursday, serving and volleying to near perfection in a 6-3, 7-5, 7-6 (5) victory over French Open finalist Juan-Carlos Ferrero.

It came 24 hours after losses by Pete Sampras, Andre Agassi and Marat Safin to players ranked lower than 50th. For the first time, just three men seeded 1-10

reached Wimbledon's third round.

"The depth in men's tennis is great, and what happened yesterday showed that. You see guys going on big courts and beating seeded players," Morrison said.

Seven seeded men were sidelined Thursday, including No. 10 Guillermo Canas, who blew six match points in losing 4-6, 2-6, 7-6 (7), 7-5, 10-8 to Feliciano Lopez.

Putting a momentary stop to the tournament's topsyturvy nature were No. 1 Lleyton Hewitt and No. 4 Tim Henman, who stayed on course for a semifinal showdown.

Two-time women's champion Venus Williams won in straight sets, as did 2001 finalist Justine Henin and Monica Seles. But No. 5 Kim Clijsters bowed out to Elena Likhovtseva 7-6 (5), 6-2.

All-stars to open District 3 play today

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The time for talk and hype is over for area Big Spring all-star squads.

And nothing could make them happier.

The Big Spring Howard County Youth Baseball League 15-16-year-old all-star squad will open District 3 Tournament tonight at the Roy Anderson Complex. Action is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m.

The tournament will open with a pair of power-laden teams. In the opening round, Odessa Sherwood will face cross-town rivals from South Odessa. The winner of the Sherwood-South Odessa matchup will advance to face Kellus Teller on Saturday in the quarterfinals.

Odessa Floyd Gwin will play Big Spring tonight in the other first round tilt. The winner will meet Big Bend in the second round at 8 p.m.

The losing teams from tonight's tournament action will not be eliminated from title contention. They will fall into the tournament's Consolation bracket, meaning they would be forced to win at least four straight games in order to advance to the finals, which is tentatively scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on July 3.

Members of the Big Spring all-star squad include J.W. Beauchamp, Chris Carrillo, Jerry DoPorto, Ty Froman, Mark Lozano, Josh Nobles, Jeremy Renteria, Wesley Smith, J. Rich Sparks, Jason Vela, Justin Watson and Brandon Wood. The team will be coached by Phil Smith, Bill Beauchamp and John Sparks.

Angels slip past I-Rod, Texas, 6-3

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Anaheim Angels made it through their longest road trip of the season, weary but still in second place in the AL West.

The Angels beat the Texas Rangers 6-3 on Thursday night to finish their two-week trip at 7-7.

Jarrod Washburn won his eighth straight decision, winning consecutive games for the first time since May 1. He gave up one run on four hits over six innings.

After losing three straight at Texas to start the week, the Angels won the last two. With their next nine games at home before the All-Star break, Anaheim remains just 3 1/2 games behind AL West-leading Seattle.

Tim Salmon hit a two-run single in the fifth off Rob Bell (3-3) to break a 1-1 tie and put Anaheim ahead.

Ivan Rodriguez homered for the second straight night, a 417-foot solo shot to left-center in the third that put the Rangers ahead 1-0.

Zaun's HR lifts Astros to win

Pinch-hitter Gregg Zaun homered on an 0-2 pitch to right with two outs in the bottom of the inning, giving the Houston Astros a 7-4 victory Thursday night.

Kim (3-1) had saved 19 games in 20 opportunities before Tuesday, when he blew another save against Houston. Brenly felt Kim had good stuff this time.

Houston's Lance Berkman hit his 23rd homer, giving him his NL-leading 64th RBI, in the fourth.

Octavio Dotel picked up the win.

