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WEATHER

Tonight:



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TONIGHT 64°-66° TOMORROW 82°-83°

Tethering back on city agenda

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Big Spring City Council will tackle the problems surrounding dog chaining and tethering Tuesday evening for the second time in two weeks.

A public hearing, which is scheduled to begin directly after the regularly scheduled council meeting, was called for by the council after it failed to reach a resolution on the issue during a similar meeting on June 15.

"I felt like we needed to get some more information before we moved any further with the issue," Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen said following the first meeting. "I'd like to see how ordinances that ban the chaining and tethering of dogs have worked in the cities that have adopted them."



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BRIEFLY

Children's play opens tonight

Performances for the Howard College children's play "Grandma's Bedtime Story," are scheduled at 7 p.m. today and Tuesday, in the practical arts building, room 105.

The cast for the play includes area children between the ages of 6 and 12. There is no charge for admission but a donation box will be set up.

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U.S. hands power to Iraqi government two days early

By TAREK EL-TABLAUWY

Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The U.S.-led coalition transferred sovereignty to an interim Iraqi government two days early today in a surprise move that apparently caught insurgents off guard, averting a feared campaign of attacks to sabotage the highly symbolic step toward self-rule.

Legal documents transferring sovereignty were handed over by U.S. governor L. Paul Bremer to chief justice Midhat al-Mahmood in a small ceremony in the heavily

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guarded Green Zone. Bremer took charge in Iraq about a year ago.

"This is a historical day ... a day that all Iraqis have been looking forward to," said Iraqi President Ghazi Al-Yawer. "This is a day we are going to take our country back into the international forum."

Militants had conducted a campaign of car bomb-

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AP Photo/Pauline Lubens/Pool
U.S. Administrator L. Paul Bremer bids farewell to Iraq as he boards an Air Force plane at Baghdad International Airport for his flight out of Baghdad, Iraq, today.



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

Ryan Vassar, left, hands a box-set of fireworks to Zac Phinney to be displayed in front of the "TNT Fireworks Supercenter," located on Highway 87 near the Brass Nail Restaurant building. Local fireworks dealers report an above-average opening for sales in the Howard County area.

Fireworks sales are poppin' so far, local dealers remark

Editor's Note: It is illegal to discharge fireworks within the Big Spring city limits.

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

If the opening day for fireworks sales is any indication, the July Fourth night sky will be lit up all over the county this holiday.

Zac Phinney and Ryan Vassar opened their fireworks stand, located on Highway 87 next to the Brass Nail Restaurant building, last week despite rainy weather, and sales are definitely up.

"Sales have been great," said Phinney, who along with Vassar runs the TNT

Fireworks Supercenter. "We usually don't do that much business the first day because people don't know we're open yet this early before July 4, but we did very well. We did almost \$500 yesterday, which is unheard of. I've never done that good on opening day

Pops!

As celebration nears, donations still \$10,000 short

JOHN A. MOSELEY

Managing Editor

Big Spring's "Pops in the Park" concert and fireworks display at the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater is just five days away, and organizers say they are considerably short of the approximate \$30,000 needed to stage the event.

Although the community responded to a call for donations made last week with more than \$5,000, Tim Blackshear, chairman of the Big Spring Fourth of July Foundation, said that still leaves the committee just about two-thirds of the way to reaching its goal.

"Right now we've received about \$19,800," Blackshear noted. "We'd gone into that week with a little more than \$14,000, so the community really heeded our call for help. And although I hate to say it, it's still a little troubling, because we still need to raise another \$10,000 or so to have what we'd hoped for and the concert is coming up Saturday."

Blackshear said organizing committee members realize that businesses and individuals are all but swamped with requests for donations to dozens of causes each year.

"We realize that we're asking a lot of the community and that's why we're planning to make this the best and biggest show we've ever had," Blackshear explained.

Crowds pack the amphitheater

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BLACKSHEAR

PD investigates accident which occurred Saturday during domestic dispute

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The Big Spring Police Department is currently investigating an accident that occurred between a vehicle and a pedestrian and possible allegations of injury to a child that occurred Saturday afternoon.

According to Police Public Information Officer Sgt. Roger Sweatt, the accident occurred Saturday at approximately 4:25 p.m. when a domestic dispute between a man and a woman took a turn for the worse.

"It began with a domes-

tic type dispute between the driver, a 25-year-old male, and a 19-year-old female," said Sweatt. "We're not sure yet whether the woman, who was holding her 2-year old child in her arms at the time, was trying to get something out of the car or was trying to get in when the driver took off. "The woman was dragged a short distance and when she let go the car ran over one of her legs. She suffered only minor injuries and the child suffered minor

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Big Spring police officers Steve Evrard, left, and Mark Daily along with EMS respond to a vehicle, pedestrian accident which occurred on the north service road of FM 700 west of Goliad. The pedestrian, a 19-year-old woman, and her 2-year-old child, were transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center, where they were treated and released. The driver of the vehicle could face charges of injury of a child pending the outcome of an investigation.

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Obituaries

Tim McAfee



Tim McAfee, 45, died Friday, June 25, 2004, in Haltom City.

Funeral services are set for 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 29, 2004, in the Mount Olivet Chapel, Fort Worth. Burial will be in Mount Olivet Cemetery.

Tim was born Feb. 20, 1959, in Dallas. He was a refrigeration supervisor. He was preceded in death by his father, W.W. "Wick" McAfee.

He is survived by his wife, Mary McAfee, of Haltom City; sons, Timothy K. McAfee Jr. of Fort Worth, J. Dell Owen of Haltom City and Joseph A. McAfee of Arlington; mother, Martha McAfee of Arlington; brothers, Patrick McAfee and Michael McAfee, both of Chicago, Ill.; sister, Paula Weatherford of Enid, Okla.; two grandchildren; and extended family members of Big Spring.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. today at the Mount Olivet Funeral Home.

The family suggests memorials to the Salvation Army or Camp Peniel in Marble Falls.

Arrangements are under the direction of Mount Olivet Funeral Home.

Nieves Belario

Nieves Belario, 79, of Midland, formerly of Stanton, died Sunday, June 27, 2004, at his residence. His services are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

Gregorio Rodriguez

Gregorio Rodriguez, 91, of Big Spring died Sunday, June 27, 2004, in a local nursing home. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Take note

□ **A FUND FOR ALAN AND MITZI KNIGHT**, whose house on Oasis Road burned Monday, has been established at the First Big Spring banking center. The home and all the family's belongings were lost.

□ **BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1989** 15-year reunion is set for Oct. 8-9. For information or to update your name or mailing address, contact Christy Alexander at 972-567-8037 or Shanette Johnson at 972-874-9308.

□ **MEMBERS OF THE EVENING LIONS CLUB** are looking for area handicapped and disabled children who would like to attend the Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville this summer.

Children eligible for the camp include those who are amputees or have asthma, cerebral palsy, lupus, muscular dystrophy, scoliosis, sickle cell anemia, stroke, partial paralysis, heart problems, epilepsy, cancer, or are deaf or hearing impaired.

Ineligible conditions include attention deficit disorder, Down's Syndrome, mental retardation, emotionally disturbed, autism and hemophilia.

For information on the camps, contact Bob Noyes at Bob's Custom Woodwork, 267-5811, or visit the Lion's Web site at www.lionscamp.com

Lions provide funding for the camp as well as transportation, if necessary.

□ **POTTON HOUSE**, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. An admission fee, which includes entry into Heritage Museum, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens.

□ **HERITAGE MUSEUM**, 510 Scurry, is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday. An admission fee, which includes entry into the Potton House, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children.

□ **CHRIST'S COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP** is requesting donations of any household items, furniture, appliances, linens, cookware and dishes to be distributed to the needy in Big Spring. Items will be picked up. Please call 263-5683 and leave a message.

□ **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.

□ **ROAD TO RECOVERY DRIVERS WANTED**. Volunteer drivers are needed to transport cancer patients to and from treatments. If you can spare a few hours each month, please consider volunteering to drive somebody along the Road to Recovery. For more information about volunteering or if you are a cancer patient in need of the service, call La Wanda Hamm, 263-7827.

Support groups

MONDAY

□ **Encourager's Support Group** for widows and widowers begins at 6 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Runnels streets. Enter through the north door. Please bring a covered dish. Call 398-5522 for more information.

TUESDAY

□ **The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group** meets at 7 p.m. the last Tuesday of each month in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1005 Birdwell Lane.

Police blotter

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

• **CEDDRICK JOSHUA REED**, 19, of Sweetwater, was arrested Saturday on a charge of possession of marijuana - more than 2 ounces, less than 4 ounces.

• **CURTIS DWAYNE WOODRUFF**, 19, of 538 Westover Road, was arrested Saturday on a charge of possession of marijuana - more than 2 ounces, less than 4 ounces.

• **COTY JAMES NEWTON**, 18, of 538 Westover Road, was arrested Saturday on a charge of possession of marijuana - more than 2 ounces, less than 4 ounces.

• **CLIFFORD RAYMOND STINSON**, 34, of 510 Benton, was arrested Saturday on local traffic warrants.

• **TIMOTHY AAREN SMITH**, 20, of 711 Tubbs, was arrested Saturday on local traffic warrants.

• **JUAN TORRES MORENO**, 74, of 114 N.E. 11th Place, was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while intoxicated - second offense.

