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Berger under investigation

Sandy Berger, former President Clinton's national security adviser, is under criminal investigation by the Justice Department after highly classified terrorism documents disappeared while he was reviewing what should be turned over to the Sept. 11 commission.

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Stargazing party set for Saturday

Big Spring State Park's annual Stargazing party, postponed earlier this year, will take place at 8:30 p.m. Saturday atop Scenic Mountain. Entry to the park is \$2 per person.

COMING

THIS WEEKEND



Cover Story: For 30 years, Mark Corbet, 53, of Redmond, Ore., (pop. 13,481) has assaulted forest fires from the sky. The 5-foot-7, 165-pound Corbet is one of the nation's 400 active smokejumpers, daredevils who parachute into remote locations across the West each summer to snuff out wildfires before they grow into uncontrollable conflagrations.

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Man jailed after allegedly letting 6-year-old drive

Big Spring man charged with DWI, three counts of child endangerment

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

A 26-year-old Big Spring man remains in the Howard County Jail after allegedly driving drunk and then letting his 6-year-old daughter behind the wheel Friday.

Billy Joe Chavera was arrested by Big Spring police officers on charges of driving while intoxicated and three counts of child endangerment.

According to Sgt. Roger Sweatt, Big Spring Police Department public information officer, two off-duty policemen noticed a vehicle weaving and veering off the road on U.S. Highway 87 near Comanche Trail Park.

The officers contacted an on-duty officer to respond to the scene and noticed Chavera exiting the vehicle, Sweatt said. Chavera then climbed into the passenger seat.

When the car began moving again, the off-duty officers, who were in an unmarked vehicle, were able to make the apparent driver, Chavera's 6-year-old daughter, pull over in less than

half-a-block.

"When they got him (Chavera) out he was extremely intoxicated," Sweatt said.

Also riding in the vehicle were Chavera's 3-year-old and 1 1/2-year-old daughters.

If convicted, Chavera faces state felonies on all four charges, Sweatt said. The girls were released back to the custody of their mother at the scene.

Friday's incident is similar to a story reported last March when Texas Department of Public Safety troopers pulled over a vehicle west of Big Spring speeding and weaving through traffic and driven by an 11-year-old.

The boy's father, Robert Lee Crider, was apparently taking his son home for the weekend. According to news reports, after visiting a bar, Crider and a friend became too drunk to drive and handed the keys over to the boy, who could barely see over the steering wheel.

Crider was arrested on charges of child endangerment, public intoxication and having an open container of alcohol in his vehicle.

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STREET REPAIRS



Nathan Wilkins dumps a load of asphalt this morning as part of a repair project to a portion of the roadway on 11th Place. The 800 and 900 blocks of 11th Place have been closed since Monday while city crews repaired a part of the street. The two blocks were expected to be reopened sometime today.

Filipino freed by kidnapers

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A Filipino truck driver held hostage in Iraq for nearly two weeks was freed Tuesday, a day after his nation withdrew its final peacekeepers from Iraq in a move that met the kidnapers' demands but was sure to anger U.S. and Iraqi officials.

Angelo dela Cruz was brought to the steps of the United Arab Emirates embassy about 10:30 a.m. and told by the kidnapers to go inside, a UAE Embassy official said on condition of anonymity. Embassy officials said there was no coordination between them and the kidnapers.

"We were surprised this morning to receive the Filipino hostage in Iraq, Mr. Angelo dela Cruz, who was set free by his kidnapers and handed to our embassy in Baghdad," Hamad Ahmad al Shamasi, the Emirates' head of mission here, said in a state-

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Museum exhibit to celebrate local Hispanic culture

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Dancing and lively music will help welcome in the Heritage Museum's newest exhibit Saturday, showcasing the area's Hispanic culture.

"I've been planning this for a while," said museum curator Tammy Schreengost. "I think it's important to include all the cultures which contributed to the rich history of Howard County. We have so many different cultures and each adds flavor to our heritage."

Museum officials will hold the premiere from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. It will feature performances by Dance Gallery students, Mary Paredes and her stu-

dents and a mariachi band. The event is free to the public.