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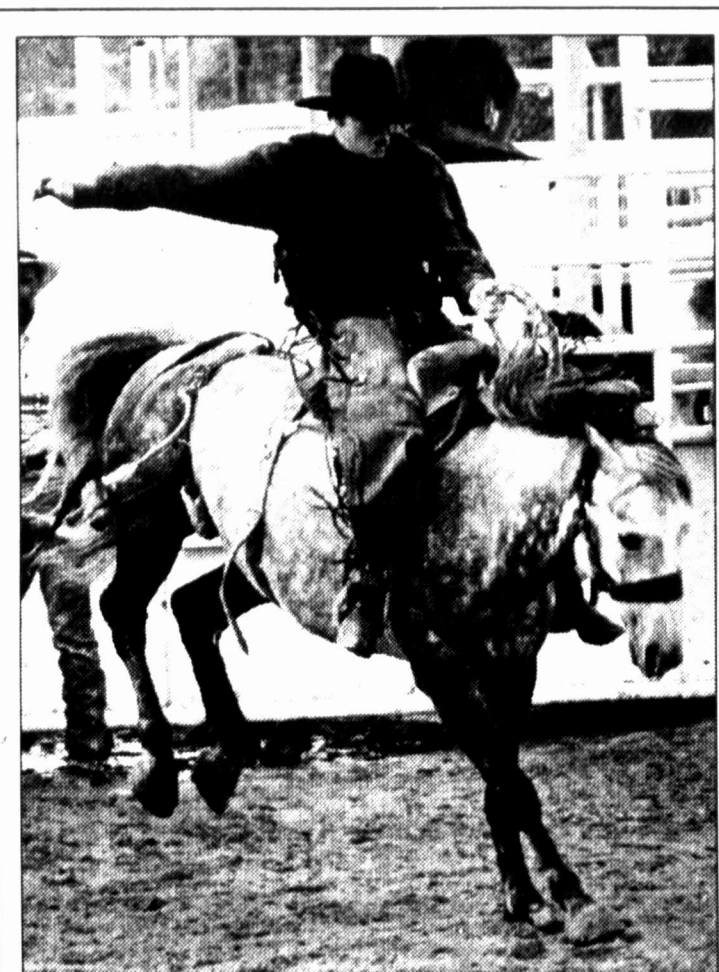
The Big Spring 9-10-year-old American and National all-star teams will tip off the 2002 District 3 Tournament this evening.

The American League squad is slated to begin play at 8 p.m. at the America League park against the Coahoma all-stars.

With a win tonight, Big Spring would move into a second-round game against either Greenwood or the Big Spring National League squad. That game is scheduled for 8 p.m. Saturday at the AL park.

The NL all-stars are scheduled to begin the day's activities with a 6 p.m. start against Midland Greenwood.

Some of the other teams participating include Mid City, South Odessa, Andrews, Jim Parker, North Ector, Winkler Co., Sherwood, Midland Northern, Big Bend, Kellus Turner and Coahoma.



Herald photos/Antonio Seremet
Jake Halverson rides out a jump from his mount Thursday evening during the saddle bronc riding competition at the Howard County Junior Rodeo. Halverson finished the first round in second place with a score of 63. Marty Eakin led the first-round activities with a score of 69.

Martinez's return sparks M's

Edgar Martinez looked as if he hadn't missed a game. Before his first at-bat Thursday night, the Safeco Field crowd of 42,159 gave him a standing ovation. Martinez responded with a homer off Oakland ace Barry Zito.

"That was real nice of the fans," Martinez said. "That really made me feel good. I expressed what I felt in that at-bat."

Martinez was back in the starting lineup for the first time since rupturing a tendon behind his knee in Seattle's 10th game of the season. He was activated from the disabled list June 14, but saw only pinch-hitting duty on a recent road trip to National League cities.

The Mariners, who also got a two-run single from Martinez in his second trip to the plate, beat Oakland 7-4.

"I was seeing the ball really good and I felt pretty comfortable," Martinez said. "When you don't play for a couple of months, that usually doesn't happen."

In other American League games, it was: Chicago 7,

Minnesota 4; Kansas City 5, Detroit 2; Tampa Bay 6, Toronto 4; and New York 3, Baltimore 2. Cleveland at Boston was rained out.

Seattle leads the AL West by 3 1/2 games, and has won eight of its last 10. Just the same, manager Lou Piniella is happy to have him back.

"Let's keep him on the field," Piniella said. "It's nice to have Edgar back in the lineup. When he's swinging the bat, it allows us to build around our middle."