• **CHRISTOPHER DAVID GONZALES**, 29, of Coahoma, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.

• **DAVID ORTIZ**, 34, of 2202 Williams, was arrested Sunday on local traffic warrants and a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• **TRACY LYNN GONZALES**, 18, of 2707 Hernandez, was arrested Saturday on a charge of minor in consumption.

• **PAUL VIERA JR.**, 18, of 1907 S. Main Street, was arrested Saturday on charges of minor in consumption and failure to identify as a fugitive from justice.

• **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported in the 900 block of Douglas.

• **ASSAULT/CLASS C** was reported in the 1100 block of Lamesa.

• **AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON - WEAPON DISPLAYED** was reported in the 3300 block of Highway 80.

• **POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA - MORE THAN 2 OUNCES, LESS THAN 4 OUNCES** was reported in the 400 block of Aylesford.

• **THEFT** was reported:

- in the 200 block of Marcy.
- in the 1700 block of Third Street.
- in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.
- in the 300 block of Gregg Street.
- in the 900 block of Willia.

• **INJURY TO A CHILD** was reported in the 400 block of the FM 700 North Service Road.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 2100 block of Runnels.

• **FAILURE TO IDENTIFY AS A FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE** was reported in the 1500 block of Runnels.

Sheriff's report

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

• **DOROTHY M. VIASANA WOODARD**, 32, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of theft of services - more than \$20, less than \$500.

• **BENNY LEE COLEMAN**, 40, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of sexual assault - second degree felony enhanced, possession of a controlled substance, failure to identify as a fugitive from justice and intentionally giving false information.

• **LOU HAMILTON**, 39, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on charges of issuance of a bad check and a motion to revoke probation for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

• **BRANDA MAGELENA PUGA**, 20, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of failure to stop and give information - more than \$200 in damages.

• **BARNEY KIP EDENS**, 24, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of theft and a violation of probation.

• **PAUL NONE VIERA**, 18, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of evading arrest or detention, failure to identify as a fugitive from justice, a motion to revoke probation for evading arrest and bailman off of bond for evading arrest.

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• **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported at Fiberglass Systems.

• **CAR IN FLOOD WATERS** was reported on Ranch Road 33. Vehicle was removed and subject safe.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 5500 block of Walter Road.

Call Tracey at 263-4948 for more information.

THURSDAY

□ **Alcoholics Anonymous**, 615 Settles, 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.

□ **The Fibromyalgia Autoimmune Disease Support Group** will meet on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at noon in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center. Call 263-8273 for more information.

Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald news room at 263-7331 or email editor@bigspringherald.com

TODAY

• Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.

• Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.

• Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the 11th and Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. A different program is offered every week, and anyone 7 years old or older is welcome to attend. Please enter through the northwest door. Call 263-2786 for more information.

• Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in La Posada Restaurant.

• Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at 500 S. Main St., in the Dorothy Lamb Meeting Room of the Howard County Library. The public is welcome.

TUESDAY

• Intermediate Line dance classes begin at 9 a.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center. Call 267-1628.

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

• A Stitchin' Time Club meets at 3:30 p.m. at Primitive Baptist Church, 201 E. 24th St. Everyone is invited to learn and share sewing skills, and portable sewing machines are welcome. Call Kay Sikes at 394-4835 for more information.

• The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 7 p.m. in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1105 Birdwell Lane. For more information, call Tracey Pounds at 263-4948.

WEDNESDAY

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

• Senior Circle meets at 10 a.m. in the Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721.

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

Recorded Rainfall

Howard County has received .80 inches of rainfall within the past three days, according to the National Weather Service in Midland.

On Saturday, the weather service recorded one-fourth of an inch of rain, and on Sunday, 30/100ths of an inch of rain was recorded.

Thus far, one-fourth of an inch of rain has been recorded for today.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 22-13-24-34-37.

Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize per winner: \$39,884.

Winning ticket sold in: Austin.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Monday night.

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Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 5-22-24-27-40. Bonus Ball: 20.

Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: \$6 million.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1-2-5

Weather

Tonight - Clear to partly cloudy. Low 6F. Winds E at 5 to 10 mph.

Tuesday - Partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. High 82. Winds ESE at 5 to 10 mph.

Chance of rain 30 percent.

Tuesday night - Scattered thunderstorms, especially in the evening. Low 66. Winds ESE at 5 to 10 mph.

Chance of rain 40 percent.

Wednesday - A few thunderstorms possible. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the mid 60s.

Thursday - Partly cloudy, chance of a thunderstorm. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the upper 60s.

Friday - Plenty of sun. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.

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ings, kidnappings and other violence that killed hundreds of Iraqis in recent weeks and was designed to disrupt the transfer, announced by the Bush administration late last year. Initially, the Americans were thought to have planned for about one more year of occupation.

Two hours after the ceremony Bremer left Iraq on a U.S. Air Force C-130, said Robert Tappan, an official of the former coalition occupation authority. Bremer was accompanied by coalition spokesman Dan Senor and close members of his staff. Bremer's destination was not given, but an aide said he was "going home."

The new interim government was sworn in six hours after the handover ceremony, which Western governments largely hailed as a necessary next step. The Arab world voiced cautious optimism, but maintained calls for the U.S. military to leave the country quickly.

Allawi delivered a sweeping speech sketching out some of his goals for the country, urging people not to be afraid of the "outlaws" fighting against "Islam and Muslims," assuring them that "God is with us."

"I warn the forces of terror once again," he said. "We will not forget who stood with us and against us in this crisis."

Members of Allawi's Cabinet each stepped forward to place their right hand on the Quran and pledged to accept their

new duties with sincerity and impartiality. Behind them, a bank of Iraqi flags lined the podium.

"Before us is a challenge and a burden and we ask God almighty to give us the patience and guide us to take this country whose people deserves all goodness," said President Ghazi al-Yawer after taking his oath. "May God protect Iraq and its citizens."

The NATO alliance quickly said it would begin training the Iraqi military, which faces a daunting task in putting down the growing insurgency threatening the country.

President Bush marked the transfer with a whispered comment and a handshake with British Prime Minister Tony Blair, gathered with world leaders around a table at a NATO summit

in Istanbul, Turkey.

Stealing a glance at his watch to make sure the transfer had occurred, Bush put his hand over his mouth to guard his remarks, leaned toward Blair and then reached out to shake hands. Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld beamed.

Bush was briefed Sunday that the Allawi government was ready to take power early.

The early transfer had been under discussion between Allawi and U.S. officials for at least a week, a senior administration official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Bremer's last moments in Iraq were spent in a meeting with Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, the top American commander in the country.

Although the interim government will have full

sovereignty, it will operate under major restrictions.

The interim government will only hold power seven months until there must be elections "in no case later than" Jan. 31. The Americans will still hold responsibility for security. And the interim government will not be able to amend the interim constitution. That document outlines many civil liberties guarantees that would make problematic a declaration of emergency.

Bremer had issued more than 100 orders and regulations.

Some are likely to be ignored. One law requires at least a month in jail for people caught driving without a license. Another demands that drivers stay in a single lane, a rule widely ignored in Iraq's chaotic

streets.

On Saturday, Bremer signed an edict that gave U.S. and other Western civilian contractors immunity from Iraqi law while performing their jobs in Iraq.

A Bremer elections law restricts certain candidates from running for office, banning parties with links to militias, for instance.

The Coalition Provisional Authority's laws remain in effect after the occupation ends unless rescinded or revised by the interim government.

The new government's major tasks will be to prepare for elections, handle the day-to-day running of the country and work along with the U.S.-led multinational force, which is responsible for security. The Iraqis can in principle ask the foreign troops to leave.

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before."

"This is our third year doing this," Vassar said Thursday. "It's been great so far. Yesterday was a good day despite the rain. People still came out, so it's going really good."

Steve Deer, a Midlander that mans the "Fireworks Over Texas" fireworks stand located on Highway 350, said opening sales have been encouraging for him as well.

"It was fairly substantial," said Deer. "A lot of the other stands haven't opened yet, so that may have something to do with it."

Deer said the lift on the banning of bottle rockets and aeri-

al displays should have a pronounced mark on his sales this holiday season.

"Last year the ban on bottle rockets and aerial displays was pretty substantial," said Deer. "We had a lot of people asking for those type of items."

Phinney echoed Deer's hopes that less restrictions will make for more sales and more family fun.

"Anything that we can sell that's not restricted is going to help," said Phinney. "I remember, in past years when they have banned bottle rockets, we weren't able to make as much money because they're so popular. People like bottle rockets and missiles — anything that goes up in the air and explodes."

"I think since it's not as dry this year it's going to make it a lot more enjoyable for every-

one. People won't have to worry as much about setting their land on fire when they shoot off the aerial rockets and things like that."

While the absence of a county burn ban or restrictions on the sale of bottle rockets means more sales, Both Deer and Phinney said it's still important to use common sense when setting off the holiday favorites.

"The most important thing to remember when working with fireworks is to be aware of what you're lighting," said Phinney. "You need to have some idea what it's going to do before you light it. You don't want to take something out that when you light has a chance of coming back towards the people that are watching it. You need to be very aware of what effect each piece is going to have and what type of dangers they might pre-

sent.

"As always, it's best to let the adults handle the big stuff and let the little kids play with the snappers and sparklers. That's fun for everyone to get in on, but with a lot of the bigger displays it's best to leave those to the adults."