In developing the display, which consists of memorabilia donated by area residents, Schreengost said she wanted to bring out the beautifully romantic aspect of the culture, seen through its customs and music.

"We'll have lots of bright colors and sounds," she said. "Their (Hispanic culture's) music is so unique and beautiful. Even if you don't speak Spanish, if you sit down and listen to the music, you feel the meaning more than understanding the words."



Heritage Museum employee Amanda Smith-Morrow, left, looks over a quincenera dress that Margie Garcia, right, is temporarily donating to the museum. On Saturday, the museum will premiere its newest exhibit showcasing the local Hispanic heritage.

Several quincenera dresses will be on display, showcasing one of the most important events for a young girl's life in the culture. "This is — and was especially in the older days — to announce the coming of age for a girl,"

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Unmanned jeep takes unauthorized lake-bottom drive

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Big Spring police were called to Moss Creek Lake Saturday after an unoccupied Jeep decided to take an unauthorized, lake-bottom drive.

"The vehicle's owner told officers they were out camping on the southwest side of the lake and went to bed at 2:30 a.m.," said Sgt. Roger Sweatt, the Big Spring Police Department's public information officer.

"When he woke up at 7:30 a.m., his Jeep Cherokee was missing."

Tracks leading from where the absent vehicle was last seen into the water quickly established a spot to begin the search.

Lake caretaker Rick Boiles spotted the top of the jeep while searching the lake by boat, Sweatt said. The vehicle was found 40 feet from the bank and was 15 feet below the water's surface.

The Jeep was soon rescued from its murky predicament with the assistance of Pat Gray

Wrecking and the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department dive team.

"When they finally pulled the vehicle out, they found it in neutral," Sweatt said.

Although Sweatt didn't release an estimate of damage caused by the vehicle's unauthorized adventure, he did note it was "pretty wet."

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Obituaries

Roy Andrew Ferrell



Roy Andrew Ferrell, 70, of Big Spring died at 10:18 a.m. Saturday, June 17, 2004, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock following a sudden illness. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. today, July 20, 2004, at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. R. T. Havener of First Assembly of God Church officiating. Burial with military honors will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born July 15, 1934, in Seneca, Mo., to Orphal Ferrell and Lyma Tweedy Ferrell. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, serving from 1954 until 1974, retiring as a Tech Sergeant. During his service to his country, duty stations included France, England, Iowa, Tennessee, and Denison, Laredo, Amarillo and Big Spring.

He came to Big Spring in 1973 to serve at Webb Air Force Base. After retiring from the Air Force, Roy worked for Oil Transport. He was a member of the First Assembly of God Church.

Enjoying life was a trade mark for Roy Ferrell. Although he enjoyed taking short cuts on trivial things, there were some things that he refused to cut corners on. Roy Ferrell, a loving husband, father, brother, uncle and grandfather, never took short cuts when dealing with his family or friends. When challenged by his grandsons, he would play video games with them or give instructions on the finer techniques of the games.

Roy was adamant that his family and friends knew the Christ he served. He wanted all he met to know the love of God that he found in his early adult life. If he could speak to us one last time, he would want us to know, there are no short cuts to heaven, you must go through Christ Jesus.

One of Roy's favorite scriptures — John 13:34-35 "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if you have love one to another."

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Mary Ann Ferrell of Big Spring; two sons, David Ferrell and his wife, Maria, of Hamilton, Ala., and Danny Ferrell and his wife, Donna, of White Deer; three daughters, Debbie McCain and her husband, Jimmie, and Denise Ferrell, all of Big Spring, and Diane Fulton and her husband, Tim, of Lubbock; three grandsons, Jason McCain and his wife, Amanda, of Midland, Brian Ferrell of White Deer, and Jacob McCain of Big Spring; one granddaughter, Nicole Fulton of Allen; two sisters, Glenda Shaw of Webb City, Mo., and Doris Dunham of Carl Junction, Mo.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Bob Ferrell.

Pallbearers will be Jason McCain, Brian Ferrell, Jacob McCain, Mart Sherman, Juan Jajola, Bobby McDaniel and Jim Fort.

