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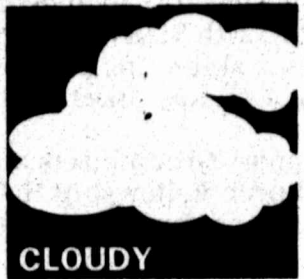
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June 29, 2004

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Children's play set for 7 p.m. today

The final performance of the Howard College children's play "Grandma's Bedtime Story," is scheduled at 7 p.m. today 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.

Texas A&M Club convenes tonight

The Howard County Texas A&M Club will meet at 5:30 this evening and again Tuesday, July 13, at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Board Room, 215 W. Third St., to finalize plans for the upcoming 2004 Aggie Auction and Reunion.

The annual auction raises scholarship money to support county youth attending Texas A&M in College Station and is scheduled for July 24 at the Big Spring Country Club.

Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be served.

WEEKEND



As part of its Democracy in America series, American Profile asked teachers and students in four towns with star-spangled names "What does freedom mean to you?"

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Laser light show acquired for Funtastic Fourth

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

Anyone planning to travel out of town for the July Fourth holiday should probably have their head checked.

That's the word from Big Spring Downtown Revitalization Association members, as they put the finishing touches on their annual Funtastic Fourth Festival, which is slated throughout the day

Sunday. DRA President Allan Johnson said the group has managed to put the crowning touch on the event in the form of a climactic laser light show, which will close out the festival's activities.

"We began talking back in April and we wanted to really have a climactic event to finish the festival," said Johnson. "Someone suggested a

"Big Spring is definitely the place to be July 4th."



Allan Johnson

laser show, so we immediately began researching the idea.

"We came across Tim

Walsh of San Marcos, who is one of only two licensed laser light technicians and owner of Laser Spectacles Inc. He's just amazing and he's won a bunch of awards for his show."

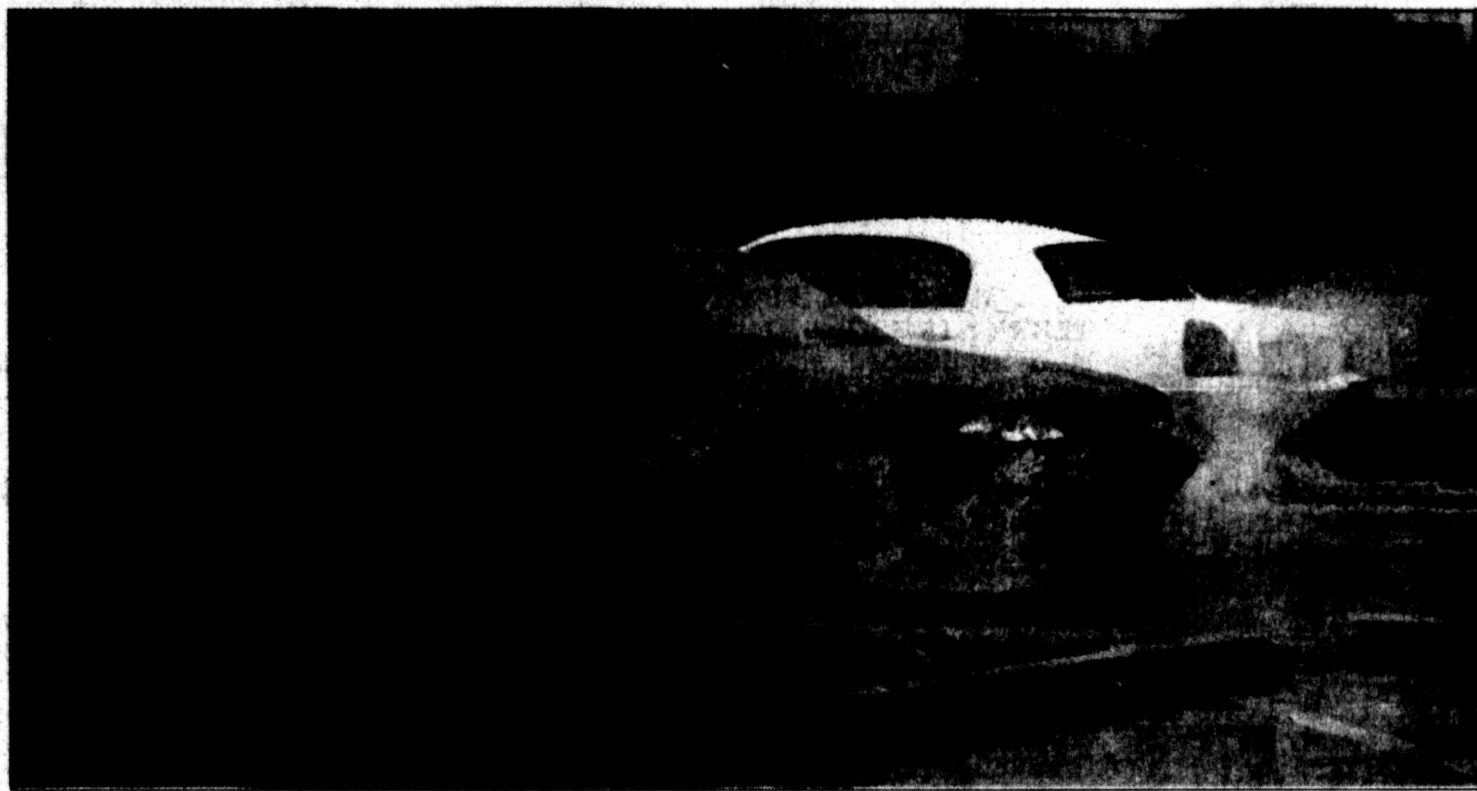
Johnson said the DRA contacted Walsh, but the \$8,500 price tag for the show put a quick squelch on the idea. With spirits slightly dampened, however, Johnson said the

group didn't give up on the idea.

"Walsh contacted us several weeks ago and said he wants to come to Big Spring and make his show a part of the Funtastic Fourth," said Johnson. "He brought the cost of the show down to \$6,500, and after several weeks of intense fund-raisers we were able to

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RAINY DAYS



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

Motorists on E. 11th Place splash their way along without incident Monday afternoon, shortly after nearly an inch of rain fell on the Big Spring area. The Big Spring Police Department reported no weather related calls Monday, although nearly a half-dozen calls were received this morning, with no injuries reported. According to local reports, Big Spring received 0.72 inches Monday with more rain falling this morning.

Kentwood Elementary gets new principal

By LYNDEL MOODY Staff Writer

A new face to Big Spring will take over the helm at Kentwood Elementary School come August.

Big Spring Independent School District trustees hired Karen Saunders on Monday, an eight-year



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education veteran and teacher at Blackwell Consolidated Independent School District, for the principal's position.

"I'm thrilled," Saunders said following the meeting. "I'm ready to get to the school and start working with the children and the teachers."

Saunders comes to Big Spring ISD with a lot of leadership experience in various fields, including 12 years

in the United States Navy. She is the mother of two young children and a 19-year-old daughter and originally hails from San Diego, Calif.

Fifteen people applied for the position left vacant when Wayland Pierce was reassigned to serve as the Goliad Intermediate School principal earlier this month.

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Electrical cord causes house fire, BSFD finds

By MARSHA STURDIVANT Features Editor

A residential fire Monday morning brought three Big Spring fire trucks, at least nine firefighters and an ambulance to the 800 block of West Eighth Street within three minutes.

Fire Marshal Carl Condray said the single family dwelling was unoccupied when the fire started, and no one was injured.

"I understand the occupant had been gone from the house about 20 min-

utes, running errands, when the fire broke out," he said.

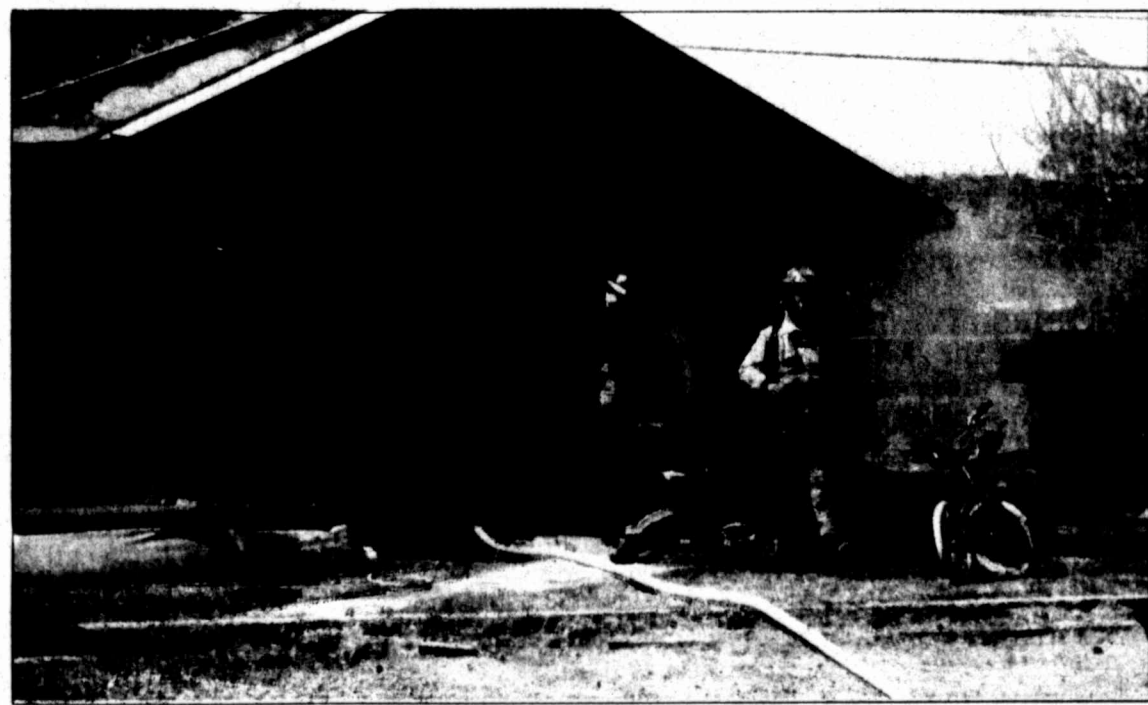
Two investigators at the scene determined the fire started in a bedroom, and the origin was an extension cord.

Condray said the home suffered extensive damage, and the bedroom where the fire began was destroyed.

"Most of the fire was contained in the north-east end of the house," he said.

The rest of the home

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Herald photo/Marsha Sturdivant

Big Spring firefighters responded to a house fire in the 800 block of West Eighth Street about 10:30 a.m. Monday. Firefighters had the fire extinguished within minutes of receiving the call and arriving on the scene.

Commissioners take a look at budget requests

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

The majority of the Howard County commissioners' time was spent on a budget workshop Monday morning, as department heads explained their requests for budget changes for the coming year.

Commissioners also unanimously voted to make no changes to the Texas County and District Retirement System. Because of a slight decline in the matching rate for which the county is responsible, the county could save money in the long run.

"We are in desperate need of new vehicles. Our units are completely worn out."



Dale Walker, county sheriff

"We've adopted everything that we can adopt," County Treasurer Teresa Thomas told commissioners. "The only other change we could make at this time would be to give the retirees a raise. However, if we make any

changes to the plan at all, our rate for the coming year of 9.91 percent will certainly go up."

Thomas said the rate dropped 0.67 percent compared to last year's numbers, which was a 10.58 percent matching rate.

The bulk of the commissioners' time was spent hearing requests from several department heads for budget increases. Commissioners agreed it wouldn't be necessary to meet with department heads who haven't made any changes to their budget since last year, but the line outside the court was

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Walker: Theft of gun, badge from reserve deputy being handled

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

Howard County Sheriff Dale Walker says a deputy sheriff's badge and gun reported stolen in Houston is being handled through the normal channels and presents little threat to area residents.

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Obituaries

Anthony "Tony" Del Bosque



Anthony "Tony" Del Bosque, 34, of Big Spring died at 10:48 a.m. Monday, June 28, 2004, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. Vigil service will be 7 p.m. Tuesday in Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be 10 a.m. Wednesday in Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with the Rev. Richard Regan officiating. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born Oct. 1, 1969, in Big Spring. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring, having graduated from Big Spring High School as well as attended Howard College. He had been a Correctional Officer for Cornell, before retiring due to ill health. He was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife, Stephanie Del Bosque of Big Spring; two daughters, Natalie Del Bosque and Alena Del Bosque, both of Big Spring; parents, Joe and Jane Del Bosque of Big Spring; two sisters, Kristine Olson and her husband, Joseph, of Lawton, Okla., and Priscilla Ontiveros and her husband, Lorenzo, of San Antonio; maternal grandmother, Julia Ovalle of Big Spring; five nieces and nephews, Breanna Corbett and Brandon Olson, both of Lawton, Okla., Fabian Ontiveros, Evan Ontiveros and Timothy Ontiveros, all of San Antonio; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Norberto and Guadalupe Del Bosque and Estanislado Ovalle; and two uncles, Oscar Ovalle and Adam Del Bosque.