"Being cautious is the biggest thing to remember," said Deer. "It will burn you. It can hurt you. That's why you should always be thinking of safety first, especially when little children are around."

Phinney said the type of fireworks people choose can go a long way to help keep the holiday from turning into a trip to the emergency room.

"We offer pretty much everything there is that's not classified as professional fireworks," said Phinney. "We have the big

boxes that have everything that we sell in it, including firecrackers, rockets and aerial displays. If you purchase the boxes you pay less per piece, so for bigger families it's a great deal, and they have something for everyone in the family.

"If you have little kids you may want to look for fireworks designed for them. We have a lot of fireworks that are made for little kids with things like the tanks and sparklers. People really need to be careful with the aerial fireworks. It's best to let the adults handle them."

Vassar said the stand will be open from 10 a.m. until midnight each night, including July 4.

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Have they had to make any changes to their ordinance since it was enacted, and if so, what sort of changes?"

The issue of chaining and tethering came to the council last month when councilman Woody Jumper had it placed on the agenda.

"What we have here is a dilemma," said Jumper

shortly after the first public hearing two weeks ago. "On one hand, tethering an animal makes it neurotic, territorial and aggressive. That's how I feel, personally. I've said this before, but I worry about that toddler that gets away from mom and dad and walks over to pet the cute dog and gets mauled. So we're looking at safety. I also think it's inhumane to tether a dog and just leave them out there on a chain."

Jumper's request to

have the item placed on the agenda came approximately nine months after the Big Spring Animal Control Committee made a recommendation to the council to ban tethering and chaining within the city limits.

Committee Chairperson Melanie Gambrell said she's glad to see the issue moving forward, but would like to see more action and less politics when the dust settles.

"I'm pleased that we had this hearing," said

Gambrell. "My concerns are what's best for the animals and the safety of the community. I would like to see them put politics aside and not look at what may be best for their next election. It's for the safety of the animals and the community. Can we afford to have another attack and one of our citizens or children be killed?"

While both McEwen and Jumper agree that the chaining of dogs is inhumane, not everyone on

the council sees it that way.

"I'm for tethering," Council member Stephanie Horton said following the first hearing. "I think they should have specifications — maybe one of those running wires or something that they can run up and down on and some shaded area. Austin has specifications for its animals, and they are tough specifications. But it allows the animal to be tethered and taken care of. The animal can

be taken care of just as well tethered as it could the way they want to untether them."

The public hearing is expected to begin directly after the council's regularly scheduled Tuesday meeting, which begins at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth Street.

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POPS

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every year and always spill over into the park and along U.S. Highway 87 with between 10,000 and 15,000 attending the July 3 concert by the Big Spring Symphony and Chorus and fireworks program. Blackshear said the committee expects as big a crowd or even larger this year.

"It seems like the crowd gets a little larger every year," he said. "And that's another one of the reasons we always try to make each year's show a little bigger and better. We've planned a bigger fireworks show than we've had in the past and gone to the expense of having someone choreograph the fireworks with the music the symphony will be playing."

"This is the largest single event in terms of the

people gathered at one time that we have in our community each year," Blackshear added. "And we really have things going pretty well, but we really do need some help from the community."

Donations making the event possible come from local businesses and individuals, as well as corporate sponsorships. What's more, they make it possible for the organizing committee to open the gates for all comers free of charge.

"I know I've said this before, but this is the entire community's celebration," Blackshear said. "It's an evening to gather with friends and family at the park and join your neighbors in celebrating the fact that we live in the best nation on earth. But to make that possible, we really do need the community's help. Luckily, this community has always come through for us."

For the first time, the committee is selling "Pops in the Park" T-shirts to help in the fundraising effort. The shirts, priced at \$10 each, are available at Big Spring City Hall, the Polly Mays Annex, the KBST studios and the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce office.

Presenters of the event include the Big Spring Herald, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, the city of Big Spring, the Big Spring Symphony and KBST.

Blackshear noted that the committee is also seeking support at different levels — "Patrons" that donate \$3,000 or more; "Sponsors" donating \$1,000 or more; and "Friends" that provide \$100 or more.

"We really want to thank those who support us in that manner," Blackshear said, but noted that smaller dona-

tions, "are just as appreciated."

Those interested in making a donation to the project can do so by contacting Debbye Valverde at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce at 263-7641 or mail them to the chamber office at P.O. Box 1391, Big Spring 79721-1391.

Any individual or group

interested in reserving a vendor's booth should contact Becky Crane at 267-5449.

Food booths open at 5 p.m. Saturday and the pre-show for Pops in the Park begins at 6:30 p.m. The event begins at dusk in the Comanche Trail Amphitheater.

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injuries to the back of the head and some lacerations. Both were treated at the Scenic Mountain Medical Center emergency room and released shortly after."

Sweatt said the driver of the vehicle hasn't been charged at this time, as the investigation into the matter is still pending.

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OUR VIEWS

New VA director
good news for
Veterans, Big Spring

Big Spring received extremely good news when the Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Personnel Management gave official approval to the appointment of Lou Ann Atkins as the new director of the Big Spring VA Medical Center.

Atkins' appointment, which is effective July 11, seems a clear sign that VA officials in Washington don't consider closure of the Big Spring medical Center anything close to a done deal.

In fact, if that were that the case, it's unlikely the VA would simply have left the facility in the hands of an interim director, or worse still, have appointed a succession of interim directors.

Instead, Atkins will be moving to Big Spring after having served as associate director of the West Palm Beach, Fla., VAMC where she directed operations, supervised 12 departments and administered a \$200 million budget. Prior to taking that post in 2000, she was associate director and chief operating officer of the Erie, Pa., VAMC.

Her approval permanently fills the post left vacant with the retirement of Cary Brown in November of last year.

By the time Atkins arrives in Big Spring to take over the post, a feasibility study on whether to close the more than 50-year-old hospital is expected to be under way — one of the recommendations made in the Capital Assets Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES) Commission plan to restructure the Department of Veterans Affairs' health care services.

But it seems clear from her comments that she doesn't believe she's moving to Big Spring to simply handle a "death watch."

In fact, we here at the *Herald* remain extremely optimistic concerning the local VA hospital's future, in the wake of Atkins' acknowledgment of several points local officials stressed in their opposition to the CARES Commission report. In particular her statement that there are "opportunities for the VA to partner with community providers for services we could work together to provide," and that she would "look for those opportunities and try to develop them when appropriate."

We believe it is just that kind of thinking that could make the Big Spring VAMC a model for other Veterans Affairs facilities to follow.

While buoyed by Atkins' appointment, we in no way believe that we can simply let loose a sigh of relief and believe there is no longer a threat to the 500-plus jobs, multi-million-dollar payroll and health care services the hospital provides our community.

We believe it is still imperative that local veterans register with the hospital as recipients of care.

While there are currently some 65,000 veterans living in the hospital's catchment area eligible for VA care, only about 20,000 are registered as recipients of care. Efforts to increase those registered continue and have made progress, but many more need to be signed up.

If a vast majority of those veterans who live in the area were registered — even if they never use the hospital's services for more than an annual checkup — it's clear much more consideration would need to be given before making any changes.

Again, we want to stress that if you are a veteran and not registered as being served by the VA Medical Center, please remedy that situation as soon as possible.

We must remember that none of us should take for granted the importance of our VA hospital, especially the veterans in this area.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Thank you, Lord, for your Heavenly comfort during our afflictions.

Amen

Speaker's phone call sets off storm

House Speaker J. Dennis Hastert, who usually operates discreetly below the radar, set off a firestorm inside Washington last week with one telephone call. Hastert called Treasury Secretary John Snow on behalf of a constituent's loan request. The applicant was no struggling small businessman, and the amount was not trifling. The speaker was pushing a \$1.6 billion loan guarantee for United Airlines, the nation's second-largest air carrier.

It was assumed Hastert's clout would carry the day for United. Instead, the Treasury cast the deciding vote Thursday to deny the federal bailout. But the issue is far from settled. After a second intervention by Hastert, the Treasury issued a statement inviting a new United proposal — presumably including new capital to be poured into the bankrupt airline. That puts Snow and the Treasury in a precarious position. Can they withstand this pressure from the powerful speaker?

This prolongs the loan stabilization program some three years after it was created to preserve America's airline industry following Sept. 11, 2001. The extension is traced to the speaker, third in line for the presidency, pressuring a Cabinet member on behalf of a home state corporation. The White House, while closely watching developments, is determined to keep its hands off.

The issue is before the three-member Air Transportation Stabilization Board (ATSB), creat-

ed to oversee the loan guarantees. The Federal Reserve, the Treasury and the Department of Transportation each have one vote. In December 2002, when United sought a \$1.9 billion loan guarantee, the board voted two to one against, with Transportation dissenting in favor of the bailout. The renewed request is based on economic pressure from \$40-a-barrel oil. Other carriers, opposing the United proposal, say they must cope with the same high oil prices.

Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta has recused himself because his wife is a retired United Airlines flight attendant. Deputy Secretary Kirk Van Tine, who cast the dissenting vote on the earlier loan request, is totally committed to bailing out United and determines the department's position. The Federal Reserve is just as inflexible in the opposite position, and there was no point in Hastert trying to lobby the non-political central bank. He had to go to the Treasury.

