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Due to the high volume of subscriptions taken during the Herald's promotion last Thursday, it may take a few days to get all of them processed. Therefore, some subscribers may not begin receiving their paper until late in the week.

The Herald regrets the delay and assures readers that staff is working diligently to ensure delivery begins as soon as possible.

Again, the Herald would like to thank the thousands of customers who responded and made Thursday's promotion a huge success.

INSIDE

LITKE ON ARMSTRONG

This was a holding action, more about mastery than breathtaking speed. It was a title Lance Armstrong had to have, but one he knew the rest of us would take for granted.

So he coasted.

Not coasted, really,

since no one covers

2,032 miles in three weeks just standing on his pedals. Yet unlike the first three of his four consecutive wins, Armstrong hit the finish line Sunday at the Tour de France looking very much like a man with something in reserve.

The question is how much, since Armstrong will need at least one more title to secure a place alongside the greatest his sport has ever seen.

"Is there more in the tank?" Armstrong said. "I don't know. I think I'm using just about everything I have."

The middle of a great athlete's career is rarely the most dramatic part, but it's often the most revealing.



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Christmas in April in danger of shutting down

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Christmas in April is in trouble.

According to program director Bob Noyes, the program, which annually provides free home maintenance for elderly home owners, is in dire need of skilled and unskilled volunteers, new leadership and monetary contributions to defray the cost of supplies.

"The board of directors think it's time to let the program die unless there is

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Bob Noyes, CIA director



serious intent by the citizens of Big Spring to work together to help their neighbors," Noyes said. "We need a whole new board of directors and a whole new direction. It needs Bob Noyes to

sit back and get out of the way and somebody else to take over. I'm dead serious about it."

Noyes said the lack of enthusiasm about the program over the past few

years has been discouraging.

"I've been here, I've worked at it, and I'm tired," he said. "I backed out two years ago for the good of the organization and it went further down instead of turning around because no one else came forth. Tom Riley did take over and he did work at it, but in this day and age it's a whole new ball game."

The need for Christmas in April does exist, Noyes added.

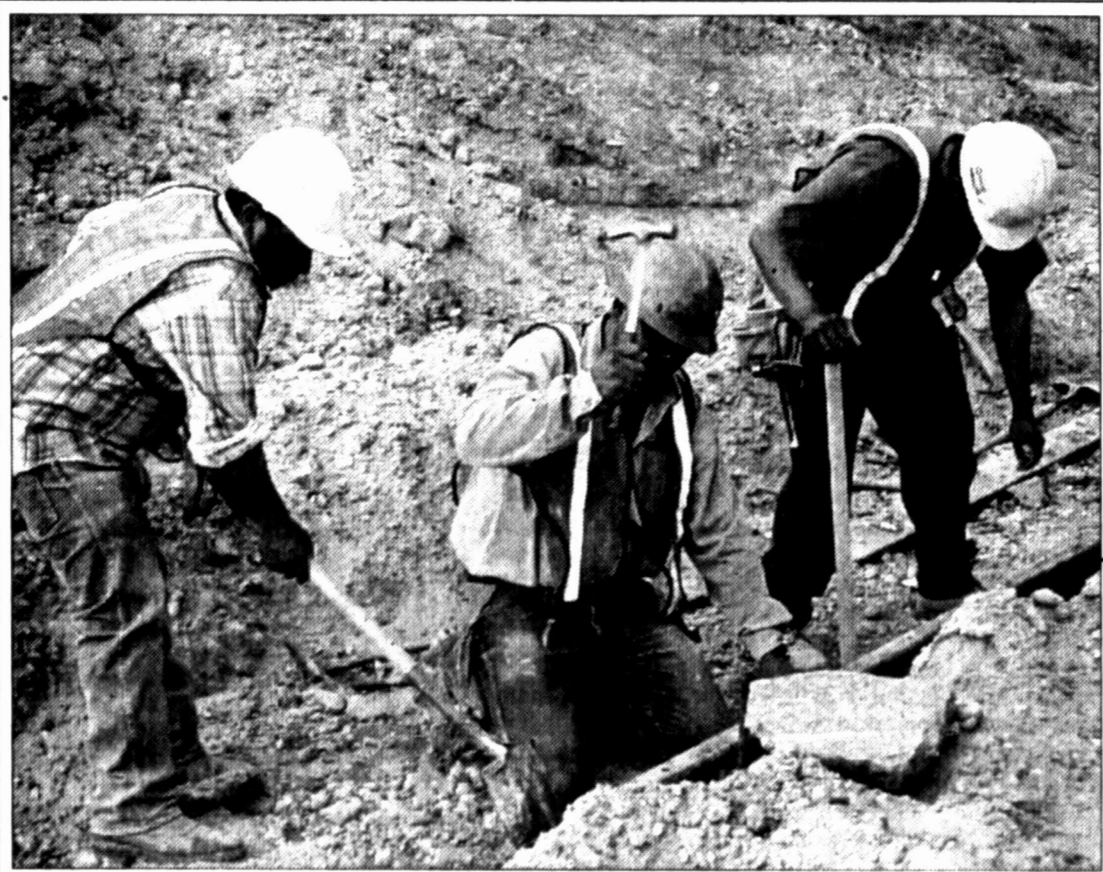
"The need has been across

the community in the white, black and brown neighborhoods of Big Spring, Sand Springs and Coahoma," he said. "Most (of the aid recipients) are widows who relied on their husbands to keep up the repairs of their home. He is gone, the children left Big Spring and she is alone."

Skilled workers are also much needed by the organization.

"Five years ago we probably had eight or nine roofers

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Major construction on FM 700 near the U.S. Highway 87 bridge is moving along, with traffic being detoured at times. Above, Socorro Mendoza, left, Saul Vega and George Garcia, employees of Reece Construction of Scandia, Kan., prepare the area for the retainer wall. At bottom, construction also continues on a new Gregg Street exit ramp on the north service road along FM 700.

HERALD photos/Lyndel Moody

Police waiting for autopsy results to determine cause of man's death

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Big Spring police don't expect official autopsy results on the body of a 35-year-old Big Spring resident for about four to six weeks.

A preliminary report due in a few days may be able to shed some light on what happened to Jack Morris, who died Saturday.

Early that morning, police were called to a residence in the 700 block of E. 15th Street where Morris had collapsed, said Sgt. Roger Sweatt, Big Spring Police Department public information officer.

Morris was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center emergency room and later pronounced dead by

Justice of the Peace Quail Dobbs.

Allegedly Morris had been drinking at the residence. Witness accounts of how much alcohol was consumed by the 35-year-old compared to the his blood alcohol level do not match up, Dobbs said.

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Consumers get set, Sales Tax Holiday just a few days away

HERALD Staff Report

It's getting close to that time again. Children will be heading back to school and needing bigger school clothes in all the current fashions.

The state of Texas and cities statewide are helping parents outfit their young 'uns for class Friday through Sunday by waiving sales taxes on clothes.

"Start making your shopping list for school clothes for the kids and new clothes for mom and dad," said

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander. "During the Sales Tax Holiday, most clothes and shoes priced under \$100 are exempt from state and local sales taxes."

Sales tax in Big Spring totals 8.25 percent. The state levied 6.25 percent plus 2 percent from the city. Rylander estimated that Texans will save \$42 million in sales tax during the three-day holiday.

"I believe Texans will once again take full advantage of the well-deserved tax break to make their dollars go farther as they shop for a new school year," she said.

Items that can be purchased tax free over the weekend include children's

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RYLANDER

Lost graves

No one knows what happened to the final resting places of Solomon and Mary Louise Joiner

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN

Special to the Herald

Solomon Joiner was buried in Coahoma Cemetery in 1931.

At least that's what funeral home records say. It seems no one knows for sure what happened to the final resting places of Joiner and his wife, who was buried 10 years later.

"This is my great-grandfather and great-grandmother," said Carl Joiner, a Houston businessman. He started trying to locate the gravesites a few months ago, with the goal of purchasing a headstone. Joiner had discovered that

through a family oversight, a headstone was never purchased for Solomon and Mary Louise. That has only aggravated the mystery.

"No permanent marker was put up at the time," Joiner explained. "It would have been only what the funeral home or cemetery put up at the time." And that, considering this was the early 1930s and then 1940s, might not have lasted long.

Joiner is not sure why his great-grandparents' graves never had a permanent marker, but he has an idea.

"Finances are a possible reason," he said. "I know in the family it was known

that one of the sons sent money for it to be done, but no one can say why it was not done."

Having grown curious after his parents visited Coahoma and did not find

the graves, Joiner started a search of his own, leading to local churches, funeral homes and the city of Coahoma's records.

As yet, though, his search has been fruitless.

Old funeral home records, from the Eberley funeral home that is no longer in business, show

Solomon buried at Coahoma Cemetery.

The city of Coahoma, though, has no record of his plot location.

Since relatives and other interested people have walked the cemetery, checking each headstone there to no avail, the question remains: Where could the graves be?

If the sites have permanently lost their markers, and don't appear on the city's records, Solomon and Mary Louise Joiner seem lost for eternity.

Carl Joiner hopes that is not the case.

"It's a little frustrating," he said. "We've been work-

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Solomon Joiner, left, his brother and a son pose for a photograph-years ago.

Courtesy photo



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
Gregg St. Sonic Drive-In celebrated 30 years of serving the Big Spring area Saturday with food specials and several games. Pictured from front, left are Michael Vega, 11, Beth Salazar, 4, and Michael Salazar.

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A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Obituaries

Carolyn Cay Roane Tubb

Funeral service for Carolyn Cay Roane Tubb, 47, of Blackwell will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 30, 2002, at McCoy Chapel of Memories in Sweetwater with Paul Matta officiating. Burial will be at Blackwell Cemetery.

