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July 14, 2003

## WEATHER

**Tonight:**



**SUNNY**

**TONIGHT 71°-75° TOMORROW 96°-99°**

## BRIEFLY

### BIG SPRING MAN JAILED

#### IN HIT-AND-RUN DEATH

A Big Spring man is being held in the Midland County Jail after a Fort Worth man was killed in an alleged hit-and-run accident Friday night.

Jesus Javier Mier Jr., 22, of Fort Worth was reportedly killed when the 1997 Chevrolet in which he was a passenger was reportedly struck at about 9:15 p.m. Friday by a 1989 Nissan pickup truck driven by Toby Don Narlock, 21, of Big Spring.

The Chevrolet, driven by Michael Paul Woellert, 25, also of Big Spring, was reportedly southbound on County Road 1140 about two miles east of Midland before turning east on Loop 250. The Nissan, also eastbound on Loop 250, reportedly struck the Cavalier in the rear.

Woellert was also injured in the accident, as was Andrea Cruz, 22, a passenger; and an unidentified 11-year-old juvenile.

Narlock was arrested on four counts of failure to stop and render aid, one enhanced because of injuries. He is in the Midland County Jail in lieu of \$150,550 bail on the first count and \$50,550 bail on each of the other three.

### Immunizations

The Texas Department of Health is offering special immunization hours from 8 a.m.-11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.-4 p.m., Monday through Thursday from now until July 29.

Parents need to bring their child's shot record or a letter from their school or daycare. The TDH is located in the College Park Shopping Center.

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## New number gets quick help on human services issues

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer

For years, 9-1-1 was the star of the show when it came to easy-to-remember numbers. Then 4-1-1 came waltzing into the scene for anyone needing directory assistance.

Now it's time to put 2-1-1 on center stage.

This newest information assistance phone line connects the caller to a state-wide health and



human services information and referral system.

"We receive a lot of phone calls from people who may be in a temporary crisis situation, like if they may need help in paying a

utility bill," explained Sandra Ray, assistant director of Casa de Amigos, the organization that oversees the Permian Basin 2-1-1 call center. "We also take phone calls about counseling, child care or any types of those needs in the community."

The 2-1-1 operators assist callers by finding community based organizations or state agencies to fit the callers' needs.

The organization's data base contains a wide variety of

addresses and phone numbers — services such as child care facilities, support groups, faith-based organizations and agencies and organizations that assist with financial emergencies, provide food, assist with adoption, foster care and more.

"If we don't have it in our data base already, we'll do the research to find out," Ray said. "The programs we have in the

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Having Xtreme fun, Rachel Ortega drops down an inflatable slide while holding her 1-year-old son, Isaiah, left, and her 1-year-old niece, Gia Ortega. Xtreme Fest officials estimated around 400 to 500 people had attended the event at Miracle Revival Center by 7 p.m. Saturday night. The eight-hour fund-raiser was held to raise money toward youth

## Cactus and Crude tour ready for 150-mile trek to benefit MS Society

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer

Almost 130 cyclists will be resting in Big Spring Saturday before heading out on the second leg of their journey to find a cure for Multiple Sclerosis.

"I would love to see the community come out," said Tracy Pounds, MS Society member. "These riders will come a long way. Some do it for the enjoyment of it but a lot do it because they have a spouse or family member who has the disease."

The 15th annual Cactus and Crude 2003 MS Bike Tour takes off at 7 a.m. Saturday in Midland on a two-day, 150-mile journey that will take cyclists through a back roads tour of Midland, Glasscock and Howard counties before finally wrapping up in Post.

Leaving from Midland, the riders will head down Highway 158 toward Garden City then follow

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Tracy Pounds, MS Society member

FM 33 to Big Spring, come down Rockhouse Road to Wasson and finish up the day at the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf.

Riders are expected to begin entering into Big Spring about 10:30 a.m. and Pounds encourages the community to come to the SWCID campus to cheer them on.

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## Cossacks set up benefit to help family in need

By **ROGER CLINE**

Staff Writer

A local family recently lost a loved one and the Cossacks Motorcycle Club is asking for community support help with medical expenses.

Patsy "Pat" Wyrick died of pancreatic cancer March 29.

"She was a very good Christian lady," said her widower, Drue Wyrick. "She was one of the best. She had the greatest spirit for her Lord that anybody could have. She

never did cry when she knew she was going to die. She said she knew where she was going and life must go on. She had her faith and she wasn't worried."

Drue and Pat were married 44 years.

"June 28 we'd have been married 45 years," he added. "We've got a boy and a girl. They both live out there pretty close to me on Gail Highway."

The Wyrick family appreciates the Cossacks' help, Drue added.

"I want to thank them

**What:** Benefit to assist the Drue Wyrick family with medical expenses.

**Where:** Cossacks Motorcycle Club clubhouse, 1610 N. Birdwell.

**When:** Noon Saturday..

from the bottom of my heart," he said. "I know there's good people in every town, but Big Spring has got them all the way. It's the best town

I've ever known."

"We're just trying to help them out with anything they need," said Cossacks spokesman Greg Bodin. "I'm sure they have a bunch of medical bills and stuff from the cancer. Basically we're going to have an auction and a poker run and some live music. All that good motorcycle stuff."

The benefit will be held July 26 at the Cossacks Clubhouse, 1610 N. Birdwell. The action starts at noon and will continue late into the

night. Point Blank is one of the bands that's going to play and we're still not sure of the other one."

The Cossacks will hold drawings for a chuck wagon style barbecue pit as well as one of their usual 50-50 drawings.

Space will be available to set up campsites. Admission to the party is \$7 each or \$10 per couple.

Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at [newsdesk@crcom.net](mailto:newsdesk@crcom.net)

## FLYING HIGH

### Electric-powered planes zip around 'The Dorothy'

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer

Electric-powered model aircraft of all shapes and sizes zoomed around the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Sunday as part of the Big Spring Model Aircraft Association Fun Fly.

Enthusiasts of the hobby came from as far away as Missouri to fly planes that looked a little like colorful butterflies or large, flat, square flying things with a rudder attached to the back.

Still other planes resembled famous World War II fighters and experimental

aircraft.

"It's like everything else, boys with their toys," avid model aircraft hobbyist Gary Jones of Joplin, Mo., said jokingly.

Usually made of light wood or foam, these ultra-light planes are smaller, fly slower and are less

noisy than the larger, gas-powered aircraft.

"I can carry everything

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This micro plane can fly up to 20 minutes at a time by using an electric battery, and its slow flight allows it to be flown in small, confined spaces. Owner Gary Jones drove from Joplin, Mo., to fly the plane in the Big Spring Model Aircraft Association electric model Fun Fly on Sunday.

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## Obituaries

### Una Morris

Una Morris, 80, of Big Spring died Sunday, July 13, 2003, in a local nursing home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

### James Wrightsil

James Wrightsil, 83, died Sunday morning at Scenic Mountain Medical Center following a long illness. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

### Jesus Javiar "Jesse" Mier Jr.

Jesus Javiar "Jesse" Mier Jr., 22, died Saturday morning at Midland Memorial Hospital following an automobile accident Friday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Take note

□ **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, you are needed.

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.

□ **SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH**, 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy.

Distribution is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

□ **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.

□ **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.

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 [chalfrhrt@aol.com](mailto:chalfrhrt@aol.com).

## Support groups

### MONDAY

□ 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 laryngectomies 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.

□ Compassionate Friends support group for families who have experienced the death of a child, 7:30 p.m., first Tuesday February, April, June, August and October, in the Family Life Center, First Baptist Church, 705 W. Marcy Drive, east entrance, south end. Our December program is held the same time and address, but in the chapel, north entrance, east end. Call 267-2769.

### 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 415 Settles. Open 12 and 12 Study meeting, 8 p.m.

## Police blotter

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

• **LUIS FERNANDO UBEDA JR.**, 19, of Lamesa was arrested Saturday on a charge of minor in consumption of alcohol.

• **ERICA ELAINE ORTEGA**, 20, of 2609 Wasson Road was arrested Sunday on city traffic warrants.

• **JOHNNY RAY DUPRE**, 34, of 4202 Old Colorado City Highway was arrested Sunday on city traffic warrants.

• **SHANE THOMAS ESTES**, 20, of 5909 Interstate 20 South Service Road was arrested Sunday on city traffic warrants.

• **RICKY DELL HAIR**, 29, of 1500 E. 11th Place was arrested this morning on a charge of public intoxication.

• **MICHAEL STEVEN MARQUEZ**, 21, of 1501 Runnels was arrested Saturday on a charge of possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

• **INJURY TO A CHILD — BODILY INJURY and INTERFERING WITH AN EMERGENCY TELEPHONE CALL** was reported in the 1200 block of Sycamore Street.

• **ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY** was reported in the 1000 block of South Main Street.

• **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 1000 block of North Main Street, the 1200 block of East 19th Street and the 3300 block of West Highway 80.

• **ASSAULT CLASS C and RESISTING ARREST, SEARCH OR TRANSPORT** was reported in the 900 block of Northwest Second Street.

• **ASSAULT CLASS C** was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore Street.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 900 block of Northwest Second Street, the 1200 block of East Third Street, the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard and the 1400 block of West Second Street.

• **LOUD PARTY/NOISE** was reported in the 1000 block of North Main Street.

• **SHOTS FIRED** were reported in the 800 block of West Eighth Street, the 1200 block of South Scurry Street and the 600 block of McEwen Street.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 100 block of East 17th Street. Someone reportedly inflicted \$310 damage on the structure.