The Treasury's representative on the ATSB, Under Secretary Brian Roseboro, was as firm against the bailout as the Fed member, Governor Edward Gramlich. Roseboro, an officer of the American International Group before going into the government, is considered one of the rising stars of the Bush administration. Instead of approaching Roseboro, the speaker telephoned his boss.

After Hastert's call to Snow, United CEO Glenn Tilton cancelled a speech at a New York conference of investors to fly from Chicago to Washington. Tilton and Frederic Brace, United's chief financial officer, met with Treasury officials but not anybody from the unapproachable Fed. It was assumed in Washington that

the speaker's clout would carry the day for United.

Hastert placed a second call to Snow last Thursday. He may have known by that time that Roseboro would vote against the loan guarantee. Under Secretary Jeffrey Shane, representing Transportation on the ATSB, voted to defer the decision for a week to try to save the loan. The majority of the board issued a decision asserting that the loan was not necessary to maintain a "viable" U.S. aviation system as mandated by the loan guarantee law. The case, finally, seemed closed.

But it wasn't. Presumably influenced by Hastert's interest, the Treasury issued a statement saying it was prepared to reconsider if United submitted "an improved application in the coming days." That is expected to be \$250 million to \$300 million in new equity. What then will Roseboro and the Treasury be forced to do under political pressure? Will this trigger bailout requests from other airlines?

Republican Sen. Peter Fitzgerald, who has been at odds with his fellow Illinoisan Hastert during his single term in the Senate that is about to end, opposes the bailout and is interested in a senatorial inquiry of improper lobbying on the issue. The question is whether the speaker, helping a company with headquarters in Chicago and many employees in his congressional district, has stepped over the line in influencing the government's decision.

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From the past: Labor Day predictions

Roger Simon is on vacation. The following column was first published on Sept. 4, 2000.

Last week both Al Gore and George W. Bush drove themselves crazy trying to get their poll numbers up for this week.

While in reality there is nothing magical about who leads in the polls on Labor Day, the media think whoever is ahead is going to win, and so the day has become extremely important.

If you take a look at the polls for every presidential election since 1936, you can draw one conclusion, and the Gallup organization has done it for us: "If a candidate is substantially ahead around Labor Day, the odds are high that he will cruise to a victory."

That has happened three times: In 1984, when incumbent Ronald Reagan led Walter Mondale by 19 points and went ahead to win by 18.

In 1972, when incumbent Richard Nixon led George McGovern by 28 points and went on to win by 23.

And in 1964, when incumbent Lyndon Johnson led Barry Goldwater by 36 points and went on to win by 22.

On other occasions, candidates who have led on Labor Day have seen their leads shrink to almost nothing and then squeaked out a victory.

And in the last three elections, the winner on Labor Day has gone on to win: Bill Clinton in 1992 and 1996 and George H. W. Bush in 1988.

Farley's Law anticipated these results. James A. Farley was one

of Franklin Roosevelt's chief political operatives, and he stated that there was no use campaigning after Labor Day because voters had already made up their minds by then. In other words, whoever was ahead on Labor Day won.

Farley's Law is not followed today — polls show a large number of voters make up their minds after Labor Day — but the results seem to prove Farley's general conclusion correct.

The one big exception, as most people know, is when Thomas Dewey led Harry Truman by 8 points on Labor Day in 1948 and Truman went on to win by 5 points.

The sample size is really not large enough to draw conclusions — there have been only 16 presidential elections between 1936 and now — but Farley's Law threw the George W. Bush campaign into a panic last week.

They were so worried Bush would be significantly behind in the polls that Bush broke his pledge not to launch personal attacks and approved a negative commercial blasting Gore for his Buddhist Temple fund raising and claim to have invented the Internet.

This was a big deal for Bush: From the beginning, he has tried to portray himself as the high road candidate and not just another politician.

This earned him some good poll numbers until recently, when Gore delivered that kiss, made that speech and got Americans to take a second look at him after the Democratic Convention.

Going negative carries another risk, and it's a big one. The women's vote is very important to both candidates because women not only register in higher percentages than men, but vote in higher percentages.

And women, polls show, especially dislike negative campaigning. So why was it worth the risk? Farley's Law.

The Bush campaign polls every day (as does the Gore campaign), and I am guessing their polls showed what the Newsweek poll taken Aug. 30 and Aug. 31 showed: Gore leading by 10 percentage points, which is 6 points beyond the margin of error.

When you get a result like that, you tend to hit the panic button and this, I think, is what Bush did.

Does negative campaigning work? Polls say people hate them, but campaigns are convinced they also change people's minds.

The Bush campaign saw Gore transforming himself into a warm and fuzzy nice guy — in a recent Gallup Poll, Gore beat Bush by 2 points on "Who you'd more like to have dinner with" — and they wanted to change that image.

So they put up a commercial that casts Gore as a slithery political chameleon.

Will it work? Well, in 1988 Bush's father put up a commercial called "Revolving Door," which reminded people that Michael Dukakis had let convicted murderers out of jail on furloughs.

It was widely denounced and, in polls, people said they hated it.

But George Bush, the elder, won, and George Bush, the younger, seems to have learned his lessons from it.

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Spirituality taking root in health care settings

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston police Sgt. Michael Bozeman often found himself feeling depressed and alone during the months he was confined to a hospital bed recovering from a gunshot wound to his left side.

But Bozeman, a 24-year police veteran, credits his spiritual beliefs, bolstered by a hospital minister and doctor, with giving him the strength to make it through the tough times.

"I firmly believe that attitude and spirituality play a vital role in your recovery from injuries," said Bozeman, who has endured 26 surgeries since he was shot in the line of duty on Valentine's Day in 2003. "I don't know how well I would have recovered if I didn't have that available through Hermann Hospital."

The Memorial Hermann Healthcare System, the largest not-for-profit health care system in Texas with 11 hospitals, is one in a growing number of hospital groups incorporating spirituality into patient care. Hospital administrators say they are not trying to push religion but simply practicing

ideas and beliefs that benefit everyone.

However, critics say it's an attempt to promote religion in a setting where it doesn't belong.

It's "totally unethical to push a religious perspective," said Dr. Christina Puchalski, founder and director of the George Washington Institute for Spirituality and Health. "Those things happen. One of the best ways to combat that is have courses where you teach guidelines."

In the last 10 to 15 years, the relationship between spirituality and medicine has gained wider acceptance, said Puchalski, who teaches at the George Washington University School of Medicine in Washington, D.C.

About 37 medical schools across the country, including Harvard Medical School and Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine, offer courses that deal with spirituality and medicine, according to the Association of American Medical Colleges, which has a membership of 126 medical schools.

"To be able to at least approach the subject or make it OK for the patient to talk about it, it may be very important to put that out on the table."



—Dr. Patti Patterson

Dr. Patti Patterson, vice president of rural and community health for the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in Lubbock, said more medical schools are encouraging students to explore their own feelings about spirituality so they can feel more comfortable discussing it with their patients.

"To be able to at least approach the subject or make it OK for the patient to talk about it, it may be very important to put that out on the table," she said.

But bringing spirituality in a

medical setting could cause more harm than good, if it's a physician and not a patient who first broaches the issue, said Annie Laurie Gaylor, one of the founders of the Madison, Wis.-based Freedom From Religion Foundation Inc.

"It's an endorsement of religion from your doctor," she said.

Gaylor said incorporating spirituality into a workplace, like a hospital, could make some employees feel as if participation might be tied to their performance evaluations or feel some sense of intimidation if they don't participate.

"You might go along to get along," she said. "Religion seems to be divisive in a professional relationship. They are promoting spirituality but are pretty much aligned with Christianity."

Judi Neal, executive director of the Association for Spirit at Work, located at the University of New Haven in Connecticut, said spirituality can create "an environment for healing in patients."

"If employees are feeling good

in mind and spirit, they serve patients better," she said.

Dan Wilford, former president and chief executive of Memorial Hermann and a founder of its Spiritual Leadership Institute in 1998, added that teaching employees how to incorporate spirituality into the workplace helps them grow as leaders, become more productive and foster better relationships with each other and patients.

Bozeman, who hopes to be well enough to return to work in July, said spirituality in a hospital environment has to be non-denominational. He said he is grateful for the guidance and understanding he got from Dr. James "Red" Duke, a trauma surgeon at the hospital.

"When questions would arise about my prognosis or progress, there were times he had to say, 'Only God knows,'" Bozeman said.

"While it may frustrate some, it actually brought things into perspective for me and let me know that only God does know and whatever is in God's plan will be."

Go ahead: Just imagine a world without sweat

By JEFF DANIEL

St. Louis Post-Dispatch

ST. LOUIS — As you've probably noticed, the weather scene is a maddening place, one where popular meteorological terms include "changeable skies," "there may be a chance" and "I can't

rule out." So here's a Doppler-be-damned truism to rely on:

The sweat will soon be all over us.

Beading sweat. Pooling sweat. Dripping, soaking, stinking sweat. The kind of sweat that reappears before the dampness of your last shower dries. The kind of sweat we love to badmouth and berate.

But to paraphrase John Lennon in a way that probably shouldn't be allowed — imagine there's no sweat. Go ahead. Give it a try. Seems pretty good at first, doesn't it? Refreshing even.

Then, like George Bailey in "It's a Wonderful Life," you begin to see the nightmarish effects of an alternate reality. On the economy. On entertainment. On fashion. On so many aspects of our daily lives.