The family suggests memorials to Gideons International, for purchase of Bibles in memory of Roy Ferrell, Big Spring Camp No. U42060, P.O. Box 133, Big Spring 79721-0133

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

*Paid obituary*

Sandra Hendrix

Sandra Hendrix, 62, of Colorado City, died Sunday night in an Odessa hospice house. Service will be 10 a.m. Wednesday in the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Monte Kreis officiating. Burial will follow in the Colorado City Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

She was born Feb. 22, 1942, in Tyler to John and Mildred O'Brien Clifton. She had been a resident of Colorado City for the past 32 years. She was a retired secretary for the city of Big Spring and a member of the First United Methodist Church in Colorado City.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Lorianne and Patrick Toombs of Colorado City; two grandchildren, Brien and Bethany Toombs of Colorado City; and a sister and brother-in-law, Barbara and Martin Bowman of Goree.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. today at Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

The family requests memorials to the Hospice House, 903 S. Sam Houston, Odessa 79761.

Arrangements are under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

*Paid obituary*

Take note

CHRIST'S COMMUNITY CHURCH is looking for infant cars seats to be given to needy families. Call Karen at 263-3517 or the church at 263-5683.

MANNA RELIEF, a non-profit ministry that provides glyconutritional supplements to critically ill children, is accepting donations for the program. Call Gene or Robbie Froman at 263-0385.

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.

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

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Jimmy Aragón

Jimmy Aragón, 64, of San Angelo died Thursday, July 15, 2004, in New Mexico. Prayer service will be at 7 p.m. today, July 20, 2004, at Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Wednesday, July 21, 2004, at Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens.

He was a long-time West Texas resident, where he served as Furr's Cafeteria manager.

Survivors include his wife of 43 years, Rita Aragón of San Angelo; his nine children, Louie Aragón of Williamsburg, Va., Connie Aragon of Albuquerque, N.M., Corrina Franco of Midland, Cathy Aragón of Midland, Jesse Aragón of Plainview, Cecelia Aragón of New Mexico, Clara Aragón of San Antonio, Tony Aragón of Austin, Estella Aragón of San Angelo; 20 grandchildren; and five great grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson Funeral Home in San Angelo.

Josephine Null

Josephine Null, 95, of Big Spring, died Monday, July 19, 2004, in a local nursing home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Police blotter

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

- CARLOS RUBEN GONZALES, 17, of Mexico, was arrested Monday and held for INS.
- FRANK FIERRO JR., 56, address unknown, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.
- JOSHUA DON RICHTER, 19, of 5816 Oak, was arrested Monday on charges of possession of a prohibited weapon and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- JENNIFER MARIE HILL, 30, of 305 E. 23rd Street, was arrested Monday and held for the HCSO.
- ALBERTO MARTINEZ, 20, of 1206 Mesquite, was arrested Monday and held for INS.
- ELUTERIO GUERRERO VILLA, 39, of Mexico, was arrested Monday and held for INS.
- HOWARD BRANDON JOHNSON, 19, of 500 Goliad, was arrested Monday on local traffic warrants.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported:
  - in the 1200 block of Marijo.
  - in the 400 block of W. Eighth Street.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1300 block of Lexington.
- THEFT was reported:
  - in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.
  - in the 300 block of Gregg Street.
- PROHIBITED WEAPONS was reported in the 500 block of 12th Street.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported:
  - in the 1200 block of Austin.
  - in the 1200 block of Eighth Street.

Sheriff's report

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

- JENNIFER HILL, 30, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of theft - more than \$500, less than \$1,500.
- ROY DWIGHT BIDDLE III, 43, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of burglary of a vehicle.
- SONYA GAY BIDDLE, 34, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of driving while intoxicated, burglary of a vehicle and harassment.
- MICHAEL ZUBIATE, 21, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance - more than 4 grams, less than 200 grams, and possession of marijuana - more than 4 ounces, less than 5 pounds.
- JOSEPH STEVEN PATTON, 24, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of cruelty to an animal.
- JOSEPH EDWARD OLVERA, 17, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid.

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TODAY

- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- 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.
- Big Spring Art Association meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library. Composition in art and photography is the topic. The public is welcome to attend.

WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Senior Circle meets at 10 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721.
- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. at 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.
- Eagles Lodge Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

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. Call 267-6479.
- Masonic Lodge 598 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 219 Main.

FRIDAY

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Members bring their own lunch. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.
- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
- Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Spring City Senior Citizen's Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. All area seniors are invited.

SATURDAY

- Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

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 Boiles at 264-2395 or 393-5246.

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 12-13-25-33. Bonus Ball: 15.  
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 2.  
Prize: \$250,000.  
Winning tickets sold in: Cedar Hill, Laredo.  
Estimated jackpot for Thursday night drawing: \$200,000.

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery: 5-7-15-23-36

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 4-1-2

Weather

Tonight - Mostly clear. Low 74. Winds SE at 10 to 15 mph.  
Wednesday - Mainly sunny. High 98. Winds SE at 10 to 20 mph.  
Wednesday night - A mostly clear sky. Low 73. Winds SE at 10 to 15 mph.  
Thursday - Plenty of sun. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.  
Friday - Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 70s.  
Saturday - Isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the upper 60s.

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# Clinton adviser probed for taking classified terror memos

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sandy Berger, former President Clinton's national security adviser, is under criminal investigation by the Justice Department after highly classified terrorism documents disappeared while he was reviewing what should be turned over to the Sept. 11 commission.



SANDY BERGER

Berger's home and office were searched earlier this year by FBI agents armed with warrants after the former Clinton adviser voluntarily returned some sensitive documents to the National Archives and admitted he also removed handwritten notes he had made while reviewing the sensitive documents.

Some drafts of a sensitive after-action report on the Clinton administration's handling of al-Qaida terror threats during the December 1999 millennium celebration are still missing, officials and lawyers said.

Berger and his lawyer said

Monday night he knowingly removed the handwritten notes by placing them in his jacket and pants, and also inadvertently took copies of actual classified documents in a leather portfolio.

"I deeply regret the sloppiness involved, but I had no intention of withholding documents from the commission, and to the contrary, to my knowledge, every document requested by the commission from the Clinton administration was produced," Berger said in a statement.

Lanny Breuer, one of Berger's attorneys, said his client has offered to cooperate fully with the investigation but had not

yet been interviewed by the FBI or prosecutors. Berger has been told he is the subject of the criminal investigation, Breuer said.

Berger served as Clinton's national security adviser for all of the president's second term and most recently has been informally advising Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry.

Clinton asked Berger last year to review and select the administration documents that would be turned over to the commission investigating the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

The FBI searches of Berger's home and office occurred after National Archives employees told agents they believed they witnessed Berger place documents in his clothing while reviewing sensitive Clinton administration papers and that some documents were then noticed missing, officials said.

When asked, Berger said he returned some classified docu-

ments that he found in his office and all of the handwritten notes he had taken from the secure room, but could not locate two or three copies of the highly classified millennium terror report.

"In the course of reviewing over several days thousands of pages of documents on behalf of the Clinton administration in connection with requests by the Sept. 11 commission, I inadvertently took a few documents from the Archives," Berger said.

"When I was informed by the Archives that there were documents missing, I immediately returned everything I had except for a few documents that I apparently had accidentally discarded," he said.

Breuer said Berger believed he was looking at copies of the classified documents, not originals.

There are laws strictly governing the handling of classified information, including pro-

hibiting unauthorized removal or release of such information.

Government and congressional officials familiar with the investigation, who spoke only on condition of anonymity because the probe involves classified materials, said the investigation remains active and no decision has been made on whether Berger should face criminal charges.

The officials said the missing documents were highly classified, and included critical assessments about the Clinton administration's handling of the millennium terror threats as well as identification of America's terror vulnerabilities at airports to sea ports.

David Gergen, an adviser to Clinton who worked with Berger for a time in the White House, said, "I think it's more innocent than it looks."

"I have known Sandy Berger for a long time. He would never do anything to compromise the security of the United States."

# Group says there are enough votes to unseat Sloan

DALLAS (AP) — The future of Baylor President Robert Sloan, who has divided the world's largest Baptist university over his 10-year reform plan, is again an issue on campus.