• **THEFT** was reported:  
- In the 400 block of South Johnson Street. \$70 cash was reported stolen.

- In the 4200 block of Muir. A bicycle worth \$90 was reported stolen.

- In the 1200 block of Dixie Avenue. Items worth \$25 were reported stolen and recovered.

- In the 1700 block of East Third Street. Less than \$50 worth of items were reported stolen.

- In the 800 block of West Fourth Street. \$600 cash was reported stolen.

• **THEFT OF SERVICE** was reported in the 1700 block of East Third Street. Stolen from the restaurant were consumable goods worth \$33.54.

• **CRIMINAL TRESPASSING — HABITATION OR SHELTER CENTER** was reported in the 200 block of Northeast Sixth Street.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported:  
- In the 500 block of Westover Road. A DVD player worth \$220, a Playstation 2 worth \$250, Playstation 2 games worth \$200, DVD movies worth \$200, a CD case worth \$20 and CDs worth \$160.

- In the 800 block of West 16th Street. \$25 damage was reported in connection with the incident. Reported stolen was \$90 cash, home electronic entertainment equipment worth \$50, jewelry worth \$1,820 and other items worth \$37.95.

- In the 400 block of Northwest Ninth Street. Jewelry worth \$1,950 and \$20 cash were reported stolen.

- In the 1700 block of South Runnels Street. \$50 damage was reportedly inflicted on the structure. Merchandise worth \$300 and audiovisual recordings worth \$400 were reported stolen.

• **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 2100 block of Cecilia Street. A white Ford Ranger reportedly sustained \$45 damage. Reported stolen was home electronic entertainment equipment worth \$25 and audiovisual recordings worth \$15.

• **POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA** was reported in the 600 block of North Main Street. Drugs were seized as evidence in connection with the offense.

• **POSSESSION OR CONSUMPTION OF TOBACCO BY A MINOR** was reported in the 1600 block of East 17th Street.

• **CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL BY A MINOR — THIRD OR MORE** was reported in the 300 block of West 19th Street. A blue 2002 Ford was reportedly involved in the incident.

• **EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION BY VEHICLE** was reported in the 2600 block of Wasson Road.

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

• **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported near mile marker 172 westbound on Interstate 20.

## Sheriff's report

• **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported near mile marker 155 eastbound on Interstate 20.

• **CAR FIRE** was reported in the 1600 block of North Birdwell Lane.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 4400 block of Elder.

• **PROWLER** was reported in the 500 block of South Main.

## Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald Features Desk at 263-7331, ext. 238 or email [jmooseley@crcom.net](mailto:jmooseley@crcom.net).

### TODAY

Sr. Circle Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics, 4 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, 1601 W. 11th Place. People 50 years old and older are invited to participate, call 268-4721.

Evenings Lion's Club, 6:30 p.m., La Posada, 206 Northwest Fourth. St.

Encourager's Support Group (All widows and widowers are invited) Monday, July 21, 6 p.m., covered dish dinner, First Presbyterian Church, 7th and Runnels (enter through north door). Bring covered dish. Call 398-5522 for more information.

Coahoma Lions Club, 6 p.m., Coahoma Community Center on North Avenue.

Concerned Citizens, 7 p.m., 610 Main Street.

Archeology Society for Howard and Borden counties, 7 p.m. Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

Big Spring Commandery No. 31, 6:30 p.m., for dinner, meeting to follow, Masonic Temple, 221 Main Street.

Big Spring Assembly No. 211, Social Order of Beauceant, 6:30 p.m., dinner, meeting to follow, 221 Main Street.

### TUESDAY

Intermediate Line Dance class, 9 a.m., Spring City Senior Center, 1901 Simler, 267-1628.

Big Spring Rotary, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Big Spring Art Association, 7 p.m., Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

Big Spring Chapter 67, Order of the Eastern Star, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 219 Main.

### WEDNESDAY

Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Senior Circle Stretch & Tone, 10 a.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, 1601 W. 11th Place.

Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

## Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 3-23-32-33-37. Bonus Ball: 8. Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: none.

Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: \$28 million.

### Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 5-14-26-34-35. Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize per winner: \$44,840. Winning tickets sold in: Eagle Pass.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night: 9-5-7

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday afternoon: 4-3-6

## Weather

Today...Mostly sunny. Highs near 100. South winds 5 to 15 mph.

Tonight...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 70s. South winds 5 to 15 mph.

Tuesday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 90s. Southeast winds 5 to 10 mph.

Tuesday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 70s.

Wednesday...Mostly clear. Highs in the mid 90s.

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

Friday...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s. Highs in the upper 90s.

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

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

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"All our calls are routed through the Internet," she said. "Callers know the difference in the same quality but with this technology we can transfer calls to other 2-1-1 centers."

Employing communications technology is advantageous to the team, Ray said.

For example, if a resident wants information to help a family member in Permian Basin, the son can call his area 2-1-1 call center.

"They will automatically be transferred



Stepping to his own on a drum while morning. Colorful crowd-lined Stantons identifies back home

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On Sunday, the tors will head out toward Post.

According to J. MS Society development specialist in Midland, the event is expected to raise \$125,000. In order to participate, cyclists must raise \$200 to enter the Cox added.

"You would not how wonderful about these riders," she said. "We have from Midland \$10,000 in pledge."

Money from the used for research support local services.

"Currently, more 900 people in Midland are living with the tating effects of ease," Cox said.

event brings community awareness about helps to continue services that help

uals with the disease. MS is a chronic disabling disease central nervous system with symptoms range from severe. Pounds, years old, was



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The 24-hour, seven-day a week center is sustained through a public-private partnership with the Texas Health and Human Services Commission and area organizations. Statewide, 14 call centers are active with 11 more expected to be up and running by late fall.

"All our calls are routed through the Internet," she said. "Callers don't know the difference. It's the same quality sound but with this technology, we can transfer calls to other 2-1-1 centers."

Employing communications technology is very advantageous to the system, Ray said.

For example, if a Dallas resident wants to find information to help a family member in the Permian Basin, that person can call his or her area 2-1-1 call center.

"They will automatically be transferred to the

Midland center," Ray said. "There is no charge, no long distance fees to transfer to the call center and it's a tremendous advantage."

Ray said the Permian Basin 2-1-1 center works with the different community planners to find the various service agencies available in its 17-county service area. Also, members of the organization visit the community to update and verify accuracy of the data base information.

If the center receives repeated calls for services not yet available in the community, the information is shared with community planners, she said.

The center can accept phone calls from pay phones but is not equipped to handle cell phone calls. Cell phone users can call (432) 570-1039. The same human services information and referral information can be found on the Web at [www.helpintexas.com](http://www.helpintexas.com)

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody  
Carman Bustamante shows her 2-year-old niece, Stephanie Bustamante, and her grandmother, Aveda Almazan, the sights of St. Thomas Catholic Church's Mid-Summer Festival Saturday night. The two-day church fund-raiser featured live music, game booths and lots of delicious food.

Home school workshop set for Tuesday

HERALD Staff Report

Big Spring Christian Home Educators will host the third annual workshop, "Is Home Schooling for You?" on Tuesday.

The workshop will begin at 7 p.m. at the St. Paul Lutheran Church Parish Hall.

Anyone — parents or grandparents — who is interested in learning about home schooling is urged to attend. There is no cost.

The local home school group will also have used curriculum and books for sale. A panel of parents and students will field questions about getting started, state requirements and other related home education issues.

For information before the workshop, call 263-7147.

Forsan grads reminded of event Aug. 1-2

HERALD Staff Report

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.

Tentative activities include individual class get together 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.

Any who graduated from Forsan during the period or knows someone who did, is encouraged to call Carole Madry at 268-9191.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267- James Wrightsil, 83, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Jesus Javier "Jesse" Mier, Jr., 22, died Saturday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody  
Stepping to his own beat, Paul McCalistan, Stanton High School Class of 1973, bangs on a drum while riding on the class float in the Old Settler's Reunion parade Saturday morning. Colorfully decorated reunion floats, bicycles, cars and more promenade the crowd-lined Stanton streets. The annual event draws scores of former Martin County residents back home to attend activities throughout the day.

PLANES

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I need in my tool box anywhere I need to go," said BSMAA member Ryan Beall. "I need a truck for my model (gas) aircraft."

Because of their small size and slower speed, electric aircraft are more ideal for flying in small spaces than gas models, which are much more noisy and need a long runway.

According to Beall, his miniature helicopter can fly as high as he wants it to and does not need a runway to take off.

"I can fly it in my bedroom," he said.

Although the initial startup cost for an electric plane is comparable to a gas model, replacement parts are much less expensive.

"The initial cost is about the same because of the radio controllers and things," Jones said. "The plane itself is nothing."

Jones travels around the country attending indoor events like the one held by BSMAA and said he sees the hobby starting to take off.

Advancement in technology has helped make the hobby less expensive and more available to the general public, Jones added.

At the event, Jones flew one of his micro-flyers, which weighs less than an ounce and resembles a two-piece children's wooden glider. What makes this plane different are the micro-electric gismos which allow the propeller to operate by remote control.

A battery about 7/8 of an inch wide, an inch long and 3/16 inch thick can

power the aircraft for about 20 minutes.

"It's something magical to see them up in the air," Jones said.

Even more thrilling than watching the flight is conceiving and creating the aircraft.

"It a challenge," said Jones' friend, Bob Sellers, also of Joplin, Mo. "You're always wanting to build something better, something different, something that has better performance."

