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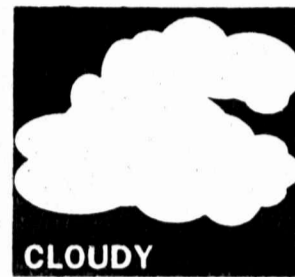
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Driver safety course

The Spring City Senior Center and American Association of Retired Persons have scheduled a driver safety program course — 55 Alive — and is inviting seniors to participate.

The course will be held from 9:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. Thursday and Friday, July 11-12. A lunch break is included.

The program was developed as a refresher course for drivers age 50 and older. It will be taught by a trained volunteer. In addition to reviewing rules of the road, it will discuss how to compensate for age-related declines in physical and perceptual ability.

Those who attend both days will receive a certificate good for an automobile insurance discount. There is a \$10 fee for materials. To enroll, call the Senior Center at 267-1628.

COMING SUNDAY



Cover Story: When Billy Gilman met Mattie Stepanek on Larry King Live, a partnership of the heart was born that has since reached out to America.

Hometown Spotlight: Founded in the late 1800s by German immigrants, Mt. Angel — a village with Bavarian-style storefronts — boasts one of the largest Octoberfests in the Northwest.

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Cities, county to pool homeland security funds

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

The cities of Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan along with Howard County will combine their homeland security grants monies to purchase emergency response equipment.

"This is money that came from the 2002, 2003 and 2003-supplemental monies," said Terry

Chamness, County Management



CHAMNESS

Howard County Emergency Agency deputy coordinator. "We will be purchasing equipment. This all came from doing an assessment of Howard County and

each of the cities in Howard County — Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan."

The three cities and the county received a combined amount of almost \$122,000 of the \$84.2 million in new federal grants monies.

Individually Big Spring received \$78,340; Howard County, \$28,002; city of Coahoma, \$9,258; and city

of Forsan, \$6,140.

According to Chamness, a committee will assess the emergency equipment needs of the county and settle on plans to purchase equipment.

The committee consists of representatives of the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department, Big Spring Fire Department, the Howard County Sheriff's

SECURITY GRANTS

Howard County: \$28,002.

Big Spring: \$78,340.

Coahoma: \$9,253.

Forsan: \$6,140.

Department, the Big Spring Police Department, Scenic

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Limiting access: Privacy or protection?

Library doesn't have filters, but has a policy prohibiting unacceptable computer use

By **ROGER CLINE**
Staff Writer

The Howard County Public Library offers free broadband access to the Internet, but what sites should patrons be allowed to access?



HOLLIS

Similar questions are being asked around the nation: the Supreme Court Monday upheld the Computer Internet Protection Act, which makes installation of programs to block access to Internet pornography a requirement of federal funding.

The 6-3 ruling in "United States v. American Library Association" stated that the government can require the filters, but that libraries must temporarily disable them when asked to do so by patrons.

Howard County Library Director Hollis McCright said the local library doesn't currently employ filters on the computers in its Internet room, and, since the library receives no federal funding anyway, she sees no reason to install the programs at this point.

"I think (the Supreme Court Ruling) perhaps is a step backwards," she said. "The court is telling you that you should not look at a Web site because it gives you pleasure."

The problem with porn filter programs — which search for specific words or images and ignore context — is that they also restrict access to many legitimate Web sites, said McCright.

"If you were to want to research breast cancer or cancer of another area of



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Howard County Public Library patrons enjoy the library's free Internet access room Wednesday, two days after the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the federal Computer Internet Protection Act. CIPA requires libraries to install programs which block access to pornographic Web sites in order to be eligible for federal funds. The Howard County Library receives no federal funds and employs no filtering programs on its public Internet access terminals.

the body, whatever words you want to use, if you use a filter, it's going to block a lot of those words

out," McCright said. "Some of these Right-to-Lifers, or some congress-people, they have had

their sites blocked because they had See **INTERNET**, Page 3

Altercation leads to aggravated assault charge

By **ROGER CLINE**
Staff Writer

A Big Spring woman was taken to the hospital for injuries she received during an apparent altercation with her brother.

Police have not released the name of the victim or the suspect.

The alleged assault occurred in the 4200 block of Dixon Street about 3 a.m. Tuesday.

"There was an argu-

ment that started between a brother and sister," said police Det. Milton Horton. "The argument escalated and the brother started hitting the sister and knocked her to the ground and started kicking her."

That part of the fight was reported as assault causing bodily injury, Horton said, while what happened next was reported as aggravated assault with a deadly

Anyone having information about the incident is asked to contact the Big Spring Police Department at 264-2550.

weapon. "Then he walked off and got in the vehicle he was driving," Horton said. "As the sister was getting

up, he pulled through the yard and she felt like he was trying to strike her with the vehicle."

Although the woman was not struck, she said she was in fear that her brother intended to hit her with the vehicle, Horton said.

The woman was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center for injuries caused during the beating, he added. "She did go to the ER

and received treatment there," he said. "She was released in fair condition. She was not admitted. She had bruises and things like that."

No arrest has been made, but the woman does wish to press charges, Horton said.

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Sorona Honey, left, Lillian Gould and Tricia Tompkins, members of the Mountain View Lodge Decade Club, get ready for their lemonade fund-raiser from 1:30 p.m. until 3 p.m. Saturday at the lodge.

LEMONADE!

Mountain View residents to offer up the 'real thing' during fund-raiser Saturday

By **BILL McCLELLAN**
News Editor

A group of Mountain View Lodge residents is hoping to change public perception about nursing homes and raise a little money in the process.

The Lodge's Decade Club will be operating an old-fashioned lemonade stand on Saturday. Well, the stand isn't old-fashioned, but the lemonade will be.

"This is not Kool-Aid lemonade, but the type that many of us have never had," explained 31-

What: Decade Club lemonade stand fund-raiser.

Where: Mountain View Lodge, 2009 Virginia.

When: 1:30 p.m.-3 p.m. Saturday.

year-old resident Tricia Tompkins. "It's the real thing!"