The head of a group seeking Sloan's ouster predicted Monday that it will happen when the school's Board of Regents meets in Waco this week.

The 36-member Board of Regents is scheduled to meet Wednesday through Friday in Waco.

A group called the Committee to Restore

Integrity to Baylor issued a prepared statement on Monday, saying changes in the regents' membership could open the door to Sloan's removal.

Group President Bill Carden told The Dallas Morning News and Fort Worth Star-Telegram for stories in Tuesday's editions that he now believes there are enough votes to remove Sloan this week.

A main focus of the meeting will be on Baylor's long-term goals and Sloan's ambitious Vision 2012 strategic plan. Although board chairman

Will Davis said no vote on Sloan is planned, a vote could be requested by a regent, but the entire board would have to decide whether it is taken.

Baylor spokesman Larry Brumley said the president is optimistic that he will keep serving Baylor.

Sloan has drawn criticism since the beginning of his career as president in 1995. There have been disagreements between his administration and faculty members over questions of academic

freedom for years.

Carden's committee released a statement that said Sloan's "high-handed methods of dealing with those who do not wholeheartedly support his views have bitterly divided faculty, students and alumni."

Things only got worse after last summer's shooting death of basketball player Patrick Dennehy. Carlton Dotson, a former teammate, has been charged. An internal investigation that followed uncovered major NCAA violations and the

resignations of the basketball coach Dave Bliss and athletic director Tom Stanton followed.

Critics say Sloan's Baylor 2012 plan costs too much and makes the university too religiously conservative.

In a statement, the Committee to Restore Baylor said Sloan's "dismantling of several of Baylor's most successful programs runs contrary to his goal of attempting to make Baylor a top-tier university."

But one of Sloan's strong supporters and co-

chairman of a group called Friends of Baylor applauded his vision.

"His pioneering of 2012 will probably go down in the history of Baylor as the most significant accomplishment a president ever achieved," Dallas real estate developer Dary Stone said.

## IRAQ

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ment. Philippines officials arrived at the embassy and drove dela Cruz away about three hours later in a silver Mercedes. Filipino officials will send him to Abu Dhabi for a medical checkup, al Shamasi said.

Dela Cruz's family in the Philippines' Pampanga province reacted with joy.

"We're quite happy but we will be really, really happy once we see the president holding our brother. Thank you to everyone," said dela Cruz's brother Feliciano.

Philippine President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo went on live national television to confirm dela Cruz's release and say that he is healthy and well.

But while she said she was happy that Angelo dela Cruz is coming home, she warned that other "innocents" will not be so lucky if terrorists continue to mount attacks and kidnappings.

"It was a time of trial

and a time of triumph," Arroyo said of the difficult negotiations that led to the release of dela Cruz, who was snatched by insurgents near Fallujah on July 7.

She said she had spoken with dela Cruz, a truck driver and family of eight who has become a national icon in a country with more than 7 million of its citizens working abroad.

"To the family, Angelo is going home," she said.

Arroyo made no mention of the criticism she has taken from allies for meeting the kidnappers demand that she withdraw the Philippines' 51-strong troop contingent in Iraq early, saying only that she did not regret her decision. The peacekeepers had been scheduled to leave on Aug. 20.

The United States and other nations have warned that the Philippine decision could encourage kidnappers in Iraq, and Arroyo's decision threatens to damage her nation's cozy links with Washington.

A U.S. official told The Associated Press on Sunday that Washington was re-evaluating ties with the Philippines. The

Iraqi government has expressed disappointment at the decision, saying it could encourage terrorists.

In another kidnapping case, an Egyptian truck driver held hostage was freed Monday evening and taken to his country's embassy.

Alsayeid Mohammed Alsayeid Algarabawi was abducted from a truck he had driven from Saudi Arabia into Iraq.

Algarabawi's captors, who called themselves the Iraqi Legitimate Resistance, never threatened to harm him but made a series of demands on his Saudi company, including asking for \$1 million ransom and insisting it stop doing business in Iraq.

The Al-Jarie Transport company refused to pay the ransom but agreed to end its business in Iraq, said Faisal al-Naheet, a subcontractor speaking on behalf of the firm.