In fact, about 90 percent of the planes the two men fly are self-created.

"The biggest challenge for me is, what if I do this and build it this way," Jones said.

BSMAA President Don McKinney said the club hopes to sponsor another electric model fun fly in the coliseum next year.

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On Sunday, the competitors will head out of town toward Post.

According to Joni Cox, MS Society development specialist in Midland, the event is expected to raise \$125,000. In order to participate, cyclists first must raise \$200 in donations to enter the race, Cox added.

"You would not believe how wonderful and generous these riders are," Cox said. "We have one guy from Midland who raised \$10,000 in pledges."

Money from the event is used for research and to support local services.

"Currently, more than 900 people in West Texas are living with the devastating effects of the disease," Cox said. "This event brings community awareness about MS and helps to continue funding services that help individuals with the disease."

MS is a chronic, often disabling disease of the central nervous system with symptoms that range from mild to severe. Pounds, who is 37 years old, was diagnosed

with MS in December. Doctors believe she may have had the disease for seven years.

"It's a disease that strikes you in your prime of life," Pounds said.

Cox hopes the race will raise awareness of the disease and the organization locally.

"We would really love for Big Spring to become involved with organization," she said. "We want to help educate and pro-

vide awareness so if someone is diagnosed with MS, they know they have a place to turn to."

For more information about the disease, call Cox at 1-800-FIGHT-MS and chose option 2 or visit the national Web site at [www.nationalmssociety.org](http://www.nationalmssociety.org)

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## OUR VIEWS

## Please help make supplies drive a success

With the start of the new school year a little more than a month away, we need to remember that one of the most important resources we can give our children is an education.

And with that in mind, it's time to be thinking about making sure our children have all they'll need to attend classes when school bells begin ringing in August.

Soon, many of us will be debating what our younger children should wear to school, how many shirts, pants, dresses and pairs of shoes to buy.

Sadly, there will be too many families in Big Spring who have to stop far short of those decisions. They simply cannot afford what many of us take for granted — necessities such as paper, pencils, notebooks, crayons, scissors, rulers and the like.

That's where the Salvation Army steps in. Last year, this wonderful non-profit organization handed out school supplies to 325 Big Spring children from kindergarten through the eighth grade. Without those items, a lot of children would have been at an immediate disadvantage.

Imagine, not being able to afford notebook paper or an eraser — simple things, yet ones that are necessary in our society to help form the building blocks of a good education. Imagine too, the embarrassment of a little boy or girl who doesn't even have the basic supplies.

These children deserve the opportunity to have a good education. And it is in our best interest to see that they do. A helping hand at this early stage goes a long way in making them productive citizens later in life.

The Salvation Army will be taking applications for school supplies on July 22. If you know of a family in need of help, encourage them to take advantage of this opportunity. Applicants will need to bring some information such as Social Security cards, proof of residency, income and expenses.

Finally, donations to the Salvation Army school supplies program are an investment. They are an investment in education, and investment toward that child's future and an investment in the future of our community.

To make application for the program or to make a contribution, the Salvation Army is located at 811 W. Fifth.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, help us to be patient and kind to others.  
Amen

# It's really a question of authority

It is all well and good for the prime minister of the United Kingdom to spend precious hours preparing to do battle at Question Time in the House of Commons, as he is the head of government of a little country.

The president of the United States, however, is the leader of the free world and does not have the time to spare.

That's how the argument goes, anyway. I should know — I've used it. But in an age when voters are cynical and apathetic, engaging political debate could provide a tonic. Face-to-face exchanges, in lieu of 30-second TV spots, would force politicians to flesh out policy differences instead of pitching a simple slogan. Why not a U.S. version of Question Time?

The Prime Minister's Question Time evolved, in part, because British government is not dependent on a separation of powers. (Unlike the United States, where the executive and legislative branches are separate, members of Parliament serve in the prime minister's Cabinet, hence his obligation to address their questions.) Still, there is nothing to stop a U.S. president from addressing a rival branch of government.

Except, maybe, training. One big obstacle here, noted Steven F.

Hayward, author of "Churchill on Leadership," is that in America, "We don't generate politicians who are as skilled at give and take as the British are." This is especially true of President Bush, who has succeeded wildly because he's a skillful behind-the-scenes player, not because he's a great debater.

The United Kingdom's Question Time does put the prime minister in the glare of the public spotlight. But then, the P.M. is always in the spotlight. At least during Question Time, he gets to share the heat with his opposition. When the opposition is solid, the executive benefits. (British Prime Minister Tony Blair, for example, has been foiled in his desire to convert the British pound to the euro — a contentious issue that most Britons oppose.) When the opposition isn't solid, the P.M. is the winner. (Conservative leader Iain Duncan Smith hasn't made big gains in popularity with his cheap shots at Blair on the war in Iraq.)

Blair is suffering a crisis of confidence among British voters, many of whom opposed the war. Blair, however, has effectively used Question Time to demonstrate his abilities as a leader by clearly not ducking responsibility for that unpopular decision. In comparison, Blair's critics look like weasels.

Sort of like Democrats who voted for the Bush policy on Iraq, only to snipe at Bush as U.S. forces faced inevitable problems.

A U.S. president wouldn't have to adhere to the British model,

where the prime minister confronts members of Parliament most Wednesdays when the House of Commons is in session. Neither Bush — nor any other American president — would have the time to prep for a 30-minute Q&A on a near-weekly basis. But a U.S. president could go before Congress from time to time to answer questions when he or she is trying to push through dicey legislation. Bush, for example, could have discussed the prescription drug plan or taken on the mealy-mouthed Democrats about what should happen in Iraq.

Americans, some say, may not react well to the rowdiness of a Question Time. "There's no decorum" in the U.K.'s Question Time, noted Bob Stern, president of the Center for Governmental Studies. It would be "offensive" to see members of Congress jeer at an American president as members of Parliament jeer at Blair.

Well, Stern has a point. It's more accepted in this country for opponents to trash a president behind his back. Confronting a president on substantive disagreement, then giving the president the opportunity to respond, well, in America, that's just not cricket.

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## Dean redefining likeability

Just outside this city, in a place they call America, most people go about their daily lives without giving politics second thought.

Take Ashland, Ore., which I visited recently on vacation. Ashland, a town of about 20,000 located approximately 15 miles north of the California border, is home to a famous Shakespeare festival, lots of B&Bs, a hundred-acre park and people who spend entire afternoons without ever saying things like "electability" or "momentum" or "political viability."

Which is why I was surprised one morning to come down to the lobby of the inn I was staying at to find two women wearing large "Howard Dean for President" buttons.

This was a shocker for two reasons: First, campaigns don't really do political buttons anymore. They are too expensive and have been replaced by peel-off stickers. (Which is a shame. What kid is going to start a peel-off sticker collection?)

Second, how many people are walking around wearing political buttons in the summer of 2003? Most people don't even realize there is a presidential campaign going on.

Unless, of course, they support Howard Dean. People who support Howard Dean are excited by Howard Dean.

Only a few months ago, some political experts were saying that the end of the war in Iraq would also spell the end of Dean, as it would rob him of his chief issue.

Instead, Dean is the Democrat making Democrats proud to be Democratic again.

His scathing, unrelenting attacks on George Bush (as well as on his fellow Democratic candidates) have convinced a number in the party that Dean is unafraid to be himself, that he is uncompromising and authentic.

He, like John McCain before him, is the politician for people who hate politics.

Though McCain rarely pandered to the crowd — he would sometimes challenge questioners in the audience — he had an uncanny knack for winning people over on a personal level. For all McCain's rumored hair-trigger temper (rumors fueled in some part by the George Bush campaign), McCain was a very likable candidate.

Likability is not Dean's strong suit, however — especially the warm and fuzzy variety. Dean is a doctor, and it sometimes shows: He can be arrogant, dismissive and abrupt.

Stuart Rothenberg, a nonpartisan analyst, wrote of Dean a few months ago that "it's only a slight exaggeration to say that he has the personal warmth of an empty fire place on a frigid night in Novosibirsk."

"The single most important attribute a candidate brings to a campaign is not his record but his personal qualities," Rothenberg told me. "Issue voters are mostly ideological voters, but the voters in the center think first not about a candidate's stand on trade or abortion, but is he a windbag? Is he arrogant? How is his bearing? How does he carry himself?"

Andrew Stern, the president of the Service Employees International Union, the largest union in the nation, said: "To become president in this era, you

have to go to a bar or a bowling alley or a diner and have people feel you belong there. The question is, can you hang out with them?"

And one could argue that from the election of Ronald Reagan to the present, the more likable candidate has won the presidency each time.

The Democrats have a number of candidates who are strong on likeability — Dick Gephardt, Joe Lieberman, Bob Graham and John Edwards — and one who is working hard to become more likeable — John Kerry, who jokes about having his "aloof gland" removed. But Dean is not the first guy who comes to mind when you imagine hanging out with somebody in a bar or bowling alley.

Which may be one reason why George Bush's chief political strategist, Karl Rove, was overheard recently telling a companion that Dean is "the one we want." (Dean's liberal record would be another reason.)

Bush does very well on likeability, so well that in the last campaign his aides spent almost all their time getting him over the "competency" hurdle in the public mind, a battle they now believe is won.

I believe in the power of likeability, but Dean may also be redefining what likeability is: After all, how many other candidates have followers making their own political buttons?

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# Senate Bean Soup: A bipartisan favorite

By JENNIFER FREY  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Today we're here to honor bean soup.