Mrs. Tubb died Saturday, July 27. She was born June 14, 1955, in Big Spring and attended Big Spring High School. She attended Tarleton State College and Howard College. She graduated from the University of Texas in the Permian Basin in Odessa with a degree in art and elementary education. She was a rancher and had taught school at Itasca, Morgan and Gorman. She lived in Abilene the past three years and in Eastland prior to moving to Abilene. She was the fifth generation to heir the Lamkin Ranch which started in 1901 near Blackwell.

Survivors include a daughter, Tiffany Tubb of Blackwell; her mother, Minnie Roane of Eastland; and one sister, Cheryl Smith.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, 50 Court St., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11201-4801. Arrangements are under the direction of McCoy Funeral Home in Sweetwater.

Jack Morris



Funeral service for Jack Morris, 35, of Big Spring will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 30, 2002, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Eugene Ballard, pastor of College Park Church of God, officiating. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Mr. Morris died Saturday, July 27, following a sudden illness.

He was born on Sept. 20, 1966, in Ardmore, Okla. He was a member of College Park Church of God and was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. He had worked as a carpenter.

Survivors include two daughters, Natasha Morris and Brandi Wrye, both of Big Spring; his mother, Barbara Moore of Big Spring; one brother, Gary Rawls of Big Spring; one sister, Donna Malone of El Reno, Okla.; and one maternal grandfather, Sydey Johnson of Big Spring.

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

R.L.D. Myrick

Funeral service for R.L.D. Myrick, 82, of Big Spring is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Mr. Myrick died Sunday, July 28, 2002, at his residence.

Melvin A. Braden

Funeral service for Melvin A. Braden, 85, of San Angelo is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Mr. Braden died Sunday, July 28, 2002, in San Angelo.

Police blotter

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

- **GLORIA MARTINEZ ROBLEDO**, 42, of 813 Creighton was arrested for two local warrants and on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **TAMARA RUSSELL**, 27, of 1407 Oriole was arrested for a Dawson County warrant.

- **JUAN GONZALEZ-MARTINEZ**, 43, of 711 NW Ninth was arrested for five local warrants.
- **DEANGELO DEPAUL GRAY**, 18, of 1508 Wood was arrested on a charge of theft, more than \$50 but less than \$500.
- **HEATH DAVIS**, 32, of 408 W. Fifth, was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **GABRIEL HERRERA-VALDEZ**, 38, no address given, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **ALFREDO HERRERA**, 23, no address given, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **RUSSELL KENNEDY**, 44, 801 Wasson Road was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **CLIFTON SKALICKY**, 43, of 1401 S. Scurry was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **DANNY MOORE**, 40, of 4057 Lancaster was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **JOSE REYES**, 24, of 2619 Fairchild was arrested for six local warrants, a Travis County warrant and Hidalgo County warrants.
- **CHRISTOPHER RUBIO**, 17, of 1458 Glendale, Abilene, was arrested on a charge of driving under the influence—minor.
- **ERNESTO GARCIA**, 50, of 200 Rannels was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **NELIA STEVENS**, 46, of 1811 Avenue A was arrested on a charge of criminal trespass.
- **JUAN LUIZ VALBUENA**, 24, of 618 Caylor was arrested for two local warrants.

- Police were called to a domestic disturbance call in the 2100 block of Thorpe where an **INJURY TO A CHILD, RECKLESSLY** was reported. During the altercation a young girl about 5 years of age was scratched, said Sgt. Roger Sweatt, BSPD public information officer.

No medical treatment was sought for the child and no arrests have been made, Sweatt said.

Children's Protective Services were called and have started an investigation.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 2900 block of east I-20, the 800 block of Anna St., the 1500 block of Wood, the 700 block of west I-20, the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard, the 700 block of northwest Ninth St. and the 600 block of south Douglas St.

• **DISTURBANCE/FIGHT** was reported in the 1300 block of Park Avenue and in the 500 block of Aylesford St.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1600 block of Bluebird.

Texas lottery

Lotto Texas results	Estimated jackpot
Saturday night:	Wednesday: \$6 million.
No tickets matched all six numbers.	Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday noon—8-6-0
Winning numbers drawn: 1-5-12-18-41-44	Pick 3, numbers drawn Saturday night—2-5-1

EMS

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

FRIDAY

1:10 a.m. — 1200 E. 16th, trauma call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

2:19 a.m. — 1600 block of Lancaster, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

2:54 a.m. — 1200 block of Ridgeroad, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

6:07 a.m. — 600 block of E. 17th, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

7:05 a.m. — 2300 block of Wasson, trauma call, one patient transported to SMMC.

8:12 a.m. — 1200 block of E. Third, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

10:24 a.m. — 700 block of W. I-20, traffic accident, service refused.

11:54 a.m. — 2000 block of Virginia, medical call, one patient transported to the VA Medical Center.

3:21 p.m. — 800 block of E. 16th, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

8:16 p.m. — 1500 block of E. Second, medical call, no patient found.

8:24 p.m. — 1300 block of Tuscon, trauma call, service refused.

11:34 a.m. — 1800 block of N. Hwy 87, structure fire, extinguished.

SATURDAY

1:24 a.m. — 100 block of NE Ninth, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

6:17 a.m. — 700 block of W. I-20, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

7:16 a.m. — 3200 block of Parkway, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

1:54 p.m. — 200 block of Wilson, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

6:58 p.m. — 3200 block of Parkway, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

9:40 p.m. — 700 block of Lorilla, trauma call, one patient transported to VA Medical Center.

10:17 p.m. — 1300 block of Birdwell Lane, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

11:18 p.m. — 1300 block of Mobile, medical call, service refused.

SUNDAY

12:26 a.m. — 1800 block of N. Hwy 87, medical call, one patient transported to VAMC.

5:08 a.m. — 1600 block of Sunset, medical call, one patient transported to VAMC.

12:46 p.m. — 100 block of NW First, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

2:44 p.m. — 300 block of Main, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

7:25 p.m. — 600 block of Driver Rd., trauma call, one patient transported to VAMC.

9:00 p.m. — 800 block of Dallas, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

10:20 p.m. — 1200 block of Wood, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

Support Groups

TODAY

- TOPS Club TX No. 21 (take off pounds sensibly), weigh-in 5:30 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m., Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 West Third.

- TOPS Club TX No. 1756 (take off pounds sensibly), weigh-in 5:30 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m., College Heights Christian Church, 21st and Goliad.

- Military support group meets at 6 p.m. at the VA Medical Center in room 212 the first Monday of every month. Contact Wanda Gamble at 263-7180 or Treva Hall at 263-8106.

- 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.

- Bereavement Support Group meets from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. the first Monday of each month at Community Care Hospice.

- Surviving Pregnancy Loss meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library Committee Room. Call 631-4430 for more information.

- AL-ANON open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open meeting fourth floor at VA Medical Center 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

TUESDAY

- The Greater West Texas Chapter of the Alzheimers Association meets the first Tuesday of each month in the community room of the Howard County Library at 2 p.m. Our support groups are for all caregivers of anyone no matter what the disease or disability. All meetings are confidential and are for your support. For more information you can call our office at 264-2397 or go by 501 Rannels (RSVP office).

- Open Discussion Meeting, 615 Settles 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Noon podium closed podium meeting, 615 Settles 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- 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 7 p.m. 12 and 12 study.
- AL-ANON, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

- Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.

Bulletin board

TODAY

Concerned Citizens meets at 7 p.m. in the Fiberflex conference room on Bethel Street in the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark. The public is invited.

TUESDAY

Intermediate Line Dance classes are at 9 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center located in the Industrial Park. Call 267-1628 for more information.

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

Evening Lion's Club meets at noon every Tuesday at the Senior Center in the Whipkey Room.

WEDNESDAY

Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. at the Howard College Cactus Room.

Senior Circle Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics meets at the Scenic Mountain Medical Center Yellow Rose Cafe at 10 a.m.

Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

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

Line dancing class is at 1 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center located in the Industrial Park. Call 398-5522 or 267-1628 for more information.

THURSDAY

Gideons International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at Herman's Restaurant at 7 a.m.

Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. at Gale's Sweet Shoppe located at 1706 East FM 700.

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

Genealogical society meets at 7:15 p.m. at the Howard County Library.

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

Masonic Lodge 598 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 219 Main.

FRIDAY

Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281. Bring a lunch.

AMBUCS meets at noon at the Brandin' Iron. ABC Club meets at noon at the Brandin' Iron.

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

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 at 510 Scurry is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

American Legion Post 506 will have a Fish Fry at \$7 per plate on July 20 from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. Delivery will be available from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Carry outs are also available and everyone is welcome. The Post is located at 3203 West Hwy 80. Call 263-2084 for more information.

The Potton House located at 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.

There will be a dance at 8:30 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge located at 703 W. Third. Members and guests are invited.

Big Spring Squares. Call 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more information.

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"Thanks to the director of First Methodist Church, they did the project again this year," he said. "The men who did the support roof repairs are the youth," he said. "Thanks to a family that raised \$250 toward the project and turned it into a family project. They painted the front of a large house which is lots more help. But else showed up to the roof, fix the porch and live them with lunch."

In fact, over the years, hardly any teenagers have shown up to work on one or two as opposed to 17 hours a year at the peak.

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Local hardware stores have been generous in providing materials at a money is still required to buy them, Noyes said.

"I just want to line the line. We're broke," he said. "Members are necessary for new ideas for a way to attract volunteers, electricians, plumbers, roofers, handy men, teenag paintbrushes, yard cut limbs and haul away from the Carpet layers and install floor covering."

Those interested in participating Christmas through either donating volunteerism can call their name and phone numbers to (915)267-7488.

Contact Staff Writer Cline at 263-7331 ext. 225 or e-mail johnmoseley@bigspringherald.com.

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John Wayne Metcalf, a city of Coahoma employee who helps mark the cemetery's graves, said it would greatly help Carl Joiner's quest if he had a general location in the cemetery as a starting point. Included in cemetery records, which were passed from the local Masonic Lodge to the city a few years ago, are several areas of unmarked graves.

"If he knew about where it might be, we might come close (to marking the spot)," said Metcalf. "But that's about all we can do without them being marked in any way."