The Decade Club meets weekly to visit, play trivia, plan various projects and other activities.

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BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Police blotter

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

- **DEBRA LOMAS**, 37, of 2312 Runnels was being held at the city jail Wednesday for the Howard County Sheriff's Office.
- **THEFT, more than \$50 but less than \$500**, was reported:
 - at a residence in the 4200 block of Muir where tools worth \$350 were reportedly stolen.
 - at a residence in the 1400 block of Highway 87 where unlisted items worth \$10, consumable goods worth \$350, drugs/narcotics worth \$45 and merchandise worth \$10 were reported stolen.
- **BURGLARY of a HABITATION** was reported:
 - in the 900 block of North Gregg Street where jewelry/precious metals worth \$5,550, electronic equipment worth \$200, household goods worth \$90 and \$90 in cash were reported stolen.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C** was reported in the 1900 block of North Highway 87.
- **THEFT FROM PERSON** was reported at a restaurant in the 1200 block of Gregg where \$68 in cash was reported stolen.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 2100 block of Cecilia Street, the 1500 block of Kentucky Way and the 1200 block of Austin Road.

Sheriff's report

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

- **BURGLARY of a HABITATION** was reported in the 3000 block of Val Verde.
- **PROWLER/CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported in the 1100 block of Centerpoint Road.

Take note

- **BIG SPRING AND SURROUNDING** counties are in critical need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.
- **THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM**, which delivers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers to deliver meals. If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered to recipients within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.
- **ANYONE WHO GRADUATED** from Forsan High School in the period of 1980 to 1989 is invited to an all 1980s reunion that will take place Aug. 1-2. A schedule is still in the planning stages, but tentative activities include individual class get-togethers on Friday, Aug. 1, and a golf tournament, tennis tournament and "Black and White Ball" on Aug. 2. Some of the activities will be fund-raisers for the Forsan High School scholarship fund. Organizers have taken great pains to reach as many students as possible but are still missing many. Any who graduated from Forsan during that time period or knows someone who did, is encouraged to call Carole Madry at 268-9191 or email Rick Hope at chalmhrt2@aol.com.

Lottery

- Lotto Texas results Wednesday: 2-6-13-21-42. Bonus Ball: 6. No jackpot winner. Estimated jackpot Saturday night: \$12 million.
- Cash Five numbers Wednesday: 8-10-15-29-30
- Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night: 7-3-1
- Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday afternoon: 6-5-1

Support groups

- THURSDAY**
 - Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 12 noon to 1 p.m.; Women's meeting; 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Non-Smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 to 9 p.m.
 - Fibromyalgia/Chronic Fatigue Support Group meets at noon at the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center.
- FRIDAY**
 - AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Noon Open Big Book Study Meeting, 8 to 9 p.m.
- SATURDAY**
 - Open Discussion Meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open Podium/Speakers Meeting 615 Settles 8 to 9 p.m. Open Birthday Night, No Smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.
- SUNDAY**
 - Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 to 6 p.m
 - 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.
- MONDAY**
 - Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers, 6p.m., May 19, covered dish dinner, First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Runnels streets, (enter through north door). For more information, call 398-3522.
 - The Military Support Group meets on the first Monday of each month at 6 p.m. in Room 219 at the VA Medical Center. If you have a family member serving in the armed forces, you are welcome to join. For more information, call Treva Hall at 263-8574 or Holly Moore at 263-8106.
 - TOPS Club TX 21 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), weigh-in at 5:30 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m. at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 West Third.
 - New Voice Club support group for laryngectomees and families. For more information, call 267-2800.
 - Alcoholics Anonymous meets from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Open meeting on fourth floor at VA Medical Center from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- TUESDAY**
 - The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets the last Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Texas RV Park meeting room. For more information, call 263-4948.
 - TOPS Club TX 1756 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 5:30 p.m. weigh-in, 6 p.m. meeting, Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, 11th and Birdwell. Call 263-2786 or 263-1340 for more information.
- WEDNESDAY**
 - The Crossroads Group of Cocaine Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. in the office building between Third and Fourth streets on the west side of Lancaster Street. For more information, call 466-3254.
 - AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Open 12 and 12 Study meeting, 8 p.m.

Weather

Tonight...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of evening showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s. Northeast winds 5 to 15 mph.

Friday...Partly cloudy in the morning then clearing. Highs in the mid 80s. Northeast winds 5 to 10 mph. Friday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 60s.

Saturday...Partly cloudy. Highs near 90.

Sunday...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s. Highs in the lower 90s.

Monday...Mostly clear. Lows near 70. Highs in the mid 90s.

Tuesday...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 70s. Highs in the mid 90s.

Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s. Highs in the mid 90s.

Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald Features Desk at 263-7331, ext. 238 or email jmoseley@crc.com.net.

- TODAY**
 - Gideon International, B.S. Camp U42060, 7 a.m., Herman's Restaurant, 1601 Gregg St.
 - Coffee Club, 10 a.m., Gale's Sweet Shoppe, 1712 E FM 700.
 - Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane, 267-6479.
 - Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring County Club, Driver Road.
 - Masonic Lodge 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.
- Arts, Craft & Quilting Club, 6 p.m., Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.
- FRIDAY**
 - Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad, Call 267-7281 or 267-1037. Bring a lunch.
 - AMBUCS, noon, Brandin Iron Inn, Highway 87 by Wal-Mart.
 - Greater Big Spring Rotary Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
 - Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring County Club, Driver Road.
 - Spring City Senior Center Country and Western Dance, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., Industrial Park. All area seniors are invited.
- SATURDAY**
 - Big Spring Squares, 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more information.
 - Heritage Museum, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., 510 Scurry St.
 - Potton House, a restored historical home, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., 200 Gregg St. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens.
 - Hangar 25 Air Museum, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.
- SUNDAY**
 - Hangar 25 Air Museum, 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m., McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.
- SATURDAY**
 - Big Spring Shrine Club, 6:30 p.m. for meal and meeting to follow, Goliad and First St.
- SUNDAY**
 - Hangar 25 Air Museum, 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m., McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.
- MONDAY**
 - Senior Circle Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, 4 p.m. 1601 W. 11th Place. People 50 years and older are invited to participate, 268-4721.
 - Coahoma's Lions Club, 6 p.m., Coahoma Community Center on North Avenue.
 - Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., La Posada, 206 NW Fourth St.
 - Big Spring Symphony Chorus, which is preparing for the annual Big Spring Pops in the Park celebration July 3, rehearses at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Big Spring. For more information, contact Keith Graumann at 263-5943.
 - Concerned Citizens, 7 p.m., Fiberflex conference room on Bethel Street in the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark. The public is invited.
- TUESDAY**
 - Intermediate Line Dance Class, 9 a.m., Spring City Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park, 267-1628.
 - Big Spring Rotary, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- WEDNESDAY**
 - Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
 - Senior Circle Stretch and Tone, 10 a.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, 1601 W. 11th Place.