Pallbearers will be David Gutierrez, Steve Gutierrez, Pistol Gutierrez, Adrain Yanez, Teddy Molina and Roy Roberson. Honorary Pallbearers will be David Ovalle and Andy Moreno.

The family will be at 4013 Dixon. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.
Paid obituary

Gregorio Rodriguez

Gregorio Rodriguez, 91, of Big Spring, formerly of Midland, died on Sunday, June 27, 2004, in a local nursing home. Graveside services were held at 10 a.m. today, Tuesday, June 29, 2004, at Trinity Memorial Park with Joe Torres, chaplain of Home Hospice, officiating.

Mr. Rodriguez was born on Dec. 17, 1912. He had lived in Big Spring the last six years. He was a Catholic.

Survivors include two sons, Paul Rodriguez and Manuel Rodriguez and one daughter, Inez Rodriguez. Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Tuesday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 7-11-14-15. Bonus Ball: 31. Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Estimated jackpot for Friday night drawing: \$250,000.

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery: 8-14-21-30-37

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-7-4

Support groups

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. 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.

□ Alzheimers Support Group meets at 2 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at The Texas State Veterans Home, 1809 N. Hwy 87. For more information call Orand Carroll 268-8387.

FRIDAY
□ AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Noon open Big Book study meeting, 8 to 9 p.m.

SATURDAY
□ Open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 to 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY
□ Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

MONDAY
□ All widows and widowers are invited to attend the Encourager's Support group meeting at 6 p.m. in the Spanish Inn. Call 398-5522 for more information.

Police blotter

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

- SEAN SCOTT, 27, of 1707 State, was arrested Sunday on a local traffic warrant.
- FRANK FIERRO JR., 56, of 1803 Hamilton, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.
- KEVIN LONGNECKER, 44, of Florida, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.
- VIOLATION OF A PROTECTIVE ORDER was reported in the 1800 block of Settles.
- KIDNAPPING/ASSAULT was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street.
- THEFT was reported in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.

Sheriff's report

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

- JEREMY SCOTT CUNNINGHAM, 26, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of arson.
- ERNEST GUERRA, 56, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated - third or more offense.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 5000 block of E. Midway Road.
- ILLEGAL ENTRY TO A HOME was reported in the 100 block of Wilson.

Take note

□ A MEMORIAL FUND FOR THE FAMILY OF TERRY STRICKLAND, who died June 15, 2004, has been established at the Big Spring Educational Employees Federal Credit Union, P.O. Box 1110, Big Spring 79720.

□ MEMBERS OF THE EVENING LIONS CLUB are looking for area children with diabetes 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.

Eligible 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.

□ 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.

□ 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.

□ HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday and from 1:30 p.m. until 4 p.m. on Sunday.

□ 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.

□ 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.

□ SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH, 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy.
Distribution is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

Bulletin board

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

TODAY

- 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.
- Texas Workforce Commission Open House from 1-3 p.m. to introduce the Work-In-Texas program. Free and open to the public.
- Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center in the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or 267-1628.
- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.

THURSDAY

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
- Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in Gale's Sweet Shoppe.
- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.
- Genealogy Society of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.
- Masonic Lodge 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY

- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
- Greater Big Spring Rotary meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Spring City Senior Citizen's country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. All area seniors are invited.

SATURDAY

- Highland Fourth of July parade begins at 10 a.m. Those planning to participate should arrive by 9:30 a.m. at the corner of Stonehaven Drive and Highland Street.
- Pops in the Park in the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater opens with food vendors at 5 p.m. The pre-show is set for 6:30 p.m. and the program begins at dusk. Admission is free.
- Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.
- Big Spring Squares. Call 263-6305 for more information.

SUNDAY

- Team Rustic Circle, an amateur paintball team, meets for practice between noon and dusk at the Moss Creek Lake paintball facility. The public is always invited, whether to participate or just spectate. For more information contact Rick Bolles.
- Funtastic Fourth Festival officially is set for 1 p.m. to 11 p.m. in downtown Big Spring. Some activities will begin as early as 9 a.m. with gospel music.

Weather

Tonight - Partly to mostly cloudy skies with scattered thunderstorms mainly during the evening. Low 66. Winds ESE at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 40 percent.

Wednesday - Partly cloudy skies. High 87. Winds SE at 5 to 10 mph.

Wednesday night - Mostly clear skies. Low 68. Winds SE at 10 to 15 mph.

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

Friday - Mostly sunny. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.

Saturday - Sunshine. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the upper 60s.

Rain for Monday, June 28, 0.72 inches
2004 rain to date, 9.24

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MEMORIAL TREES



Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen, right, signs letters for the Living Memorial Tree Program while Big Spring councilwoman Gloria McDonald looks on. The program allows city and county employees and their families to have a memorial tree planted when a loved one passes away.

HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

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According to Walker, the badge and gun were reported stolen April 15 by Clint Galloway, former chief jailer for the sheriff's office who now serves as a reserve deputy.

"Clint Galloway left Howard County to go to work in Houston," said Walker. "I still carry his commission as a reserve deputy, so he's still commissioned through the

Howard County Sheriff's Office.

"After he moved to Houston he had an auto burglary where his badge and handgun were stolen out of his car. The badge belonged to Howard County and the gun belonged to him. He reported that to the police in the Houston area, so it's currently on file with all of the numbers and identifiers."

The issue of the stolen badge and any public safety issues were raised by a local resident during Monday's meeting of the

Howard County commissioners. County Judge Ben Lockhart said the issue would be handled by the sheriff's office.

Walker said the matter is being handled through the normal channels, which include Houston law enforcement and what little can be done locally.

"When he notified me I also put the same information in our computers," he said. "So if the gun turns up, since it is traceable, it can be recovered anywhere in the nation. The badge, howev-

er, is an item that doesn't have serial numbers.

"We're aware of the theft and Houston is aware of it. Naturally you wonder where it's at and how it can be used. It certainly has the potential to be used by someone as identification, but I believe if it happens it's going to occur in the Houston area, where it was stolen."

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

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would be done at the end of the year with all of the others, but the last pay increases we had were pretty much in the middle of the year.

"The pay scale will remain the same as it's been so far this year. It just had to be adopted separately because of the rules and the way the

year fell."

Also listed on tonight's meeting agenda are:

- Final reading of a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a bank depository contract.

- Final reading of a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a quitclaim deed upon the receipt of sale proceeds from the city's 3.57 percent interest in Lots 8 and 9, Block 17, Washington Place Addition.

- Final reading of a resolution authorizing the mayor to execute an operating lease for three back-hoes.

- First reading of a resolution accepting a grant award from the Texas Community Development Program and authorizing the Mayor to act as executive officer in all matters pertaining to the city's participation.

City Manager Gary Fuqua is also expected to

report on the upcoming Pops in the Park and Funtastic Fourth Festival.

The meeting will get under way at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth Street. Directly following the meeting a public hearing concerning a possible ordinance banning tethering and chaining dogs within the city limits will be held. The hearing is expected to begin at 6:30 p.m.

FIRE

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suffered extensive smoke and heat damage as well, and Condray said he suspects all the sheetrock in the home will need replacing.

"Repairing the home will be an extensive undertaking and this is a shame, because this is a young family," he said.

Condray said the use of the smaller, less expen-

sive extension cords should be discouraged, because the cords are dangerous.

"The only thing they are good for is tying up the trash bags and throwing them out with the trash. I don't even allow them in my home," Condray said.

He recommends using extension cords that have power strips and surge protectors and meet UL standards.

The less expensive

brown and white cords are not made with quality material and pose a fire hazard, whether in use or not, he said.

"The cord was not plugged into anything except the wall, but these types of cords are not safe at all," he said.

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raise the money."

Johnson said a few of the major contributors helping bring the laser light show to the festival were Russ Rutledge of FiberCom; local businessman Mike Abusaab; the Premier Group; Allan's Furniture; Parks Fuels; Gamboa's Tires; and Rich Anderson of the Muleshoe Ranch.

The laser light show is just one of many events planned throughout Sunday's festival. Also on the agenda are:

10 a.m. — Vendors are expected to begin setting up their booths and performances at the festival's gospel music stage will begin. Performances at the gospel stage will continue throughout the day and between performances during the Battle of the Bands.

1 p.m. — The Festival will get into full swing with the beginning of the Battle of the Bands, which will feature Tejano bands Eztrano, X-Tremo and SuperBravo. The Farmer's Market is scheduled to open and the early

car, motorcycle and low-rider show will get under way. The Howard County Sheriff's Posse will begin offering horseback rides, which will be available until 8 p.m.

3:30 p.m. — The county and western portion of the Battle of the Bands will begin.

6 p.m. — A patriotic show featuring the Disabled American Veterans and students from the Dance Gallery.

7 p.m. — The rock music portion of the Battle of the Bands will begin.

10 p.m. — An awards ceremony for the Battle of the Bands will be presented, followed by the laser light show.

"Big Spring is definitely the place to be July 4th," said Johnson excitedly. "The festival will have something for everyone in the family and we can't wait to see everyone there!"

For more information, contact Johnson at 267-6278.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

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"Ms. Saunders comes to us with a solid background in the classroom," Superintendent Michael Downes said. "Her classes have excellent TAAS (Texas Assessment of Academic Skills) and TAKS (Texas assessment of Knowledge and Skills) scores. What really caught our attention is her impressive expertise in parental involvement. I visited with her administrators and they were highly complimentary of how she involved parents in the classroom."

Saunders was hired on an 11-month contract with a yearly salary of \$49,735. She is expected to begin in late July.

During the meeting trustees also accepted:

- Employment of Jamie Anderson, Bauer Elementary School kindergarten teacher; Robert Earney, Big Spring High School math teacher; Krista Hughes, BSHS counselor; Christy Smith, Big Spring Junior High eighth grade math teacher; James Redman, BSHS metal trades

teacher, Nick Roberson, BSHS electrical trades teacher; and Marie D. Wells, BSHS social studies teacher.

- The resignations of Will Johnson, BSHS math teacher; Cynthia Swanson, Kentwood Elementary kindergarten teacher; Deborah Foster, Goliad Intermediate School special education teacher; Rachel Ray, BSHS social studies teacher; and Misty Smith, BSHS computer applications teacher.

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234.

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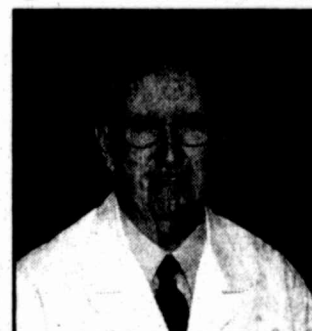
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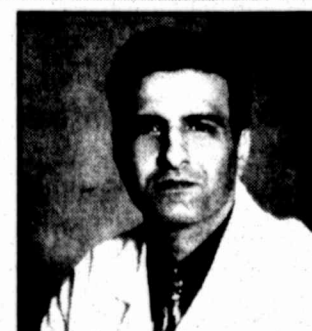
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OUR VIEWS

Please take caution when igniting fireworks

It's almost the holiday season and everyone is making plans. A day in the park, Pops in the Park, Fantastic Fourth Festival, parades, bands and a lot more.

As usual, several fireworks stands are already operating on the outskirts of Big Spring. They seem to be doing a good business. We're pleased to see that, but we think some reminders are in order.

We're not opposed to using fireworks, but we are opposed to setting them off irresponsibly. If you plan on using fireworks during the holiday period, take precautions. Most obvious of these is the city ordinance against the setting off of fireworks.

First, make sure you comply with all ordinances. To do otherwise teaches your children that it's not necessary to observe the law.

We hope that a sense of community pride and respect for the property and rights of others is enough to deter anyone from breaking the law. Remember, too, there is a fine of about \$500, plus confiscation of the fireworks for those who are caught.

Second, remember that while the popping of fireworks is permissible outside the city limits, you still must observe the city ordinance. Some owners of fireworks stands will. Make sure you know the area well and don't set off fireworks near structures or high grass. Have a bucket of water nearby for safety's sake, and bag up your trash before you leave. Fortunately, rain in recent days has lowered the chance of a brush fire dramatically. However, never assume that a fire cannot start.

Third, never pick up a firework that fails to ignite without first splashing water over it or smothering it with dirt. The most common injury associated with fireworks occurs when someone thought a firecracker was out and picked it up.

Fourth, never shoot off fireworks alone, and, for obvious reasons, never allow children to shoot off fireworks unsupervised. Fireworks can be dangerous and some are very powerful. If used in the wrong way, there can be lifelong consequences.

Have a great holiday season over the next few days, but please, be smart — for you and yours, and for all of us.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we always live confidently in your love, Lord. Amen

Aranjo murder trial no comedy of errors

Last week, two TV news veterans asked me a pointed question: What did I think of The San Francisco Chronicle referring to the slain transgender teenager Eddie "Gwen" Araujo as a "she"?

"I thought newspapers were in the fact business," one newsie lamented. The plain fact is, he added, that Araujo, who wanted to be a female, was a biological male.