Carl Joiner has traced his family all the way to England, even locating the family crest. But he's hoping for more information about the family's West

Texas connection, which goes back to about 1921, when Solomon and Mary Louise moved to the area to be near their daughter, Gertie Wheat.

Now Joiner hopes someone living in the Crossroads can help him put the pieces together.

"Bent Wheat was Gertie's husband's name. He may have been in banking," Carl said. "They had sons who were all named with initials, like G.R. Wheat. I hope someone there remembers him, and can answer some of these questions for me."

Metcalf said situations like this are not common, but they do occur.

"Whose fault is it? You can't really say. The family didn't put a headstone, so that makes it hard," he said. "I don't know what you do. There may be nothing you can do."

Anyone who thinks they can help with information about the resting places of Solomon and Mary Louise Joiner can call Carl Joiner at home, 281-360-5484 or work, 281-359-6401.

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Police also have questions about how long Morris was at the residence, Dobbs said.

Detective Jim Ryder is investigating the case.

Morris was born on Sept. 20, 1966, in Ardmore, Okla., and was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. He worked as a carpenter.

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

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HOLIDAY

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clothes and school uniforms, adults' clothes and work uniforms, shoes, tennis shoes, slippers, sleepwear and underclothes for the entire family. Each item purchased must be priced less than \$100 to receive the tax exemption.

Items that are specifically not exempt from tax during the weekend include handbags, wallets, jewelry, accessories, athletic shoes and apparel that are not normally street wear, backpacks and school supplies.

Rylander said she favors expanding the sales tax exemptions.

"I asked the last legislature to expand the Sales Tax Holiday to include backpacks, school supplies, baby car seat, bicycle safety helmets and other safety gear for our ... children," she said. "I also want to extend the Sales Tax Holiday from three days to five days. Texans don't need a three-day traffic jam."

Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at johnmoseley@bigspringherald.com.

Take note

□ The Texas LST/Amphibious Association invites all shipmates, past and present, to the amphibious reunion to be held in San Angelo Oct. 10-13.

For more information contact Bob Garner LST 461, HC 52 Box 362, Hemphill 75948. Send e-mails to TexasLSTs@aol.com

□ Friends of the Library of Howard County is requesting donations of books in good condition for a book sale in September. Donations can be taken to the Howard County Library Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Friends of the Library is a non-profit organization which provides supplemental support for the Howard County Library, outside of the budget furnished by Howard County.

□ Big Spring and surrounding counties are in critical need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers of the children in the community who have been abused and neglected.

For more information on becoming foster/adoptive families call Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669 or 1-800-233-3405.

□ Forsan Ex-Students Association is attempting to get 9-1-1 addresses on former Forsan students.

Please call Boyce Hale at 2267-6957 to receive a newsletter.

□ Are you pregnant? Do you have a baby? WIC serves pregnant and breastfeeding women and children younger than 5.

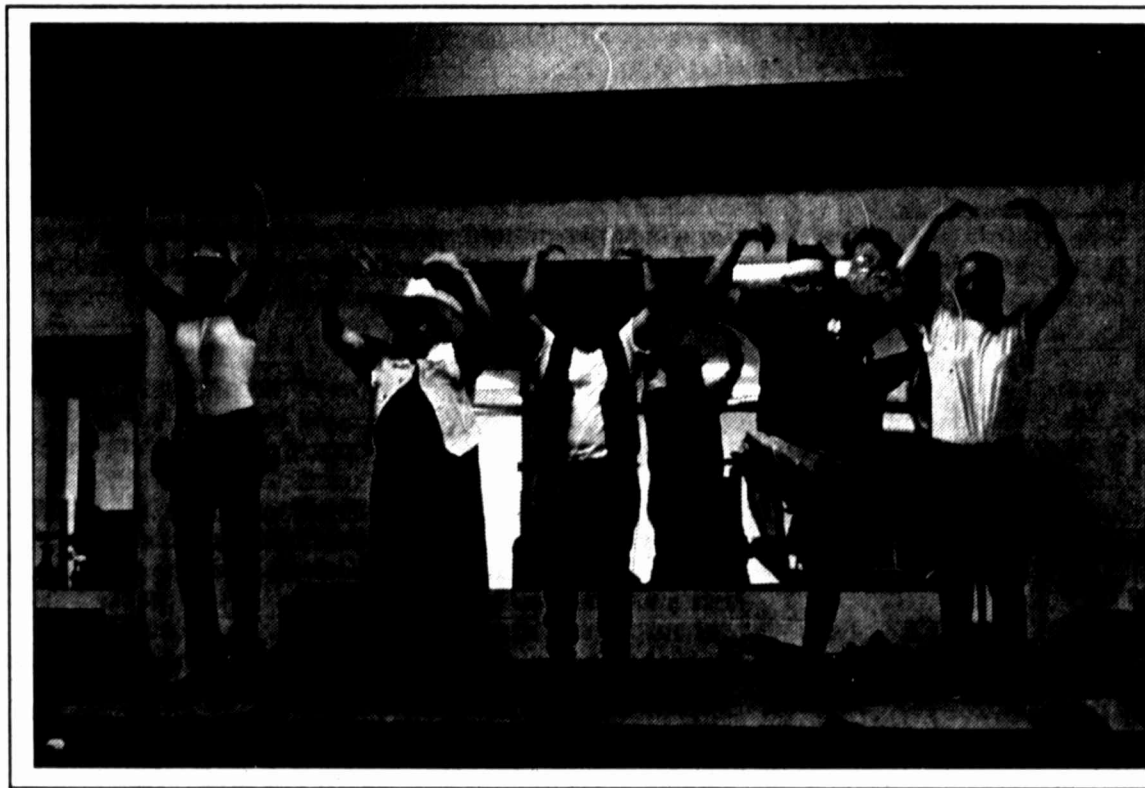
□ To see if you or your child qualifies for free food, nutritional counseling and medical screening, call 263-9777.

□ Cary D. Brown, Medical Center director, West Texas VA Health Care System, and Carl Lowe, regional office director, Waco Regional Office for VBA, have announced a VA town hall meeting at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 7.

The meeting, for all interested veterans, veterans' groups and friends and families of veterans, will be held in conference room 212 of the VA Medical Center in Big Spring.

The meetings have been proven helpful to those who have questions or concerns regarding the Department of Veterans Affairs policies and procedures, benefits and medical services. Following short presentations by both administrations, there will be a question and answer period.

Call 264-4824 for more information.



Counselors at the YMCA Summer Day Camp, Brandi Hart, Karissa Reed, Rosie Franca, and Isaac Miramontes, perform the song "YMCA" at a talent show they held Friday.

HERALD photo/Braden Wegner

Phone company Qwest Communications expects to restate earnings from 1999 to 2001

DENVER (AP) — Qwest Communications International Inc., already under investigation for its accounting practices, expects to restate financial reports for 2000 and 2001 because an internal analysis found accounting errors.

By late morning Monday, the company's stock fell 34 cents, or 23 percent, to \$1.16 a share on the New York Stock Exchange. Qwest stock had already been down sharply; it had traded as high as \$27 in the past year.

Company officials declined to estimate how the newly disclosed errors would affect the books or when a restatement of revenue would be completed.

"We would rather it happen sooner than later, and we have a great sense of urgency," Qwest CEO Dick Notebaert said in an interview Sunday.

"But we do want to do it with diligence. We do imagine it will take months and not days."

Qwest hired auditor KPMG LLP in June to examine its books, after dismissing Arthur Andersen LLP, the auditing firm that was convicted of obstruction of justice in the Enron collapse.

The regional phone company's announcement comes at a time when the federal government is pledging a thorough crackdown

on corporate misdeeds after a series of scandals at major companies eroded investor confidence on Wall Street.

Qwest officials said the accounting errors were made under policies approved by Andersen and related to telephone services and sales of optical capacity and equipment.

"Most of these things are going to deal with timing," Qwest's chief financial officer, Oren Shaffer, said Sunday in an interview. "Should this have been in this period or in another period?"

Qwest also said it would miss the Aug. 14 deadline set by the SEC for the nation's biggest companies to certify the accuracy of their financial statements.

Second-quarter results were expected to be reported Aug. 8 as previously scheduled, but restatements of financial results for 2000-2001 were not expected to be completed for months.

"If accounting errors were made, they will be corrected and they will be disclosed. The public will be fully informed," Notebaert said during a conference call with investors Monday. "If an individual violated company policy, appropriate action will be taken. Internal practices are being and will continue to be enhanced."

Qwest has suffered a myriad of problems in recent

months, including the Securities and Exchange Commission investigation into its fiber-optic capacity swaps in 2000 and 2001. Longtime CEO Joseph P. Nacchio resigned last month, and Qwest has seen its stock fall to under \$2 and its credit downgraded to junk status.

The Justice Department is also investigating Qwest, and the General Services Administration is reviewing government contracts with the Denver-based telecommunications company.

"It is our intent to fully cooperate with every government agency and be totally transparent and responsive," Notebaert said.

At issue in the SEC investigation is whether the fiber-optic capacity swaps were done for legitimate

business reasons.

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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."

—FIRST AMENDMENT

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OTHER VIEWS

Our little ones must be kept safe

Little Samantha Runnion's world included hugs, games, toys, laughter and friends. In her entire five years, there was little room for worry or fear. As most parents do, Samantha's mom and dad warned her not to speak to strangers and told her what to do if the unthinkable happened. ...

It is every parent's nightmare, and we have had to face it squarely in the past few months, with the cases of 7-year-old Danielle van Dam of San Diego and 14-year-old Elizabeth Smart of Salt Lake City, stolen from their houses; 2-year-old Jahi Turner, missing from a San Diego park; 4-year-old Dannarriah Finley, murdered after being missing from her Orange, Texas, home.

We are told such stranger abductions are rare. Of the 59 million children in the United States, the FBI investigated 93 missing children's cases in 2001, down from 115 in 1998, when statistics were first kept. That is little solace to parents, whose everyday worries are now heightened, especially when the kidnapers and killers are still out there. ...