To mark this momentous occasion — the 100th anniversary of Senate Bean Soup, that Capitol culinary stalwart, always on the menu, senatorial in its dignified sameness — we have invited lawmaker Carl Levin of the esteemed navy-bean-producing state of Michigan to accompany us to the Senate Dining Room for a bowl of the stuff.

Except it's hot outside. Sticky hot. Bean soup is the sort of thing you might crave on a cold January Monday. Simple, hearty stuff for a day that calls for a dose of thick, filling warmth. This is gazpacho weather. Cool cucumber soup weather.

But this is the Senate, proud producer of so much hot air. Bean soup it must be.

Levin is positively chipper about this outing, despite that he normally visits the Senate Dining Room maybe twice a year. He's not exactly a lunching-out kind of guy. Give him a sandwich at his desk.

A soup guy, though? That he is.

"I love soup!" he says merrily, walking through the underground maze that connects the various Capitol office buildings with the Capitol itself. "My wife says I could eat soup every day! All kinds of soup! Any kind of soup!"

And this soup, well, it's his patriotic duty! It is made, exclusively, from Michigan navy beans. That's the way the original recipe was written, and it has never been changed. He did not know this before, but he most assuredly does now, having been briefed for this lunch by a staffer with a four-page memo, complete with eight pages of attachments, about ... Senate Bean Soup, House Bean Soup and the history of beans.

Not that all the senators eat it. Levin admits, without hesitation, that he's never had the official Senate version before. In the dining room with his guests, Ted Kennedy, D-Mass., seems quite put

out when asked if he has ordered bean soup — on a day when New England clam chowder happened to be on the menu.

"I'm from Boston!" Kennedy blurts. "I'm a

## Senate Bean Soup

Wash two pounds of small Michigan navy beans and run through hot water until the beans are white again. Put the beans on the fire with four quarts of hot water. Then add 1 1/2 pounds of smoked ham hocks; boil slowly, approximately three hours in a covered pot. Fry one chopped onion in butter, and when it is light brown, put it in the bean soup. Season with salt and pepper, then serve. Do not add the salt until ready to serve. (Serves eight.)

clam chowder guy. The bean soup lost out 3-0 at my table today."

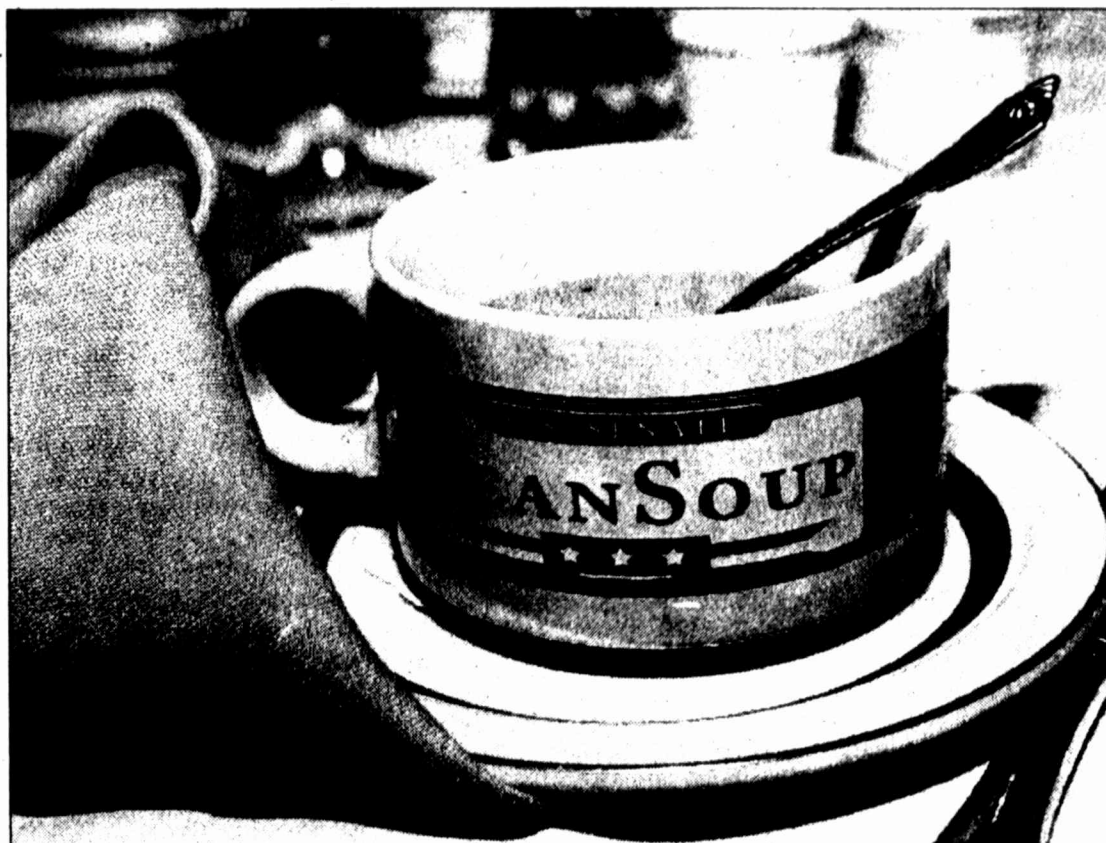
There was Spark Matsunaga, D-Hawaii, who was legendary for reserving the big center table in the dining room just about every day of his 14-year Senate career and for ordering the bean soup for himself and his guests every time. But he passed away in 1990.

Longtime server Leila Dais (she has been around for 40 years, albeit with a sabbatical in the 1990s) furrows her brow when asked which senators

## Origins of the famous soup

WASHINGTON — The history of Senate Bean Soup is muddled, though important enough to produce an entire file in the Senate archives. Two senators are alternately credited with the mandatory inclusion of the soup on the Senate dining menu, where it has remained, steadfast, since 1903, the only permanent menu fixture. First, there is Fred Dubois of Idaho, a bean soup devotee who is said to have pushed through a resolution to that effect while chairman of the committee in charge of the Senate restaurant — but no one has ever located any evidence of that resolution. Then there is Knute Nelson of Minnesota, a bean soup lover from his Civil War days who is said to have insisted on seeing his favorite on the daily menu.

(There is also the tale of House Speaker Joe Cannon, who reportedly forced bean soup onto the permanent House Dining Room menu in 1904 after discovering there was none to be had. "Thunderation!" he hollered. "I had my mouth set for bean soup. From now on, hot or cold, rain, snow, or shine, I want it on the menu every day." But that is House soup, and we are talking Senate soup here, so let us not digress.)



It's the 100th anniversary of Senate Bean Soup, that Capitol culinary stalwart. Navy beans and, appropriately, pork are the big vote-getter.

take the soup these days. "Not many of them," she says. "Not the ones who order from me."

Thankfully, though, here is Elizabeth Dole, R-N.C., happy to promote the soup her husband Bob Dole once chose to memorialize on the Senate floor.

"I love it!" she declares. "I had it yesterday!"

Dole has her own soup story: Shortly after she returned to Washington to join the Senate, she invited her staff out to her house for a party. For refreshments she served Senate Bean Soup in the

traditional Senate Bean Soup mug (red, white and blue, with the recipe printed on the side), which became a party favor to take home.

"They loved it!" she says.

Yes, they love it — the visitors anyway. Don Perez, the dining room's executive chef, has been cooking it for the past 12 years. He moves about 30 to 35 gallons a day — and fields endless requests on how he makes it from tourists who are being treated to lunch by their senators.

"I sell a lot of it," says Perez, who makes the soup for the formal Senate Dining Room (where you must be a guest of a senator to dine) and the private Senate dining room (where you must be a senator, period, to dine) and the public Senate cafeteria (where any old tourist can eat).

It's hard to be certain, looking at Perez's inscrutable face, if his patrons' hunger for this particular soup is a good thing or not. After all, a 1970s Senate chef, Jay Treadwell, once declared in the pages of this newspaper that bean soup was his "nemesis of all time," a blight on a menu that included, among other things, his "Veal Emince w/Cucumbers."

Only Perez or one other chef — Roberto

Canizares, who preceded him and taught him the recipe — makes the soup every day. ("We're the only ones who can make it consistent," Perez says.) The recipe calls for Michigan navy beans, water, ham hocks, onion, butter, salt and pepper. Perez admits to adding a little garlic into the mix, but no one has called him on it yet. He knows that you do not mess with the senators' soup. A little carrot for color? Forget it.

Celery? Never! And don't dare drizzle a bit of creme fraiche over the top! Jazz up the presentation? Not a chance.

"The senators," he says, solemnly, "like their soup straightforward."

As so we await the verdict as Levin digs into his first official bowl: "It tastes the way (bean soup) always tastes," he pronounces. "It has a rich flavor that makes you feel good about the world. Robust. Down home. Consistent."

Levin didn't grow up in a bean soup house. Brisket and beans, that's how his navies came to the table. That was one of his mother's specialties. That said, he has had his share of bean soup in his lifetime. He is from Michigan.

Alas, research now shows that North Dakota has surpassed Michigan as the biggest bean-producing state in the nation. This is, perhaps, a blow to the heart of Levin's constituency, but it means nothing when it comes to the soup. Michigan beans it always will be.

"The flavor is really consistent," Levin says. He is tipping his soup mug now, scraping out the last savory bits. Lunch is here, ready to be served.

He is having the meat-loaf.

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## State senators grappling with congressional redistricting

By NATALIE GOTT

Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN — Drawing congressional districts that all 31 state senators can live with won't be easy.