I agreed, but disagreed. I try to call people what they want to be called, I mumbled. Besides, I thought, while Araujo may have been born with male organs, she also was endowed with a burning desire to be a woman. That desire led the 17-year-old to change her appearance so that she could pass as a girl, to adopt the name of Lida, and eventually to have sex with two men who, on discovering that Araujo was male, allegedly joined with other friends to kill her in a particularly brutal manner.

Araujo died because she was a he.

But the gender questions survive. Prosecutor Chris Lamiero found himself calling Araujo both Eddie and Gwen during the trial for her murder, while even witnesses for the defense called Araujo by the female pronoun. "Their entire frame of reference was a young woman named Lida," Lamiero explained.

On Tuesday, Superior Court Judge Harry Sheppard declared a mistrial in the people's case against Michael Magidson, Jose Merel and Jason Cazares, who stood accused of killing Araujo in 2002. Jurors were deadlocked 7 to 5 in favor of convicting Magidson of first-degree murder, but 10 to 2 against first-degree convictions for

Merel and Cazares. Jaron Nabors, 21, had pleaded guilty to manslaughter, with the expectation that he will serve 11 years in prison in exchange for his testimony against Magidson, Merel and Cazares. Now there will be a retrial.

Why couldn't jurors agree? Defense lawyers had warned jurors that Nabors' testimony shouldn't be trusted. Cazares' lawyer claimed his client was smoking a cigarette outside when Magidson strangled Araujo. While the attorneys didn't deny that their clients were involved (to varying extents) in Araujo's death, they urged jurors to consider a manslaughter verdict.

As Magidson's attorney, Michael Thorman explained, Araujo's death could be defined as "a killing occurring as a result of sufficient provocation that would cause a reasonable person under the same circumstances to react from emotion, from rashness and impulse rather than from reason and judgment."

Jurors didn't bite — probably because the brutal beating of Araujo took too long to be considered in the "heat of passion."

It turns out that jurors were split between convicting on first-degree murder (25 years to life) or second-degree murder (15 years to life). As San Francisco Police Commissioner Peter Keane noted, he could see that jurors "might have had difficulty in terms of the premeditation" necessary for a first-degree verdict. Alameda County might want to push for second-degree murder at the retrial, Keane noted.

That's still problematic. Attorneys for the Araujo Three have little reason to plead guilty to second-degree murder. Thorman said he wouldn't suggest his client plead guilty to second-degree murder, because parole boards haven't been paroling murderers for some time — which makes 15-to-life as much of a sentence as 25-to-life.

Thorman would agree to a guilty plea on manslaughter (11 years). Otherwise, his client might as well take his chances.

So here's the situation. Alameda County pays for another trial — with a focus on getting a murder conviction, first- or second-degree. There's next to no incentive for a deal. Citizens can only hope that nothing happens to witnesses that would lessen the chances of a righteous conviction — despite the politics that have permeated this case.

A retrial also means the continuation of transgender advocates defending Araujo's willful deception — her decision to have sex with men who believed she was a woman.

"What I keep hearing was that Eddie was just being Gwen, just being the person she felt she was," defense attorney Thorman complained. "My response is that I don't take away her right to be who she is, but my client has a right to be who he is, and it seems to me that if our appreciation of diversity and the right of people to be who they want to be means something, then we have to respect other choices as well."

Let me be clear: Araujo's deception in no way justifies her murder. But it was wrong, destructive and self-destructive.

Transgender advocates make a big mistake when they argue that the teenager was not guilty of deception, or that Araujo had no obligation to tell her sex partners about her gender. What these advocates, in effect, are telling transgender teens is that it is OK to play with fire.

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Clinton's new book may help Bush

George W. Bush's managers could hardly contain their delight over Bill Clinton's return the past week. While temporarily shoving John Kerry out of the spotlight, the former president recalled bad old days in talking about his personal misbehavior. For the first time, a best-selling new book might be helping President Bush's re-election prospects.

The reappearance of a dysfunctional Clinton is one of many events breaking Bush's losing streak. The image of Sen. John McCain embracing the president, the first of several such appearances, exploded all notions of a dream Kerry-McCain Democratic ticket foolishly promoted in recent weeks. Most important, Sen. Kerry's favorability rating has declined as the Democratic nominee was pummeled by Republican negative advertising.

None of this means, to be sure, Bush will be re-elected or even is the current favorite. What it does mean is that the president has survived five weeks of unremitting bad news. Instead of a double-digit deficit that was predictable after all that Bush-bashing, the race is a virtual dead heat. External events, especially those in Iraq, will influence the relative handful of undecided voters in no more than 17 battleground states.

This surely has not been the conventional wisdom inside the Washington Beltway. One Republican-oriented Washington consultant who is sympathetic to

Bush two weeks ago sent his clients a confidential report that Kerry, in the opinion of the capital's insiders, had "won" the "Washington primary." That echoed the spin from the Democratic candidate's camp that he had won the "spring primary" and Bush's media blitz had failed.

In fact, pragmatic evidence says the blitz succeeded. The Bush team, like most political pros (including Kerry's), are convinced of the effectiveness of negative advertising — the more the better. In firing a negative barrage, a candidate always will reduce favorable ratings of the target even though it also will lower his own.

Because the Republicans stigmatized Kerry as a liberal, a pessimist and an unprincipled opportunist, he has not benefited from Bush's time of troubles enough to jump into a commanding lead. Two polls reflect the change in favorable-unfavorable ratings for each candidate between mid-February (shortly after Kerry clinched the nomination) and mid-June. The Pew Research Center shows Kerry dropping 21 points and Bush dropping 2 points. Fox News shows reductions of 12 points for Kerry and 1 point for Bush.

The bash-Kerry campaign benefited from the Democratic candidate's feckless courting of McCain, who emerged as the runaway favorite Republican of Democratic politicians and the liberal news media. Indeed, McCain could have been the first vice-presidential nominee since Lyndon B. Johnson to carry a ticket to victory. The problem was that McCain said no and meant no. McCain is a straight talker and told me several weeks ago — unequivocally and in plain English — he

would not be Kerry's running mate. All that remained was for McCain and Bush, who have not betrayed great affection for each other, to embrace in front of television cameras. That finally was put together last Friday at Fort Lewis, Wash., when they publicly exchanged compliments. Bush campaign operatives promise that it will not be the last time they appear together.

The frosting on the Republican cake was Bill Clinton's reappearance. While admitting the former president's ability to dominate any room that he enters, Democrats I talked to deny any lasting negative effect on Kerry's campaign. The problem is that it reminds voters of more than what Kerry calls "the very, very good years" under Clinton. The beginnings of the book tour have shown Clinton at his worst, blaming "my childhood" for his personal conduct as an adult and asserting that right-wingers targeted him because they "didn't have an enemy anymore" after the Berlin Wall fell.

This presidential campaign will be rough for the next 18 weeks, with nobody able to predict the outcome. John Kerry will get a boost out of the Boston convention next month, and counts, as Al Gore did, on wiping out a stumbling Bush in the debates. Nevertheless, there is no doubt the Democrats lost a chance over the last four months to turn Bush's discomfiture into a substantial lead.

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eBay can be a real godsend

Now that you've seen the catchy commercials and heard your co-workers chattering endlessly about it, you have to ask yourself the same questions millions have asked: What is eBay?

I can't tell you exactly when I heard of eBay for the first time, but the endless jawing finally took its toll, and like millions of other web surfers, I decided to check it out one evening. That was several years ago and the lessons have been many since then.

Think of eBay as a sort of quasi-flea market and department store all rolled into one. Someone once described it to me like this: It's kind of like going to a mall in a large city — you have plenty of high quality, respectable stores inside and plenty of fly-by-night, less than reputable salesmen hocking knock-off Rolexes just outside the doors.

I'd venture to say there aren't many things that you won't be able to find on eBay. In my leisure time (that's defined as the time I slacked off on one of my many Web projects) I've searched for comic books, baseball cards, sewing machines (it wasn't for me — I swear), paintball markers and gear, and just about anything else you can imagine, and I always seem to find something either close to what I was looking for or a dead match.

If you've never used eBay it can seem pretty daunting at

first. I played around with the system for nearly a year, watching items be bid on and sold, before I ever decided to sign up and begin bidding. I would like to say that my opinions here are based on nothing more than personal experience, which can vary greatly from one person to another.

With that in mind, let's take a look at how eBay works.

The buyers market.

For the occasional buyer or bidder, eBay is a godsend. Once you've signed up (a fairly easy process that only took me a few minutes), you have the entire network at your fingertips. You can search through a multitude of interesting products being sold by other new or occasional eBayers, or make your way through the thousands of eBay "stores," where sellers auction or sell hundreds of items every day.

Did he say sell? One of the options you'll see on many eBay items offered by larger, more business oriented sellers is the "buy now" tag. This is an invaluable option to keep in mind while you're checking out the products and will allow you to skip the entire bidding process and purchase the items outright. Sometimes it's a nice change of pace from running to the computer every 15 minutes to see if you've been outbid.

The bidding process is pretty simple and convenient. You enter the maximum amount you're willing to pay for the item and the system automatically keeps you in the bidding until you reach that amount. For example, if you were bidding on a baseball card and the most you would be willing to

pay is \$10, that's what you would enter. The system then sets the current winning bid just over the previous high bid, so although you bid \$10, your bid might only be \$5, depending on the previous high bid.

Keep in mind this system works to the advantage of your opponents as well. I've entered my maximum several times and been told that amount was already outbid. All that means is another bidder has their maximum amount set higher than mine. Of course, you have the option to bid again at that point, but be careful — chasing items can get expensive.

If you get caught in a situation where you've bid on several items and it looks like your going to win more than you need, you can retract bids, but beware. Retractions require a reason, such as "typed in wrong amount" or "item description was changed after I made my bid," and those excuses stay on your eBay record. So if you have several retractions on your record, don't be surprised if some sellers seem quite wary of you as a buyer.

As with a traditional auction, bidding goes back and forth until the time limit on the item runs out. At that point, one of the bidders is declared the winner. So what happens next?

Most of the time the seller will send you an invoice — a simple explanation of the item you won with the auction number, as well as shipping costs and information. Shipping?

Probably one of the biggest mistakes first time eBayers make is not checking out an item's shipping information, and I'm just as guilty as everyone else. The first item I won

on eBay was a video camera, which I was able to snag for \$35. Great deal, right? The nearly \$30 shipping hit me like a hammer, so make sure you check it before you bid!

The invoice should also include payment instructions. These can be anything from snail-mailing a check or money order to making a payment via PayPal, an eBay company that allows you to make direct payments to seller through a credit card or checking account. PayPal is by far the quickest way to get your payment in and most sellers won't ship an item paid for by check (through the mail) until the check has cleared, so that can put a real damper on your wait for the product.

I've bought several items since I began using eBay, including a sewing machine for Shannon and a paintball marker for myself, and I've been very pleased with what I've received... Well, most of the time.

Just like the mall analogy describes, there are scam artists lurking in the bay. Fortunately, they are pretty easy to spot, thanks to the "feedback" feature that all sellers have. This allows customers to rate the service and quality of the item they received and give other eBayers an idea of what sort of seller they're dealing with.

Feedback is divided into three categories: positive, neutral and negative. Always check a seller's feedback before you bid on an item. If they have a lot of negative feedback there's a pretty good chance you're not going to be happy when it's all said and done.

See what buyers say about the seller's shipping turn-around, the quality and condition of the items, etc. Tigers rarely change their spots (I Think my mother told me that... Thanks Mom).

Once you've paid for your item you also have the option to correspond with the seller. I always request a shipping number so I can track my package. Once you receive your item, it's time for the last step in the eBay process, which is make sure you leave the seller feedback.

Remember, however, sellers can also leave feedback for buyers, so if you've been less than nice you can pretty much expect a negative mark on your record. Try to be as accurate and unemotional as possible when you leave a seller feedback, and remember — we're all human and we make mistakes.

For more information on eBay, visit them online at www.ebay.com. This article is by no means a replacement for their tutorials. They have plenty of help documents that will walk you through the processes I've described, and in all honesty, I probably could have avoided plenty of mistakes myself if I had taken the time to go through their tutorial before I started bidding.

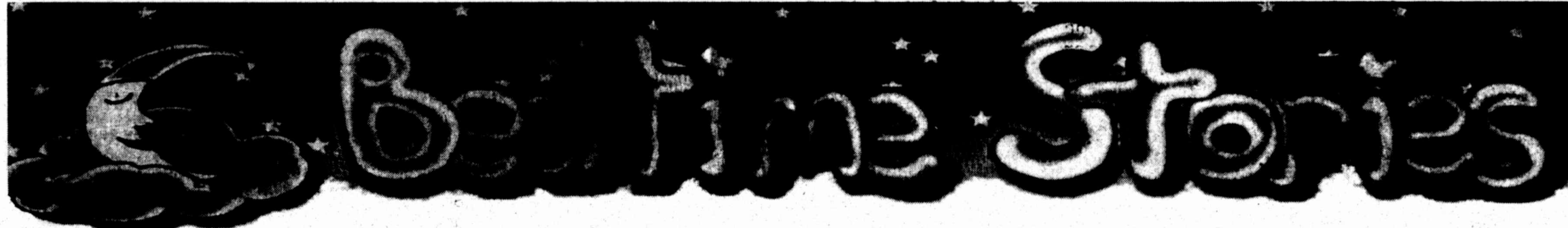
Next week we'll take a look at the ins and outs of selling on eBay.