These high-profile cases have revived an effort in California to use the Emergency Alert System when a child abduction occurs. Just as weather bulletins are flashed on TV screens, breaking news on a missing child would be broadcast regularly on television and radio, increasing the chances a predator will be caught. Eleven states have already implemented the plan, which has been credited with the safe recovery of 17 children. America's Missing Broadcast Emergency Response is named after 9-year-old Amber Hagerman, abducted in Arlington, Texas, in 1996. ...

Samantha's death reminds us of the promise of every child, and of our promise to do all we can to keep them safe.

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OTHER VIEWS

The recent Israeli raid on Gaza City was quite unnecessary and increases the distrust in the aims of Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon.

Moderate Palestinian representatives also say openly that his real intention is to torpedo the peace process. (The Islamic militant group) Hamas is now promising quick and massive retaliation.

Israeli citizens know from bitter experience that the organization is able to lend force to its threats. Ariel Sharon's policy is no protection. By his unreasonableness and brutality, he keeps alive a destructive and meaningless behavior.

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STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN

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- Letters should be submitted to Editor, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721. They can also be e-mailed to johnmoseley@bigspringherald.com.

We have to use the talents God gave us

There is a little five letter word called "guilt" that most people suffer from at one time or another, and if it's not dealt with and handled properly, the consequences can be devastating. The primary reason guilt is so difficult to deal with is because complete freedom or release from guilt often involves some deep soul searching, a confession or at least admitting our shortcomings. To confess or admit we are wrong goes against basic human nature and this is especially true for the person who has poor self-esteem.

The British statesman and author Edmund Burke (1729-1797) had this to say about it, "Guilt is never a rational thing; it distorts all the faculties of the human mind, it perverts them. It leaves a man no

longer in the free use of his reason, it puts him into confusion." I might also mention in passing that Edmund Burke was highly esteemed and one of the foremost thinkers of his day. I believe you will agree that guilt is a load too heavy to carry.

Here it might be appropriate to ask you a couple of very pertinent questions. What's inside a person who feels guilty that causes him to feel this way? Are we born with a mechanism that makes us feel guilty, or is it an instinct or attribute we have to develop? Personally, I think it's both. We are each born with a conscience, which has been defined as "the faculty by which distinctions are made between moral right and wrong, especially in regard to ones' own conduct." In other words, because we are each born with a conscience, we therefore have the inherent or built-in capacity to know whether what we do is right or wrong. It's how we use this built-in faculty that has a lot to do with whether or not we feel

guilty. I believe this little allegory will help you see what I'm saying.

Our conscience, figuratively speaking, can be compared to a triangle inside our hearts. When we do something that we instinctively know is wrong, the triangle turns and the corners prick our heart and it hurts. When we continue to commit acts we know are wrong, the triangle keeps turning and before long the edges are rounded off and worn smooth and it no longer hurts. At this point, it is often said, "he has no conscience." This isn't true; this person still has a conscience, but it's become so dull from misuse that it no longer makes him feel guilty or has any bearing on his actions.

If we are to live happy, successful and well-adjusted lives, we should feel guilty when we lie, steal, cheat or commit crimes against an individual or society. Otherwise, we will be totally insensitive to the needs of the people around us. The power of guilt is evident when we see people who have committed seri-

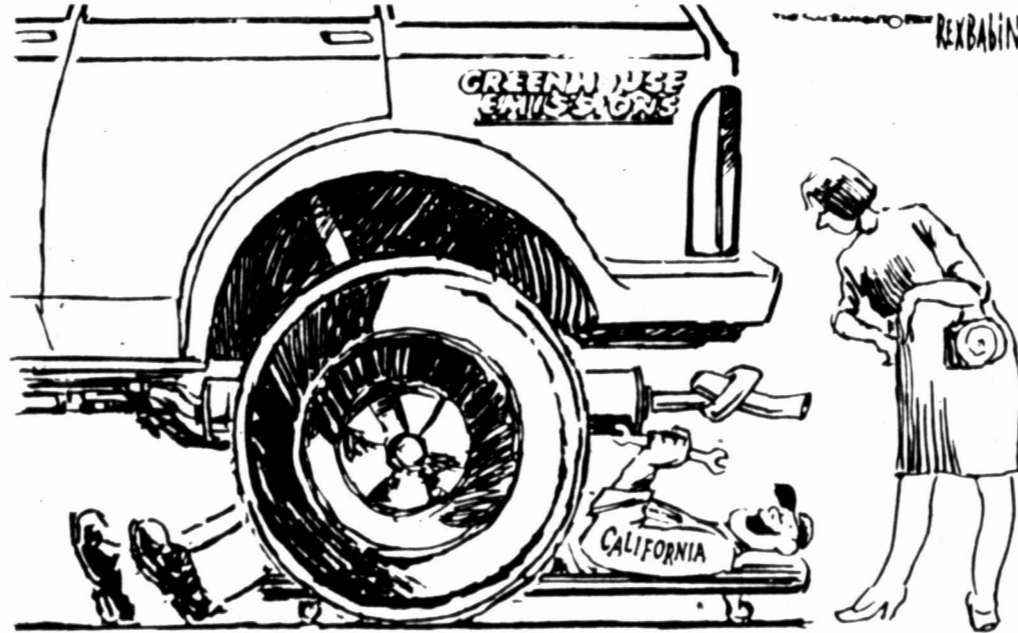
ous crimes and they feel such guilt for what they have done, they actually want to be punished.

It's very important for us to deal with the day-to-day problems and decisions that are the source of much of our guilt; however there is a deeper and much more serious root problem that brings about the worst guilt of all. This is the awareness, deep in the innermost part of our beings, that God has given us tremendous talents and abilities He wants us to develop and use to serve Him and our fellow human beings. When we don't develop and use what He has given us, it creates a void. As a result, we experience a form of deep-seated guilt that gnaws at us regardless of where we go or what we do.

There is only one solution to this problem and that's to put our heart and soul into those activities that we deem worthy of our time. It's even better if we can find some real purpose in life. It's only when we do our best with what God has given us that we feel good about ourselves.



JIM
DAVIDSON



"THIS SHOULD JUST ABOUT TAKE CARE OF IT, MA'AM."

Trying to decide whose bill is the worst

Now some fools want to fire Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill, the only straight-shooter in the Cabinet. Tell you what I like about O'Neill: He's from Widget World. This Cabinet is wall-to-wall corporate America, but most of them — including the president — are from Enron Economics, whereas O'Neill was CEO of a business that makes something useful, to wit, aluminum.

As many economic poohbahs have been at pains to explain to us lately, out there in Widget World, where people produce actual goods and provide useful services, things are going along quite nicely.

It's the financial sector that's the disaster, the part where they play fancy games with other people's money for a living. That's Enron Economics, the land of stock options, commodities futures, derivatives, swaps, financializing markets and offshore partnerships.

Before we get back to our ongoing project of connecting the consarn, dag-rabbiting dots between corporate theft and government corruption, let's see if we can stop Congress from actually

making things worse. Good project, eh?

Members of the House and Senate are now meeting in conference committee over their respective energy bills, and it's a challenge to figure out whose is worse.

The House bill repeals a key consumer protection law, the Public Utility Holding Act. Public Citizen, the consumer research outfit, says repeal will "further deregulate the energy industry and allow more Enron-like manipulations. Enacted decades ago to protect consumer from rapacious electric companies, the Holding Act is one of the few remaining federal laws regulating the nation's giant power companies. Repealing the law will allow those companies to embark on another frenzy of mergers and acquisitions, and encourage corporate financial escapades in far-flung, risky ventures that have nothing to do with providing reliable and affordable electricity service to consumers — an essential commodity."

In fact, that's just what the Holding Act does — prevents utility companies from investing the rate-payers' money in areas that will not directly contribute to low bills and reliable service. If this law goes, derivatives market, here they come.

Also of note in the almost-equally disgusting Senate bill is a plan to provide federal insurance for the nuclear industry, which is so risky it cannot get insurance in the private

market, so now it wants the taxpayers to subsidize its future Three Mile Islands.

And now, back to some older dots. The 1995 Private Securities Litigation Reform Act is a little gem you should not miss. So easy to overlook, yet so damaging. The bill was passed by the Republican Congress over Bill Clinton's veto, which means Republicans really don't like to be reminded of it. But as far as I'm concerned, Democrats are only slightly less bad than Republicans on these critical issues. If the choice is between some ideological pinhead like Tom DeLay — The Wall Street Journal once asked DeLay if there was any regulation on the books he favored retaining and he replied, "I can't think of one" — and Sen. Joe Lieberman, who has totally sold out to the accounting industry, what's to choose?

Anyway, the "Litigation Reform Act" (beware anything with tort "reform" in the title) among other things made it harder to sue executives and accountants, lawsuits the corporate world invariably describes as "frivolous." This is the bill that made accounting firms "sue-proof" for aiding and abetting securities fraud. The bill also made it legal for CEOs to pipe up and lie about their company's prospects. Until then, executives had to avoid all "forward-looking" public statements about future earnings. Contrast that with

Jeffery Skillings of Enron bullying and snookering stock analysts right up to the end.

In the real world, there are only two ways to deal with corporate misbehavior: One is through government regulation and the other is by taking them to court. What has happened over 20 years of free-market proselytizing is that we have dangerously weakened both forms of restraint, first through the craze for "deregulation" and second through endless rounds of "tort reform," all of which have the effect of cutting off citizens' access to the courts. By legally bribing politicians with campaign contributions, the corporations have bought themselves immunity from laws on many levels.

For years, corporations have conducted a campaign designed to convince people that trial lawyers are the scum of the earth. Personally, I find trial lawyers as a group to be warm, cuddly and cute as little bugs. But if you wanted to think of them as tigers or sharks, go right ahead. The idea is to have them patrolling corporate behavior, so that whenever a corporation sticks a hand over the legal limit, along comes a tiger and bites it off by suing them for lots of money.