A House plan that would boost the GOP's strength in the Texas congressional delegation met sharp criticism from lawmakers in the upper chamber last week, and some of the harshest words came from Republicans.

"I'm a 'no' on the House map. I saw that map, and it stinks," said Sen. Kip Averitt, R-McGregor. "It decimates Central Texas' ability to have congressional representation."

Sen. Chris Harris, R-Arlington, is expected to be the lead sponsor of a Senate-proposed map, likely to be unveiled and debated in the Senate Jurisprudence Committee this week.

Republican Gov. Rick Perry called lawmakers into a special legislative session to redraw

congressional district lines. Legislators failed to do it in 2001. The current map, which gave Democrats a 17-15 majority in the delegation, was drawn by federal judges.

Republicans, led by U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay of Sugar Land, have said the state should have more Republican districts to reflect the state's voting trends.

The House-approved map could send as many as 21 Texas Republicans to Washington, but that doesn't mean that all Republican state lawmakers are applauding the plan.

"I don't represent a political party," said Averitt, a member of the Senate Jurisprudence Committee. "I'm all in favor of sending Republican reinforcements to President Bush, but not at the expense of the interests of the people that I represent."

Averitt, who represents Waco, said there are ways to draw a district so it could mean Rep. Chet Edwards, D-Waco, would

be defeated. But the problem, Averitt said, is fitting it into a map that is reasonable in other parts of the state.

Therein lies one of the hurdles with redistricting.

Each time someone moves a boundary line for one district, another district changes, too. Perfecting a district to one state senator's liking could mean problems for other districts.

With 31 senators, who represent an average of 672,639 people each — about 21,000 more than each one of the 32 Texas congressmen represent — designing a map to please almost everyone can be difficult. Many senators have specific ideas for their districts.

For instance, Sen. Ken Armbrister, D-Victoria, wants to ensure that rural Texas is represented in Congress. He criticized the House bill, noting that Victoria County now is the largest county in its congressional district, but under the proposed House plan, it wouldn't be.

"We want to have our voice," Armbrister said.

Sen. Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, also wants to protect his rural district. He said the House map obliterates northeast Texas, noting that Texarkana would be represented by someone in east Dallas County.

Sen. Steve Ogden, R-Bryan, favors keeping communities of interest in one district, rather than splitting them up. The House map splits his home county of Brazos into two districts.

Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, may be in one of the toughest spots of the lawmakers. He is chairman of the Senate Jurisprudence Committee, which will handle the Senate redistricting bill. But he said there is opposition in Lubbock to changing the congressional district there.

When asked if he was feeling pressure from his hometown, Duncan said: "It's my district. Certainly."

While some Republicans have concerns that may be difficult to work out, most Democrats do not want to redistricting taken up at all.

"I'm a 'no' (vote) period," said Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas.

"That thing would have to have peaches and cream and strawberries and everything," said Sen. Mario Gallegos, a Democrat from Houston and vice chairman of the Senate Jurisprudence Committee. "It would have to have all the trimmings for me to come off of my position."

If a bill gets approved in committee, it would be sent to the Senate floor. Senate rules require two-thirds of the Senate's 31 members to vote to bring up a bill up for debate.

The Senate is dominated 19-12 by Republicans, but only 11 Democrats would be needed to block consideration of redistricting.

On the Net: <http://www.senate.state.tx.us>

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Democrats to get details on solon search

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats this week should get some of the details they've sought on federal involvement in the search for Texas lawmakers who left the state to prevent a vote on a redistricting bill.

A House committee hearing on Tuesday will focus on the Federal Aviation Administration's search for state Rep. Pete Laney's plane. The Transportation Department released an investigative report Friday evening.

Investigators found that a call from a staffer for U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay to the FAA's congressional liaison, David Ballott, triggered the search. The search stretched over eight hours and involved at least 13 employees and several FAA offices, the report said.

Since mid-May, Democrats have alleged that DeLay used his political influence to involve federal agencies in a political matter, an allegation DeLay denies.

The Democrats have demanded investigations in letters to Cabinet members and the White House. They've also used several legislative maneuvers to obtain telephone conversation recordings and other materials about the search. The Department of Homeland Security, which also helped look for the plane, conducted an investigation, but has refused to

release recordings and unedited transcripts.

The Transportation Department investigation, which came in response to a request from presidential hopeful Sen. Joe Lieberman, D-Conn., provides the most details to date. More transcripts and materials are expected to be released Tuesday.

### Kerry speaks at La Raza, criticizes Bush

AUSTIN (AP) — On President Bush's home turf, Democratic hopeful John Kerry on Sunday lambasted the president's record on the issues of health care, education and immigration, while making a powerful pitch for the sought-after Hispanic vote.

"Last election, he promised so much to win your votes," Kerry said. "But President Bush won't be running on his rhetoric this time, he'll be running on his record."

Kerry, one of the early front-runners for the 2004 Democratic presidential nomination, was a guest speaker at the annual conference of the National Council of La Raza, a Hispanic advocacy group. Howard Dean, another candidate, was scheduled to address the group today. The presence of two Democratic contenders at the Texas convention could show how influential the Hispanic vote will be.

"This president is accountable for making a mockery of the words 'leave no child behind,'" Kerry said, noting that one in four Hispanic children in the United States are without health insurance. Kerry said that,

if elected, he would fight to ensure health coverage for every child.

Raul Yzaguirre, president of NCLR, also criticized Bush's record as president, calling his administration "two and a half years of neglect, disinterest and disrespect."

### Hurricane watch posted for Claudette

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND (AP) — A hurricane watch was posted Sunday along the South Texas coast as Tropical Storm Claudette crawled across the Gulf of Mexico, and campers packed up and left low-lying South Padre Island.

The storm was expected to make landfall at near hurricane strength as early as Tuesday, said Miles Lawrence, a forecaster at the National Hurricane Center in Miami.

A hurricane watch was in effect along the Texas Gulf Coast from Port O'Connor to Brownsville and south along the Mexican coast to Rio San Fernando.

"The circulation is strengthening," meteorologist Jesse Haro said at the National Weather Service in Brownsville. "That doesn't mean it's going to move any faster toward us, it simply means that it's becoming a stronger storm."

Owners of recreational vehicles parked on South Padre Island were warned that wind of more than 25 mph would mean they would not be allowed to drive their rigs across the sole bridge to the mainland.

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## IN BRIEF

**Crossroads cheerleaders sign-ups end today**

Registration for the 2003 Crossroads Football League leading squads today at the Big Spring Mall.

Registration cheerleaders will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

A copy of each birth certificate report card will be needed at the registration. The fee for cheerleading is \$10 per person.

For more information, contact Campbell at 268-4848.

## Rose Magers-Powell volleyball camp

The Rose Magers-Powell Volleyball Camp will be held from 23-26 at Steer Gymnasium.

Registration are available at Athletic Supply the BSHS Athletic Training Center.

Camp times for 11-12 graders in the summer will be from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Players in 10-12 will attend from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The cost is \$100 per camper. For more information, call 263-4848.

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## Area players seek for all-star game

Several positions for the 2003 All Area Basketball Squads are available to seniors interested in participating in the event.

Area boys and girls who graduated last year, are eligible to compete in the test, which will be played July 25-26 at Dorothy Coliseum.

For more information, contact Wells at (915) 811-1111.

## CGA, HWP to host golf tourney

The Chicoma Golf Association will host a benefit golf tournament for Hispanic Progress on July 17 at Comanche Trail Course.

The tournament will be a pick-up team 4-man scramble. The event will start at 10 a.m. with a 9:30 a.m. start. Persons interested in participating should register by 9:30 a.m.

For more information, contact the Comanche Trail pro shop at 2966.

## Las Balas soft tourney ready

The first Las Balas Softball Tournament will be held Saturday and Sunday in Big Spring.

The tournament is open to Class F teams. Entry fee is \$115 per square.

The deadline for registration is July 17. For more information, contact Villa at 263-6999.



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**Crossroads cheer sign-ups end today**  
Registration for the 2003 Crossroads Little Football League cheerleading squads ends today at the Big Spring Mall. Registration for cheerleaders will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. 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 268-9634.

**Rose Magers-Powell volleyball camp set**  
The Rose Magers-Powell Volleyball Camp will be held July 23-26 at Steer Gym. Registration forms are available at Athletic Supply and at the BSHS Athletic Training Center. Camp times for players in the seventh through ninth grades will be from 9 a.m. to noon. Players in grades 10-12 will attend from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. The cost is \$85 per camper. For more information, call 263-4847.

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**CGA, HWP to host golf tourney Sunday**  
The Chicano Golf Association will hold a benefit golf tournament for Hispanic Women for Progress on Sunday at Comanche Trail Golf Course. The tournament will be a pick-your-own-team 4-man scramble. The event will begin at 10 a.m. with a shotgun start. Persons interested in participating should register prior to 9:30 a.m. For more information contact the Comanche Trail pro shop at 264-2966.

**Las Balas softball tourney ready to go**  
The first Las Balas Softball Tournament will be held Saturday and Sunday in Stanton. The tournament is open to Class D and E teams. Entry fee is set at \$115 per squad. The deadline to enter is July 17. For more information, contact Jeff Landin at 816-1366 or Henry Villa at 263-6698.