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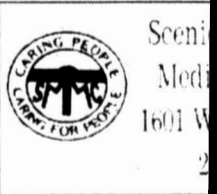
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something on their Web site that the program saw as offensive. They don't distinguish between context.

The library policy restricts "unacceptable" computer use, including "Sending or displaying obscene or disruptive messages, files or images; using obscene and vulgar language; and harassment, insults or attacks of others online."

"Here in the library there are some rules and regulations," McCright

said. "According to the laws of the State of Texas, you cannot look at inappropriate sites at the library, and if we see that you are looking at an inappropriate site, we will go up and say, 'That site is inappropriate, please stop looking at it.' If you persist, we will have to block you from using the Internet at the library for a period of time."

McCright said the library staff does not actively monitor the computer use of patrons.

"It's a matter of policing, and frankly I don't have the staff to police,"

she said. "We have had some people come up and say, 'Listen, he or she is looking at stuff, can you do something about it?' and a lot of times they'll take care of it and say, 'Sir or madam, you're looking at something against our policy. Please get out of it.'"

Staff members also keep track of patrons discovered surfing inappropriate sites.

"A lot of times I'll take it as an honest mistake," McCright said. "But if it happens two or three times, before this person gets on the Internet again they'll have to come talk

to me and I'll reiterate our policy to them."

In addition, the library has established age restrictions on Internet use.

"Our library policy states that anyone older than 17 can be on the Internet without parental permission," McCright said. "Children that are 13 to 17 must have a parent's permission to do so, and we have a permission slip that a parent must sign in the presence of one of the staff members, saying that they realize it's unfiltered and their child has permission to do so. Children under 13 can't

get on the Internet at all. They can if their parent sits there with them, but that's all."

For more information, call the Howard County Library at 264-2260.

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"We decided to have a lemonade stand and give the money to help others at the home," said Tompkins.

Proceeds from the stand will go toward the Lodge's Angel Fund. The fund helps residents who have limited finances with special needs such as dentures, clothes and eyeglasses.

While having lemonade, the public is invited to ask questions about nursing homes.

"What's a nursing home? It is a place where people who cannot care for themselves in their

daily environment go to live," said Tompkins.

It is three meals a day, assistance with personal needs and 24-hour nursing care.

"What do people think of nursing homes? You tell me. I thought it would rob me of my independence. I thought only old people went to nursing homes until I was forced to go to one myself," said Tompkins, who has chronic progressive multiple sclerosis. "I moped around and was upset until one day I sat with the women and visited inside the front door."

What Tompkins learned was that life in a nursing facility does not have to be bleak.

Tompkins said the home is full of life experience. She noted that one woman is more than 100 years old. Another holds weekly Bible study classes for the residents. Another operated a tax service business for years. Still another was a school teacher and a Sunday school teacher.

"She was my Sunday School teacher before I even started big girl Sunday School," said Tompkins, with a grin.

"No matter the age, we are all here for a reason," she said. "We all have different life experiences, different illnesses and different purposes. We are not here to die. We are here to do whatever God

desires."

"We find we still have a lot to offer to our community," added Lillian Gould, another club member. "We can still make a difference."

The Decade Club invites the public to take a few minutes between 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday at Mountain View Lodge, 2009 Virginia, to enjoy some real lemonade and good conversation.

Members of the Decade Club are Tompkins, Gould, Sorona Honey, Mae Henry and Virginia Sweeney.

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Mountain Medical Center, the VA Medical Center and Big Spring State Hospital, along with ALON USA, which is serving in an advisory position.

"We want to make sure we have Howard County and the surrounding areas taken care of properly," Chamness said.

"The committee will set our needs. We'll discuss what we have now and what we need for a major disaster like a major tornado or major chemical spill."

The Texas Engineering Extension Service, which is based in College Station, notified 733 cities and counties this week of the awards.

Some \$2 million was distributed to the Permian Basin Regional Planning

Commission. The commission represents 17 counties.

Area counties receiving funds included Martin, \$30,212; Dawson, \$23,383; Borden, \$10,592; Glasscock, \$10,474; Midland, \$60,406; and Ector, \$109,054.

Area cities included Stanton, \$22,605; Lamesa, \$25,688; Midland, \$403,379; and Odessa, \$485,692.

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Committee discusses taxes

AUSTIN (AP) — Closing a franchise tax loophole, raising property taxes for businesses and instituting a statewide income tax were among the alternatives considered Wednesday by a House committee looking to overhaul the state's school finance system.

For the second consecutive day, the committee met to look at ways they can prepare a plan to replace the Robin Hood school finance system.

Gov. Rick Perry has announced his intention to call a special session to replace Robin Hood this

fall or early next year. Many lawmakers campaigned on getting rid of the current funding system, which takes money from property-rich school districts and gives it to property-poor districts.

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OUR VIEWS

Avoid the rush, and have your child immunized

The Texas Department of Health has a good idea that will help its staff — and you — this summer. The clinic in the College Park Shopping Center has opened its doors to parents wanting to have their child immunized before the back-to-school rush.