You can imagine what an improving effect this has on corporate behavior. Except "tort reform" has made the tigers an endangered species. We need a new wildlife crusade, "Save the Trial Lawyers."

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SOMERSET, Pa. (AP) — Trapped 240 feet underground in a flooded mine for three days, one of the rescuers Mayhugh's mind: He says his wife goodbye as he left for work.

As more than 150 workers and neighbors above ground struggle to reach them, he and other coal miners found their heads above cold water, huddled together for warmth, and hope.

"It was the only day of my life I never kissed my wife before I went to work. To be the day," he said Sunday, breaking down in sobs as he stood with arms around his wife Leslie.

In a rescue that transcended the nation, all nine miners were pulled safely from the Quercreek Mine in western Pennsylvania after water from an abandoned mine flooded the area where they were working.

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But the heat was

By the time the rescuers stopped Saturday morning on route from El Paso to Dallas, two immigrants were dead and dozens were hospitalized from exhaustion.

Immigration officials believe more than 20 of the two men arrested in the incident were involved in what officials suspect is a big, organized smuggling operation.

Dispute ov

GODLEY (AP) — Drinking mixed with a dispute over heaven and hell led to the fatal shooting of a man in Johnson County early Sunday, authorities said.

Four men had been home from a night of drinking and were hopping in Fort Worth when they got into a dispute about who was going to heaven and who was going to hell, said Cpl. Pam Johnson, a spokeswoman with Johnson County Sheriff's Office.



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Rescued miner tells of dark days waiting

SOMERSET, Pa. (AP) — Trapped 240 feet underground in a flooded mine for three days, one thought kept creeping back into Blaine Mayhugh's mind: He didn't kiss his wife goodbye before he left for work.

As more than 150 rescue workers and neighbors above ground struggled to reach them, he and eight other coal miners fought to keep their heads above the cold water, huddled together for warmth, and hoped.

"It was the only day in my life I never kissed my wife before I went to work. It had to be the day," he said Sunday, breaking down into sobs as he stood with his arms around his wife, Leslie.

In a rescue that transfixed the nation, all nine miners were pulled safely from the Quecreek Mine in rural western Pennsylvania after water from an abandoned mine flooded the shaft where they were working.

A desperate rescue operation with tons of heavy equipment and 18 medical helicopters finally paid off when rescuers reached the miners Sunday morning and pulled them up a narrow shaft, one by one, in a yellow cylindrical capsule.

"What took you guys so long?" the miners said when

"At any certain time maybe one guy got down, and then the rest pulled together and then that guy would get back up and maybe somebody else would feel a little weaker. But it was a team effort. That's the only way it could've been."

Blaine Mayhugh,
coal miner

they spoke to rescuers for the first time. They reportedly asked for chewing tobacco and beer — which doctors wouldn't allow. And they were ravenously hungry.

At the rescue site, workers cheered and danced, and the Sipesville Fire Hall, where the families of the men had been gathering, burst into celebration at the news they were all alive.

As each was slowly raised, one by one, through the narrow hole in a 7-foot-tall yellow cage, at least two gave a thumbs up. Their coal-covered faces managed smiles. Rescuers greeted them with applause and shouted out nicknames.

But underground, Mayhugh described a nightmarish scene: The men tied themselves together so they would "live or die as a group." On Thursday, when the water in the shaft was rising, he asked his boss for

a pen. "I said, 'I want to write my wife and kids to tell them I love them,'" said Mayhugh, choking back tears.

"Everybody had strong moments," he said. "At any certain time maybe one guy got down, and then the rest pulled together and then that guy would get back up and maybe somebody else would feel a little weaker. But it was a team effort. That's the only way it could've been."

All nine were immediately taken to local hospitals; six were released on Sunday. Three remained hospitalized, including Randy Fogle, who has a history of heart problems and complained of chest pains while in the mine.

One of the miners was briefly in a decompression chamber after experiencing early symptoms of the bends, an excruciating con-

dition caused by sudden changes in pressure, said Dr. Russell Dumire, a trauma surgeon at Conemaugh Memorial Medical Center, where six of the men were taken.

Also under observation was Mayhugh's father-in-law, Thomas Foy, 51.

Foy told family members "he'll never go underground again," said his daughter, Tonya Butler, 26.

Though they were covered in coal dust and their heavy-duty clothes were soaked through, the miners surprised medical personnel who had prepared to treat

them for symptoms of hypothermia or the bends. Decompression chambers, ambulances and helicopters were at the scene 55 miles southeast of Pittsburgh — the same rural area where the hijacked Flight 93 crashed on Sept. 11.

In a small, close-knit community still fresh from that tragedy, the happy ending brought smiles across town and crowds to the site. Restaurant and gas station signs trumpeted "Nine Alive!" and "Prayers Answered."

The miners became trapped about 9 p.m.

Wednesday, when they inadvertently broke into an abandoned, water-filled mine that maps showed to be 300 feet away.

Mayhugh said a 4-foot wall of water — as many as 60 million gallons — came crashing through the breached wall.

"We tried to outrun it, but it was too fast," he said.

But they were able to warn a second crew, which escaped.

"They are the heroes. If not for them, there'd be dead bodies," said mine worker Doug Custer, among the group who escaped.

Two El Paso men are charged with murder in smuggling deaths

DALLAS (AP) — Trapped in the stifling darkness for more than nine hours, more than 40 illegal Mexican immigrants huddled between boxes of medical supplies in the metal trailer, occasionally poking drinking straws through tiny openings for a gulp of outside air.

But the heat was too much.

By the time the truck stopped Saturday on its route from El Paso to Dallas, two immigrants were dead and dozens more were hospitalized for heat exhaustion.

Immigration officials said they believe more than just the two men arrested in the deaths of the immigrants were involved in what they suspect is a bigger, organized smuggling operation.

Of the more than 40 immigrants believed to have been riding in the truck on Saturday, only 27 have been accounted for.

"There's very few smuggling trips or loads that are just a one-time deal. This is an organization. There's other individuals involved. There's people who bring them across the border. There's people who hold them in safe houses. There's people who transport them," said Anne Estrada, who oversees the Dallas district of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Troy Dock and Jason Sprague, both of El Paso,

were being held Sunday on murder charges in the Collin County jail for the two immigrant deaths.

Bond was set at \$1 million each.

According to their employer, Boyd Logistics Inc. of El Paso, Dock and Sprague were new hires on their first job.

Company owner Keith Boyd would say only that he planned to cooperate with authorities.

"The employees were not authorized to make any unscheduled stop, except for refueling," he said.

"We are cooperating fully with authorities and will push with all due speed to determine how this occurred."

Most left the 53-foot trailer Saturday afternoon at a south Dallas truck stop.

Dispute over heaven and hell leads to death

GODLEY (AP) — Drinking mixed with a dispute over heaven and hell led to the fatal shooting of a man in Johnson County early Sunday, authorities said.

Four men had returned home from a night of bar-hopping in Fort Worth when they got into a discussion about who was going to heaven and who was going to hell, said Cpl. Pam Jetsel, a spokeswoman with the Johnson County Sheriff's

Department. At one point, Jetsel said, Clayton Frank Stoker, 21, put a loaded shotgun in his mouth.

Another man, 20-year-old Johnny Joslin, tried to take the gun away from Stoker when it fired, fatally wounding Joslin in the chest, Jetsel said.

The shooting happened about 3:30 a.m. Sunday in a trailer home between the communities of Joshua and Godley, which are about 33

miles southwest of Fort Worth.

According to witnesses, the group was sitting at patio table and arguing about religion at the time of the shooting, Jetsel said.

Stoker was charged with murder and was being held in the Johnson County Corrections Center.

Jetsel said Stoker would be arraigned Monday morning. Jetsel said she did not know if Stoker had an attorney yet.

NOTICE PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Big Spring Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 5:15 PM, August 8, 2002, in the Big Spring High School Board Room, 707 East 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rate

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.500000	\$0.076300*	\$1.576300	\$2,668	\$3,105
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.519321	\$0.086886*	\$1.606207	\$2,674	\$3,110
Proposed Rate	\$1.500000	\$0.076300*	\$1.576300	\$2,630	\$3,103

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Resident

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$30,874	\$29,811
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$9,700	\$8,849
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100-Value	\$1.576300	\$1.576300
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$152.90	\$139.49
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		(\$13.41)

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.728477. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.728477.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$2,719,339
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$136,540

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IN BRIEF

Booster Club not soliciting funds

Big Spring High School Boys' Basketball Booster Club is not currently holding a fund-raiser, president Myrna Russell has advised.

Russell said someone has been calling area businesses to solicit sponsorship of a boys' and girls' basketball schedule poster.

"We want people to know, none of that money goes to our booster club. We think they should be aware of that," she said. Russell can be reached at 267-6891.

Championships about to begin

The Big Spring City Golf Championships are scheduled for Saturday and Sunday at Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Men's and women's champions will be crowned in the medal play tournament.

The field will be flighted according to handicap and players must have a handicap.

The tournament is open to all golfers in Big Spring and Howard County.

For more information, contact Comanche Trail Golf Course superintendent Jack Birdwell at 264-2336.

Quarterback Club sets two events

The Big Spring Quarterback Club has announced that it will hold a golf tournament on Aug. 10 at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

The event is scheduled to be a four-man scramble.

In addition to the golf tournament, the BS Quarterback Club will be holding a community pep rally on Aug. 28 at the Comanche Trail Amphitheater. The pep rally will recognize all Big Spring fall sports athletes.

For more information about the Quarterback Club or its upcoming events contact Clements at 267-1069, or Phillips at 263-5314, or Newton at 267-6998.

PeeWee sign-ups to begin Thursday

Crossroads Little Football League will be having signups beginning Thursday at the Big Spring Mall.

Players and cheerleaders, grades K-6 are eligible. Grades 3-6 play tackle football with all equipment provided.

Grades K-2 will play flag football. All area school kids in Ackerly, Big Spring, Coahoma, Garden City and Forsan are welcome.