Until then, get acquainted with online bidding and the eBay system, and have fun!

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DONNIE CAMEL, WITH PETE AND JOEY

Donnie Camel was a very nice camel. He lived near a place where it is really hot and never rains much. Do you know what a place like this is called? That's right! It is called a desert. I thought that you would know that. Would you like to live there? Sometimes, in the evening when the sun goes down, the desert will get nice and cool. Then it is truly a beautiful place to visit.

Donnie's hometown had nice trees to get under when it became too hot. Donnie's home had some big palm trees that swayed in the wind. Donnie loved them because it seemed like the trees were waving only to him. He even had a spring that gushed cool water up from the ground. It was a real pleasure drinking from that spring.

Donnie had two friends that lived pretty close to him. One friend was Pete, the horse. The other friend was Joey, the donkey. They always laughed at Donnie because they thought that he looked funny. Some camels have one hump on their back. But not Donnie, he had two!

Donnie always thought that if he had only one hump, maybe they wouldn't laugh so much. But he had two and there was nothing he could do about it. So, he learned to love himself just the way he was!

Donnie, Pete, and Joey loved to go to school. They loved learning new things, like how to add numbers. They also loved learning how to spell words the right way. They liked their teacher. He was a nice man named Doug.

One day, Doug told them that he had a problem and asked if they would help him. "I will, I will," said Pete. "No, let me help," said Joey. Donnie was going to help, too.

"There is a school on the other side of the desert that needs these books," Doug said. "Which one of you will take them across the desert to the school?"

"Not me," said Pete. It is too far and too hot and I don't think I can make it all the way across the desert!" "It would make me very sick!" "Ask Joey if he can carry those new school books across the desert for you."

"Not me either," said Joey. It is a very long way across that desert and I don't think that I can make it carrying those heavy books!" "It would make me very sick, too!" "Ask Donnie if he can carry those heavy books all the way across that desert without getting sick."

Now this is something that is just right for a camel. They love to carry heavy things and especially in the desert. It would not make Donnie sick! "Of course, I will carry those books across the desert for you," Donnie said. It would be nice for the kids that live on the other side to have books to read and learn from, too"

So Pete, Doug, and Joey loaded Donnie with those new books. "Do you think that you can carry more?" Doug asked Donnie. "Yes, put all that you have on me, I can carry them," Donnie said.

So off he went, walking slowly towards that desert with that heavy load of books. He turned and waved goodbye to all of his friends and then he was gone!

One day went by, then two days, then three. Donnie had not gotten back yet. Pete and Joey were getting worried about him. They went to see Doug and tell him their fears.

Doug laughed and said to them, "Look at this map." "It is so far across this desert that Donnie could not cross it in two or even three days even if he ran all the way." "Don't worry, camels can do this very easily or I would not have let him go!"

On the fourth day, Pete and Joey stood looking towards the desert to see if anything was coming their way. "Look at that little spot on the desert," Joey said. "Is that Donnie?" "I don't know," said Pete. "The little spot is too far away."

Well, the little spot kept getting bigger and bigger. Then when it got close enough, Joey and Pete both got smiles on their face at the same time. It was Donnie!

"Boy, are we glad to see you," they both said. "We were really worried about you!"

"But camels love to do this kind of thing," Donnie said. "My father and my grandfather and his father crossed this desert many times." "Here are gifts that the kids on the other side of the desert sent to you." It was books that they had never seen before. "We will really enjoy these," Pete and Joey thought. One book was about how you should never laugh at someone just because they might not look just like you.

But Joey and Pete really didn't have to read that book because they had already learned not to laugh at anyone. Who knows, that person may be able to do things that you can't do!

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Big Spring ISD trustees discuss funding priorities

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
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FURQUERON

Raises, a remodeling project and hiring two additional technology support specialists top the list of funding priorities for Big Spring Independent School District trustees for the next fiscal year.

The board met Monday night to take a hard look at the proposed \$24.4 million balanced budget for the 2004-2005 financial school year.

"I think the budget process is going very well," said Board President Phil Furqueron. "We don't have as much discretionary funds as we have had for the past couple of years and we have to make the difficult decisions of what is going to be funded."

Trustees will meet again at 5:15 p.m. today to continue to review the budget. The workshop will be held in the high school board room, 707 11th Place.

Early on in the process, trustees knocked out four top priorities not included in the proposed budget. Number one - and two, respectively, were raises for 92 teachers with more than 20 years of experience, and 18 administrators.

Included in the proposed budget are the district's across-the-board raises of \$2,500 for teachers with a bachelor's degree and \$3,000 for teachers with a master's degree over the required state step increases.

The state does not mandate raises for teachers who have passed the 20-year mark.

"This is the only district where I've worked that gives raises to 20-plus veterans," said Superintendent Michael Downes said. "I think that makes us really stand out."

Number three on the list of priorities is remodeling the boys' locker room at the Big Spring High School Steer Gym and number four is adding two more technology specialists.

The additional staff is in preparation for more than 700 computers currently out of warranty or expected to go out of warranty by the end of the summer. According to Technology Director Corey Wood, 300 of those computers will be replaced by the end of the summer and around 500 will be replaced during Christmas break.

Trustees made additional raises to auxiliary staff over the \$56,000 included in the budget, number five on the list, which would total \$84,000. Another item of discussion was increasing travel expenses for trustees.

Money to fund these projects is based on the administration's projection of \$252,000 in budget savings before the trustees vote

for final approval in August.

Business Manager Sandra Waggoner said the budget is built upon the projected taxable values of \$609 million, down from last year at \$625 million, but warned values are subject to change until certified by the Howard County Tax Appraiser in late July.

The district is also expected to receive savings of \$55,650 if an expected e-rate grant is approved for telephone and Internet service expense. The district may also receive extra revenue if a proposal from Austin ISD to purchase attendance credits comes through.

Not included among the priorities but heavily discussed was the resurfacing of Blankenship Field.

Trustee Mike Dawson raised the issue, stating Athletic Director Dwight Butler says the track needs to be resurfaced soon, otherwise the district could risk losing the base,

which would cost a significant amount of money to replace.

Butler, Dawson said, has asked for the addition of a curb around the track to help with the degrading, and an all weather track.

Dawson proposed re-examining the issue in March or April after determining a clearer idea of what the cost might be.

Other discussion fell to issues about the district's infrastructure repair. Downes said the district needs are well within millions of dollars and Furqueron added trustees are trying to tackle each need a few at a time.

"I would like to take care of the infrastructure as much as we can but our budget is like a rope. It only goes so far," Furqueron said.

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Police department investigates kidnapping report

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
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The Big Spring Police Department is investigating an alleged kidnapping that occurred Monday evening.

According to Police Public Information Officer Sgt. Roger Sweatt, a 15-year-old girl reported

that she had been kidnapped at approximately 6:15 p.m. on Monday and held against her will.

"The girl advised that she had been taken against her will, after which the suspects drove her around town," said Sweatt. "There was no sexual assault or any vio-

lence that you might expect in a case like this.

"She said the suspects let her go near Stadium Avenue at approximately 10 p.m. She suffered some minor scratches and abrasions when they allegedly pushed her out of the car, but other than that she was unharmed."

Sweatt said the girl's family immediately took her to the police department to file a report.

"According to the victim's description, the vehicle was a blue, four-door lowrider car," said Sweatt. "She described three Hispanic males in their mid-to-early 20s as

the kidnapers. The case is still under investigation at this time."

Anyone having information on this crime can contact the Police Investigation Division at 264-2554, or Crimestoppers at 263-TIPS (8477). Crimestoppers is authorized to pay up to

\$1,000 for information leading to the arrest or conviction of individuals involved in criminal activity and you may remain anonymous.

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still fairly long.

Sheriff Dale Walker presented the most costly requests, which included \$90,000 for new and used vehicles for the sheriff's department and a new transportation vehicle for the county jail.

"We are in desperate need of new vehicles," Walker told the commissioners. "Our units are completely worn out. We expect with that \$90,000 under the sheriff's budget to have four new vehicles and I'm going to try to purchase new and used vehicles. For myself, I'm looking at possibly a used pickup truck and possibly the same for one of the patrol vehicles, so we would be getting two pickups and two cars."

"We actually need more than that but I believe we can make this work for another year by switching some vehicles around with the high mileage and use them for different things."

Walker also made requests for medical supplies for the jail, as well as Tasers for the deputies. Chief Deputy Gary Pritchett said the Tasers could help him and his deputies avoid some physical altercations with sus-

pects, generating less injuries and more savings to the county.

"I looked at our workman's compensation claims over the past couple of years and we've had a little more than \$16,000 in officer related injuries strictly because of subjects resisting arrest," said Pritchett. "That's not including the amount of comp time that it took to cover that injured officer's position or shift or the amount of damage to our cars from the arrested parties kicking out our back windows or door panels."

The first option, the X-26 Taser, would cost a lit-

tle more than \$11,000, according to Pritchett.

The M-26 Taser, which Pritchett described as a larger, bulkier Taser that's almost pistol size, would run approximately \$5,600, plus the cost of holsters.

The sheriff's budget wasn't without good news, however, as commissioners got a pleasant surprise concerning the cost of inmate housing, a problem that has plagued the county for quite some time.

"I decreased the female boarding and inmate boarding items in the budget based on the records that we have so

far, compared to the increase that we requested at the end of last year," said Walker.

Commissioners also heard from Justice of the Peace Kathryn Wiseman, who requested a budgetary increase to purchase new office furniture. Wiseman said the furniture currently being used in her office was taken from Webb Air Force Base when it closed and is dilapidated.

Justice of the Peace

Bennie Green also asked for a small increase to cover the cost of new law books for his office, as well as a new incentive program that would give his office clerks a 25-cent per hour raise when they attended certified classes.

County Attorney Mike Thomas requested similar raises for his employees, while County Librarian Hollis McCright said she would like to recuperate funds her department lost last year in budgetary

cuts, including new book purchases and participation in the West Texas Library Association.

County Extension Agent Tommy Yeater also requested an increase to reinstate the Family and Consumer Science position, formerly held by Katie Walker.

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Mattel must pay nearly \$2 million to artist who parodied Barbie dolls

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Mattel Inc. must pay more than \$1.8 million in legal fees and court costs to a Utah man who incorporated nude Barbie dolls in his artwork, a federal judge has ruled.

The award stems from a lawsuit the El Segundo-based toy maker filed in 1999 against Tom Forsythe of Kanab, Utah, on grounds that his series of photos, "Food Chain Barbie," infringed on the toy maker's copyrights.

The photos often depicted Barbie dolls placed in sexually provocative positions. One called "Barbie Enchiladas," shows four Barbie dolls inside a lit oven, wrapped in tortillas and covered with salsa in a casserole dish.

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Getting kids to bed can be a tough row to hoe

Joshua fighting the battle of Jericho must have been something like me wrestling my kids into bed every night.



CHRISTY ALTON

We go around and around seven times, then I blow the ram's horn and the trumpet.

There's a mighty shout and I fall down, exhausted.

They are like proverbial jack-in-the-boxes. I get one down and the other pops straight up. No sooner does my little 5-year old brush, floss and fluoride his teeth (a feat in itself) when hunger pangs strike.

Insomnia, curable only with a good book, besets my 10-year old. One's parched. One's freezing (or burning up).

Little words like "get"

and "in" suddenly do not mean "get" or "in," as in get in the bed No one can tell me exactly what they do mean.

I frequently hear things like, "I don't know how" and "I forgot."

I'm clinging to the promise one of my friends made me. She said that there does come a time when a parent can tell their children to get ready for bed and they do.

She didn't give me any specific time frames, however.

Is it wrong to offer kids a bribe to fall asleep? I hope not. And, surely, popping in a two-hour video is acceptable. Parents need sleep. Preferably an entire night, but I'll take 75 percent.

In psychology class, I learned that American families struggle with the bedtime issue more than any other culture.

In other countries, parents and children go to bed at the same time.

Here, we aspire to make kids go to bed BEFORE we do, our logic being that we can get a "break."

What we get is a boxing match, complete with the dancing around the ring and the 10 count, where its the parents getting totally knocked out.

I know I'm only reaping what I've sown. I never went to bed when my mom told me to do so. I stayed up as long as I possibly could, which was long.

I remember my mom saying, "I hope you have a dozen kids...just like you." I didn't know what that meant at the time. Although I don't have 12, two who want to stay up past curfew seems to be payback enough.