Eradicate sweat, and you have a world devoid of "Cool Hand Luke" and "Body Heat." Without the word sweat itself, you'd have no Mister Rogers sweater or Tony Soprano sweat suit. (Can you say "Madon?") Take away perspiration, and you sap James Brown of his very essence, while a Tennessee Williams play would lose its steamy, sultry soul. A little known fact: The playwright originally titled his 1954 play "Cat on a Humid Tin Roof."

Back here in the non-fiction world, a sweatless society would provide nothing short of a severe economic blow. Granted, it's a bit difficult to calculate exact figures, being

that there's no National Sweat Council or American Perspiration Association to turn to for charts and graphs. But the industry of sweat is impressive nonetheless — and perhaps on par to those devoted to human waste, bad breath, hair loss and blotchy skin. (Talk about bad company.)

"Don't sweat the petty things, and don't pet the sweaty things."

—George Carlin

Begin with a look at clothing and hundreds of millions of dollars spent yearly on wickaway items containing Dri-fit, Cool Max, Hydromax and Cool Best. Those hi-tech, sweat-dispersing technologies can be found in everything from underwear and hiking socks to sports bras and running tights. Scientists get paid to dream up this stuff; sales people tell us why we need it in our closet. It's big business — and getting bigger each year.

Underneath that wickaway wear, you'll likely roll on some anti-perspirant and deodorant, splash on a little perfume or cologne, rub in some sweet lotions and magic potions — all in an effort to keep sweat at bay or cover its tracks. You'll turn down the thermostat on your AC unit, a wonderful friend — ranked number 10 in the National Academy of Engineer-

ing's list of top 20th-century inventions — which requires yearly service and constant filter replacement.

Think there's not a few mortgages being paid with the help of all those purchases and expenses?

And that's just the outside of the body. Look inside, then try to calculate the jobs involved in the bottled waters and sports drinks downed for rehydration on a daily basis. Gatorade, invented in 1967 by football staffers at the University of Florida, is so prevalent that it's now a major part of our pop culture lexicon — as is Evian, one of the early entrants into the crowded market of pre-packaged H2O. They've been joined by a sweat-filled ocean of sport drinks and water brands.

Added all together, it's enough to give a whole new meaning to the term sweat equity. And to think, you briefly considered ridding the world — or at least your own body — of perspiration. Not such a good idea. For the arts, for the world economy and, as any doctor will tell you, for you yourself.

"Sweating is the body's own version of air conditioning," says Dr. Michael Heffernan, assistant professor of dermatology at Washington University. "People have this mistaken belief from Madison Avenue and

Hollywood that it's not normal to sweat, so they go to great lengths to avoid doing it. They would have a much happier life if they weren't so fixated on it."

Then again, easier said than done. Sweating is one of our great summer pastimes, a time-honored tradition. Some of us have even grown to enjoy it.

"I definitely like to sweat," says Nofa Shibley, a St. Louis area chiropractor who also teaches Pilates classes and runs the occasional marathon. She does qualify her statement a bit by adding that sweat isn't such a pal when she's trying to keep her hair looking spiffy. Still, she wouldn't think of letting the chance to perspire expire — even if someone

were to invent a pill that made such a feat possible.

"Not all," Shibley says. "Sweating is a way of showing that I'm working hard, a way of showing that I've accomplished something."

And a way, it would seem, to show that the ol' AC system is working just fine. Because much like the water drains from that little tube on our Carrier window unit, sweat drains from our sweat glands — or something to that effect. As for the liquid that trickles down our brow all the way to our Dr. Scholl's sweat-absorbing insoles? Mostly water, with salt and a trace of other minerals tossed in.

"You hate to say it, but it's basically Gatorade," Heffernan says.

Sweaty questions

(KRT) "There's no such thing as a stupid question," says Dr. Michael Heffernan, an assistant professor of dermatology at Washington University. Or so he thought. We put the good-humored physician to the sweat test.

Q: Dogs pant rather than sweat — can humans reduce their amount of sweat by panting?

A: Umm. I know of no scientific answer for that question — and no one has ever asked me that before. But actually, the truth is that we DO evaporate a lot of water through the simple act of breathing. I'm sure that when you are breathing hard, that could be the equivalent of panting.

Q: Can you alter the smell of sweat by what you eat? For instance, could I end up sweating out a powdered doughnut smell?

A: You can definitely find foods that can be excreted in sweat, such as garlic. So, obviously, there are things that are well-known to come out in sweat and change your odor that way. I don't know if you can do a powdered doughnut, though. Sugar is everywhere, so it would have to be something that had more oomph.

Q: We sometimes equate sweaty with sexy in our culture. Is there a natural, instinctual sexual attraction induced by sweat?

A: Well, (stammers) umm ... I'm trying to answer this as a scientist. I'll bet there are studies that would support that there are pheromone-like reactions to sweat. That would not be a surprise to me. It's not my area of research, but I'd be surprised if that kind of reaction wasn't the case.

Q: After a hot day or brisk workout, people will say they "sweat out a gallon." Is that possible?

A: I would imagine ... let's see, how much is a gallon? (Breaks into a sing-song voice) Pint's a pound the world around. And two pints is a quart. Is that right? And four quarts in a gallon. So we're talking about losing eight pounds? Well, I know a lot of people who lost eight pounds getting ready for wrestling, by putting on a rubber suit and going to sit next to a boiler or something. So, yeah, you probably could sweat out a gallon. And I imagine it would leave you very, very dehydrated.

Q: We hear a lot about the national obesity problem — is part of the solution that we need to manufacture more sweat as collective whole?

A: If you're saying we need to exercise more, yes. If we all sweat a bit more, we'd be a healthier nation.

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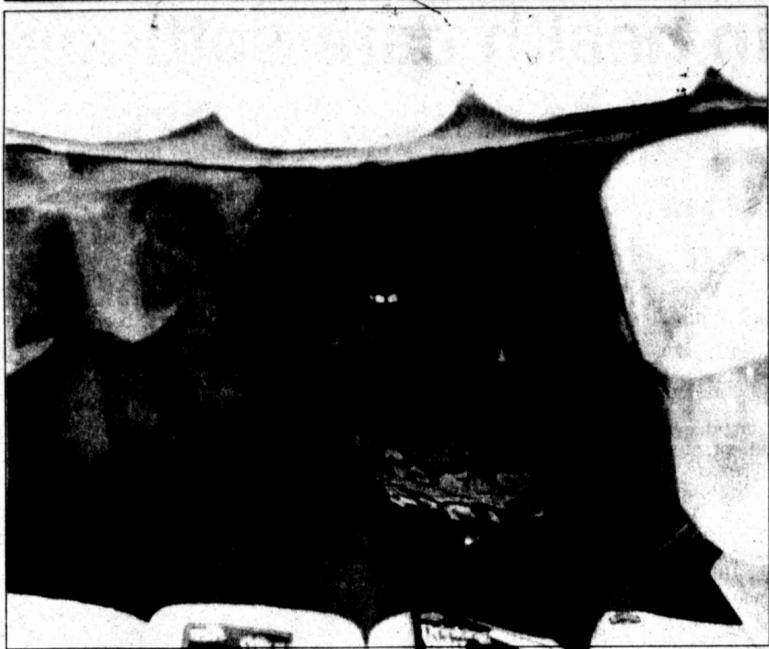
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Scenes from Kid's Cottage, clockwise from top — Nine-year-old Paige Yater peeks out of an igloo made of milk cartons; John Warren Medlin covers his face while Big Spring firefighters hose down participants; Cassandra Sulatan, left, and Gabby Torres smile at each other; and, 13-year-old Cameron Wells raises his arms as he is covered in water.

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Dates set for Camp of Champions

Coach Ricky currently con Big Spring School's Camp Champs at Spring Training Center camp will run July 7.

The camp is open to boys and females in fifth through eighth grade.

For more information, call Coach at 432-269-3662 or 0519.

Large donation to Crossroads

Steve Harris Ace H in collaboration with John Weeks of Radio have made a huge donation of chain links and accessories to Crossroads Football Association after the playing field was newly built and the system was installed.

The league is on a tight budget and mainly run by volunteers and sign.

Forsan announces camp Buffalo

Forsan's Buffalo will run from 8 a.m. to noon, July 23. The camp is for boys in grades through eighth grade designed to teach skills and fundamentals of football and conditioning.

The cost of the camp is \$40 per participant which includes a T-shirt.

For more information or to register, call Terry McDona at 267-7445 or Thompson at 0099.

Martin County Hospital fun

The Martin County Hospital will be holding a 5K fun run on July 9 at 7 a.m. in Stanton. The start is in the parking lot of the hospital.

Proceeds from the race will go to the Griffis Scholarship Fund, which provides scholarships for students choosing to study in healthcare.

Awards will be given for first, second and third place for three different age groups. The race starts before July 9 on race day.

For more information, call Nicole at 432-756-2811 or Dunn at 432-756-2811.

Big Spring Softball tournament

The Big Spring Softball Association will be holding a ragball tournament, a fund-raiser for Spring softball stars.

The tournament will be held on July 9, 10 and 11. The team fee is \$100. For more information, call Nicole at 432-756-2811.