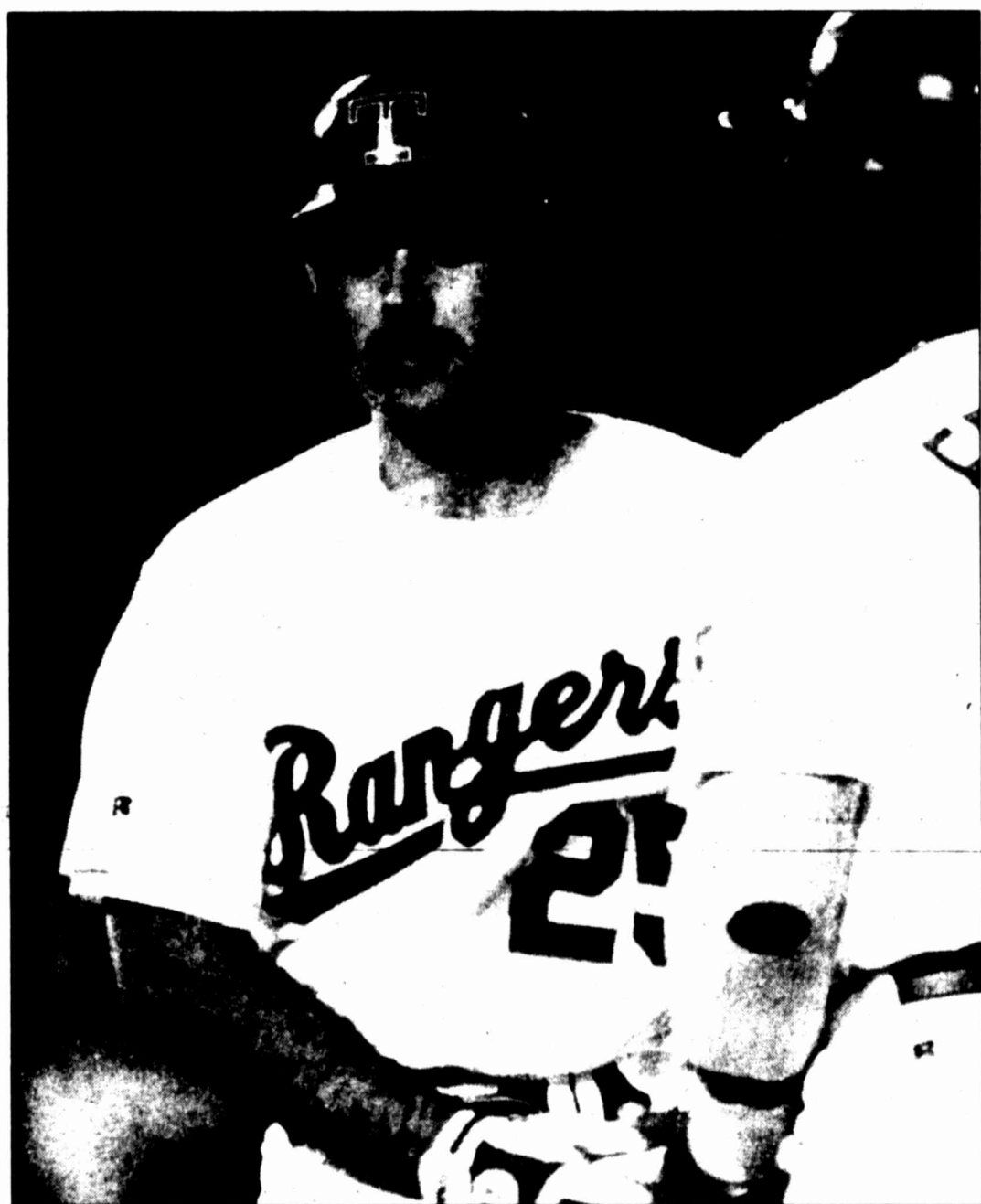
## Armstrong takes Tour de France lead

L'ALPE D'HUEZ, France (AP) — Lance Armstrong didn't even have to be in top form to take the lead in the Tour de France. After grabbing the leader's yellow jersey for the first time with a third-place finish Sunday in a sun-drenched Alpine climb, the Texan said he had concerns about his form. "I'm perhaps not as strong as in previous years," Armstrong acknowledged after the eighth stage — a 135.78-mile mountain slog won by Spain's Iban Mayo. With another punishing mountain ascent Monday and four more later in the Pyrenees, the four-time champion remains the favorite — but not necessarily an overwhelming one. "I didn't have the greatest sensation, the greatest legs today,"

the 31-year-old cancer survivor said. "Let's hope things get better and not worse." A chink in the armor? "It was no bluff today, it was a tough, long day," he said. Armstrong of Austin, who devoured the notorious L'Alpe d'Huez — and his opponents — in 2001, found the same climb more of a foe than a friend Sunday. "If you'd asked me a month ago are you going to suffer like that on L'Alpe d'Huez I would have said, 'No way!'" he said. "I had some issues at the start of the Tour that weren't ideal for coming into the race." Those issues included a bout of gastroenteritis that had upset his race preparations, according to Jogi Muller, the team's spokesman. Although Armstrong

as difficult as their Alpine counterparts. Armstrong is fast enough to make up any deficit — should he be overtaken before Friday — in a time trial. Yet he may need to go doubly quick in order to bank some time-in-hand for the grueling Pyrenees. In Sunday's eighth stage, Armstrong couldn't match Mayo's infernal pace in the legendary L'Alpe d'Huez climb. Mayo dominated the duel to win in 5 hours, 57 minutes, 30 seconds. Kazakhstan rider Alexandre Vinokourov was second, 1:45 behind Mayo. Armstrong, who accepted he'd "definitely" attacked too early, finished 2:12 behind the winner. An individual, 29.14-mile, time trial Friday leads into four days of Pyrenees climbs — considered

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Despite recently hitting his 500th career home run, Texas Rangers' standout Rafael Palmeiro will join Chicago's Sammy Sosa and New York's Roger Clemens as players not invited to the 2003 All-Star game.

## Palmiero, Clemens absent from baseball's All-Star gala

CHICAGO (AP) — Dontrelle Willis was in a hurry. As baseball started to take its annual three-day break, the Florida Marlins phenom known for his unusual windup high-kicked his way out at Olympic Stadium right after beating Montreal on Sunday. The 21-year-old lefty had a place to be — his first All-Star game. "Dontrelle is a great pitcher," said his catcher, 10-time All-Star Ivan Rodriguez. "He got his ninth win of the first half and that's why he's in Chicago." Seeing a rookie who was in Double-A only two months ago make it so far so fast was among the many highlights in the first half. So was the fast start by the Kansas City Royals. And so was the surprising emergence of journeyman Esteban Loaiza. He's already matched his career high with 11 wins for White Sox and is a good bet to start at his home park against San Francisco's Jason Schmidt in the showcase Tuesday night. "I never thought I would make it," Loaiza said. Roger Clemens, Sammy Sosa and Rafael Palmeiro will be absent, however, despite making history. Clemens earned his 300th victory while Sosa and Palmeiro hit their 500th home runs. Sosa, the most popular player in Chicago and perhaps in the majors, didn't win a starting spot in fan voting and his fellow ballplayers didn't pick him, either. Chances are, a corked bat cost him. Slamin' Sammy was suspended for seven games after getting caught —

since returning, he's gone wild, hitting .344 with 12 home runs and 23 RBIs going into Sunday night's game against Atlanta. The episode was among many things fans never thought they'd see. An umpire attacked at U.S. Cellular Field, site of the All-Star game. A camera — part of the Questec system that many umpires and pitchers dislike — clubbed by Curt Schilling. Then, that Italian sausage toppled by Randall Simon's two-handed chop. Albert Pujols of St. Louis and every other slugger is chasing Barry Bonds, as usual. The San Francisco star leads the majors with 30 home runs but as of now, he does not intend to take part in the All-Star home run derby. At least he'll play in the game — with home-field advantage in the World Series going to the league that wins, NL manager Dusty Baker will once again enjoy writing Bonds' name on his lineup card. While other hitters take aim at Bonds, every team in baseball is looking up at the Braves. No wonder a bunch of them won't have far to go for the All-Star festivities after wrapping the first half at Wrigley Field. Seven Atlanta players were picked, though second baseman Marcus Giles was scratched after sustaining a concussion in a collision with Cubs' All-Star pitcher Mark Prior. The Braves went into the break with the best record in baseball. The New York Yankees, meanwhile, are sending just four players to the game. Japanese star Hideki Matsui was elected in his rookie season, though none of the Yankees' pitchers made it.

## New York remains optimistic about landing '12 games

By ALAN ABRAHAMSON  
Los Angeles Times

PRAGUE, Czech Republic — Vancouver is in; Toronto is out. For New York, that's a plus. The election last Wednesday of Vancouver as host of the 2010 Winter Games lifts the curtain on the 2012 Summer Olympics race. The list of 2012 applicants includes New York, Paris, London, Moscow and Madrid. Also in the race: Istanbul, Havana and Leipzig, Germany. Later this month, either Rio de Janeiro or Sao Paulo, Brazil, will enter the fray. One longtime Olympic expert, George Hirthler, a consultant to the Vancouver campaign, calls that race, which will be decided in 2005, the "heavyweight championship of Olympic bids." The pivotal player figures to be New York — pro or con. The key dynamic: The contest for influence between European political leverage within the IOC against both the economic clout of U.S.-based corporations, which significantly underwrite the Olympic movement's finances, and the power of the incomparable New York story. NBC, for instance, is paying \$3.5 billion to televise the Games in the United States from 2000 through 2008, and another \$2 billion for the rights to the 2010 and 2012 Games.