Militants have used near-constant car bombs, sabotage, assassinations and kidnappings as weapons in their 15-month-old insurgency.

In the southern city of

Basra, an Iraqi council member running for governor here was killed as he left for work Tuesday morning, along with his driver and bodyguard, an Iraqi official said.

Hazim al-Aynachi was pulling out of his driveway when gunmen opened fire on his car. Another person was injured, said council head Abdul Bari Faiyek.

Faiyek blamed the killing on opposition to elections for a local governor which were due to occur Tuesday, but were delayed in response to the shooting.

"Many threats have been directed to the council members nominated to the post," Faiyek said, adding that another councilman escaped an assassination attempt on Monday.

The shooting was the latest salvo by insurgents determined to undermine the country's post war reconstruction.

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Schreengost of the quincenera. "She could go on a date with a young man, although accompanied by a chaperone."

Margie Garcia has temporarily donated her 15-year-old daughter's quincenera dress for the exhibit, which will be on display through Sept. 25. "I like it because it

shows the background of the culture," Garica said.

The Heritage Museum is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens.

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# EDITORIAL

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## OTHER VIEWS

### The question is America first or American's first?

The debate over expanding the number of U.S. work visas allocated for foreign nationals in specialized occupations can be boiled down to one question: "Do we put America first, or Americans first?"

The country is at risk of losing its long-held place as the technological leader of the world as competition heats up in China, South Korea and India. And that competition is being driven in many cases by people educated in American universities who would remain in the United States if there were a way for them to do that.

The U.S. taxpayer subsidizes the education of students at American universities, and those students include foreign nationals. In many specialized disciplines, such as science and engineering, 50 percent or more of the advanced degrees at U.S. universities go to foreign-born graduates.

In Texas, foreign students make up more than 60 percent of all graduate degrees in engineering awarded at universities that offer engineering programs. At the University of Texas at Arlington, 138 of the 158 electrical engineering master's degrees awarded in 2002 went to foreign nationals.

Yet many of those students ended up taking their educations back to their home countries even though U.S. firms had positions open.

Why? Because the United States is limited to granting only 65,000 H-1B visas annually — and those can be for skilled workers with specialties ranging from doctors and teachers to high-fashion models.

The inability to hire these highly educated graduates with specialized skills means that the country isn't getting a return on its investment.

A reliance on foreign talent is an old American tradition. Think railroads, building construction, agriculture. Many of those workers, who initially came to the country for the economic opportunity, stayed and became citizens.

Might there be a case when a foreign national gets the job when an American doesn't? Perhaps.

But this is about hiring the best person for the job. And the vast majority of U.S. jobs are filled by U.S. citizens; a very small percentage of U.S. non-farm employment goes to foreign nationals.

Overall, Americans are not being displaced by people holding H-1B visas. In truth, not enough Americans are available with the specialty skills in the sciences and math to fill all the open positions.

The more systemic issue that needs attention is why U.S.-born students aren't entering these fields. A long-term fix is needed there.

One short-term solution for American companies is to waive the cap on H-1B visas for foreign nationals who receive advanced degrees from U.S. colleges and universities.

There is a side benefit in the arena of international diplomacy.

The opportunity to study in this country and then find employment exposes students from around the world to the American values of free speech, free press, achievement through individual initiative. It's very hard to hate someone with whom you've shared a class or a meal.

At a recent State Department briefing, Secretary of State Colin Powell told editorial writers: "Our motto is secure borders, open doors. I want them here. They are essential to our foreign policy."

# Buckley vs Reagan (jr.) in the political ring

Amid the spontaneous outpouring of respect and affection for Ronald Reagan following his death, a discordant note was sounded by his son. In a succession of television and newspaper interviews, Ron Reagan Jr. used the occasion to trash George W. Bush by drawing invidious comparisons between his father and the current president. Nobody knew how to respond in a time of national mourning. Nobody, that is, except William F. Buckley Jr.