There are 3 divisions beginning with Flag Football. This is a basic program in which the players are taught very basic skills. Division 1 is for third and fourth graders and is organized tackle football stressing the basic football skills.

Finally, Division 2 is for fifth and sixth graders. The division is designed to prepare the kids for junior high football. The ball carrying weight for this division is 120 pounds.

The first practice will be Aug. 19 and the first game will be Sept. 7, with the Super Bowl games finishing the season on Saturday, Nov. 9.

All children interested will be placed on a team nearest their home or school.

No child will be turned away if eligible according to age or grade.

For more information call Sheri at 263-0754 or Steve Decker at 264-0871.

Armstrong wonders if there's more in the tank

This was a holding action, more about mastery than breathtaking speed. It was a title Lance Armstrong had to have, but one he knew the rest of us would take for granted.

So he coasted. Not coasted, really, since no one covers 2,032 miles in three weeks just standing on his pedals. Yet unlike the first three of his four consecutive wins, Armstrong hit the finish line Sunday at the Tour de France looking very much

like a man with something in reserve.

The question is how much, since Armstrong will need at least one more title to secure a place alongside the greatest his sport has ever seen.



JIM LITKE

"Is there more in the

tank?" Armstrong said. "I don't know. I think I'm using just about everything I have."

The middle of a great athlete's career is rarely the most dramatic part, but it's often the most revealing.

There are fewer of the fireworks that exploded at the start of the run and almost none of the desperation that will characterize the end. It's when he learns exactly how much hard, mind-numbing work is necessary for a prodigy to

become a professional, and how much of it he is willing to undertake. By that measure, Armstrong looks like he could go on forever.

This win was not his most dominating, though only his first came by a larger margin and none was so ruthlessly efficient. Armstrong took control of the race exactly when everybody expected he would, and was never threatened after that.

His only regret was finishing second in a time

trial early on and he erased that by easily winning the next one. Armstrong claimed four of the 20 stages in all, usually dictating which opponents won the remainder, and had a decisive influence on each one.

Bernard Hinault, who won his final Tour — and the last by a Frenchman — in 1985, doesn't see that changing anytime soon. He already declared Armstrong

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Magnifique!

Armstrong wins fourth straight Tour de France

PARIS (AP) — Before long, Lance Armstrong will begin training for No. 5.

Holding a glass of champagne during the final stage, Armstrong won his fourth straight Tour de France on Sunday. The commanding victory of more than seven minutes proved yet again he is the master of one of the most punishing tests in all sports.

The 30-year-old Texan finished in the main pack as the cyclists completed the 20th stage from Melun, outside Paris, to the sycamore-lined Champs-Elysees.

With many among the thousands of fans waving U.S. flags, Armstrong moved within one victory of the Tour record of five titles. He is the winningest American in the event, having passed Greg LeMond's

three titles. No Tour de France rider who has won four titles has failed to win a fifth.

"Of course, I'll try to win by preparing," Armstrong said Sunday, speaking in French on TV. "But cycling

"Regardless of one victory, two victories, four victories, there's never been a victory by a cancer survivor. That's a fact that hopefully I'll be remembered for."

Lance Armstrong

is always complicated, and it's always difficult to reach the highest level."

Few prepare like Armstrong, and few have the grit that allowed him to rule this three-week ride of 2,032 miles.

When Armstrong was diagnosed with testicular

cancer in 1996, doctors gave him a 50-50 chance of survival. Today, he works out year-round, starting his training for the next Tour as early as six weeks after the last one.

Four cyclists have won

five Tours, but only Miguel Indurain of Spain has won them consecutively (1991-95).

Aside from the number of wins, it is difficult to rank Armstrong with his predecessors. Race times are little help because the Tour route changes. Lead times

depend on who else is racing.

This Tour was hardly a struggle. Armstrong's uneventful ride was an indication of how neither his rivals nor the course posed a real challenge.

Armstrong's winning margin over runner-up Joseba Beloki of Spain was 7 minutes, 17 seconds, with Lithuania's Raimondas Rumšas third. This was Armstrong's second-biggest victory, following a win of 7:37 over Alex Zuelle in 1999 for his first Tour championship.

Armstrong enjoyed a sip of champagne early on in the final stage. The crowd roared when he waved from the podium. With the Arc de Triomphe behind him, Armstrong smiled as he

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Tour de France winners

2002, Lance Armstrong, United States	1976, Lucien Van Impe, Belgium	1957, Jacques Anquetil, France
2001, Lance Armstrong, United States	1975, Bernard Thevenet, France	1956, Roger Walkowiak, France
2000, Lance Armstrong, United States	1974, Eddie Merckx, Belgium	1955, Louison Bobet, France
1999, Lance Armstrong, United States	1973, Luis Ocaña, Spain	1954, Louison Bobet, France
1998, Marco Pantani, Italy	1972, Eddie Merckx, Belgium	1953, Louison Bobet, France
1997, Jan Ullrich, Germany	1971, Eddie Merckx, Belgium	1952, Fausto Coppi, Italy
1996, Bjorne Riis, Denmark	1970, Eddie Merckx, Belgium	1951, Hugo Koblet, Switzerland
1995, Miguel Indurain, Spain	1969, Eddie Merckx, Belgium	1950, Ferdinand Kubler, Switzerland
1994, Miguel Indurain, Spain	1968, Jan Jansen, Netherlands	1949, Fausto Coppi, Italy
1993, Miguel Indurain, Spain	1967, Roger Pingeon, France	1948, Gino Bartali, Italy
1992, Miguel Indurain, Spain	1966, Lucien Almar, France	1947, Jean Robic, France
1991, Miguel Indurain, Spain	1965, Felice Gimondi, Italy	1940-46, Tour cancelled, World War II
1990, Greg LeMond, United States	1964, Jacques Anquetil, France	1939, Sylvare Maes, Belgium
	1963, Jacques Anquetil, France	1938, Gino Bartali, Italy
	1962, Jacques Anquetil, France	1937, Roger Lapebie, France
	1961, Jacques Anquetil, France	
	1960, Gastone Nencini, Italy	
	1959, Federico Bahamontes, Spain	
	1958, Charly Gaul, Luxembourg	

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The Wizard follows the road to Cooperstown

Ozzie Smith inducted into Hall of Fame Sunday

COOPERSTOWN, N.Y. (AP) — This was even harder than getting around on Tom Niedenfuer's fastball in the playoffs 17 years ago.

"This is tough," said Ozzie Smith, halting to brush away a tear after his son, Dustin, read the inscription on his plaque. "I've faced many challenges in my career, and if I was to rank them by difficulty, this moment in Cooperstown would rank at the top

of the list."

Smith, a dazzling shortstop during a 19-year career with St. Louis and San Diego, was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame on Sunday, the only player to enter the shrine this year.

Flanked by 46 Hall of Famers, including former Cardinals greats Stan Musial, Bob Gibson, Lou Brock and Red Schoendienst, the "Wizard of Oz" accepted the honor with an eloquent speech.

Comparing his baseball odyssey to Dorothy's journey down the Yellow Brick Road in "The Wizard of Oz" and holding a copy of the famed children's

book in his hands, Smith recounted his rise to stardom. He even orchestrated the ending, with a tape of "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" playing in the background as he spoke.

Smith said his recipe for success was simple: He had the mind to dream that the Scarecrow cherished, a heart to believe that the Tin Man ached for and the c-c-c-c courage of the Lion to persevere.

"Ozzie Smith was a boy who decided to look within, a boy who discovered that absolutely nothing is good enough

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Angels edge Mariners, regain lead in AL West

The Associated Press

Kevin Appier and the Anaheim Angels finished their weekend in Seattle just a little bit better than Jamie Moyer and the Seattle Mariners.

Appier matched Moyer with eight shutout innings Sunday, then Shawn Wooten hit a sacrifice fly in the ninth to give the Angels an 1-0 win and a two-percentage point lead in the AL West over the Mariners.

"It's July so we've got to make sure we don't blow that out of proportion," Appier said. "But we're in a great position."

The Angels have beaten Seattle in six of their last seven meetings and have climbed all the way back from 10 1/2 games behind on April 23.

Appier allowed four hits, walked one and struck out six to complete Anaheim's weekend of strong pitching. The Angels outscored Seattle 10-3 and outthrew them 27-15 to take two out of three at Safeco Field. Anaheim shut out the Mariners 8-0 Saturday behind rookie John

Lackey.

Moyer, who gave up four hits and one walk to lower his ERA to 2.86, fifth best in the AL, didn't get much satisfaction.

"I'd rather be on the other end of it," Moyer said. "But that's baseball."

In other AL games, it was: Boston 12, Baltimore 3; New York Yankees 9, Tampa Bay 1; Cleveland 9, Detroit 6; Oakland 12, Texas 2; Minnesota 4, Toronto 0; and Chicago White Sox 4, Kansas City 2.

In the ninth, Mariners closer Kazuhiro Sasaki (2-4) replaced Moyer and gave up an infield single to Tim Salmon and a single to Garret Anderson. After throwing a wild pitch, Sasaki struck out Troy Glaus. Wooten followed with his sacrifice fly to deep center to score the game's only run.

"I was just trying to hit the ball over Mike Cameron's head," Wooten said. "In the minor leagues, they teach you to try to hit the ball over the center fielder's head or

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Giants defeat Dodgers, then acquire Ken Lofton

The Associated Press

Jason Schmidt gave the ailing San Francisco Giants just what they needed — a well-pitched game to beat the Los Angeles Dodgers.

General manager Brian Sabean then gave them something even more important — a healthy outfielder.

Schmidt struck out 10 and combined with two relievers on a four-hitter as the Giants ended a three-game losing streak with a 3-1 victory Sunday over the Los Angeles Dodgers.

After the game, the Giants acquired six-time All-Star Kenny Lofton from the Chicago White Sox for two minor league pitchers — a welcome addition to a team missing its top four outfielders because of injuries.