As TDH workers tell us, their clinic gets extremely busy with immunizations the week before school starts and during the first week of classes. You can avoid that by going ahead and having your child immunized ahead of time — right now, in fact.

All 4-year-olds entering kindergarten must have their booster shot before they can attend school. It's also a good opportunity for children born after 1988 to begin their series of Hepatitis B shots if they haven't already.

The clinic is giving shots each Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. through July 29. An office visit, which includes all shots, is \$5. Assistance programs are available for those who qualify if you need help in covering the cost of the visit.

You'll need to bring your child's shot record or a note from the school or daycare declaring that your child needs an immunization shot. For more information, contact the clinic office clerk at 263-9775.

It's not too early to think about the school year and the Texas Department of Health has come up with a great idea that will save you time in the long run. Take advantage of it. You'll be glad you did when that first week of school arrives.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

Big Spring Chapter 14 and Auxiliary of the Disabled American Veterans wishes to thank those who supported our barbecue fund-raiser in the park. We appreciate every person who came out and joined in a beautiful afternoon of comradeship. It is a joy to be a part of such a wonderful community that proudly supports our veterans.

tributions.

Those winning prizes were: Johnny DeLeon, roll-top desk; Leo Welch, gun rack, and Jerry Alipahnt, Paula Ferguson and Charles Lusk, each a large print of Historic Big Spring. Thanks again, Big Spring, for showing your appreciation for us. May God bless each and every one and the United States of America.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we silently pray today for those who need it. Lord sending them your blessings

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What about naysayers credibility?

First there was the "quagmire," as U.S. troops prepared to enter Baghdad. TV critics bemoaned the poor planning that, they said, had sabotaged the war strategy and could lead to bloody urban fighting and a prolonged conflict.



DEBRA SAUNDERS

Then there was the victory. Then there was the scandal of the stolen artifacts, as the director of Iraq's National Museum of Antiquities, Donny George, bemoaned the loss of as many as 170,000 relics, characterizing the looting of the museum as "the rape of civilization." Bush-haters jumped on the president for not doing enough to protect the artifacts.

Recently, The Washington Post reported that George had downgraded the damage to 33 pieces missing from the main collection. Apparently, museum officials knew all along that interested parties had hidden the artifacts.

"I was very angry at the time, so much anger," George explained his blame-America-first tirades in the Post. I guess the commentators who were quick to repeat George's charges were angry, too — at the war victory.

Now the airwaves and news pages are saturated with stories about the fact that U.S. troops have failed to find conclusive evidence of an Iraqi program to build weapons of mass destruction.

Sen. Bob Graham, D-Fla., charged the Bush administration with "deliberately misrepresenting" intelligence information on Saddam Hussein's WMDs. Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., has called for an investigation to see if U.S. intelligence was shaded, manipulated or exaggerated.

Rep. Jane Harman, D-Calif., at least has shown the sense to cushion her sound bites about Iraqi WMDs. Harman says it "could be the greatest intelligence hoax of all time" — then adds the disclaimer that she believes WMDs eventually will be found.

(Like the artifacts.) NBC's Tim Russert read a letter that Levin had written to President Clinton in 1998 asking Clinton to take "necessary actions" to respond to "the threat posed by Iraq's refusal to end its weapons of mass destruction programs." So it's odd that Levin's a WMD agnostic now.

If Levin wants an investigation, fine. There have been screw-ups. In his State of the Union speech, President Bush cited phony documents on Iraq's quest for enriched uranium. Secretary of State Colin Powell cited outdated information from the United Kingdom. It can't hurt to know how that happened. Maybe the embarrassment would prompt the Bushies to see the value in hiring skeptics to challenge the administration's orthodoxies.

Besides, the more that partisans snipe at Bush, the more the electorate will rally behind him. The voters have too strong a streak of common sense to believe that Hussein had WMDs in 1998, then got rid of the weapons on the quiet just so America could invade Iraq and oust him from power.

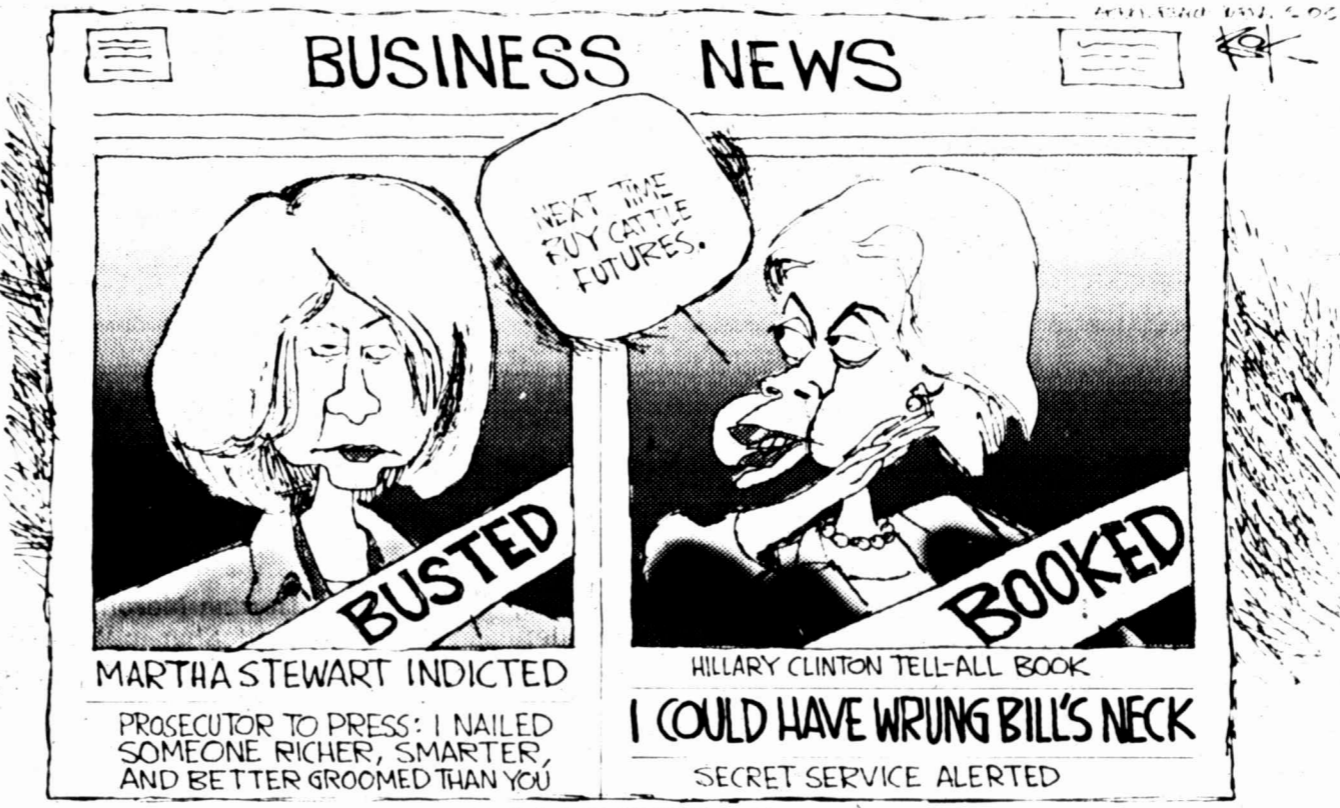
"I think the nation's credibility is on the line," Levin told NBC, as he added that Bush' credibility is on the line, too.