White Sox 7, Minnesota 4

Ray Durham hit a three-run homer, Paul Konerko went 4-for-5 with a home run and Chicago beat Minnesota to gain a split of the four-game series.

Torii Hunter had two hits and drove in a run for Minnesota, which leads the AL Central by six games.

Royals 5, Tigers 2

Mike Sweeney homered for the third day in a row, leading Paul Byrd and Kansas City over Detroit for a three-game sweep.

Sweeney, who took over the AL batting lead from Seattle's Ichiro Suzuki by going 3-for-4 Wednesday night, walked twice and wound up 1-for-2, raising his average to .365.

Devil Rays 6, Blue Jays 4

Steve Cox hit a tiebreaking, two-run double in the seventh inning and Tampa Bay beat Toronto.

Aubrey Huff homered for the second straight day as the Devil Rays won consecutive games for just the second time since a season-high four-game winning streak from May 18-22.

Yankees 3, Orioles 2

Jason Giambi homered twice and drove in three runs as the New York Yankees averted a sweep by snapping the Baltimore Orioles' four-game winning streak.

Marino Rivera worked a perfect ninth for his 19th save in 21 chances. Rivera has converted 14 consecutive save opportunities since April 23 without allowing a run.

SPORTS EXTRA

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Table with columns: Division, Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Includes East Division (Boston, New York, Baltimore, Toronto, Tampa Bay) and Central Division (Minnesota, Chicago, Cleveland, Kansas City, Detroit).

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BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE
BOSTON RED SOX—Placed RHP Rolando Arroyo on 15-day disabled list, retroactive to June 17. Recalled RHP Sun Woo Kim from Pawtucket of the International League.

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Traded RHP Bartolo Colon and future considerations to Montreal for LF Lee Stevens, SS Brandon Phillips, LHP Cliff Lee and OF Grady Sizemore. Released RHP Martin Vargas and sold his rights to Chuncho of Japan's Central League. Announced RHP Neri Rodriguez has cleared waivers and has been sent outright to Buffalo of the International League.

NEW YORK YANKEES—Activated RHP Orlando Hernandez from the 15-day disabled list. Purchased the contract of OF Ramon Garcia from Columbus of the International League. Optioned LHP Randy Choate and OF Marlon Thomas to Columbus. Transferred LHP Randy Kessler from the 15 to the 60-day disabled list.

SEATTLE MARINERS—Activated RHP Jeff Nelson from the 15-day disabled list. Optioned LHP Mike Watson to Tacoma of the PCL.

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Activated RHP Matt Mantel from the 60-day disabled list. Transferred OF Danny Bautista from the 15 to the 60-day disabled list.

ATLANTA BRAVES—Placed RHP Albie Lopez on the 15-day disabled list. Recalled RHP Tim Lincecum from Richmond of the International League.

HOUSTON ASTROS—Purchased the contract of RHP Pete Munro from New Orleans of the PCL. Optioned RHP Scott Lincecum to New Orleans. Moved RHP J.J. Mathews from the 15 to the 60-day disabled list.

NEW YORK METS—Placed RHP Mark Corey on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to June 26. Recalled LHP Jaime Cerda from Norfolk of the International League.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Signed SS Nick Bourgeois.

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Signed RHP Matthew Cain.

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RUNNING—Aronovitz, Texas, 61; Damon, Boston, 60; Suzuki, Seattle, 59; Asonano, New York, 57; Ordonez, Chicago, 55; Williams, New York, 55; Glau, Anaheim, 54.

RBI—Konerko, Chicago, 66; JaGiambi, New York, 63; Rodriguez, Texas, 63; GarciaParra, Boston, 59; Gundersen, Anaheim, 58; Tejada, Oakland, 57; Ordonez, Chicago, 56; Hunter, Minnesota, 56; Delgado, Toronto, 56.

HITS—Suzuki, Seattle, 112; Asonano, New York, 107; MSweeney, Kansas City, 103; Konerko, Chicago, 98; Jeter, New York, 97; Tejada, Oakland, 95; Gundersen, Anaheim, 95; DOUBLES—Gundersen, Anaheim, 28; Asonano, New York, 27; GarciaParra, Boston, 26; Ordonez, Chicago, 25; Olerud, Seattle, 25.