Christy Alton is a full-time student, mother of two and married to Park Ranger Ron. Her column appears in Tuesday's edition of the Big Spring Herald. E-mail her at life@bigspringherald.com

Bluebonnet Books

"Dirty Laundry Pile Poems in Different Voices" By Paul B. Janeczko Book allows reader's imagination to soar

By KASSIE GROSS and MCKENZI METCALF

Special to the Herald.

The poet, Paul Janeczko, has given the reader insight into all kinds of poems about objects and animals screaming to be heard.

He has chosen to share some of his favorite poems in the book, "Dirty Laundry Pile Poems in Different Voices."

Mr. Janeczko challenges the reader to look outside the box, looking at objects and animals in a different way.

We have invited Mckenzi Metcalf to share her thoughts and feelings about some of the poems.

Reporter: Mckenzi, can you tell us what Mr. Janeczko was trying to get the reader to do?

Mckenzi: He wants the reader to use their imagination in looking at the different objects or animals as if they have human feelings.

Reporter: What is one of your favorite poems and why did it appeal to you?

Mckenzi: "The Broom" was one of my favorite poems. The poet, Tony Johnston, made the broom appear to be alive

and he shared with us the broom's many different jobs and relationships with other objects.

Reporter: Can you tell us what appealed to you in the poem, "Vacuum Cleaner's Revenge," written by Patricia Hubbell?

Mckenzie: I like the way the poem was worded and ends with a surprising promise.

Reporter: What are your feelings about the poem "Crayon Dance" by April Wayland?

Mckenzi: The poem made me happy and I could see the crayon's dancing through the colors.

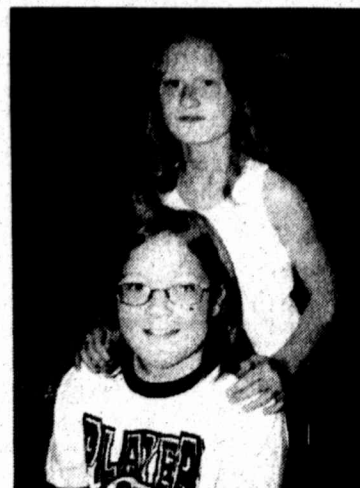
Reporter: Can you tell us about the poem, "Washing Machine"?

Mckenzi: The poem was funny to read about the washing machine talking to itself and the words that were used to express the sound the machine makes.

Reporter: Do you recommend this book to others who would like to use their imaginations? Can you tell us why?

Mckenzi: If you like to use your imagination, then this book will let it go wild.

Thank you for sharing



Reporter, Kassie Gross
Guest Readers: Mckenzi Metcalf.

your insight into the book, "Dirty Laundry Pile Poems in Different Voices."

Katie wrote the reporter's portion of the story and Mckenzi wrote the answers. They are Moss Elementary student.

Texas Bluebonnet Books are available for checkout at the Howard County Library. Patrons are encouraged to read at least 10 of the award-nominated juvenile books and vote on their favorite. This series continues in the Tuesday edition of the Big Spring Herald.

Herald photo/Marsha Sturdivant

The Social Security Administration received this month's Doing Your Part Award for a business from the city of Big Spring. Each month a residence and a business is recognized for the quality of their landscaping. pictured left to right is Heather Williams, Lori Ontiveros, Ron Howath, Betty Earl, Esther Lopez, Martha Calvio, Javier Bacerra, landscaper, Mary Abercromble, manager, Irene Ramirez, city manager Gary Fuqua, Larry Cratcher, building owner, and Nick Reyna, city employee. The Doing Your Part Award is given to one business and one residence each month of the summer to recognize efforts made to beautify Big Spring. Winners receive a \$50 discount off their water bill, as well as gift certificates from local merchants.



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Last day to enter: Thursday, July 15, 2004

One element of that plan is a slogan which would be used to identify and promote our city.

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Share your ideas and you could win \$200.

Here are some samples of slogans:

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Chambers of Commerce: We mean business
Heber Springs: Spectacular by Nature
Moore: Proud Past, Prosperous Future
Morrilton: Small City. No Limits.

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Second Grade: Tyler Avant, Crystal Ballin, Maci Casillas, Anthony Cisneros, Ryane Colette, Mercedes Estes, Alexis Gamboa, Nickolas Gonzalez, Katelynne Hambrick, Bianca Lopez, Rian Molina, Katie Newton, Julie Puga, Shawna Quernhiem, Aron Rios, Anthony Williams, Daija Williams, Izzak Zamora.
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Fourth Grade: Jesi Coates, Sassy Farmer, Sebastian Hernandez, Zachary Hernandez, Lauran Herrera, Breanna Hilario, Rachel Holladay, Lacy McMurtrey, Mercedes Moncada, Reba Smith.

"A-B" HONOR ROLL
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Villareal, Brandon Warner, Jahnia Willard.
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ELBOW ELEMENTARY "A" HONOR ROLL

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Second Grade: John Tyler Breyman, Caleb Davenport, Covan Davidson, Tyler Evans, Chandler Freeman, Ali Knight, Eindra Lwin, Matthew Mims, Elizabeth Rhodes.
Third Grade: Alexis Armstrong, Dillon Bagnall, Tanner Ballard, Gabrielle Borel, Trevor Burchett, Shea Campbell, Tommy Dawson, Jesse Harmon, Case Ingram, Kie Jones, Leah Kay Lloyd, Cole Long, Jansen McDonald, Max Pappajohn, Bethany Roach, Shelby Rotan.
Fourth Grade: Foster Burchett, Ashley Buzbee, Austin Bynum, Hope Cimino, Jared Del Toro, Cheyenne Galloway, Alejandra Hernandez, Sydney Holdampf, Jodi Jones, Amber Neighbors, Lindsey Roach, Kyle Stevenson.
Fifth Grade: Jacquelin Civello, Zane Herrin, Michael Mims, Regan Newsom, Amber Rodriguez.

"A-B" HONOR ROLL

First Grade: Chris

Gomez, Patrick Goodgame, Sam Harris, Alicia Heaton, Ian Heiden, Gabriel Leal, Jessica Mince, Zack Norman, Jared Parker, Erin Payne, Andy Qualls, Kaleb Stanley, Gabe Warnick, Brianna Welch.
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Third Grade: Landon Boeker, Anthony Chappell, Madison Churchwell, Nicholas Emerson, Amanda Grisham, Olivia Gutierrez, Alexys Mello, Brianna Park, Copeland Riddell, Shelby Roemer, Kayla Tilley, Brian Tribolet, Kelsey Westbrook, Jordan Whitsetl, Dakota Witkowski, Samuel Wright.
Fourth Grade: Courtney Blair, Tiffani Box, April Cevallos, Cassie Creel, Victoria Dunnam, Patrick Greer, Dymeachia Hall, Kandice Hodnett, Shelbie Hudgins, Kara Hughey, Miranda Jennings, Alex Messingill, Garet Nix, Felixiana Pantoja, Payton Parker, Patrick Robes, Kaidie Saverence, Kayla Warnick, Spencer Wells, Stevie Wilson.

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First Grade: Ryan Armstrong, Kole Carter, Taylor Clark, Mason Coor, Darby DePauw, Ashley Garcia, Sam Harris, Emily Hatfield, Trace Hearn, Alicia Hernandez, Zachary Long, Breana Madry, Hannah Minchew, Nicole Niklasch, Ryan Pearson, Alexis Smith, Kaleb Stanley, Dalton Taylor, Hannah Thompson, Nick Williams.
Second Grade: John Tyler Breyman, Caleb Davenport, Covan Davidson, Tyler Evans, Chandler Freeman, Ali Knight, Eindra Lwin, Matthew Mims, Polo Morin, Falon Newton, Mikael Pappajohn, Elizabeth Rhodes, Sara Stevenson, Kelcy Truszowski, Colton Wheeler.
Third Grade: Alexis Armstrong, Dillon Bagnall, Tanner Ballard,

Gabrielle Borel, Trevor Burchett, Shea Campbell, Tommy Dawson, Jesse Harmon, Leah Kay Lloyd, Cole Long, Jansen McDonald, Bethany Roach, Brian Tribolet.
Fourth Grade: Foster Burchett, Phillip Cummings, Cheyenne Galloway, Alejandra Hernandez, Sydney Holdampf, Jodi Jones, Alex Messingill, Amber Neighbors, Lindsey Roach, Kyle Stevenson.
fifth Grade: Zane Herrin, Michael Mims, Regan Newsom.

"A-B" HONOR ROLL

First Grade: Tristen Anderson, Erin Bagnall, Chris Gomez, Patrick Goodgame, Alicia Heaton, Ian Heiden, Kaci Kesterson, Ashlie Knox, Gabriel Leal, Mary Ashley McDaniel, Christopher Mims, Jessica Mince, Zack Norman, Erin Payne, Andy Qualls, Brianna Welch, Garrett Willard.
Second Grade: Jammie Armstead, Kenna Colvin, Bryson Dunn, Eric Edwards, Kade Fannin, Taylor Flores, Austin Grantham, Rachel Haggard, Reagan Haggard, Tristan Hearn, Marisol Hernandez, Lily Hsu, BreAnna Martinez, Karyssa Ramirez, Aaron Salazar, Ke'Arra Scroggins, Kolby Self, Esteban Serrano, Whitnee Walker.
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First Grade: Austin Blount, Davis Browne, Ben Lester.
Second Grade: Cornelius Giesbrecht, Maris Gonzales, Kendra Staggs.
Third Grade: Jake Browne, Jennifer Franco, Ryan Reid.
Fourth Grade: Zaira Pena, Hayden Ware.
Fifth Grade: Morgan Yarbrough.
Sixth Grade: Noemi Martinez, Kimberly Wigington.
Seventh Grade: Logan Gaskins, Mage Hamilton, Tamara Nichols; 9th Grade: Erik Gutierrez, Carol Martinez, Garrett Nichols, James Reid.
10th Grade: Mark Daily, Dee Fryar, Hannah Lester, Brenda Martinez, Cevan Smithson, Junior Varela, Santos Ybarra.
11th Grade: Marcelo Barraza, Marlana Gomez, Tisha Lucio.
12th Grade: Steven Barraza, Krista Blagrove, Jose Brisenio, Ben Campbell, Gracie Diaz, Audra Kennemer, Stephanie Lucio, Cindy Martinez, Julian Mojica, Ana Plata, T'Auna Reed, Emy Sanchez, Roseannna Sanchez, Chelsy Ybarra.

"A-B" Honor Roll

First Grade: Michelle Diaz, George Elias, Isabella Flores, Agatha Friesen, Luis Gonzales, Colten Hughes, Elizabeth Martinez, Tyler Nichols, Sergio Plata, Sloan Shaw.
Second Grade: Jorge Pena, Aaron Ragle, Jerad Staggs.
Third Grade: Angelica Diaz, Aris Diaz, Alma Martinez, Preston Zant.
Fourth Grade: Sean Blagrove, Jordan Cuellar, Franz Eliaz, Michael Gomez, Adam Hernandez, Ryan Stockton, Albert Ybarra, Priscilla Ybarra.
Fifth Grade: Celest Hamilton, Caleb Lester, Kelsea Moore, Landon Parker, Meagan Yarbrough.
Sixth Grade: Eva Aguinaga, Abril Garcia, Ashli Stockton.
Seventh Grade: Brittni Blagrove, William Carson, Kayla Franco, Miranda Gutierrez, Richard Lucio, David Martinez, Mason Parker, Valinda Saldivar.
Eighth Grade: Ronnie Peacock, Mary Rogers, Melony Ruiz, Crystal Ybarra.
Ninth Grade: Alberta Martinez, Samantha Peacock.
10th Grade: Matthew Benavidez, Dan Campbell, Clemente Gomez, Tyler Kinman, Juan Mojica, Trent Rogers.
11th Grade: Kandis Carson, Corey Ramey.
12th Grade: Jessica Flores

MOSS ELEMENTARY "A" HONOR ROLL

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Second Grade: Taylor Arista, Casedy Cervantes, Corbin Foster, Adam Franco, Kelsie Guinn, Catherine Harris, Evan Leib, Isaiah Ludington, Brady Mikeska, Austin Mize, Mayra Ortega, Devin Roberson, Brandon Soliz, Jessica Spears, Gabbie Trevino, Briana Valencia, Amy Winters

Third Grade: Vanessa Alvarado, Kylee Borchardt, Caleb Brown, Jarred Doporto, Dylan Edwards, Connor Furqueron, Austin Gibson, Chris Hughes, Meagan Islas, Sydney Larson, Kasey Osborne, Allison Payen, Sterling Phernetton, Kayleen Ramirez, Bryanna Rane, Logan Yarbar, Ariel York

Fourth Grade: Brian Beauchamp, Katie Black, Cassie Boehringer, Daniel Coyle, Crystal Garcia, Kassie Gross, Nicholas Islas, Drew Long, Michael Luna, Mckenzie Metcalf, Caleb Pirkle, Colby Ritter, Scarlet Robertson, Brandon Shook, Morgan Slaughter, Selene Sosa, Danielle Strickland, Matt Tompkins, Seth Trevino, Sydney Winters

"A-B" HONOR ROLL

First Grade: Karina Alvarado, Caleb Benson, Jacqueline Castillo, Oasis Cervantes, Kyra Cox, Joshua Gutierrez, Taryn Haynes, Kaeli Hines, Adrian Lopez, Will Lopez, Jared Nieto, Jimmy Olivares, Adam Olivas, Taylor Olivo, Savannah Robinson, Priscilla Salazar, Ty Sealy, Katie Wilson, Leksey Yarbar
Second Grade: Dalton Bradbury, Anthony Cantu, Zach Crabtree, Tabitha Dedmon, Ariana Diaz, Cassidy Feaster, Harley Gray, Omar Hernandez, Alex Hughes, Tabitha Keaton, Zachary Ludington, Cole Lyssy, Nicole Pruiett, Kaegan Robertson, Jourdan Rodriguez, Eric Salazar, Connor Steel, Jahari Vanover, Nadya Viasana
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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.