What about the naysayers' credibility? They were wrong on the quagmire. They were wrong on the artifacts. They'll be proven wrong on WMDs.

Worst of all, they shouldn't appear triumphant in the military's failure to find these weapons thus far. They should be afraid.

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BOMBSHELLS

Muzzling FBI's whistle blowers

Special Agent Robert Wright of the FBI's Chicago Division could not have been surprised by the bureau's reflexive reaction when he called a press conference June 2 at the National Press Club. He laid out an indictment of the FBI's "pathetic anti-terrorism efforts." One week later, the bureau responded like Pavlov's dog, secretly launching its fourth investigation of Wright.



ROBERT NOVAK

Republican Sen. Charles Grassley, as top congressional protector of whistle blowers, learned of this and did not conceal his rage in a letter to FBI Director Robert Mueller June 12. He noted the bureau's Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR) had initiated its fourth investigation of Agent Wright after the first three inquiries found no wrongdoing.

Grassley, second ranking Republican on the Senate Judiciary Committee, was joined by the panel's top Democrat, Sen. Patrick Leahy. "We are troubled" said their letter, "by the FBI's apparent haste to launch an OPR investigation every time an agent speaks publicly about problems within the FBI." The senators demanded a briefing on what is happening.

The FBI's public affairs office was not aware of the letter until I inquired about it. Although Grassley and Leahy only requested a telephone call to set a date for a briefing, the bureau's spokesman told me it could not comment until a letter to the senators was prepared. It was not yet ready Wednesday, seven days after the Grassley-Leahy letter was received.

Minneapolis Agent Coleen Rowley's whistle-blowing about the FBI ignoring warnings of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks made her Time magazine's co-person of the year — and won commendation from Mueller. In contrast, Wright has faced only trouble for raising questions deeper and broader than anything Rowley suggested. Wright's accusations go to the overriding question of whether the FBI can ever be reformed as an effective instrument in the war against terrorism no matter how hard Bob Mueller tries.

Grassley does not blame Mueller for failing to transform the FBI's inbred, secretive culture in nearly two years as its director. Suggesting the persecution of Agent Wright came without Mueller's knowledge, the senator told me, "He can't keep his eyes on everything."

Apart from giving Mueller lee way, Grassley is unflinching about the Wright affair and draws broad conclusions from this incident: "The problem with the FBI," he told me, "is that it can't tolerate dissent." To effectively combat terrorism, he said, "it's going to take a new FBI from the top to the bottom." As for his request for a briefing on the treatment of Wright, he answered with the understatement of the Iowa farmer that he is: "Sometimes it takes a long time to get an answer from them."

In contrast, the FBI hierarchy acts quickly when it hears whistle blowing, as when Agent Wright met with the Chicago special agent in charge in March 2001, and told him "the international terrorism unit of the FBI is a complete joke." Within three weeks, the OPR opened an inquiry into charges that Wright had supplied classified information to an assistant U.S. attorney. "This was a pathetic attempt," Wright declared

in his June 2 press conference, "... before the Sept. 11th attacks, to further silence me from going public about the FBI's negligence and incompetence."

The FBI would soon find out that Bob Wright is not easily silenced. In September 1999, he had hired Chicago lawyer David Schippers, famed as House investigative counsel in the Clinton impeachment. When the FBI retaliated against Wright, Schippers contacted Judicial Watch, the conservative watchdog organization. The FBI has had to face Judicial Watch's redoubtable Larry Klayman ever since.

The 2001 investigation and two subsequent internal probes all cleared Wright, who passed a polygraph test, of charges he leaked classified information. Nevertheless, the FBI hierarchy has been implacable in its attitude toward Wright. It has banned publication of his manuscript which Wright calls "a blueprint of how the events of September the eleven were inevitable." He describes himself as the only FBI agent "banned from working in the investigation" of 9/11.

The fourth internal investigation of Wright was originally based on claims he was insubordinate ("... the FBI allowed known terrorists, their co-conspirators and financiers, to operate and roam freely throughout the United States"), then tacked on charges that he embarrassed the FBI and acted unprofessionally. Last week, OPR agents interrogated Wright. Clearly, Director Mueller has not changed the culture of the FBI that considers whistle blowing the supreme sin for its agents.