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Brazil, Germany prepare to take shot at World Cup title Sunday

YOKOHAMA, Japan (AP) — Style is for Brazil. The Germans just want to win.

For them, beautiful soccer is a 1-0 victory — even on a penalty kick. After all, that's how they came away with their last World Cup title in 1990.

"We have to play with a lot of order and discipline," Germany coach Rudi Voeller said as his team prepared for Sunday's World Cup final.

Brazil is a 2-5 favorite to win the first soccer championship held in Asia, and Germany is a 7-4 underdog, according to the London bookmaker, William Hill.

The Brazilians are seeking their record fifth title eight years after winning their last one, an ugly victory on penalty kicks against Italy following a scoreless tie at the Rose Bowl.

Brazil coach Luiz Felipe Scolari called three-time champion Germany "cold and calculating," and said he wants his team to pick up some of those habits, a sign this game could become another defensive struggle.

"I want Brazil to match

Germany in determination," he said. "Then the players will make the difference."

While Brazilians consider soccer an art form — as if there should be a museum dedicated to the preservation of 1-on-1 moves and hip fakes — Germany views it more as an opportunity to fill up trophy cases back home.

The first two World Cup finals of the 1990s were dull and defensive. France's 3-0 win over Brazil in 1998 was the first World Cup final since 1986 in which more than one goal was scored.

West Germany won its third title in 1990, beating Argentina 1-0 at Rome's Olympic Stadium on Andreas Brehme's 84th-minute penalty kick. The penalty was awarded after Robert Sensini pulled down Voeller in the penalty area.

The Germans will play for another shutout this time around. Goalkeeper Oliver Kahn has five of them in this tournament alone, the only goal scored on him coming moments before the final whistle of a first-round tie against Ireland.

"Undoubtedly Kahn is the best goalie in the World Cup and will be the main obstacle for Brazil," Brazilian forward Rivaldo said.

His goalkeeper, Marcos, has three shutouts, allowing four goals in six games. The Brazilian defenders have struggled at times, allowing two goals to Costa Rica, and the Germans would like to exploit that — but only at the right time.

"We have to create our chances, but we have to be careful not to open too much," Voeller said Friday. "They have so much individual class, each of their players can do something unexpected."

Germany, in the final for the first time since its 1990 title, is as confident as it has been in years. That's quite a turnaround from two years ago, when the Germans were eliminated in the first round of the European Championship.

"It will be ... very difficult for Brazil to beat us," Germany's Carsten Ramelow said. "We've only allowed one goal and we'd like it to remain that way." The Brazilians, too, are

peaking. They've gone 6-0 in the tournament after struggling to a 9-6-3 record in qualifying.

Ronaldo, Ronaldinho and Rivaldo all seem to be in top form, creating giant expectations from a Brazilian soccer public that was disenchanted just a few months earlier.

"Nobody would have thought that these two teams would make the final," former Brazilian great Pele said. "However, for me, the two strongest teams are here. This will be a matchup of attackers versus the defense."

Brazil, of course, would accept an ugly victory, but the players would hear about it from the soccer experts back home.

Then again, even if they win with that old flair, it will stop the criticism only for a few months. In the minds of the fans, the old teams of Pele's era will always be viewed as better.

"If we win the title, there will be three months of euphoria, and then the demands will start again," forward Denilson said. "That's just the way it is."

Cowboys ink NFL Europe standout to 2-year deal

IRVING (AP) — Safety Rashidi Barnes has parlayed his success in NFL Europe into a contract with the Dallas Cowboys.

Barnes, who played 14 games for Cleveland in 2000 but was out of the NFL last

season, signed a two-year deal for the minimum plus a \$5,000 bonus. He chose Dallas over several other teams.

He became a commodity after his 58 tackles led the Frankfurt Galaxy, which

reached the semifinals of the overseas league. Barnes will have to beat out incumbent Lynn Scott, first-year free agent Travis Ortega and rookie free agent Keith Davis for the fourth safety spot.

Dallas also reached deals Wednesday with two undrafted rookies, running back Ray Robinson of North Carolina State and kicker Zac Derr of Akron.