"We're glad to have Kenny, and we got him in the nick of time," Giants manager Dusty Baker said. "Not only do we want him, but we need him."

Jeff Kent's two-run homer in the first inning was all the offense Schmidt (6-5) needed. The Giants salvaged the finale of the three-game series to move within one game of Los Angeles in the NL wild-card race.

"We were trying to sweep, but it was a very well-pitched game from both sides," Dodgers manager Jim Tracy said. "This was a big game for them."

In other NL games, it was: Arizona 5, San Diego 4; St. Louis 10, Chicago Cubs 9; Houston 4, Pittsburgh 0; Philadelphia 7, Atlanta 1; New York 6, Cincinnati 5; Montreal 4, Florida 1; and Milwaukee 5, Colorado 3.

The Giants went 2-5 on their homestand. They played the weekend series against their biggest rivals without outfielders Barry Bonds, Reggie Sanders, Tsuyoshi Shinjo, Marvin Benard and All-Star catcher Benito Santiago because of injuries.

Diamondbacks 5, Padres 4

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East Division

New York
Boston
Baltimore
Toronto
Tampa Bay
Central Division

Minnesota
Chicago
Cleveland
Kansas City
Detroit
West Division

Anaheim
Seattle
Oakland
Texas

Saturday's Game
Seattle 3, Anaheim 1
Boston 4, Baltimore 7
Tampa Bay 7, N.Y. Yankees 5
Minnesota 5, Toronto 1
Detroit 5, Cleveland 4
Chicago White Sox 10, Oakland 5
Sunday's Game
Boston 12, Baltimore 9
Cleveland 9, Detroit 7
N.Y. Yankees 9, Minnesota 4
Chicago White Sox 5, Toronto 1
Oakland 12, Tampa Bay 7
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AL BASEBALL

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Saturday's Games: Seattle 3, Anaheim 1; Boston 4, Baltimore 0; Tampa Bay 7, N.Y. Yankees 4; Minnesota 5, Toronto 4, 10 innings; Detroit 5, Cleveland 1; Chicago White Sox 9, Kansas City 1; Texas 10, Oakland 6, 10 innings. Sunday's Games: Boston 12, Baltimore 3; Cleveland 9, Detroit 6; N.Y. Yankees 9, Tampa Bay 1; Minnesota 4, Toronto 0; Chicago White Sox 4, Kansas City 2; Anaheim 3, Seattle 0; Oakland 12, Texas 2. Monday's Games: Baltimore (Driskill 6-4) at Tampa Bay (P. Wilson 2-7), 6:15 p.m.; Toronto (Carpenter 4-1) at Kansas City (Byrd 13-7), 7:05 p.m.; N.Y. Yankees (O. Hernandez 5-3) at Boston (Rogers 11-5), 7:05 p.m.; Boston (Fossum 2-1) at Anaheim (Sele 8-7), 9:05 p.m.; Detroit (Lima 2-4) at Seattle (Garcia 11-7), 9:05 p.m.; Cleveland (Wright 0-1) at Oakland (Hudson 7-9), 9:05 p.m.

NL BASEBALL

Table with columns: East Division, West Division, W, L, Pct, GB. Lists teams like Atlanta, New York, Montreal, Florida, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Houston, Pittsburgh, Chicago, Milwaukee, Arizona, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Colorado, San Diego.

Saturday's Games: Atlanta 5, Philadelphia 3; Cincinnati 2, N.Y. Mets 1, 11 innings; Chicago Cubs 7, St. Louis 3; Arizona 4, San Diego 3; Los Angeles 5, San Francisco 1; Florida 7, Montreal 2; Milwaukee 6, Colorado 5, 10 innings; Houston 3, Pittsburgh 0. Sunday's Games: Philadelphia 7, Atlanta 1; N.Y. Mets 6, Cincinnati 5; Montreal 4, Florida 1; Milwaukee 5, Colorado 3; Houston 4, Pittsburgh 0; San Francisco 3, Los Angeles 1; Arizona 5, San Diego 4, 10 innings; St. Louis 10, Chicago Cubs 9. Monday's Games: No games scheduled.

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if it can be made better, a boy who discovered an old-fashioned formula that would take him beyond the rainbow, beyond even his wildest dreams," he said.

The 47-year-old Smith, who retired after the 1996 season, thanked everyone from his mother, Marvella, to his high school coach, to the man who brought him to St. Louis in 1982, former manager Whitey Herzog.

Smith had said he didn't know how he would act at his induction. There was no trademark back flip, but when Smith was introduced, he came on stage wearing an Afro wig with a Padres cap. He wanted to break the tension because he was nervous.

In a summer that has been hard on St. Louis fans following the deaths of long-time Cardinals broadcaster Jack Buck and pitcher Darryl Kile, Smith gave them and the audience of 19,000 a reason to smile.

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the favorite for next year. "He didn't make the slightest tactical error," Hinault said.

Eddy Merckx, the Belgian who won the last of his five titles in 1974, went further.

"I don't see any riders who can stand in Lance's way in the next two years," he said.

Merckx' choice of words is hardly an accident. A fifth title would link Armstrong with four legends — Hinault, Merckx, Jacques Anquetil and Miguel Indurain — but only Indurain won his five in a row.

Six in a row would put Armstrong where no cyclist has ever gone before.

"It would be suicide to make any predictions," he said. "Four ... five ... six ... that's not important. There had never been a victory by a cancer survivor before, and, hopefully, that's what I'll be remembered for."

Still just 30, Armstrong is six years removed from the day doctors told him he had a 4 in 10 chance of outlasting the cancer that was spreading throughout his body.

As a family man, he is just beginning to live, the father of 2-year-old Luke and 8-month-old twins Isabelle and Grace, turned out in identical white dresses and bonnets against Sunday's unseasonable 91-degree heat. But as a racer, Armstrong has already begun the descent down a slippery slope.

Merckx, considered the greatest all-around cyclist, was done at 29; Hinault and Anquetil by 30. All showed signs of slipping before they were done in.

Indurain, whose last win at the Tour came in 1995, hung on until he was 31. His defeat may have been the most surprising. After dominating in his fifth win, Indurain was surprised by a freak snow in July and broken by Dane Bjarne Riis.

Yet Armstrong has not only grown stronger, he's grown more secure in his craft. He's more patient, better prepared and surrounded by a U.S. Postal Service team that is considered among the best in cycling in 50 years. Just as important, he's not under sponsor pressure to compete in the sport's two other big tours.

"That means Lance doesn't have to do a lot of races," said Johan Bruyneel, a Belgian who is team director for U.S. Postal. "He can train a lot. Lance likes to train a lot; he prefers to train rather than race. He's a monster in doing that."

Armstrong has learned to love the work as much as the reward, to recognize that pain is the precursor to glory.

Asked how he planned to celebrate this fourth win,

"I never let loose," he began.

A moment later, Armstrong leaned back. Learning to relax hasn't been as productive a skill as the other lessons he's mastered in his short reign as champion. But, he's finally recognized it as a necessary one.

"You just finished the hardest sport in the world. How much can you have at 2 p.m. the morning after you've just finished the Tour de France?"

"But," and here Armstrong paused, "we'll try."

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1936, Sylvère Maes, Belgium; 1935, Romain Maes, Belgium; 1934, Antonin Magne, France; 1933, Georges Speicher, France; 1932, Andre Leducq, France; 1931, Antonin Magne, France; 1930, Andre Leducq, France; 1929, Maurice Dewaele, Belgium; 1928, Nicholas Frantz, Luxembourg; 1927, Nicholas Frantz, Luxembourg; 1926, Lucien Bruysee, Belgium; 1925, Ottavio Bottecchia, Italy; 1924, Ottavio Bottecchia, Italy; 1923, Henri Pelissier, France; 1922, Firmin Lambot, Belgium; 1921, Leon Scieur, France; 1920, Philippe Thys, Belgium; 1919, Firmin Lambot, Belgium; 1918-18, Tour cancelled, World War I; 1914, Philippe Thys, Belgium; 1913, Philippe Thys, Belgium; 1912, Odile Defraye, Belgium; 1911, Gustave Garrigou, France; 1910, Octave Lapize, France; 1909, Francois Faber, Luxembourg; 1908, Lucien Petit-Breton, France; 1907, Lucien Petit-Breton, France; 1906, Rene Pottier, France; 1905, Louis Trousselier, France; 1904, Henri Comet, France; 1903, Maurice Garin, France.

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was presented with a bouquet of yellow flowers. He later took a call from President Bush.

Hundreds of Americans lined the Champs-Elysees, shouting "U.S.A!" and waving banners like "4 and counting." Armstrong stood on the podium with his cap on his head as "The Star-Spangled Banner" played.

"Regardless of one victory, two victories, four victories, there's never been a victory by a cancer survivor," he said. "That's a fact that hopefully I'll be remembered for."

Robbie McEwen of Australia won Sunday's 89-

mile stage and took the green jersey as the Tour's best sprinter. Laurent Jalabert of France won the red-spotted jersey as best climber, while Ivan Basso of Italy won the white jersey for best young rider.

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down third base. He (Sasaki) got a split up and I got a good swing on it. I just tried driving it."

Red Sox 12, Orioles 3. Derek Lowe pitched six scoreless innings for his 14th win and Brian Daubach drove in three runs as Boston beat Baltimore in a game marred by a bench-clearing brawl.

Baltimore's Gary Matthews Jr. and reliever Willis Roberts, and Boston pitching coach Tony Cloninger were ejected after the brawl in the top of the fourth. Few punches appeared to be thrown. The benches emptied after Lowe hit Matthews with the first pitch in the inning.

Athletics 12, Rangers 2. In Arlington, Texas, Barry Zito became the AL's first 15-game winner after Miguel Tejada drove in six runs in the final two innings as Oakland beat Texas.

Tejada gave Oakland a 4-2 lead with a three-run homer in the eighth and hit a bases-loaded double in the ninth as the A's scored 11 runs against the Rangers' bullpen.