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IN BRIEF

All Americas Open slated for July 23
The All Americas Open, which is open to the general public, is scheduled for Wednesday, July 23, at the Comanche Trail Golf Course in Big Spring. The 18-hole tournament will begin at 8 a.m. with a shotgun start. The cost for entering the golf tournament is \$35 per person, including green fees and cart.
The golf tournament will tip-off a busy weekend on the local sports scene. More than 80 athletes from throughout U.S., Canada, Australia and Norway will arrive on July 22 to participate in the All Americas Bowl. Players from both teams will report for their annual showdown on July 22. The two teams will practice throughout the week and play Saturday, July 26.
For more information contact Tommy Wells at 816-6336.

Crossroads cheer sign-ups under way
Registration for the 2003 Crossroads Little Football League cheerleading squads is now under way at the Big Spring Mall.

Registration for cheerleaders will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. throughout the week, and from noon to 4 p.m. on weekends. Registration runs through July 14.
A copy of each child's birth certificate and report card will be needed at the time of registration.
The cost for cheerleading is \$65 per person.
For more information, contact Stacy Campbell at 263-9634.

'Best of the Rest' event set at CTGC
Comanche Trail Golf Course will be hosting the "Best of the Rest" golf tournament Saturday and Sunday, June 28-29.
Championship flight will play low-ball partnership, and the "Best of the Rest" will play Scramble. Teams will be pre-flighted according to verifiable handicaps.
For more information, call the CTGC pro shop at 261-2366.

Fourth of July event slated for Coahoma
The annual Coahoma 4th July Ragball Tournament will be held at the Coahoma Softball Park, beginning at 5 p.m.
The cost per booth is \$100. Deadline to sign up for booth space is June 26.
For more information, call Laura Martin at 466-1950.

Texans will host tournament at MiZe
The Texans softball squad will be holding a softball tournament at Cotton MiZe Softball Field on June 27-29. Entry fee for the contest is \$10 per team.
The top three teams will receive trophies.
For more information, contact Manual Gonzales at 263-8219 or 816-6405.

Gonzalez undecided about trade to Expos

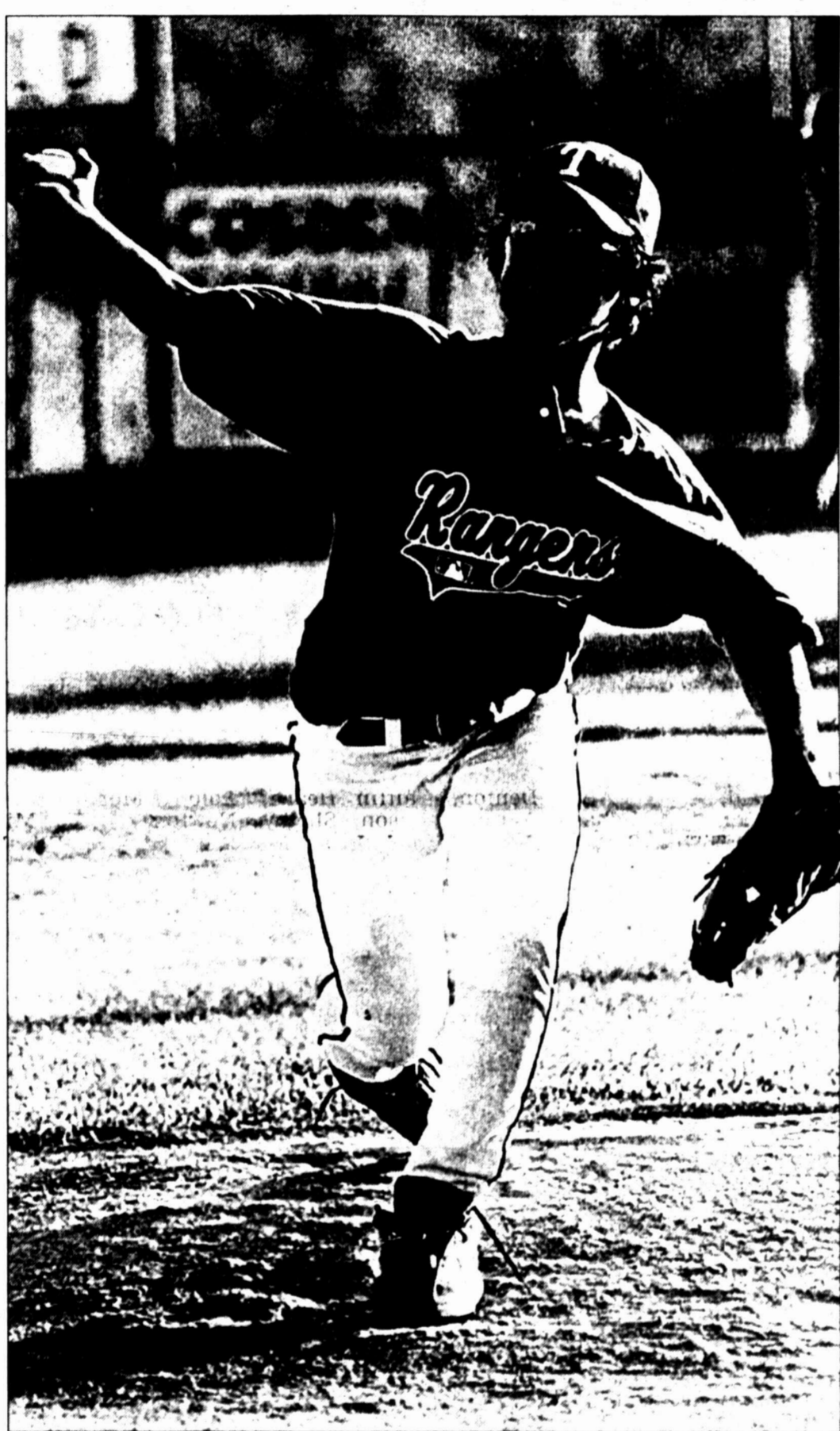
ARLINGTON (AP) — Texas outfielder Juan Gonzalez isn't rushing his decision on whether he will accept or reject a trade to the Montreal Expos.
Gonzalez, the two-time AL MVP who has a no-trade clause in his contract, has until Saturday morning to determine if he will block the deal. He sat out of his second straight game Wednesday, and there was no indication that he was close to making a decision.
"I haven't decided," Gonzalez said. "It's my