For more information, call Coach Long at 432-269-3662 or 432-263-0519.

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 1,200-foot 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 Griffiths 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 the Big Spring 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.

ON THE AIR

Five homers helps Texas dominate Seattle again

By JIM COUR

AP Sports Writer

SEATTLE — The surprising Texas Rangers are beginning to believe in themselves, especially when they're on the road.

And why not? They're leading the AL West by 2 1/2 games over Oakland and are 3 ahead of Anaheim.

Hank Blalock hit two of Texas' five homers, lifting the Rangers to an 8-5 victory over the last-place Seattle Mariners on Monday night.

"When you have guys like Hank who have great power, they can hit balls out of any ballpark," Rangers shortstop Michael Young said.

When the Rangers finished last for the fourth straight season in 2003, they were 28-53 on the road. They're 18-18 on the road this season.

"Before, we used to feel very comfortable at home and we'd just try to go out and battle on the road," Young said. "Now, we're starting to feel like we can make adjustments and have good at-bats regardless of where we're playing."

Blalock added a double and three RBIs, and Alfonso Soriano, Mark Teixeira and Kevin Mench also homered for the Rangers, who beat the Mariners for the seventh straight time this season and eighth of 10 overall.

Young is hitting .327 after going 2-for-6, while Blalock is hitting .315. They're beginning to get noticed.

"Young and Blalock might be as good a two players as there are in the American League. And they're getting better," Mariners manager Bob Melvin said.

Texas won a day after its season-high eight-game winning streak was stopped by Houston. The Mariners have lost six out of seven.

Without Alex

Rodriguez, the Rangers are 13 games over .500 for the second time this season. After 73 games last season, Texas trailed first-place Seattle by 21 1/2 games and were 19 under .500.

Rangers manager Buck Showalter said it's too early for his team to do any celebrating, but was impressed his team homered five times at Safeco Field, a ballpark that is notoriously tough on hitters.

"There's no cheapies here," he said.

A day after trading ace Freddy Garcia to the Chicago White Sox, the Mariners gave up five homers to Texas for the second time this season. The Rangers hit five in a win over the Mariners April 25 at Arlington.

Blalock, who hit 29 homers last season when he was an All-Star for the first time, had his 19th and 20th home runs to tie Boston's Manny Ramirez for the AL lead. It was his third career two-homer game and second in 2004.

"He's having an incredible year," Young said of Blalock. "Hank's a great hitter. He's a smart hitter. He's got a good plan every time he comes to the plate. When you combine that with his great natural talent, you're going to have a dominant hitter."

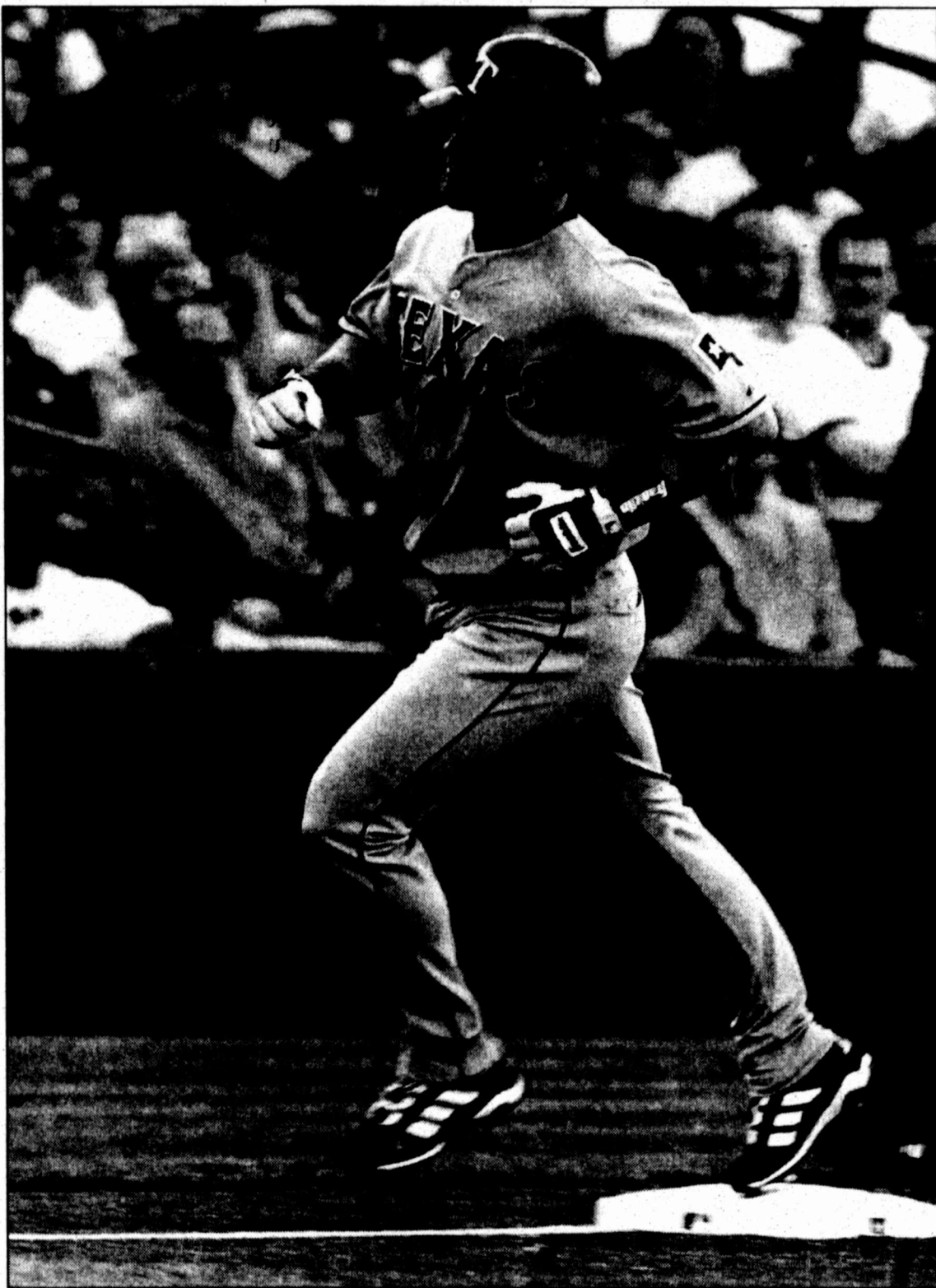
Texas' first seven runs came on homers.

Blalock's second homer, a two-run shot to right off J.J. Putz, gave the Rangers a 7-4 lead in the sixth.

Texas went ahead 5-3 in the fifth on Teixeira's two-run homer, his 11th of the season, before the Mariners came back in the bottom of the inning to score on Jobert Cabrera's RBI double.

The Rangers tied the score at 3 in the fourth on Mench's line-drive homer to left, his eighth.

In the first, Blalock homered ahead of



AP photo/Ted S. Warren
Texas Rangers' Hank Blalock rounds third base after hitting a solo home run in the first inning against the Seattle Mariners Monday at Safeco Field in Seattle.

Soriano, who hit a 426-foot shot to center. It was Soriano's 12th of the season.

The Mariners went ahead 3-2 in the bottom of the inning on Bret Boone's three-run homer, his 10th and first in 59 at-bats since June 5.

Seattle's Ryan Franklin (3-6) gave up four homers and five runs in five innings. In all, he allowed eight hits and three

walks, while striking out four. Franklin is 0-3 with a 12.46 against Texas this season.

Franklin gave credit to the Rangers hitters. "Every pitch they hit out, they should have hit out," he said.

The Rangers' Ricardo Rodriguez (1-0), making his first major league relief appearance and his first appearance since July 1, 2003, pitched 3 2-3

innings to get the win. He gave up a run on five hits and a walk, with one strikeout.

Francisco Cordero pitched the ninth for his 23rd save.

Rangers starter Nick Bierbrodt lasted only 1 2-3 innings, giving up three runs on two hits and five walks.

The Rangers' bullpen gave up only one run in 7 1-3 innings.

Federer, Roddick advance

By STEPHEN WILSON

AP Sports Writer

WIMBLEDON, England — Defending champion Roger Federer extended his grass-court winning streak to 21 matches Monday, setting up a showdown with 2002 winner Lleyton Hewitt in the Wimbledon quarterfinals.

In a match featuring only one break of serve, Federer beat 6-foot-10 Ivo Karlovic of Croatia — the tallest player in the game — 6-3, 7-6 (3), 7-6 (5). Federer hasn't been broken or dropped a set all tournament.

Hewitt lost his first set of the championships but overcame ninth-seeded Carlos Moya 6-4, 6-2, 4-6, 7-6 (3).

"I believe I can beat him," Hewitt said of Federer. "It's going to be an extremely tough match. He's the best player out there at the moment. He's not No. 1 for nothing."

Second-ranked Andy Roddick, meanwhile, continued his own run to the quarters without the loss of a set, defeating unseeded Alexander Popp, 7-5, 6-4, 6-4.

Roddick needed five match points, finally clos-



AP photo/Dave Caulkin
Defending champion Serena Williams returns to France's Tatiana Golovin, during their women's singles, fourth round match on the Centre Court at Wimbledon, Tuesday. Williams won the match 6-2, 6-1.

ing it out with a forehand passing shot. He raised his arms, tipped his cap and saluted the Court 1 crowd. Roddick had 14 break points, converting four. Popp — a two-time quarterfinalist here — broke Roddick twice.

Roddick credited his improved service return for the victory.

"I broke him three times in the third set," he said. "I'm not sure if I would have done that two years ago."

The day ended with Tim

Henman holding off Mark Philippoussis — last year's runner-up — 6-2, 7-5, 6-7 (3), 7-6 (5) in a 3-hour, 7-minute match.

Henman, bidding to become the first British player to win the men's title since 1936, reached the quarterfinals for the eighth time in nine years. He's lost four times in the semifinals.

Sebastian Grosjean was the first player to make the men's quarterfinals, beating Robby Ginepri 6-2, 6-2, 7-6 (4). The

Frenchman, who reached the semis here last year, hasn't dropped a set in four matches.

Sjeng Schalken reached the final eight for the third straight year, beating Vince Spadea 6-2, 7-5, 3-6, 6-2. Mario Ancic, a 20-year-old Croat, made the quarters when Xavier Malisse quit with a lower back problem while trailing 7-5, 3-1.

Also advancing was Florian Mayer, who continued his improbable run in his first

Wimbledon by beating Sweden's Joachim

Johansson, 6-3, 6-7, (5), 7-6 (5), 6-4. Mayer, a 20-year-old German ranked No. 66, had played — and lost — one grass-court match before the tournament.

The quarterfinal matchups: Federer-Hewitt, Mayer-Grosjean, Roddick-Schalken, and Henman-Ancic.

In women's play, former champion Lindsay Davenport reached the quarterfinals with a 6-4, 6-4 win.

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 will be held 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.

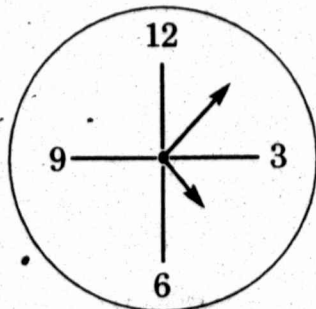
The tournament will be a four-man scramble and begin at 8 a.m.

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 and current tight end for the Green Bay Packers.

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

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ALAN HENRY: Water lightly stained; 80 degrees; 6-foot low; Black bass are good on albino soft jerkbaits and white spinnerbaits worked along timber with some topwater action. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs.

ARROWHEAD: Water clearing; 78 degrees; 11-foot low; Black bass are fair on crankbaits and spinnerbaits near rocky areas. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows near flooded timber and derricks. White bass are excellent on shallow flats chasing shad. Blue and channel catfish are good on shad and prepared baits near rocky areas in the upper lake. Due to low water conditions, the only usable boat ramp is West Arrowhead Park.

COLORADO CITY: Water clear; 85 degrees; 4-foot low; Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass are slow. Redfish are slow. Catfish are slow.

FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 83 degrees; 16-foot low. Black bass are fair. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair. Catfish are fair.

NASWORTHY: Water lightly stained; 80 degrees; Black bass are fair on live bait. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. Redfish are fair. White bass and striped bass are good on small crankbaits and live bait. Catfish are good on live baits and prepared baits.

OAK CREEK: Water lightly stained; 82 degrees; 27-foot low; Black bass are fair. Crappie are good on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair. No boat ramps open.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear; 78 degrees; 5-foot, 7-inches low; Black bass to 16 inches are good. Crappie are fair. Good for white bass in white Twister Tail jigs. Small striped bass are fair.

SPENCE: Water lightly stained; 79 degrees; 59-foot low; Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass are fair. Striped bass and hybrid striper are slow. Catfish are slow.

STAMFORD: Water lightly stained; 80 degrees; 4-foot low; Black bass are fair on live bait and dark jigs. Crappie are fair on live bait and jigs. White and striped bass are fair on live baits and poppers. Catfish are fair on live baits.

SWEETWATER: Water lightly stained; 79 degrees; 30-foot low; Black bass are fair. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on live bait. Catfish are fair on live bait.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

current standings

American League

East	W	L	GB	Home	Road	Streak
New York Yankees	46	26	—	24-10	22-16	Won 1
Boston	42	32	5	25-14	17-18	Won 1
Tampa Bay	37	36	9.5	22-16	14-21	Won 1
Toronto	33	43	15	20-20	13-23	Lost 2
Baltimore	31	41	15	17-22	14-19	Won 1

Central

Minnesota	41	33	—	22-16	19-17	Lost 2
Chicago White Sox	39	33	1	24-15	15-18	Won 2
Cleveland	37	37	4	23-16	14-20	Won 2
Detroit	35	39	6	19-18	16-21	Won 4
Kansas City	28	45	12.5	18-22	10-23	Lost 5

West

TEXAS	43	30	—	25-12	18-18	Won 1
Oakland	41	33	2.5	24-12	17-21	Lost 1
Anaheim	41	34	3	22-16	19-18	Lost 1
Seattle	30	43	13	17-20	13-23	Lost 1

National League

East	W	L	GB	Home	Road	Streak
Florida	40	36	—	20-17	20-19	Lost 1
Philadelphia	39	35	—	19-18	20-19	Won 1
New York Mets	36	37	3	21-16	15-21	Lost 1
Atlanta	36	39	3.5	18-17	18-22	Won 3
Montreal	25	49	14.5	13-22	12-27	Lost 1

Central

St. Louis	46	30	—	20-17	26-13	Lost 1
Chicago Cubs	41	34	4.5	20-15	21-19	Lost 2
Cincinnati	41	34	4.5	22-12	19-22	Lost 2
Milwaukee	38	34	6	21-17	17-17	Won 2
HOUSTON	39	36	6.5	21-18	19-17	Won 1
Pittsburgh	30	43	14.5	12-22	18-21	Won 3

West

San Francisco	43	33	—	24-15	19-18	Won 1
San Diego	40	35	2.5	20-17	19-19	Won 2
Los Angeles	38	35	3.5	20-15	17-20	Won 1
Colorado	28	46	13.5	17-18	11-28	Lost 2
Arizona	27	49	15.5	13-23	14-26	Lost 10

Glossary:

W: Wins L: Losses
GB: Games Back
Home: Home record
Road: Road record
Streak: consecutive games won or lost

Monday's American League scores
Tampa Bay 10, Toronto 2
Baltimore 10, Kansas City 1
Texas 8, Seattle 5

Tuesday's game:
Texas (Benoit, 2-2) at
Seattle (Pineiro, 3-6), 9:05 p.m.

Monday's National League scores
Philadelphia 14, Montreal 6
Pittsburgh 2, St. Louis 1
Atlanta 6, Florida 1
San Diego 10, Arizona 5

Tuesday's game:
Houston (Pattitte, 4-1) at
Chicago Cubs (Rusch, 4-1), 7:05 p.m.

Phillies' Bell hits for cycle

By MIKE GARAFALO

Associated Press Writer
PHILADELPHIA - The art of hitting for the cycle skipped a generation in the Bell family.

David Bell hit for the cycle and drove in a career-high six runs, powering the Philadelphia Phillies to a 14-6 victory Monday night over the Montreal Expos.

Bell doubled in the second inning, homered in the fourth, singled in the sixth and hit a disputed triple in the seventh to complete the feat also accomplished by his grandfather, Gus, who did it for Pittsburgh on June 4, 1951.

But the cycle eluded David's father, Buddy, the Cleveland Indians' bench coach who played 18 seasons in the majors.

When asked if he planned to call his father to playfully mock him, David said: "Yeah. Yeah, I will." Then he added, "It's special because it just doesn't happen."

With three legs of the cycle behind him, Bell drove a 2-2 pitch off Rocky Biddle to left-center that appeared to deflect off the outreached hands of a fan in the first row. The ball caromed toward center field and away from Montreal's Brad Wilkerson.

Bell went into third base and received a standing ovation from the crowd. But Wilkerson and Montreal manager Frank Robinson protested the

call for several minutes. The umpires convened and allowed the three-base hit to stand.

"The second-base ump (Jerry Meals) said he thought it hit a fan, but wasn't sure," an unhappy Robinson said. "(But) the ump at third (Jack Samuels) said, 'My call.'"

It was Bell's first triple of the season and first since joining the Phillies before last year.

"I don't hit many triples," Bell said. "But when it hits off that wall out there, triples can happen quite a bit here."

Bell became the third major leaguer to hit for the cycle this season. Milwaukee's Chad Moeller did it April 27, and Daryle Ward of the Pittsburgh Pirates became the second on May 27.

Despite the rarity and prestige of the accomplishment, Bell said he was oblivious to his

opportunity until he stood on third.

"If I had hit a triple earlier in the game, I would have been aware of it, but I just hadn't thought of it for some reason," he said.

Pat Burrell homered, scored three runs and drove in three, and Bobby Abreu went 3-for-3 with two doubles and a pair of walks to reach base in all five plate appearances.

Kevin Millwood (6-5) won despite allowing three homers. He gave up five runs and five hits over six innings.

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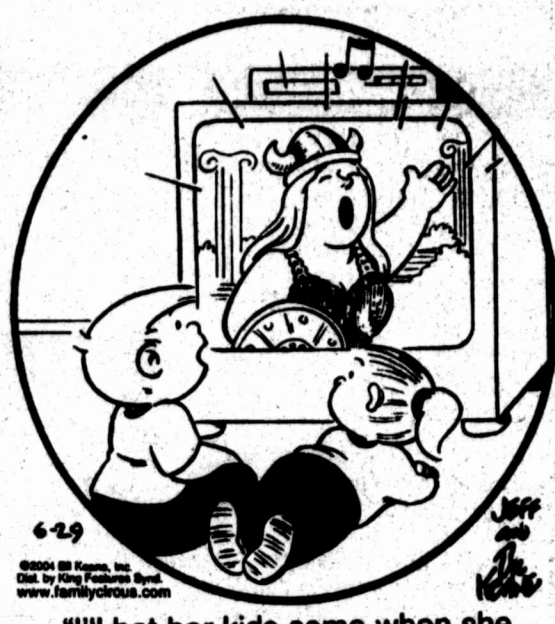
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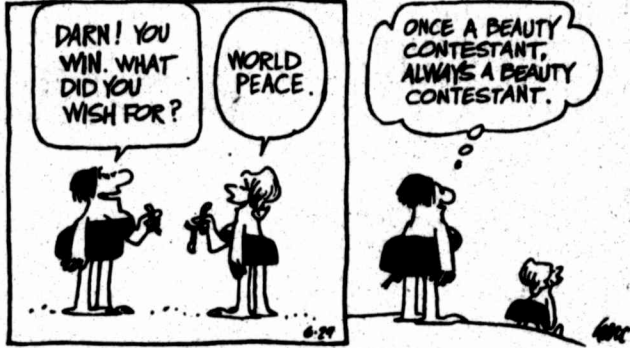
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, June 29, the 181st day of 2004. There are 185 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 29, 1776, the Virginia state constitution was adopted, and Patrick Henry made governor.

On this date:

In 1767, the British Parliament approved the Townshend Revenue Acts, which imposed import duties on certain goods shipped to America. Colonists bitterly protested the Acts, which were repealed in 1770.

In 1941, Polish statesman, pianist and composer Ignace Jan Paderewski died in New York at age 80.

In 1949, the government of South Africa enacted a ban against racially-mixed marriages.

In 1954, 50 years ago, the Atomic Energy Commission voted against reinstating Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer's access to classified information.

In 1966, the United States bombed fuel storage facilities near the North Vietnamese cities of Hanoi and Haiphong.

In 1967, Jerusalem was reunified as Israel removed barricades separating the Old City from the Israeli sector.

In 1970, the United States ended a two-month military offensive into Cambodia.

In 1972, the Supreme Court ruled the death penalty, as it was being meted out, could constitute "cruel and unusual punishment." (The ruling prompted states to revise their capital punishment laws.)

In 1988, the Supreme Court upheld, 7-1, the independent counsel law.

In 1992, a divided Supreme Court ruled that women have a constitutional right to abortion, but the justices also weakened the

right as defined by the Roe versus Wade decision.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Ruth Warrick is 89. Movie producer Robert Evans is 74. Songwriter L. Russell Brown is 64. Actor Gary Busey is 60. Comedian Richard Lewis is 57. Actor Fred Grandy is 56. Rock musician Ian Paice (Deep Purple) is 56. Singer Don Dokken (Dokken) is 51. Rock singer Colin Hay (Men At Work) is 51. Actress Maria Conchita Alonso is 47. Singer Evelyn "Champagne" King is 44. Actress Sharon Lawrence is 43. Actress Amanda Donohoe is 42. Musician Dale Baker is 38.

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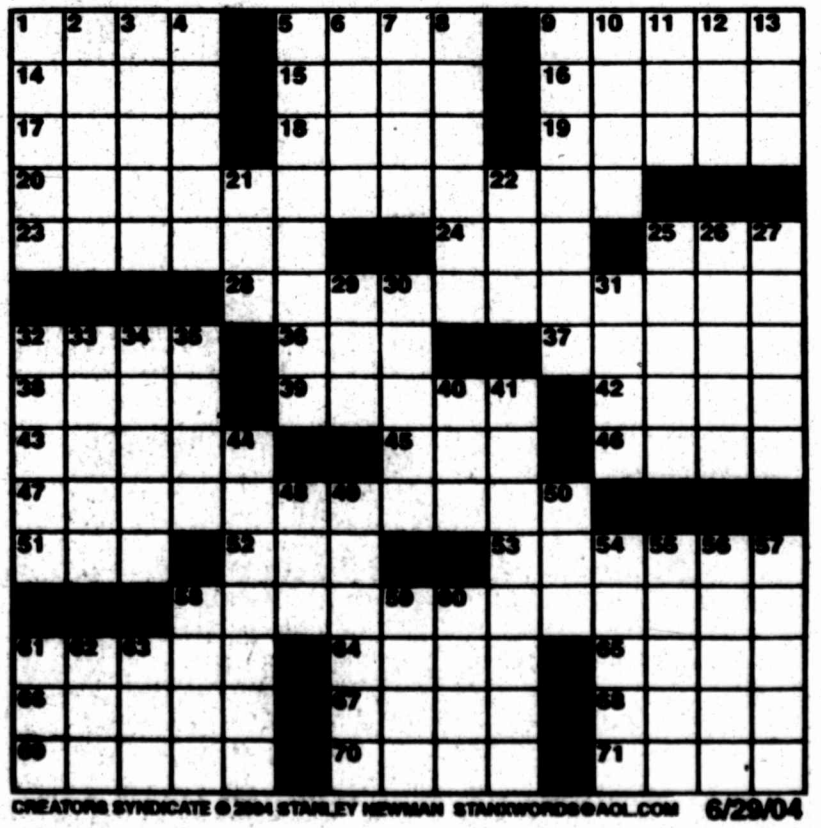
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- 1 Flower areas
- 5 Chain piece
- 9 Went out with
- 14 Mishmash
- 15 Fairy-tale beginning
- 16 Draw forth
- 17 Arkin or Alda
- 18 Look over
- 19 Penalties for illegal parking
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- 23 Harasses
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- 25 it follows Fri.
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- 38 "Yipes!"
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- 46 Wife of Zeus
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- 52 _no replay
- 53 Making cow sounds
- 58 Bart's dad
- 61 Summoning device
- 64 Genuine
- 65 Where most people live
- 66 La Scala offering
- 67 Honeycomb section
- 68 A deadly sin
- 69 Iced-tea flavoring
- 70 Lodge members
- 71 Comprehends
- DOWN**
- 1 Talk oneself up
- 2 Dallas matriarch
- 3 Ross of the Supremes
- 4 Gershwin creations
- 5 Misses the boat
- 6 2.54 centimeters
- 7 March Madness org.
- 8 Sheepdog shelter
- 9 Supports, as a theory
- 10 Gung-ho
- 11 2,000 pounds
- 12 Barely manage, with "out"
- 13 _ Moines, IA
- 21 Was in front
- 22 Female deer
- 25 Tired, as an expression
- 26 Role player
- 27 Iota preceder
- 29 Take advantage of
- 30 One in the ring
- 31 2002 Winter Olympics site
- 32 Searches for prey
- 33 Mitchell mansion surname
- 34 The Thinker sculptor
- 35 Cruise vessel
- 40 Military mail drop: Abbr.
- 41 Logs' destinations
- 44 Election loser
- 48 Shade tree
- 49 Twist one's arm
- 50 _ de plume
- 54 October birthstones
- 55 Vogue copy
- 56 Reason for earplugs
- 57 Annoying insects
- 58 Medal of Honor recipient
- 59 Angler's gear
- 60 Polio vaccine developer
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BY JOYCE JILLSON
Venus returns to a direct transit through Gemini, and already, we can feel the tension start to slack on snarled-up relationships. The urgency of money problems seems to have quieted down, too. It now seems like there's time to work these things out, and we are patient enough to do it. Soon, love and money issues will get easier to handle.