Barnes is one of a several new free agents Dallas has signed in the offseason. In recent months, the Cowboys have added linebacker Kevin Hardy, defensive end La'Roi Glover and corner Bryant Westbrook.

The Cowboys, under head coach Dave Campo, are scheduled to open training camp next month at the Alamodome in San Antonio. Dallas kicks off its regular season in September.

Malhotra agrees to new 2-year deal with Stars

IRVING (AP) — The Dallas Stars have signed left wing Manny Malhotra to a 2-year deal through the 2003-2004 season, general manager Doug Armstrong said.

Malhotra, 22, appeared in 72 games last season with the New York Rangers and the Stars, recording eight

goals and six assists for 14 points with 47 penalty minutes. His eight goals tied his career-high previously set in 1998-99 with the Rangers.

The Stars acquired Malhotra from the Rangers on March 12 in exchange for Martin Rucinsky and Roman Lyashenko.

Malhotra played in 16 contests with the Stars posting one goal on April 10 vs. Minnesota.

The 6-2, 215-pound left wing has appeared in 222 career NHL games collecting 20 goals and 22 assists for 42 points with 95 penalty minutes.

Surging Montreal Expos rip Pirates, deal for Colon

The Montreal Expos rallied on a rainy day in Pittsburgh, then made a real splash by landing ace Bartolo Colon.

Montreal acquired Colon and a player to be named from the Cleveland Indians for first baseman Lee Stevens and three prospects Thursday, putting the underdog Expos in position to make a surprising run at the postseason.

"I hope it sends a message to our fans and players that we are trying to be competitive and trying to make the playoffs," Expos general manager Omar Minaya said.

A team thrown together in spring training, the Expos (41-36) have won 10 of 13 to move within 6 1/2 games of first-place Atlanta in the NL East and five games out of a wildcard spot. They have 13 games remaining against the Braves.

Vladimir Guerrero and Jose Macias homered, and Montreal scored six runs in the final two innings against Pittsburgh's bullpen to beat the Pirates 7-2 Thursday in a game called after 6 1/2 innings because of rain.

Atlanta and the New York Mets were rained out at Shea Stadium.

Giants 11, Padres 6

Jeff Kent, batting third for the first time this season, drove in six runs for host San Francisco.

Giants manager Dusty Baker moved Kent from cleanup to the spot ahead of Barry Bonds. The shift came two days after Bonds and Kent scuffled in the dugout.

Kent went 3-for-5 as the Giants overcame an early 5-0 deficit. Ryan Jensen (7-6) was the winner, and Robb Nen got his 20th save of the season.

Dodgers 7, Rockies 1

Shawn Green hit his 25th home run, and Brian Jordan and Marquis Grissom added back-to-back shots at Dodger Stadium.

Omar Daal (6-3) was staked to a 6-0 lead by the fourth and held Colorado to one run in six innings as Los Angeles opened its NL West lead to 2 1/2 games over Arizona.

Reds 5, Cubs 4

Reggie Taylor lined a tying, two-run triple off Antonio Alfonseca with two outs in the ninth inning, and Russell Branyan hit a two-run single in the 10th at Wrigley Field.

Cincinnati won its third in a row and sent Chicago to its third straight loss. Sammy Sosa hit his major league-leading 27th homer for the Cubs.

Brewers 7, Cardinals 2

Jose Hernandez hit a bloop single with the bases loaded in the 11th inning, and visiting Milwaukee padded the lead with four more runs to beat St. Louis.

The Brewers, who took two of three in the series, tied it at 2 in the ninth on Paul Bako's two-out, two-run single off St. Louis closer Jason Irlinghausen. The Cardinals have lost five of six during the tumult surrounding the deaths of longtime broadcaster Jack Buck and pitcher Darryl Kile.

Phillies 7, Marlins 3

Marlon Anderson homered and tied a career high with four RBIs, leading Terry Adams (4-5) and Philadelphia over Florida. The Phillies took three

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SE La. may make Mumme its coach

HAMMOND, La. (AP) — Hal Mumme, forced to resign at Kentucky after dozens of NCAA violations were uncovered two years ago, was recommended Friday to become the coach for the reinstated football team at Southeastern Louisiana.