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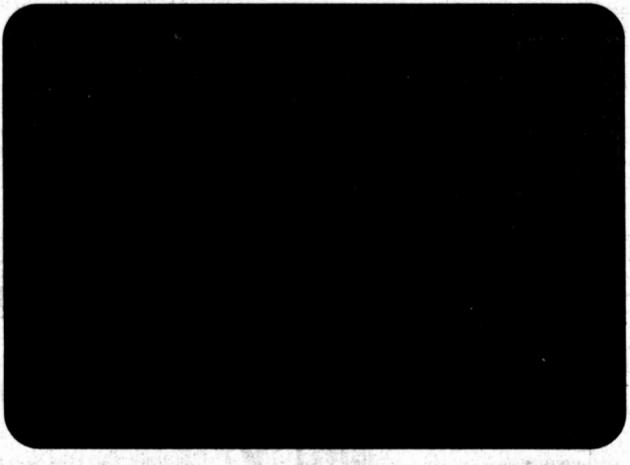
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IN BRIEF

Dates set for Camp of Champs

Coach Ricky Long is currently conducting Big Spring High School's Camp for Champs at the Big Spring Athletic Training Center. The camp will run through July 7.

The weightlifting camp is open to males and females in grades fifth through eighth.

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Large donation made to Crossroads youth

Steve Herrin of Harris Ace Hardware in collaboration with John Weeks of KBST Radio have made a huge donation of a 1200 feet chain link fencing and accessories to the Crossroads Youth Football Association after the playing field's newly built sprinkler system was vandalized.

The league operates on a tight budget and is mainly run by donations and sign-up fees.

Forsan announces camp Buffalo dates

Forsan's Camp Buffalo will run from 8 a.m. to noon, July 19-23. The camp is for all boys grades five through eight and is designed to develop skills and fundamentals of football, basketball and strength conditioning.

The cost of the camp is \$40 per student, which includes a camp T-shirt.

For more information or to register, call Terry McDonald at 432-267-7445 or Tommy Thompson at 432-457-0099.

Martin County

Hospital fun run set

The Martin County Hospital will be holding a 5K fun run/walk July 9 at 7 p.m. in Stanton. The race will start in the back parking lot of the hospital.

Proceeds from the race will go to the Dan Griffith Scholarship Fund, which will provide scholarships to Martin County residents choosing a career in healthcare.

Awards will be given for first, second and third place finishes in three different age groups. The cost is \$15 before July 6 and \$18 on race day.

For more information, call Norma Garza at 432-756-2816 or Kathy Dunn at 432-756-3345.

Big Spring co-ed ragball touney set

The Big Spring Girls Softball Association will be holding a co-ed ragball tournament as a fund-raiser for Big Spring softball all-stars.

The tournament will be July 9, 10 and 11 and the team fee is \$125.

For more info, call Nicole at 432-264-2206.

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Cal State takes down top-ranked Longhorns in CWS championship

By ERIC OLSON

Associated Press Writer
OMAHA, Neb. - After struggling at the start of the season, Cal State Fullerton ended it in style.

Jason Windsor pitched a five-hitter, Kurt Suzuki's RBI single capped off a three-run seventh inning and Cal State Fullerton won the national championship with a 3-2 victory over Texas in the College World Series on Sunday.

The Titans (47-22) won the best-of-three championship series 2-0 - a surprising end to a season that Fullerton started 15-16. The 22 losses are the most by a national champion since Stanford had 23 in 1988.

Fullerton also won national titles in 1979, 1984 and 1995 - all under current Texas coach Augie Garrido.

The Longhorns, the top-seeded team in the NCAA tournament, finished 58-

15. Windsor (13-4) was strong in throwing his second complete game of the CWS. He struck out 10 and walked one.

Windsor shut out South Carolina on a three-hitter in the Titans' opener, and he pitched three innings of shutout relief Thursday in another win over the Gamecocks.

In 21 innings, Windsor gave up 11 hits and two runs, struck out 29 and

was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Player.

Suzuki lined a two-out single into left field, scoring Ronnie Prettyman from second for the winning run. Suzuki had been 2-for-20 in the College World Series before his big hit.

Fullerton, held to five hits over the first 6 1-3 innings, broke through after Texas starter Sam LeCure was relieved by Buck Cody (1-2) with the Longhorns leading 2-0.

Pinch-hitter Brett Pill tripled in the seventh on

Cody's first pitch, scoring Bobby Andrews to cut Texas' lead to 2-1. A wild pitch by Cody scored pinch-runner Brandon Tripp with the tying run.

Prettyman reached on a throwing error by Texas shortstop Michael Hollimon, and later scored from second on Suzuki's hit off J. Brent Cox.

LeCure turned in a solid effort, holding the Titans to five hits and one run over 6 1-3 innings. He struck out five and walked none.

LeCure stayed in the game after getting hit on the right ankle by a hard comebacker by Justin Turner in the fifth inning. The ball ricocheted to third baseman David Maroul, who threw out Turner to end the inning. LeCure hopped back to the dugout, and a few minutes later was throwing in the bullpen.

But after LeCure left in the seventh, the Texas bullpen couldn't hold the lead and blew its third save opportunity of the Series.

Texas took 2-0 lead against Windsor, who saw his scoreless innings streak end at 27 2-3 innings.

MOST WINS AT THE CWS:

1. Southern California, 74
2. Texas, 73
3. Arizona State, 55
4. Miami, 45
5. Oklahoma State, 38
6. Stanford, 38
7. Arizona, 33
8. Cal State-Fullerton, 32
9. LSU, 29
10. Florida State, 25



AP photo/Alistair Grant
France's Tatiana Golovin returns to Switzerland's Emmanuelle Gagliardi during their Women's Singles, third-round match at Wimbledon Sunday. Because of rain delays, play is being held on the traditional middle Sunday rest day for only the third time in the 127-year-old history of the tournament. U.S. top seeds Andy Roddick and Serena Williams both advanced Sunday.

Oswalt shuts down Rangers, Astros avoid sweep

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer
ARLINGTON - Roy Oswalt struck out nine while throwing eight shutout innings, benefiting from a home run-robbing catch by newly acquired Carlos Beltran, and the Houston Astros won 1-0 Sunday to end the Texas Rangers' eight-game winning streak.

Beltran, acquired from Kansas City in a three-way trade last Thursday, scored the lone run for Houston. He also saved a run with his incredible catch in the first.

Michael Young led off for Texas with a deep drive to center. Beltran leaped with his glove extended over the top of the wall, but it wasn't immediately clear that he had caught the ball when he dropped to the ground in a sitting position.

After a momentary pause, with Young already trotting halfway between second and third, Beltran got up and pulled the ball out of his glove.

The Rangers' winning streak was the longest in the majors, but they still lead the AL West. Texas plays its remaining 14 games before the All-Star break on the road without a day off.

It was the third time this season Texas was shut out, and the Rangers' first 1-0 loss at home since June 23, 1997, against Anaheim.

Oswalt (6-6), who didn't walk a batter, overcame extra-base hits in three consecutive innings for the win.

Brad Lidge, who took over as the closer when Octavio Dotel was sent to Oakland as part of the Beltran deal, pitched a perfect ninth for his fourth save in six chances - completing the Astros' seventh shutout.

Ryan Drese (4-5) threw



AP photo/The Dallas Morning News, Michael Almsworth
Houston Astros shortstop Adam Everett (28) tags out Texas Rangers' Brad Fuller (20) at second base on a pickoff in the seventh inning in Arlington Sunday. Umpire Ed Montague is at right. Houston avoided the sweep with a 1-0 victory.

his second complete game for the Rangers, allowing six hits over nine innings and striking out four. He had been 4-0 at home.

After Alfonso Soriano's two-out single in the first, Oswalt retired 12 straight batters - getting seven of them on strikeouts.

Eric Young tripled with two outs in the fifth, hitting a ball into the gap that right fielder Lance Berkman took a bad angle on and couldn't cut off. The ball got to the wall, but Oswalt then got Gary Matthews Jr. on an inning-ending groundout.

Rod Barajas and Brad Fuller had leadoff doubles the next two innings. Barajas was stranded when the top three hitters in the lineup went 1-2-3 in the sixth.

After Fuller doubled, Oswalt hit Mark Teixeira with an 0-2 pitch. But Fuller was picked off by

catcher Raul Chavez, on the second straight throw he made. Oswalt then struck out David Dellucci and ended the inning with a comebacker.

Houston got its lone run after loading the bases with no outs in the second - Beltran and Lance

Berkman singled, and Mike Lamb walked. Beltran scored when Morgan Ensberg grounded into a double play.

Beltran was 1-for-3, extending his hitting streak to 12 games. He was 4-for-11 in his first three games with the

Astros.

Matthews made a run-saving catch to end the Houston sixth. With Berkman running on contact from first, Matthews went deep into the left-center gap and with a full extension of his left arm caught Ensberg's flyball.

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- Staff: Howard head coach Mark Adams and assistant coach Jason Sautter

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IN BRIEF

Crossroads football sign-up dates set

The Crossroads Youth Football Association has announced the sign-up dates for the upcoming season.

Both football and cheerleading sign-ups will take place at the Big Spring Mall June 18 through July 17 on Fridays (5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.) and Saturdays (9 a.m. to 6 p.m.) only.

The league is for kindergarten through sixth grade.

The flag football league costs \$30, while football division 1 and 2 and cheerleading costs \$55 and \$65, respectively.

For more information, call Stacie or Robert at 432-268-9634.