Joyce Jillson

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You've pinpointed what you need from a relationship, and it's time to ask. Define your role, and stay within the boundaries. That way, nothing gets too complicated. You introduce those who wouldn't know each other if not for you!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There's a big opportunity to let go! It's easier now because you see what you want for your future, and it's juicy enough to entice you to drop anything holding you back. Besides, living in the past only exhausts your strength.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The day is peppered with glorious disruptions! It keeps you on your toes and also makes you wonder if your priorities are really straight to begin with. You're in a competitive mood this afternoon but should avoid high-risk situations.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It will be hard to find time to yourself, so you'll have to make it - possibly even fight for it. Spending an hour dreaming, planning and visualizing your success will prevent you from spending three hours on a futile activity.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There will be the never-ending question of "Should I stay, or should I go?" and you're better off staying. There's too much to do in your corner of the world. Any improvements made now have a far-reaching effect.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your greatest lessons could come from not getting what you want right away. If you've been pushing for something to happen and nothing is, consider it a blessing. There is a greater wisdom at work.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). All comers want to run the show - too bad for them that you are really the one best equipped to do it. Use that easygoing leadership style you've so carefully honed - the one where you make it seem like their idea.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The beauty of partnership is the theme. What has a positive effect on the big picture might not fully satisfy you as an individual just yet, but you are willing to compromise in order to see results. In the end, you're duly rewarded.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Find out where your relationship stands and what you and your partner are willing to do to heal the past and create a relationship where you're getting the kind of love and encouragement you need.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). This will be a five-star day for you, and even better, there are people around to be happy for you. You're thrilled that progress is coming as quickly as you wanted it to come.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The anticipation of an arrival could take up most of your energy. Many details must fall in line in order for things to go the way you've imagined. If working out, be sure to stretch, warm up and cool down to avoid injury.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). A behavior you used to think was maverick is really just stubborn. The new motto is "If you can't beat 'em, join 'em." It's not weakness but smarts that drives this transition. If no one understands a product, no one will buy it.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I am in my 40s and divorced, with two kids still at home. I don't earn a lot, but my job pays the bills and allows us to live comfortably. I have a nice house that is paid for, and I keep it in good repair.

The problem is my boyfriend, "Arnie." We live in different towns, but we call each other daily and get together every weekend. He is funny, affectionate and treats me very well. However, he pressures me constantly to marry him, take my kids out of their current school and build a new home on his property so we can be together.

The trouble is, Arnie's lifestyle, values and finances are very different from mine. He owns his own business but frequently cannot pay his bills. He doesn't keep his home clean, and his yard is filled with junk and trash. If we married, I would be working full time and doing all the cooking, cleaning and yardwork. The new house he wants to build costs more than I can afford.

Arnie is a dreamer who always believes his next scheme will solve all his money troubles. He is unwilling to find a better job. He says he'll clean up his property but doesn't, and he refuses to move into my current home with me.

I enjoy dating Arnie, but he continues to push for marriage. Should I uproot my kids, pay his bills, go into debt to pay for a new home, do all the house and yardwork, and close my eyes to the rest? Why should I make all the changes? Shouldn't he be making some compromises, too? — Frustrated

Dear Frustrated: You obviously know the answers to your questions. Arnie sounds like poor marriage material, and you would be foolish to make a commitment to him. The fact that he's pressuring you to marry him and take on the responsibility of his finances makes his motives seem a little questionable to us. You can do better.



KATHY MITCHELL
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Dear Annie: Before visiting friends or relatives, isn't it considerate to phone ahead? My sister has the annoying habit of showing up at my door unannounced, expecting to chat and be entertained. I'm about to tell her what I think. — Going Crazy in Grande Prairie, Alberta, Canada

Dear Grande Prairie: Go ahead. It's better than slamming the door in her face.

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Cool Food Facts for Hot Weather

Summer Grocery Stories

It's summertime, and we often eat more of certain foods than others. Here are a few stories behind some of your favorites.

Ice cream

There are many ice cream flavors to choose from.

- Vanilla is No. 1. More than 25 percent of people pick it as their favorite.
• Chocolate is a distant second, chosen by fewer than 10 percent.

One of the first frozen desserts was made nearly 2,000 years ago. Runners brought snow from the mountains to Roman Emperor Nero. He flavored it with honey and juices.

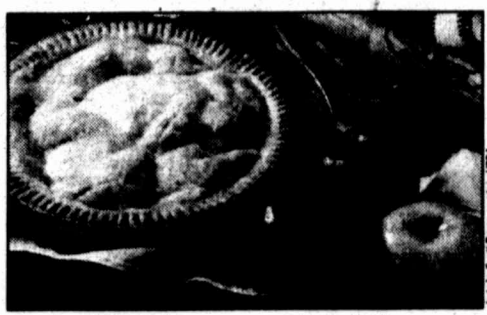
In the late 1200s, the Italian explorer Marco Polo brought a sherbet* recipe home from Asia.

*Sherbet is made with ice and milk.

In the 1700s, ice cream was popular in America as well. Presidents George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and James Madison were big fans.

When rivers froze in the winter, people often collected the river ice. They then stored it in sawdust in special ice houses to make ice cream in warmer weather. But few could afford it.

In the 1900s, electricity and refrigeration made ice cream a treat for everyone.



Apple pie has become a symbol of American goodness.

Apple pie

Apple pie is so popular in the United States that there is a saying, "As American as apple pie."

Apple pie was probably invented in England. When the Pilgrims came to America, they brought apple seeds and recipes with them.

In the late 1700s, a preacher, John Chapman, began traveling through the Ohio and Indiana frontier, planting apple trees.

For about 50 years, he taught settlers how to grow apple trees.

People began calling him Johnny Appleseed.



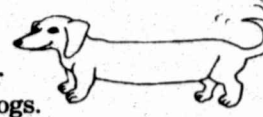
Hot dogs

Americans ate so many hot dogs last summer that if these hot dogs were laid end to end, they would go from the Earth to the moon almost seven times. That's about 7 billion hot dogs!

No one really knows who invented the hot dog. Experts believe that German immigrants brought sausage-making recipes to America in the late 1800s.

Some German immigrants also brought over their long dachshund dogs.

A sausage served in a bun was called a "dachshund sausage" or "little-dog sausage." College students started calling them "hot dogs."



This boy is watching the action on the field before taking a bite out of his hot dog. Hot dogs became popular in 1893 when they were sold at baseball games and at the Columbian Exposition in Chicago.

Go dot to dot and color this summertime treat.



Rookie Cookie's Recipe Apple Dapple Crumb Pie

You'll need:

- 5 apples, peeled and sliced
• 1 cup flour
• 1/4 cup white sugar
• 1/4 cup brown sugar
• 1/2 cup butter, cut into pieces

What to do:

- 1. Lightly grease the bottom and sides of a pie pan. Cover the bottom with the sliced apples.
2. Mix together flour, sugars and butter.
3. Sprinkle over apples.
4. Bake in a preheated 375-degree oven for 40 minutes until golden brown. Serves 6.



Meet Breckin Meyer



Breckin Meyer, 30, went to elementary school with actress Drew Barrymore, not knowing that he, too, would one day have an acting career. Later, it was Drew who got him into show business when she introduced him to her agent. He then got parts in commercials and a game show.

Breckin was accepted to college, but instead decided to continue with his acting. He has been the voice for several characters in movies, including Josh Mankey in "Kim Possible: The Secret Files" and Pinocchio in "Pinocchio." In the movie "Garfield: The Movie," he plays the part of Jon Arbuckle, Garfield's owner.

Breckin has always wanted to be a kindergarten teacher, and might be one someday. He likes playing the drums and used to be the drummer in a band with his friends.

Breckin has a younger and an older brother. He lives with his wife, Deborah, and their daughter, Caitlin.

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Gus Goodsport's Report Supersport: Tom Pappas



Height: 6-5 Birthdate: 9-6-76 Weight: 210 Hometown: Azalea, Ore.

Tom Pappas is the dynamo of the decathlon and wears the unofficial title of "World's Greatest Athlete." His specialty is a gut-grinding test in 10 track-and-field events. Combining speed, strength and stamina, Pappas won the world championship and is a 2004 Olympic favorite. In the 2000 Olympics he placed fifth.

Tall and tough, Pappas competed in four sports in high school. Then he starred in the decathlon at the University of Tennessee, where he also was a dean's list student.

Growing up in an athletic family sparked his interest in sports. Brothers Paul and Billy were successful in the decathlon. His father had a hand in setting a motor-vehicle land-speed record, and his grandfather was a professional wrestler.

Now Tom's on center stage and primed to go for the gold in Athens, Greece, site of the Olympics and homeland of his grandfather.

MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes

All the following jokes have something in common. Can you guess the common theme or category?

Angus: A big train just passed! Lee: How do you know? Angus: I saw the tracks!

Beatrice: I never complain about the price of a train ticket. Do you know why? Cathy: It's bound to be fare!

Ben: What's the difference between a teacher and a train engineer? John: A teacher trains the mind, and an engineer minds the train!

Summer Foods TRY 'N FIND

Words and names that remind us of summer foods are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: ICE, CREAM, VANILLA, TREAT, PIE, CHOCOLATE, PICNIC, APPLE, HOT, DOG, SPORTS, DACHSHUND, POTATO, CHIPS, SALAD, HAMBURGER, CORN, COB, BARBECUE, WATERMELON, MAIZE, GROW.

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Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and her friends are enjoying a summer picnic. See if you can find: • word MINI • ear of corn



- man's face
• lion
• question mark
• lipstick
• number 3
• frog
• squirrel
• sailboat
• lips
• bell
• heart

More Summer Grocery Stories

Potato chips and potato salad

Potatoes are the main ingredient in many picnic treats. Potato chips go well with your hot dog or hamburger. Potato salad is a popular summer side dish.

The Inca people of Peru, Bolivia and Chile in South America first grew potatoes in about 200 B.C. Spanish explorers brought them to Europe in the mid-1500s.

Later, British colonists brought the potato to North America. In the 1700s, Irish immigrants made potatoes popular.

The legend is that the potato chip was invented by accident in the mid-1800s. A rich railroad owner was eating fried potatoes, but he complained they were too thick.

Because the chef was upset that the man criticized his cooking, he sliced the potatoes super thin, fried and salted them. To his surprise, the railroad owner was delighted.

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Site to see: www.hot-dog.org

Look through the food section of your newspaper for ads, stories and pictures of summer foods.

Next week The Mini Page is all about penguins.

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Hamburger is a top food in the U.S. The average American eats three hamburgers each week, according to government studies.

Hamburgers

Backyard barbecues are one of the sure signs of summer. Hamburgers and other food taste especially good when grilled outdoors.

The hamburger is such a popular food, many people claim credit for inventing it. But no one knows for sure how it started.

Many experts believe that German immigrants brought the idea of ground beef to America in the early 1800s. They called their version of cooked ground beef "Hamburg-style steak," after a city in Germany.

The hamburger as we know it became popular when White Castle started the first chain of hamburger restaurants in 1921.

Corn on the cob

Corn on the cob is from a variety called "sweet corn," and is best eaten before the corn kernels are fully grown.

Only about 10 percent of the country's corn crop is eaten by people. About half the corn is used to feed livestock. The rest is used to make products including syrup, fuel, oil, paint, drugs, cloth, starch and paper.

Native Americans living in the area of Mexico were eating corn, or maize, 10,000 years ago. By the time Europeans arrived, people throughout the American continents were eating corn.



Watermelon

Watermelon was first grown in Africa thousands of years ago. In some African areas during dry spells, watermelons were the only source of water.

European colonists brought watermelons to America.



The pork in your hot dog and your corn may have come from Iowa. Your hamburger and watermelon may have come from Texas. Idaho and Washington are top potato states. Wisconsin is a major dairy state. Arizona and California are top lemon growers. Color in these states.

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