decision. I don't know." Gonzalez and his attorney, Jeff Moorad, met Wednesday with Montreal general manager Omar Minaya, who has a long history with the slugger and traveled to Texas in hopes of convincing him to accept the deal.
"I have met with him but I'm not going to talk about the meeting," Minaya said.
Minaya is credited with helping develop Gonzalez for the Rangers in the mid-1980s, when he coached the Gulf Coast Rangers for three years. The Expos reached an

agreement with Texas on Tuesday to acquire Gonzalez, but Moorad said then that Gonzalez "in all likelihood" would block the deal. Gonzalez insisted Wednesday that he hasn't made that determination.
The last-place Rangers were expected to receive prospects, possibly three of them, if Gonzalez goes to Montreal. The Expos are in the thick of the NL wild-card race.
With the distraction of Gonzalez sitting on the bench while pondering his future, Texas has won the last two games.

"It's tough to deal with, but you have to separate it," said Gonzalez's good friend, Rafael Palmeiro. "Once the game starts, you have to be able to focus on that and play the game."
Gonzalez is in the second year of his \$24 million, two-year deal. He is hitting .286 with 18 homers and 50 RBIs.
The Rangers have made it clear that they want to move forward with younger players and that Gonzalez won't be re-signed after this season.
Texas has already traded outfielder Ruben

Sierra to the New York Yankees for a minor leaguer. Other potential movers before the July 31 trading deadline are closer Ugueth Urbina, starters Ismael Valdes and John Thomson and outfielder Carl Everett, all players that eligible for free agency after this season.
Gonzalez was the AL MVP in 1996 and '98 for Texas, but was traded to Detroit in a nine-player deal in November 1999. He played just one season with the Tigers and then spent a year in Cleveland before returning to Texas.



Nathan Doporto delivers a pitch to the plate in the finals of the 2003 Big Spring Little League City Tournament earlier this month. Doporto will lead the Big Spring Major League All-Stars into play tomorrow at North Ector and Jim Parker Fields in Odessa. The team is being coached by Jerry Doporto and Stan Parker.

NBA draft fun will start with No. 4

NEW YORK (AP) — The fun starts at No. 4 in the NBA draft, with all eyes focused on the Toronto Raptors and the Miami Heat to see whether they'll stand pat, trade down or swap picks with each other.
The draft begins at 6:30 p.m. but it might not be all that interesting right away.
The first three picks are all but set in stone: Cleveland taking high school phenom LeBron James at No. 1, Detroit choosing Serbian 7-footer Darko Miličić at No. 2, and Denver selecting Syracuse freshman Carmelo Anthony at No. 3.
Then, who knows?
"I think there are going to be a lot of trades," Marquette junior Dwyane Wade said Wednesday. "From (picks) four to 13, they don't know what they want to do yet."
Last year's draft unfolded slowly, but before the night was over there were 11 trades made — six of them involving first-round picks from the 16th slot to No. 29.
There were seven draft-night trades two years ago, the biggest of which sent Elton Brand from Chicago to the Clippers for Tyson Chandler. A year earlier, there were eight deals.
One of the most lopsided draft night deals in recent history came in 1998 when the Dallas

Mavericks sent the sixth pick, Robert Traylor, to Milwaukee for the rights to the ninth and 19th picks — Dirk Nowitzki and Pat Garrity.
Detroit owns the No. 2 pick because of a horrible deal made six years ago by NBA vice president Stu Jackson when he was general manager of the Grizzlies, sending a future first-rounder to the Pistons for veteran Otis Thorpe, who spent only a half-season in Vancouver.
Toronto general manager Glen Grunwald has been entertaining offers that would help him revamp his roster following a disappointing year.
"I'm happy to stay at four," Grunwald said, "but we have a couple of holes to fill and there might be another way to do it."
Georgia Tech forward Chris Bosh and Texas point guard T.J. Ford are among the Raptors' top choice if they keep the pick, and the Miami Heat will choose fifth.
The Los Angeles Clippers select sixth, followed by the Chicago Bulls, Milwaukee Bucks, New York Knicks and Washington Wizards.
Picks 11-15 belong to Golden State, Seattle, Memphis, Seattle and Orlando.
By the time the second round ends with the 58th pick, James' post-draft party should be in full swing.

Palmeiro's two homers lifts Rangers' to 9-8 win

ARLINGTON (AP) — Rafael Palmeiro matched his home run total of the past 23 games, and the Texas Rangers finally have a winning streak again.
Palmeiro homered twice and the Rangers rallied to beat the Oakland A's 9-8 Wednesday for their second straight victory, the first time they have had consecutive wins since winning seven straight from May 16-23.
"When he gets hot, Raffy's the kind of player that can carry this club," said Michael Young, who had a tiebreaking RBI single in the eighth.
Both of Palmeiro's homers came as the Rangers battled back from a 6-2 deficit. He homered to lead off a three-run sixth and an inning later tied it at 6 with a two out shot.
"Those were two big

blasts after you claw and claw to get back," Rangers manager Buck Showalter said.
Alex Rodriguez also homered for the Rangers, who avoided their 19th loss in June, which would have marked a team record for a month. They still have five more games to play before July.
Miguel Tejada had a pair of RBI singles while reaching base five times for the A's. He was 1 for 4 with a walk, just six days after getting a career high five hits against Texas.
Palmeiro's homers went 368 and 376 feet into the right-field stands.
It was the 31st multi-homer game for Palmeiro, who has 507 career homers but never more than two in a game. He is 18th on the career list, one behind Sammy Sosa. Francisco Cordero (36) picked up the winner.