BSISD announces volleyball events

Big Spring will hold a volleyball open gym on all Mondays and Thursdays for the summer from 6-8 p.m. at the junior high. All players in grades seven through 12 are invited to participate.

There will also be lifting and conditioning both Mondays and Thursdays after open gym from 8-9 p.m. The makeup days are every Wednesday from 8:30-9:30 p.m.

Two skills camps for incoming eighth- and ninth-graders and seventh-graders will also take place from 8 a.m. to noon in June and July at the junior high.

The first camp will take place June 28-July 2. Eighth- and ninth-graders will go from 8 a.m. to noon for \$75 and seventh-graders will go from 1-5 p.m. for \$50. The second camp is July 12 through July 16.

For more information, contact Revis Daggett at 432-816-9560.

Steer football golf tournament set

The Big Spring Steer Football Booster Club has scheduled its third annual golf tournament for July 17 at the Big Spring Country Club.

The tournament will be a four-man scramble and begin its shotgun start at 8 a.m.

There is a \$75 entry fee, which includes a cart. And, prizes will be paid for first through fourth place.

Big Spring native Bubba Franks will make a special guest appearance.

Franks is a three-time NFL pro bowler, former-college all-American with the University of Miami and current tight end for the Green Bay Packers.

There will a \$25,000 Chevrolet vehicle given away by Pollard Chevrolet if a certain hole-in-one occurs. Also, there will be a contest to the pin and putting contest.

For more info., contact Randy Phillips at 432-264-6600 or Steve Jeter at 432-263-3670.

Harris, Podkolzine could be just what the Mavs needed

By JAIME ARON
AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — Devin Harris could be the backup point guard the Dallas Mavericks were looking for this offseason. At 7-foot-5 and 260 pounds, Pavel Podkolzine could be the big body they wanted to add to their center rotation.

Or maybe the two first-round picks Dallas acquired are merely more options to offer the Los Angeles Lakers as part of a package for Shaquille O'Neal.

It's hard to tell whose roster the Mavericks had in mind the most when they were wheeling and dealing on draft night, but they did their best Friday to give the incoming rookies every reason to believe they'll be playing in Dallas next season.

Actually, make that next week.

The Mavericks are planning to have both players join their summer league squad in time to play three games against China's national team, starting Thursday.

The exhibitions will give Harris a chance to play alongside Marquis Daniels, offering a glimpse of what could be the team's backcourt of the future. Most eyes, though, will be on Podkolzine to see how he stacks up against Yao Ming.

The fast start indicates Dallas is serious about keeping both players. Still, president of basketball operations Donnie Nelson knows every move the Mavericks make will be linked to the Lakers until Los Angeles decides what to do with O'Neal.

"That perception is out there because everyone knows we're active," Nelson said. "We are fully committed to doing whatever it takes to celebrate a championship here. So we've always got to be looking to upgrade and probe every step of the way."

The precarious task of reshaping the roster without losing potential pieces to the O'Neal puzzle began with Dallas opting to get one of the top point guards in the draft.

Nelson said they expected either Harris, the Big Ten player of the year, or high schooler Shaun Livingston to be available at No. 5, so they agreed to send Antawn Jamison to Washington for the pick, Jerry Stackhouse and Christian Laettner.

But even filling a need set off conspiracy theories.

Was Harris taken in fear that Steve Nash, a free agent, won't re-sign? Or does his arrival mean that Nash could be part of a deal for O'Neal?

Nelson laughs at both scenarios, maintaining that he hopes Harris will one day take the job from Nash, but that he'll be coming off the bench this season.

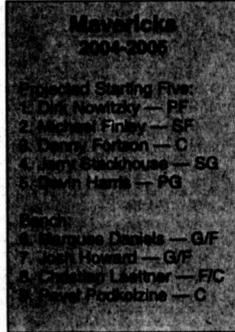
"I can be patient, especially playing behind Steve Nash," Harris said. "I can learn so much from him."

Nick Van Exel was on the squad. Nelson says every season that he'd like to reduce Nash's minutes, so having Harris gives him yet another chance to do it.

The elder Nelson also had some fun at Harris' expense, teasing him about going to Wisconsin because he couldn't get into Iowa (Nelson's alma mater) and about which of Dallas star Michael Finley's school records he broke. Told that it was scoring, and not assists, Nelson laughed and said, "We drafted the wrong guy!"

Podkolzine bears a resemblance to George Muresan, more known for his role in "My Giant" than his playing career, but Donnie Nelson said Podkolzine is more coordinated. Nelson also said Podkolzine moves better and has more offensive skills than former Utah center Mark Eaton.

The X factor with Podkolzine is that he's been playing basketball for less than five years and has never had the caliber of coaching he'll get in the NBA. The competition is going way up, too, starting with next week's showdown against Yao.



MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

American League						
Team	W	L	GB	Home	Diff.	Streak
New York Yankees	46	26	—	24-10	22-16	Won 1
Tampa Bay	36	36	10	21-16	14-21	Lost 1
Baltimore	30	41	15.5	17-22	13-19	Lost 2
Central						
Minnesota	41	33	—	22-16	19-17	Lost 2
Chicago White Sox	39	33	1	24-18	15-18	Won 1
Cleveland	37	37	4	23-16	14-20	Won 2
Detroit	35	39	5	18-19	15-21	Won 1
Kansas City	28	44	12	18-21	10-23	Lost 4
West						
TEXAS	42	30	—	25-12	17-18	Lost 1
Oakland	41	39	2	24-12	17-21	Lost 1
Anaheim	41	34	2.5	22-16	19-18	Lost 1
Seattle	30	42	15	17-19	12-25	Won 1
National League						
Team	W	L	GB	Home	Diff.	Streak
Florida	40	35	—	20-17	20-18	Won 1
Philadelphia	39	36	1	15-18	21-19	Lost 1
New York Mets	36	37	3	21-16	15-21	Lost 1
Atlanta	35	38	4.5	17-17	16-22	Won 2
Montreal	25	48	14	13-22	12-26	Won 1
Central						
St. Louis	46	29	—	20-17	26-12	Won 5
Chicago Cubs	41	34	3	20-15	21-19	Lost 2
Cincinnati	41	34	3	22-12	19-22	Lost 2
Milwaukee	39	34	5.5	21-17	17-17	Won 2
HOUSTON	39	36	7	21-18	19-17	Won 1
Pittsburgh	29	43	15.5	11-22	18-21	Won 2
West						
San Francisco	43	33	—	24-15	19-18	Won 1
San Diego	39	35	3	20-17	18-18	Won 1
Los Angeles	38	35	3.5	20-15	17-20	Won 1
Colorado	28	46	13.5	17-18	11-22	Lost 2
Arizona	27	48	15	13-22	14-26	Lost 9

Sunday's Interleague scores
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Boston 12, Philadelphia 3
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Detroit 9, Arizona 5
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Montreal 9, Toronto 4
Florida 11, Tampa Bay 4

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Milwaukee 7, Minnesota 3
San Francisco 5, Oakland 2
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

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Mars and Neptune exchange strong vibes, inviting one another to show off their talents. Mars wants us to take strong, decisive action, whereas Neptune begs us to latch onto more ethereal concepts and dream bigger, even if our plans aren't actually feasible. Wait until tomorrow's new moon to choose between practical and possibility thinking.



Joyce Jillson

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Though it would be so easy to get caught up in how and why you landed in this place, stay attentive to what is happening now. If you can stay present, new clarity helps you develop a workable action plan.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're a big respecter of privacy, but you may not be able to contain your curiosity about a situation any longer. Remember what happened to the cat! Before you ask a lot of questions, consider what you might be getting into.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You've got the energy to move forward, but there will still be delays. No worries - these only help you make more thorough plans and also give you the chance to review and be sure before you finalize decisions.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The day starts not with a bang but with a burst of diligence and elbow grease. Even if all you do is prep work today, it's the most productive day you've had in a long time. Details fall right into place.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Many people will be competing for the same result, and only a small number will be able to attain it. Such odds don't scare you, though. Mahatma Gandhi said, "There would be nothing to frighten you if you refused to be afraid."

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your emotions are volatile. Take time to cool off whenever you need it. Puttering around the house is just the remedy to take your mind off worries and ease you into a productive mood. Tonight, you're magnetic.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Re-define your aims, goals and objectives. Even if you spend the whole day thinking, drawing, planning, making charts and researching - and do nothing that makes you any money - you'll be far ahead for the effort.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You've got much to do and won't be able to handle it all alone. Begin the day by delegating to whoever seems willing. A flirtation with an Aries or Leo featured. Even you are surprised by your own nerve.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Get domestic annoyances out of your life once and for all. Cleaning out your house helps you move forward. Also, forgive loved ones of whatever it was they

did to get you mad. Resentments only restrain you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll build on your former expectation and create a new one that overshadows anything you've dared to dream in the past. Just because you envision something doesn't mean you'll get it, but it certainly increases your chances!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Develop your powers of empathy! Whether applied to your love life or your professional life, your increased compassion will make you rich. Practice visualizing life from another person's point of view. You'll find solutions.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're focused on the practicalities of life. After all, they must be handled in order for you to relax and dream. Lists, visualization, organizing and just doing will make a huge difference in your world.

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Annie's Mailbox ®: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I am 18 years old and have a 6-month-old son, "Jack." I realize I am rather young, but I love my child as much as any mother. My problem is the response I get when we are out together in public.