The athletic committee of the University of Louisiana Board of Supervisors made the choice, with the full board expected to approve the recommendation later Friday.

Southeastern Louisiana, which dropped football in the mid 1980s for financial reasons, begins playing again in 2003.

Meeting in Baton Rouge, La., the committee voted to give Mumme a 5 1/2-year contract, through the 2007 season.

Earlier reports that Mumme would be the new coach drew criticism from the president of the Louisiana Senate, among others, but school president Randy Moffett said he had no qualms about hiring the former Kentucky coach.

"We've identified a person who can win. We've identified a person who can recruit. We've identified a person who made a mistake," Moffett said.

In January, Kentucky was placed on three years' probation by the NCAA for recruiting violations, all under Mumme's tenure.

The Wildcats were cited for more than three dozen violations, banned from a bowl game and will lose a total of 19 scholarships over a three-year period.

While Mumme was charged with failure to monitor the program, he was not given any individual sanctions.

"I think the fact that I walked away with no penalties speaks volumes," Mumme said after the committee vote.

BS Juniors open District play in Odessa

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Sports Editor
The Big Spring Junior League all-stars will get their first taste of tournament action this coming week when they travel to Odessa to participate in District 3 play.

The Big Spring All-Stars are scheduled to open the tournament at 5:30 p.m. on July 5 with a game against Midland Christian. The winner of the game will face Midland Aball in the second round.

The other first round game will pit Big Bend and Odessa Floyd Gwin against each other.