Ryan, Hough to headline Rangers' HOF inductees

ARLINGTON (AP) — Pitchers Nolan Ryan and Charlie Hough, catcher Jim Sundberg and former manager Johnny Oates were announced Wednesday as the inaugural class of inductees for the new Texas Rangers Hall of Fame.
The group will be inducted during an on-field ceremony Aug. 2 before the Rangers play Cleveland. Bronze plaques honoring the inductees will be permanently displayed at the Ballpark in Arlington.
Ryan, who is in baseball's Hall of Fame, recorded his 5,000th strikeout, 300th win and the last two of his seven no-hitters while with the

Rangers. Prior to joining the Rangers as a free agent, the had-throwing native of Alvin played for the New York Mets, California Angels and Houston Astros.
Hough, a knuckleballer who came to the Rangers from Dodge's, is the team's career leader in wins (139), complete games (98), innings (2,307 2/3) and strikeouts (1,452). Sundberg, whose 1,512 games played are a team record, won six Gold Gloves.
Oates led the Rangers to their only three AL West titles in 1996, 1998 and 1999. He was 506-476 with Texas from 1995-2001.



RYAN

Arizona nets 3-game sweep of Houston

PHOENIX (AP) — Elmer Dessens joined the party that the Arizona Diamondbacks have thrown over the past eight days.
The right hander earned his first victory since May 25 with a strong 6 2/3 innings in the Diamondbacks' 3-2 win over the Houston Astros on Wednesday.
Lyle Overbay hit a two-run, opposite-field home run off the foul pole and David Dellucci doubled in a run as Arizona won its eighth in a row. The Diamondbacks, not long ago buried 10 games out of the NL West lead, climbed within five games of San Francisco.
The Diamondbacks have swept consecutive three game home series from the Astros and Cincinnati and stretched their win streak to eight.

THURSDAY

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"I'll bet you need a cookie-tasting expert. Right, Mrs. Wilson?"

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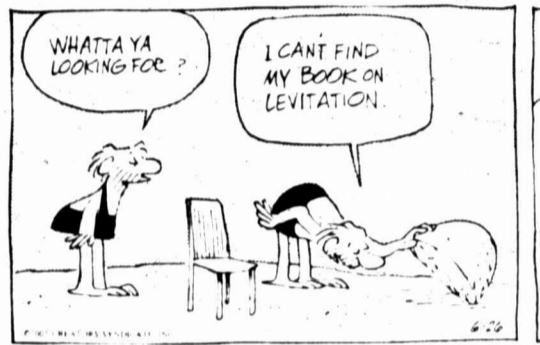


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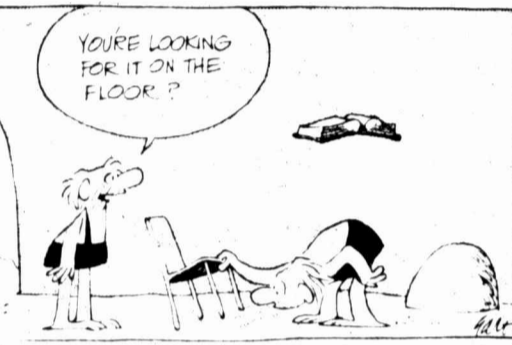
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press
Today is Thursday, June 26, the 177th day of 2003. There are 188 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History:
Forty years ago, on June 26, 1963, President Kennedy visited West Berlin, where he made his famous declaration: "Ich bin ein Berliner" (I am a Berliner).
On this date:
In 1870, the first section of the Atlantic City, N.J., Boardwalk was opened to the public.
In 1900, a commission that included Dr. Walter Reed began the fight against the deadly disease yellow fever.
In 1917, the first troops of the American Expeditionary Force arrived in France during World War I.
In 1925, Charlie Chaplin's

classic comedy, "The Gold Rush," premiered at Grauman's Egyptian Theatre in Hollywood.
In 1945, the charter of the United Nations was signed by 50 countries in San Francisco.
In 1948, the Berlin Airlift began in earnest after the Soviet Union cut off land and water routes to the isolated western sector of Berlin.
In 1959, President Eisenhower joined Britain's Queen Elizabeth II in ceremonies officially opening the St. Lawrence Seaway.
In 1968, U.S. Chief Justice Earl Warren announced his intention to resign.
In 1977, 42 people were killed when a fire sent toxic smoke pouring through the Maury County Jail in Columbia, Tenn.
In 1987, Supreme Court Justice Lewis F. Powell Jr. announced his retirement, leaving a vacancy that was filled by Anthony M. Kennedy.
Ten years ago, President Clinton announced the United States had launched

missiles against Iraqi targets because of "compelling evidence" Iraq had plotted to assassinate former President Bush. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Roy Campanella died in Woodland Hills, Calif., at age 71.
Today's Birthdays:
Actress Eleanor Parker is 81. Jazz musician-film composer Dave Grusin is 69. Actor Josef Sommer is 69. Singer Billy Davis Junior (The Fifth Dimension) is 63. Singer Georgie Fame is 60. Actor Clive Francis is 57. Actor Robert Davi is 49. Singer-musician Mick Jones is 48. Actor Gedde Watanabe is 48.

Answer to previous puzzle

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 - 11 Pastel color
 - 12 Touse
 - 13 Cheat at hide-and-seek
 - 21 Devise, as a plan
 - 22 Auction signal
 - 26 First name in shoes
 - 28 506, in old Rome
 - 29 Mall tier
 - 31 Spheres
 - 32 Twistable cookie
 - 33 Undecided
 - 34 "Surely you ___!"
 - 35 Wheel connector
 - 36 Inert gas
 - 38 Garden flower
 - 40 Composition closer
 - 41 Night of anticipation
 - 42 Chamomile carriers
 - 47 Stillwater sch.
 - 48 Take away
 - 49 Water balloon sounds
 - 51 Public square
 - 53 Yankies manager
 - 54 Available
 - 55 Libya neighbor
 - 56 Thomas Waller's nickname
 - 57 Lotion additive
 - 58 Double Dutch need
 - 60 Gothic novelist Stoker
 - 61 Raw silk's hue
 - 63 Loft filler

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