Moreover, the U.S. Olympic Committee, which for 20 years has enjoyed the added revenue that a domestic Games affords, needs the Games back in the United States as soon as possible. The Games were held in Salt Lake City in 2002, Atlanta in 1996, Los Angeles in 1984 and Lake Placid in 1980. The USOC is now roughly a \$120-million per-year operation. "It's a great opportunity for us," Greg Harney, a longtime USOC staffer now overseeing international relations, said after the IOC vote. Toronto had been the 2008 Games runner-up, behind Beijing. It also ran for the 1996 Games, losing to Atlanta. The 2008 Toronto bid, IOC member Thomas Bach of Germany said Wednesday, was "very, very strong," adding, "So already this affects the race for 2012." By electing Vancouver, a widespread belief here goes, the European members of the IOC sought to weaken New York; nearly half of its members are European, 58 of 124. All things being equal, recent history shows that the IOC prefers to rotate the Summer Games around continents. After taking the Games to the United States in 1996, the IOC went to Australia in 2000 (Sydney), and will go to Europe in 2004 (Athens) and Asia in 2008 (Beijing).

## Astros head into break with romp over Pirates

HOUSTON (AP) — Billy Wagner thinks someone might be tinkering with Minute Maid Park's radar gun. The Houston closer was clocked at 101 mph as he struck out Reggie Sanders to start a perfect ninth inning Sunday in the Astros' 5-2 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates. "I don't know about that meter," Wagner said. "I think the thing is turned up when I come in. It doesn't feel like." Not on Sunday, Wagner retired the side on just eight pitches for his 25th save, the most he's ever had at the All-Star break.

His single-season high is 39, in 1999 and 2001. Starter Tim Lincecum (6-8) scattered five hits in winning his second straight start. Redding left after a lead-off single by Randall Simon in the seventh, and the bullpen took it from there. Brad Lidge pitched a scoreless seventh, and Octavio Dotel gave up a two-run homer to Aramis Ramirez in the eighth before giving way to Wagner in the ninth. Lance Berkman hit his 17th homer to lead the Astros, who are 25-6 against the Pirates at Minute Maid Park.

## Royals complete sweep of Rangers

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Kansas City Royals beat the Texas Rangers 8-2 Sunday night, completing its first three-game sweep at Texas since 1980 in the final game before

the All-Star break. Kansas City's Darrell May (4-4) gave up one run on seven hits over five innings. Tony Mounce (1-3) gave up six runs on eight hits,

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**Horoscope**

The moon shifts out of Capricorn and into Aquarius, which should help us laugh off any emotional stress or issues that were revealed under the recent full moon. Those on the job may wish they weren't, as our personal life seems to want attention. Though efforts are scattered, lots of leads are generated. Follow-up is better done later this week.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Blast off! Aggressive energy means you're ready to take on anyone about anything, and there's no need to cool your jets. Tonight is prime time for reflection and relaxation. Pat yourself on the back. A Libra has a surprise for you.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). The progressive personal growth you have felt over the last few weeks culminates in an event this afternoon. You're uncovering more strengths than you ever realized you had. Keep your energy reserves stocked up.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Curious and inquisitive, you'll find out all you need to know to make a sale. Regarding your love life: You've got the matches, so light that spark of romance. Pull out all the stops to get his or her attention.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). If you're feeling at all taken advantage of, speak now or forever hold your peace. Clever, small purchases mean big savings today. You've got a

shrewd sense of fairness and an uncanny ability to find a bargain. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Adoring eyes gaze in your direction everywhere you go. A natural provider, you are ultimately the one who gets nurtured by your nurturing efforts. Children, close friends and relatives rely on you. Your warmth is reciprocated tenfold.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (July 14). Shout it from the rooftops: This is your year! Take on more than you think you can handle in August because you're primed for a strong internal growth spurt. You find out how productive you feel doing a million things at once. Invitations fly into your mailbox at summer's end. Say yes to all of them because at every event you learn more about yourself. Your lucky numbers are: 46, 4, 30, 45 and 11.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll reap rewards from prior efforts and investments. You initiate a relationship, however casual, that the other party has no intention of honorably maintaining. Be wary of even the most innocent dealings with this person.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your mind is going a million miles per minute, but your body is moving like molasses. Exercise to balance the equation. Ask for advice. A Gemini or Aquarius has been where you are and has the battle scars to prove it.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your ideas in the morning are touched with brilliance. A Sagittarius will lead you to the money. Put negative voices to rest. Honest

dialogue with reality gets you in a far better mood. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Boundless optimism is your astrological gift. You were poised to spend the week in a tiff, but miraculous insights amend your bleak outlook. And you feel like a big old smarty-pants for being so wise and perceptive.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). New beginnings loom on the horizon, so make room for change. Have conversations with partners and co-workers about ways the day to day could be improved. In love, trust your instincts. Tonight, play the chef.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). New techniques for solving old problems seem like more trouble than they're worth at first but ultimately turn into amazing timesavers. Trust new technology. Family dramas start to percolate. Use an ounce of prevention.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). When it's just business, broken hearts mend easily. Luckily, your love life is intact. Matters of money don't mean so much anymore now that you've got your priorities straight. Your efforts above and beyond won't go unnoticed.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "I have been talking to someone online for almost a year and a half. We are now talking about meeting and having a relationship. He lives in another state. I would move. His birthday is Nov. 8, 1957, and mine is Oct. 18, 1961. What are our chances for a lasting relationship?"

Your Scorpio e-mail pal loves the secretive nature of the Internet, and you can bet

he's an expert at coming across well online, although real life is an entirely different story — not a bad story, just different. He has a hard time expressing his emotional self face to face and can open up a lot more easily through the computer. I see something in his chart that says he'll care a lot about how the partnership you create together will help him in other areas of life. If it fits well into his view of where he'd like to be in the world, he will work hard on the relationship and make you feel special, respected and honored. You've got similar aspects to him, and you communicate well through the written word and also are sexually compatible. Take a trip to visit him for two weeks at the end of October.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Supermodel Gisele Bundchen has impressive volleyball talents and once hoped to go pro. She could spend this year developing a sports program for long, lanky catwalk hopefuls and us regular gals, too. Her sets and sex appeal would be motivation for millions to start working out like Gisele.

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**Annie's Mailbox: Advice for those in need**

Dear Annie: My wife and I live about 50 miles from our son, "Gary," who is married with two children. Gary owns his own business, and he and our daughter-in-law travel frequently. When they are away, they always ask my wife to come to their home and take care of the children. This has been going on for several years.



ANNIE'S MAILBOX

The last time my wife baby-sat, I decided to drop by and surprise her. When I arrived at Gary's home, there was a U.S. Mail truck sitting in the driveway. I went inside, and there was the mailman in the house with my wife. I couldn't believe my eyes. They were watching television. My wife informed me that Gary allows the

mailman to use the facilities during his 30-minute lunch break, since he delivers mail near their house at that time. This man uses the bathroom, refrigerator, watches TV or whatever, and apparently has been using Gary's house for the past

five years.

My wife believes there is nothing wrong with her being alone in the house with the mailman for 30 minutes a day. I was fuming, but she refuses to take any blame. In fact, she said, "If you don't like it, you can leave."

I have no evidence that there has been anything going on between my wife and the mailman. However, I am suspicious about the whole thing. Am I wrong to be upset? Should she apologize for keeping me in the dark? — Kansas Husband

Dear Kansas: According to the U.S. Postal Service, mail carriers, particularly in remote areas, are allowed to spend lunch breaks at recipients' homes, provided they have the homeowner's permission and the approval of their local postmaster or delivery supervisor.

This scenario sounds innocent, although your wife's attitude is troubling. She simply may enjoy having company while she baby-sits, so consider dropping in on her more often.

Dear Annie: My 60th birthday is coming up, and several of my co-workers want to take me to dinner to celebrate. It's supposed to be a surprise, but one of my friends spilled the beans. I promised not to let on, and that's part of the problem. The restaurant they have selected is a barbecue place. I am trying to lose a lot of weight and cannot eat barbecue because it is not within my daily calorie limit.

I don't want to cheat on my diet, nor do I want to eat salad while my friends dine on ribs. I need a way to tell them this is a bad choice with-

out spoiling the surprise. What can I do? — Stuck in South Carolina

Dear Stuck: Whisper discreetly to whoever spilled the beans that you are thrilled they want to take you to dinner, but you cannot eat barbecue. It's also possible the barbecue place has other food you can eat, or perhaps you could consume a lower-calorie lunch and indulge a bit at dinner and still stay within your calorie limit. Happy Birthday.

Dear Annie: I'd like to respond to "Need a Slender Ring Finger in Kansas," who wears her wedding ring on her right hand because she has arthritis in her left.

I, too, have arthritis in my wedding ring finger joint. I asked my jeweler about it, and he said there is an arthritis band (called a shank) with a clasp allowing the ring to open and close, so you don't have to slide it over your finger. I had my wedding band retrofitted with it, and now I look married again. — Still Wed in Honolulu

Dear Honolulu: Thanks for the great suggestion. Readers, talk to your jeweler.