At the park one evening last week, a middle-aged woman walked over and said, "That child is too little for a swing. Did his mother give you permission to put him in it?" I was furious. At our county fair, I overheard a woman behind me say to her companion, "Oh my goodness! Do you see that child with a baby? I'll bet she's not a day out of junior high school. They shouldn't let people like that leave the hospital with the poor infant."

Annie, I am a college student. I work hard and get excellent grades. Because I'm young, it's assumed I am a terrible mother, and it's not true. I am a wonderful mother, and I make sure my son has everything he needs. Do I have to wear a bag over my head? What do I say to these people? - Young Mother in California

Dear Mom: You don't have to say anything to these people. It's not their business. If they question your authority as a parent, simply tell them, "I'm his mother. Thanks for caring enough to ask" - because that actually is what these people are doing, albeit rudely. Don't worry. In a few years (too few), you'll love being so youthful that you are mistaken for the baby sitter.

Dear Annie: Like most of the world, you two are book smart and street dumb when it comes to handicapped parking. I never have figured out how someone can navigate around a three-acre mall but still require handicapped parking. If you can't walk from the middle of a parking lot, how can you walk around the mall?

I think handicapped parking is one of the most grossly misused, politically correct privileges ever allowed. Any doctor will sign off for a permit. You would think a guy in my position would be more sensitive, but I see the abuses every day. Handicapped parking should be reserved for wheelchairs. The rest of us need the exercise so we are less of a burden to the health care system. Sorry, but this subject really hits a nerve. - President of an Assisted Health Care Service in Kansas



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Dear President: Whew. Hope you feel better now. We aren't as stupid as you think. We know the system is abused (we clearly recall the UCLA football players who finagled handicapped placards). Nonetheless, we're sticking with our position.

A person who can barely breathe, yet does not require a wheelchair, can manage a certain number of steps before rest becomes necessary. That person may have been lying down all day in anticipation of a trip to the grocery store. Insisting that he or she walk from the middle of the parking lot adds to that distance, making shopping an impossibility, or a chore that requires major recuperation. We think they deserve a little extra assistance, and we're

willing to let the law handle the others.

Dear Annie: I was so blessed to read the letter to "Birth Mom of My Husband" that you printed on Mother's Day. At the end, you said, "No doubt this will warm the hearts of many who gave up their children for adoption." How right you are! My heart was smiling and crying at the same time.

For birth mothers, the doubt is always there: Will the child grow up to hate me, or will he see that I did it out of love? Will he be grateful or bitter? My firstborn son is now 37, and I pray for him every day. God bless that woman for writing. She touched many hearts with her thoughtfulness. - Grateful Mom

Dear Grateful: Thank you for letting us know that woman's letter made a difference. You've made our day - and probably hers as well.

Dear Annie: A year ago, my fiance and I had the perfect relationship. We work in the same building, and last summer, we bought a house together. Several months ago, "Clark" developed romantic feelings for a co-worker. I didn't realize what was going on at first, but I was suspicious. When I finally confronted him, Clark admitted wanting to take a "break" from our

relationship, saying he needed to sort things out. He has since decided to stay with me.

Clark said nothing physical ever happened between him and his co-worker. Since then, he has apologized numerous times to regain my trust. So what is the problem? Last week, while doing laundry, I found a note in Clark's handwriting that read, "I've tried, but I still have feelings for you."

I was crushed and immediately began packing my things. When Clark came home, I showed him the note. He began to sob and begged me not to leave. Although he apparently never gave his co-worker the note, he told me he hoped she would reject him in some cruel way so that he could get over her.

We are trying to work things out, and Clark has

agreed to keep things strictly professional with this co-worker. However, I don't trust him anymore, and worse, I worry that he is thinking of her when we are intimate, so I have lost my desire for him. Please help. - Lost in California

Dear Lost: Without trust, relationships are easily destroyed. Will Clark go with you for pre-marital couples counseling? A session with an unbiased third party might help clarify the situation - you can let Clark know why his ambivalence is a problem, and he can be honest about his feelings for the other woman. If he still longs for her, you would be better off cutting your losses and getting out now.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from the woman in Iowa who asked about

using gauzy material to block access to the center aisle during a wedding ceremony.

As a retired fire marshal, I am greatly concerned by this practice. It is a violation of most fire codes to block the access to any aisle during an assembly. If the planner wants to keep the aisle runner clean for the bride and groom, it would be safer to roll it out AFTER the guests have been seated. That doesn't require putting up anything to block the aisles. - Hendersonville, N.C.

Dear N.C.: You have made a valid point, although we might mention that flimsy gauze is not going to prevent anyone from traipsing down the center aisle in case of fire. It is more ornamental than practical. But we appreciate the warning.

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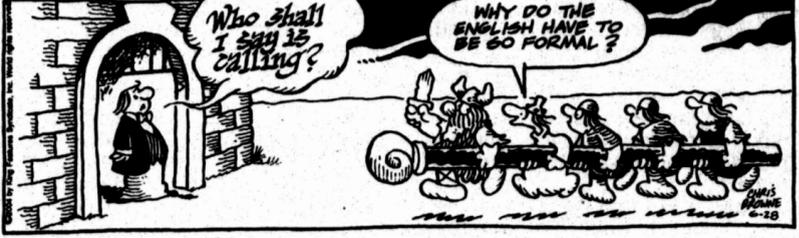
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, June 28, the 180th day of 2004. There are 186 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

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

On this date:

In 1778, Molly Pitcher (Mary Ludwig Hays) carried water to American soldiers at the Revolutionary War Battle of Monmouth, N.J.

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

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

In 1904, 100 years ago,

blind-deaf student Helen Keller graduated with honors from Radcliffe College.

In 1919, the Treaty of Versailles was signed in France, ending World War I.

In 1944, the Republican national convention in Chicago nominated New York Gov. Thomas E. Dewey for president and Ohio Gov. John W. Bricker for vice president.

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

In 1951, a T.V. version of the radio program "Amos 'N' Andy" premiered on CBS. (While criticized for racial stereotyping, it was the first network T.V. series to feature an all-black cast.)

In 1978, the Supreme Court ordered the University of California at Davis Medical School to admit Allan Bakke, a white man who'd argued he was a victim of reverse racial discrimination.

In 1996, The Citadel voted to admit women, ending a 153-year-old men-only poli-

cy at the South Carolina military school.

Today's Birthdays:

Comedian-movie director Mel Brooks is 78. Actor Pat Morita is 72. Senator Carl Levin, D-Mich., is 70. Former White House chief of staff Leon Panetta is 66. Rock musician Dave Knights (Procul Harum) is 59. Actor Bruce Davison is 58. Actress Kathy Bates is 56. Actress Alice Krige is 50. Football Hall of Fame electee John Elway is 44. Record company chief executive Tony Mercedes is 42. Actress Jessica Hecht is 39. Rock musician Saul Davies (James) is 39. Actress Mary Stuart Masterson is 38.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword KEEPING AFLOAT by Norma Steinberg Edited by Stanley Newman

- ACROSS**
- 1 Action-figure soldier
 - 6 Babies' neckwear
 - 10 "What time ___?"
 - 14 Curaçao neighbor
 - 15 And others: Abbr.
 - 16 Horse hair
 - 17 Short skirts
 - 18 Neutral color
 - 19 Bandstand boxes
 - 20 Invite
 - 21 Where a baseball team sits
 - 24 Tibia and fibula
 - 26 Unforgettable performers
 - 27 Dish washer's need
 - 29 Dessert items
 - 31 Stuff trapped in dryers
 - 32 Sweetheart
 - 34 Pale with fear
 - 39 Cancel
 - 40 Heroic tales
 - 42 Sampras of tennis
 - 43 Inhales suddenly
 - 45 Actress Russo
 - 46 Sculling poles
 - 47 Poisonous snakes
 - 49 Eats away at
 - 51 Stress
 - 55 Moonshine maker
 - 56 Printer's copy
 - 59 "Life ___ cabaret ..."
- DOWN**
- 1 Vasco da ___
 - 2 Spring flower
 - 3 Risky investments
 - 4 Kimono sash
 - 5 Slackening off
 - 6 Borscht needs
 - 7 Yeaming
 - 8 Unclothed
 - 9 Engine gunk
 - 10 Mental picture
 - 62 Blind as ___
 - 63 Harness strap
 - 64 Hermit
 - 66 Poi ingredient
 - 67 Killer whale
 - 68 Upright
 - 69 Panache
 - 70 Close by
 - 71 Classifies
 - 11 South Pacific island group
 - 12 Vocal contribution
 - 13 Student's ordeals
 - 22 Lacks
 - 23 ___ Major
 - 25 Heading the list
 - 27 Fake coin
 - 28 ___ colada
 - 29 Senate aides
 - 30 Modern Persia
 - 33 Marshal Wyatt
 - 35 Bobbin
 - 36 Biggest name on the marquee
 - 37 French 101 verb
 - 38 Loch ___ monster
 - 41 Take care of
 - 44 Of sound mind
 - 48 Sophie's Choice author
 - 50 Long-barreled weapons
 - 51 Form of quartz
 - 52 Conspiracy
 - 53 Bow of the silents
 - 54 Mr. John of rock
 - 55 Underwater location device
 - 57 Pierre's pop
 - 58 Costa ___
 - 60 Religious subdivision
 - 61 Linkletter et al.
 - 65 Venezuelan gold