The Rangers took a 2-1 lead into the eighth. Mark Ellis hit a leadoff double against Jay Powell and went to third on a groundout. Pinch hitter Olmedo Saenz drew a walk from Juan Alvarez (0-3), who faced only one batter before Tejada homered off Dave Burba.

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Luis Gonzalez hit a game-winning single in the bottom of the 10th and also had an inside-the-park homer to lead Arizona to its seventh straight win.

Astros 4, Pirates 0. Wade Miller (8-3) and four relievers combined on a five-hitter as Houston shut out Pittsburgh for the third time in four games. Houston swept the four-game series at Minute Maid Park.

It was the first time the Astros had three shutouts in a series since 1974.

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8 PM		Boston Public (CC) (DVS)	Frontier House (CC)	Home Videos Home Videos	Raymond Becker (CC)		Dog Eat Dog (CC)		El Privilegio de Amar	(05) Movie: Zenon: Girl of the 21st Century (CC)	WWE Raw (CC)	Movie: What Women Want (CC)	Extrads: K-19	Curb-Enthusm Curb-Enthusm	Light of the Southwest		Mystery: Mummy	Witchblade (CC)	Maternity Ward
9 PM		Cops (CC) Blind Date	Mystery: (CC) (DVS)	Whose Law? Whose Law?	49 Hours (CC)		Crossing Jordan (CC)	(15) Movie: Edward	Cristina				Queer as Folk 10 Min. Older	Robin Williams: Live		TVography (CC)	Lost Mummy of Imhotep		How to Build a Human
10 PM	News Nightline	Jerry Springer (CC)	News Letter	730 Club (CC)	News (35) Late	News (CC) Nightline	News (35) Tonight	Sosorhands	P. Impacto Notice-ro Univ	Body Image Boy-World	(05) Stamball	(15) Movie: Dil Scallion	Street Time	on Broadway (45) Movie	Hour of Healing	Law & Order (CC)	Prehistoric Beasts	Witchblade (CC)	Code Blue
11 PM	Up Close Hollywood Sq	Suddenly Spin City (CC)	Raising of U.	Who's Boss? Who's Boss?	Show (CC) (37) Late Late	Ent. Tonight Up Close	Show (CC) (37) Late	Movie: Life	En las Mejores Familias	So Weird (CC) Jett Jackson	Robot Wars: Extreme		Movie: Down to Earth (CC)	Tombstone (CC)	Update With Church	TVography	Mystery: Mummy		Maternity Ward
12 AM	(12:05) Sally (CC)	Ricki Lake (CC)	534 Mystery of the	Hard Program and Program	Show (CC) Street Smarts	(12:06) Oprah Winfrey (CC)	Night (CC) Fraser	(CC) (DVS) Tu y Yo		Zoro (CC) Mickey Mouse	(12:05) Bay-watch (CC)	Movie: Highway to	(35) Movie:	Faith Pleases God		Lost Mummy of Imhotep	Auto Racing: NASCAR		How to Build a Human

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"MR. WILSON GAVE ME AN ALL-DAY SUCKER, AND TOLD ME TO STAY HOME TILL I FINISH IT."

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"We'll never get up any speed if he doesn't stop pullin' on the brake!"

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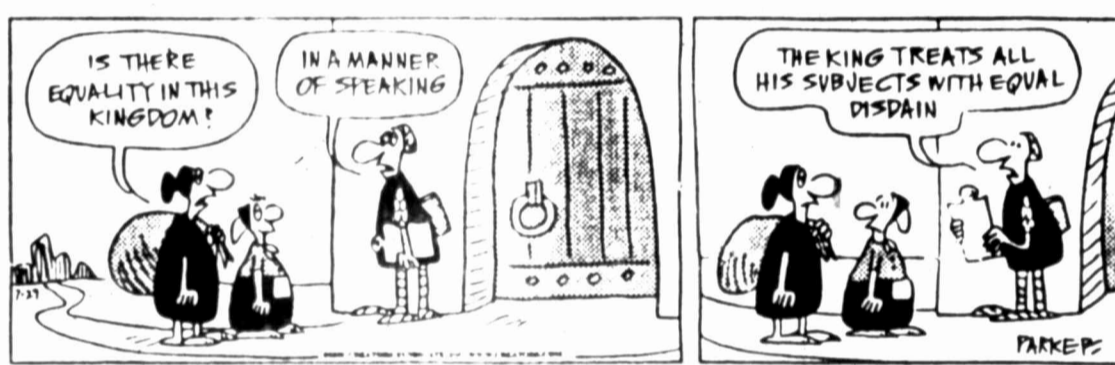
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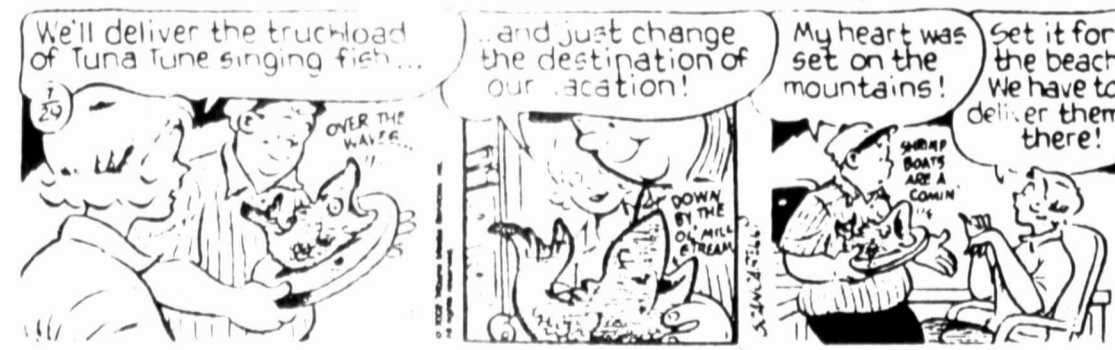
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS
Today is Monday, July 29, the 210th day of 2002. There are 155 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History:
On July 29, 1981, Britain's Prince Charles married Lady Diana Spencer at St. Paul's Cathedral in London.
On this date:
In 1030, the patron saint of Norway, King Olaf II, was killed in battle.
In 1588, the English soundly defeated the Spanish Armada in the Battle of Gravelines.
In 1890, artist Vincent van Gogh died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound in Auvers, France.
In 1900, Italian King Humbert I was assassinated by an anarchist; he was succeeded by his son, Victor Emmanuel III.
In 1914, transcontinental telephone service began with the first phone conver-

sation between New York and San Francisco.
In 1948, Britain's King George VI opened the Olympic Games in London.
In 1958, President Eisenhower signed the National Aeronautics and Space Act, which created NASA.
In 1967, fire swept the U.S.S. Forrestal in the Gulf of Tonkin, killing 134 servicemen.
In 1975, President Ford became the first U.S. president to visit the site of the Nazi concentration camp Auschwitz in Poland as he paid tribute to the victims.
In 1980, a state funeral was held in Cairo, Egypt, for the deposed Shah of Iran, who had died two days earlier at age 60.
In 1991, President George H.W. Bush arrived in Moscow for a superpower summit with Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev that included the signing of the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty.
Ten years ago: Former East German leader Erich Honecker was arrested on his return to his homeland and charged with manslaughter; he was permitted to leave after he was diagnosed with terminal cancer.
Today's Birthdays: Actor Lloyd Bochner is 78. Actor Robert Horton is 78. Former Sen. Nancy Kassebaum-Baker, a Kansas Republican, is 70. Actor Robert Fuller is 68. Former Transportation and Labor Secretary Elizabeth H. Dole is 66. ABC News anchorman Peter Jennings is 64. Actor David Warner is 61. Rock musician Neal Doughty (REO Speedwagon) is 56. Marilyn Tucker Quayle, wife of former Vice President Dan Quayle, is 53. Rock musician Simon Kirke (Bad Company) is 53.

Newsday Crossword

VARIED FORECASTS by Lee Weaver
Edited by Stanley Newman

ACROSS

- 1 Rainbow shape
- 4 Possesses
- 7 Be nomadic
- 11 Coal boat
- 13 Shout of triumph
- 14 Tureen adjunct
- 15 Pudding ingredient
- 16 Newsmen Sevareid
- 17 Climbing plants
- 18 Be held in reserve
- 21 Means of approach
- 24 Inventor Whitney
- 25 With no sympathy
- 30 Prefix for center
- 31 Buffalo's lake
- 32 Bicycles with engines
- 35 Punjab princess
- 37 "Mamma ___"
- 39 Gin flavoring
- 40 Carefree
- 43 Coarse sand
- 46 Tin ___ Alley
- 47 Wait
- 50 One of the Little Women
- 51 Cowboy's seat
- 52 Easter season treat
- 58 Keep clear of
- 59 Narrative
- 60 Apiece
- 64 Stops the action
- 65 Sponsorship

DOWN

- 1 Donkey
- 2 Panasonic competitor
- 3 Machine tooth
- 4 Do damage to
- 5 Mine entrance
- 6 Small scented bag
- 7 Enthuse
- 8 Norse god
- 9 Sir ___
- 10 Guinness
- 12 Impressed greatly
- 13 Less long-winded
- 14 Instinctual energy
- 19 Arthur of tennis
- 20 Grammar school: Abbr.
- 21 Very tart
- 22 Varnish resin
- 23 Medical facility
- 26 Purpose
- 27 Royal rule
- 28 CD forerunners
- 29 Gave a sharp bark
- 33 Handyman
- 34 Touch or taste
- 36 "How was ___ know?"
- 38 Exist
- 41 Stockpiles
- 42 Sailor's saint
- 44 Debate subjects
- 45 "Younger Springtime"
- 48 Seafood in a shell
- 49 '50s Ford
- 52 Mirthful sounds
- 53 Racetrack shape
- 54 Bridge-crossing fee
- 55 Charlotte or Chicago
- 56 Heroic tale
- 57 Radar screen "spot"
- 61 Sigh of relief
- 62 Hosp. area
- 63 Skirt part

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