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MONDAY	KMD (2) Midland	KPEJ (3) Odessa	KERA (2) Dallas	F:AM (5) ABC P:AMTV	KOSA (7) Odessa	WFAA (1) Dallas	KWES (3) Midland	WTBS (1) Atlanta	UNI (3) Spanish	NASH (5) Nashville	TMC (5) Premium	SHOW (5) Premium	TLC (2) Learning Ch.	HBO (2) Premium	KMLM (3) Odessa	A&E (2) New York	DISC (2) Discovery	TNT (2) Atlanta	D5N (2) Premium
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7:30 PM	Life-Bonnie Life-Bonnie	Anything Love	Antiques Roadshow	Movie: Willy Wonka and Chocolate Factory	Yes, Dear Still Standing	Life-Bonnie Life-Bonnie	Fear Factor (CC)	Movie: Crocodile	Rebecca	Star Trek: Next	Movie: Unforgettable	Movie: Trauma: Life Curb-Entham	Sible Center Sam Peak	Biography: Brigitte	Monster House	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	Movie: George		
8:30 PM	Life-Bonnie Life-Bonnie	Paradise Hotel	History Detectives	Chocolate Factory	Raymond King	Life-Bonnie Life-Bonnie	For Love or Money 2 (CC)	Dundas II (CC)	Hina... Amada	WWE Raw (CC)	Movie: Texas Rangers	Maternity Ward	Movie: Panic Room (CC)	Light of the Southwest	Cold Case Files (CC)	Monster Garage	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	CC	
9:30 PM	Primetime Special	70s Show Dharma-Greg	American Experience	Whose Line? Whose Line?	C&I: Miami	Primetime Special	Marry My Dad? (CC)	15 Movie: Ghostbusters	Cristina	Movie: Cold	Out of Order	Amazing Medical	Real Bar 28	Hour of Healing	Third Watch (CC)	Monster House	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	Boy World Proud Family	
10:30 PM	Jimmy Kimmel	Sudden-Susan	Nova (CC) (DVS)	Caroline Rhea	(CC)	Ent. Tonight Late Show	(CC)	45 Movie: En las Mejoras	En las Mejoras	Blind Date Blind Date	05 Movie: Some Girls	Maternity Ward	10:50 Movie: Say Nothing	Update/Arrest Derek Prince	Biography: Brigitte	Monster Garage	X-Files (CC)	Boy World Smart Guy	
11:30 AM	Paid Program Cowboy	Blind Date Beyond	American Experience	Guthy-Renker	Show (CC) Street Smarts	Live (CC) Oprah	Fraser (CC)	Crocodile Dundee II	Carnita	Highlander (CC)	45 Movie: de Love	Amazing Medical	Movie: The	Cameo Davis John Hages	Cold Case Files (CC)	American Chopper	X-Files (CC)	Sister, Sister Even Stevens	

### DENNIS THE MENACE

7-14

"WHY DON'T YOU JUMP IN AN' COOL OFF, MR. WILSON?"

### THE FAMILY CIRCUS

7-14

"Mommy! We thought of a good name for him! NEMO!"

### HAGAR

WHAT AN UNUSUAL DINING ROOM TABLE!

THANK YOU, I HAD IT CUSTOM-MADE.

HAGAR HAS A BAD HABIT OF EATING WITH HIS ELBOWS ON THE TABLE!

### BLONDIE

THIS IS TO HELP ME GET THROUGH THE DAY!

SMACK

I'M GOING TO NEED A LITTLE EXTRA TODAY!

SMACK

### BC

'A NOODLE IN A HAYSTACK'

THE BOOK OF PHRASES

JUST AS HARD TO FIND, BUT NOT AS HAZARDOUS

### WIZARD OF ID

GOOD NEWS, THEY RAN OUT OF SWILL!

WHAT'S THAT?

GRIEL

### AGNES

IN MANY WAYS, A COOKIE IS THE PERFECT MEAL FOR A YOUNG GIRL ON THE GO. THERE IS VERY LITTLE CLEANUP INVOLVED.

YOU MERELY EAT THE COOKIE, GIVE BOTH HANDS A QUICK LICKING, AND POOF! YOU'RE ON TO THE NEXT ACTIVITY!

WITH SPILT ALL OVER YOUR HANDS

SURGERY IS RARELY MY NEXT ACTIVITY.

### HI AND LOIS

THE ICE CREAM IS MELTING!

IT'S THE ONLY WAY I CAN GET CHIP TO HELP BRING IN THE GROCERIES!

### MR. HOUSEWIFE

DOG BREATH: NATURE'S SMELLING SALTS.

### SNUFFY SMITH

HEY THERE, MISTER HILLBILLY-- FOR A DOLLAR COULD YOU TELL ME A GOOD PLACE TO YUP. FISH?

TRY FLORIDEE!!

### BETLE BAILEY

YOU'RE NOT UP YET?

I'M DIZZY, MIGHT BE THE MEDICINE I'M TAKING

YEAH, IT SAYS "SIDE EFFECTS MAY INCLUDE DIZZINESS, SWOLLEN FEET, BLURRED VISION, NAUSEA, CRAMPS, VOMITING AND JOINT PAIN"

WHY ARE YOU TAKING THIS STUFF?

TO MAKE ME FEEL BETTER.

## This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, July 14, the 195th day of 2003. There are 170 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 14, 1789, during the French Revolution, citizens of Paris stormed the Bastille prison and released the seven prisoners inside.

On this date:

In 1798, Congress passed the Sedition Act, making it a federal crime to publish false, scandalous or malicious writing about the United States government.

In 1853, Commodore Matthew Perry relayed to Japanese officials a letter from President Fillmore, requesting trade relations.

In 1881, outlaw William H. Bonney Jr., alias Billy the Kid, was shot and killed by Sheriff Pat Garrett in Fort Sumner, N.M.

In 1933, all German political parties, except the Nazi Party, were outlawed.

In 1958, the army of Iraq overthrew the monarchy.

In 1965, the American space probe Mariner 4 flew by Mars, sending back photographs of the planet.

In 1965, U.S. Ambassador Adlai E. Stevenson Jr. died in London at age 65.

In 1966, eight student nurses were murdered by Richard Speck in a Chicago dormitory.

In 1976, Jimmy Carter won the Democratic presidential nomination at the party's convention in New York.

In 1978, Soviet dissident Natan Sharansky was convicted of treasonous espionage and anti-Soviet agitation, and sentenced to 13 years hard labor. Sharansky was released in 1985.

Ten years ago: President Clinton visited flood-stricken Iowa for the second time in 10 days, telling flood-victims to "hang in there."

Today's Birthdays:

Actress Gloria Stuart is 93. Former President Gerald R. Ford is 90. Movie and stage director Ingmar Bergman is 85. Actor Dale Robertson is 80. Actor Harry Dean Stanton is 77. Actress Nancy Olson is 75. Actress Polly Bergen is 73. Former football player Rosey Grier is 71. Country singer Del Reeves is 71. Actor Jerry Houser is 51. Actor-director Eric Laneville is 51. Actor Stan Shaw is 51. Movie producer Scott Rudin is 45. Country musician Ray Herndon (McBride and the Ride) is 43. Actor Jackie Earle Haley is 42.

Answer to previous puzzle

FLAVOR	APERITIF
EUROPE	MARINATE
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ISRAEL	SPHERE
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CHILD	IDEA
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PAP	ASEA
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EVERMORE	AMPULE
RESEATED	TOSSO

## Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Storage area
  - 6 Church service
  - 10 Vise parts
  - 14 Steam room
  - 15 Taking a cruise
  - 16 Astronaut Shepard
  - 17 Razor sharpener
  - 18 Constellation element
  - 19 Music postscript
  - 20 Beachgoer's fingers
  - 22 Retain
  - 23 Fruit drink
  - 24 "No \_\_, ands, or butts!"
  - 26 Examined acreage
  - 32 \_\_ in "Smith"
  - 35 Inert gas
  - 36 Winter outerwear
  - 38 Kid's blocks name
  - 39 Combustible heaps
  - 41 Mystical glow
  - 42 *Do the Right Thing* director
  - 44 Fiery crime
  - 45 Had a snack
  - 46 Spam or Green Giant
  - 49 Soup cooker
  - 50 King: Fr.
  - 51 Spanish surrealist
  - 54 Helped keep the Beatles cool
  - 61 From \_\_ (completely)
  - 62 Bassoon relative
  - 63 Youngest of the Jetsons
  - 64 Actress Cameron
- DOWN
- 1 Helper: Abbr.
  - 2 Parting words
  - 3 Rotate
  - 4 Get \_\_ the ground floor
  - 5 Massachusetts area
  - 6 Prepared potatoes
  - 7 *The Thin Man* dog
  - 8 007 before Roger
  - 9 Tightly packed fish
  - 10 Paar and Palance
  - 11 Succulent houseplant
  - 12 Walk in water
  - 13 Something sirtple
  - 21 '50s presidential monogram
  - 25 '40s presidential monogram
  - 26 Latin music
  - 27 Moved slowly
  - 28 Farming student, casually
  - 29 Cranny's colleague
  - 30 Sophia of *Grumpier Old Men*
  - 31 Thoroughfare: Abbr.
  - 32 "Semper Fidelis" composer
  - 33 Composer Copland
  - 34 Get up
  - 37 *The Alienist* author Caleb
  - 39 Raised stage
  - 40 Urge
  - 43 Author Umberto
  - 44 Obey, as rules
  - 47 Tubb of country music
  - 48 Female fawn
  - 49 Italian fast food
  - 51 Miami-County
  - 52 Working hard
  - 53 Credit-line usage
  - 55 Diplomat Eban
  - 56 Roulette bet
  - 57 Feeling sad
  - 58 \_\_ and sciences
  - 59 Memo
  - 60 Fabric colorings

## RHYME TIME by Sally R. Stein Edited by Stanley Newman

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