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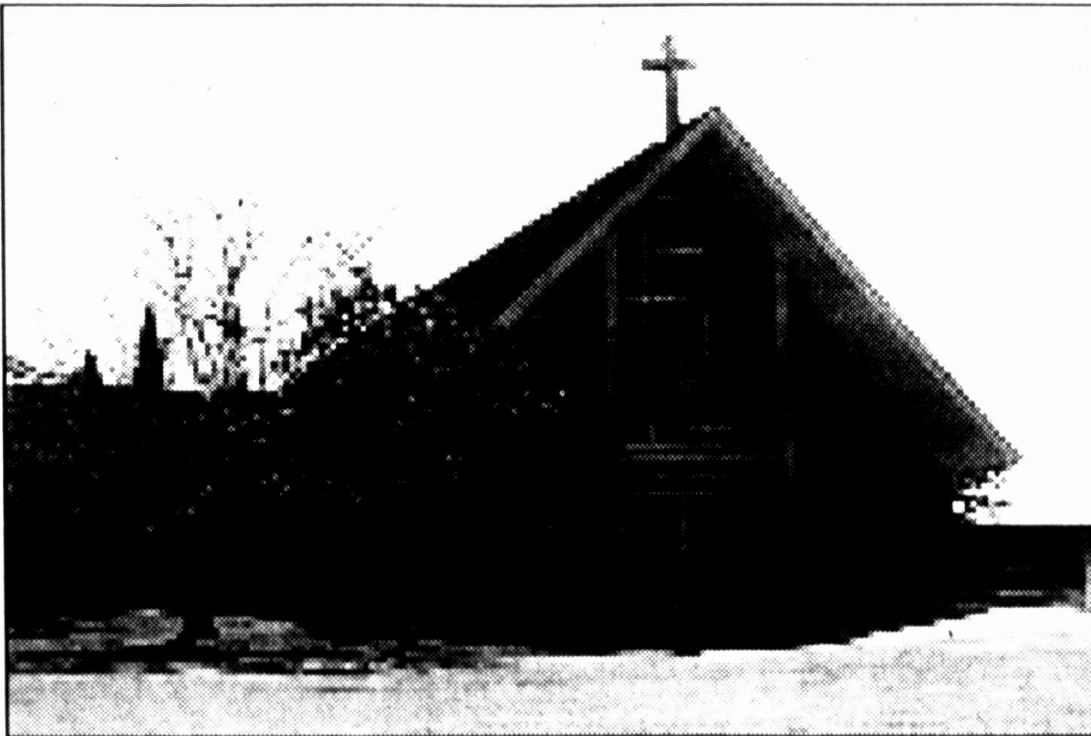
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- Garage Sale Golf Clubs, Asst. clothes, lots of misc. Sat 9-5, 1101 Stanford.
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- Garage Sale, Sat 7:30-2:00, 601 Edwards Circle. Clothes Sm & Lg., washer & dryer, king size mattresses, burritos and misc.
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- Garage Sale Sat 8-2, 1610 Cardinal. Lots of misc.
- Carport Sale, 2413 Morrison, Fri. & Sat 8-?. Typewriter, air conditioner, lots more.
- Garage Sale, Snyder Hwy Calvert's Liquor Store Thur - Sun Camper Trailer & misc.
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7 PM	Funnest Home Videos	Dark Angel (CC)	Now With Bill Moyers (CC)	Movie: Holiday in the Sun (CC)	48 Hours (CC)	Funnest Home Videos	Dateline (CC)	Atlanta Braves at Boston Red Sox (CC)	Salome (SS)	Movie: Get a Clue (CC)	Star Trek Next Gener	Star Trek Next Gener	Movie: Hannibal	Movie: Bait (CC)	Joseph Good Faye Hardin	Biography (CC)	Prison Boot Camp	Movie: Lethal Weapon	Protect and Serve
8 PM	Funnest Home Videos	X-Files (CC)	Wash. Week Wall-Fortune	Movie: Diagnosis Murder	Movie: Without Warning (CC)	Funnest Home Videos	20/20 (CC)	Boston Red Sox (CC)	El Privilegio de Amar	(35) Movie: Get a Clue (CC)	Star Trek Next Gener	Star Trek Next Gener	Movie: Screen 3	Movie: Bait (CC)	Light of the Southwest	Movie: The Drowning	Combat Elite	(15) Movie: Malice (CC)	I-Witness
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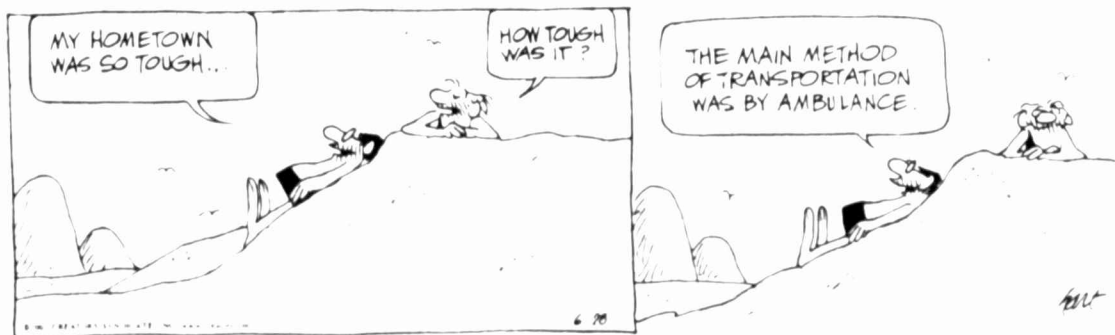
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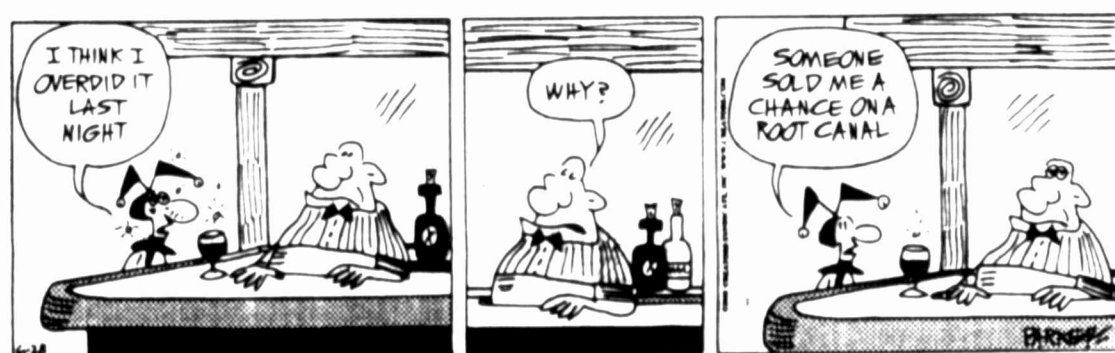
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today is Friday, June 28, the 179th day of 2002. There are 186 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History

On June 28, 1914, Austrian Archduke Francis Ferdinand and his wife, Sofia, were assassinated in Sarajevo by a Serb nationalist—the event which triggered World War I.

On this date In 1491, England's King Henry VIII was born at Greenwich.

In 1778, "Molly Pitcher" carried water to American soldiers at the Revolutionary War Battle of Monmouth, N.J.

In 1836, the fourth president of the United States, James Madison, died in Montpelier, Va.

In 1838, Britain's Queen Victoria was crowned in Westminster Abbey.

In 1919, the Treaty of

Versailles was signed in France, ending the First World War.

In 1928, New York Gov. Alfred E. Smith was nominated for president at the Democratic national convention in Houston.

In 1939, Pan American Airways began regular transatlantic air service.

In 1950, North Korean forces captured Seoul, South Korea.

In 1996, The Citadel voted to admit women, ending a 153-year-old men-only policy at the South Carolina military school.

In 2000, seven months after he was cast adrift in the Florida Straits, Elian Gonzalez was returned to his native Cuba.

Ten years ago: Southern California was rocked by a pair of earthquakes that killed one person and injured 402.

French President Francois Mitterrand was cheered as he visited war-torn Sarajevo, Bosnia.

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of a baboon liver transplant; he lived ten more weeks.

Today's Birthdays: Comedian movie director Mel Brooks is 76. Actor Pat Morita is 70. Senate Armed Services Chairman Carl Levin, D-Mich., is 68. Former White House chief of staff Leon Panetta is 64. Rock musician Dave Knights (Procul Harum) is 57. Actor Bruce Davison is 56. Actress Kathy Bates is 54. Actress Alice Krige is 48. Football player John Elway is 42. Record company chief executive Tony Mercedes is 40. Actress Jessica Hecht is 37. Rock musician Saul Davies (James) is 37.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

SOLID CITIZEN? by S.N.
Edited by Stanley Newman

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| ACROSS | 67 Canine warning | 21 Help-wanted announcement? | 40 Light gas |
| 1 Seal relative | 68 Gets the point | 22 Abu Dhabi's group; Abbr. | 43 Genetic carrier |
| 7 Author Silverstein | 69 Malta, for one | 23 Diminish | 44 Arctic explorer |
| 11 Finnair competitor | | 24 Triumphant shout | 45 Thespian, at times |
| 14 "Who's on First?" participant | | 25 Martha of comedy | 46 Hopkins |
| 15 Nautical starter | | 26 Prince Harry's school | Oscar role |
| 16 Large vase | | 30 Schools' gathering places | 47 Albanian coin |
| 17 Auto part | | 7 Gulf Coast city | 48 Popular NYSE stock |
| 18 Acquire | | 8 Get word (of) | 49 Ancient oracle site |
| 19 Two-striper, for one; Abbr. | | 9 Battle site of 1813 | 51 Construction junctions |
| 20 Start of a one-liner | | 10 Flamingolike | 54 Unfettered |
| 23 See 55 Down | | 11 Naturally bright? | 55 With 23 Across, fictional governess |
| 27 Shipping unit | | 12 Hard to fathom | 56 Rock group |
| 28 "Jezebel" singer | | 13 Sleeper, at times | 60 Indisposed |
| 29 Revolver group | | | 61 "Cry ___ River" |
| 31 Small loudspeaker | | | 62 Mrs. Joe Palooka |
| 33 Mississippi inlet | | | 63 Little shaver |
| 34 Reagan cabinet member | | | |
| 35 Source of the one-liner | | | |
| 41 Something to check | | | |
| 42 Went fishing, in a way | | | |
| 44 Bag carrier | | | |
| 48 Steele's partner | | | |
| 50 Mideast ruler | | | |
| 51 Misfortune | | | |
| 52 Author Jaffe | | | |
| 53 End of one-liner | | | |
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