ROGER SIMON

The elder statesman of the conservative movement considered Ron Jr.'s remarks a public challenge that ought to be challenged publicly. Buckley wrote Reagan a letter that specifically addressed his claim in an interview with *The New York Times* that he, as a self-professed atheist, admired the Buddhist teachings of "mindfulness and loving kindness and compassion." Buckley told him: "You proceed in a single interview to profane/deride the faith of your parents, which is not very mindful."

There was more than one interview. In his graveside eulogy, the son threw a dart at President Bush by saying his father never wore "his faith on his sleeve." That was just the beginning of attempts to dispel any notion that Bush was another Reagan. "My father did not know George W. Bush from Adam," he said on CNN, adding: "My father was a

man — that's the difference between him and Bush." As far as Republicans using the Reagan heritage, he said on MSNBC, "This is their war. If they can't stand on their own two feet, they're no Ronald Reagans."

This fit the desperate effort by Bush-bashers to keep the president from politically benefiting as a result of national grief over Reagan's passing. With publication in *The New York Times Magazine* of Ron Jr.'s interview with Deborah Solomon, Buckley wrote the son with a point-by-point response.

RR Jr.: The nude picture of his sister Patti in *Playboy* was "just something that is not too exciting."

WFB: "Why then was there so much excitement about it?"

RR Jr.: As for his father's reaction when he dropped out of Yale to join the ballet, "That was fine with him."

WFB: "It wasn't fine with him and he enlisted my aid in trying to persuade you to stay in college."

RR Jr.: Having three cats while being childless "is like having children." WFB: "No, it's not like having children."

RR Jr.: As to whether his mother helps him out financially, "Of course not. My father felt that children should make their own way."

WFB: "I know, and you know that I know, something about that question. But to say that 'of course' your mother does not help you out suggests she will not do so even if there were a need. Are you saying she would not acknowledge you in her will?"

RR Jr.: As to the Abu Ghraib prison abuses, "How can

Christians tolerate it?"

WFB: "I don't know of any Christians who 'tolerate it.' The perpetrators are reviled."

RR Jr.: In an answer to a question, he said he did not vote for Bush in the last election.

WFB: "Odd that you should permit this invasion of privacy whose only purpose is to remark the political infidelity of the son of Ronald Reagan."

RR Jr.: His father "worked hard to impress upon his children the value of kindness."

WFB: "If he did, he was manifestly unsuccessful."

This is more than a wayward son, at age 46 with a career seemingly going nowhere, seeking 15 minutes of fame. He has signed with MSNBC as a "contributor" for the 2004 campaign. It is a windfall for Democratic operatives to quote the son of Ronald Reagan saying of Republicans: "I couldn't join a party that, frankly, tolerates members who are bigots for one thing, homophobes, racists."

Buckley and his *National Review* magazine were in the forefront of early Reagan supporters. In his newly published "Miles Gone By: A Literary Autobiography," he paints a picture of a Ronald Reagan who "was zestfully concerned for the comfort of others." Nobody has better credentials than Bill Buckley to deliver a point-by-point rebuttal to the errant offspring. Those who know Nancy Reagan say she fully agrees with her old friend.

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## Maybe Kyoto is more about hot air than environment

When Sen. John Edwards addressed the San Francisco Chronicle editorial board in February before the California Democratic primary, I asked him if he would ask the Senate to ratify the Kyoto global-warming treaty. "Yes," the presidential candidate answered. He then added that he believed Sen. John Kerry shared his position. Wrong.

The next day, when presidential candidate Kerry talked to the Chronicle editorial board, he said that he would not ask the Senate to ratify Kyoto.



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Now, the Democratic Party has dropped support for Kyoto (a plank in the 2000 party platform) from the initial draft of the national platform for 2004. John Kerry, you see, is no Al Gore, who negotiated the treaty for Bill Clinton in 1997.

Still, it's easy to understand how Edwards, now Kerry's running mate for the White House, was confused.

Teresa Heinz Kerry demonstrates her husband's green credentials by boasting that he has attended more Kyoto conferences than any other major politician in America.

Many news stories in 1997 referred to Kerry's support of Kyoto, undeterred by the Massachusetts senator's vote with 94 other senators for a resolution that directed President Clinton to not agree to a global-warming pact

that exempted developing nations. (Veep Al Gore ignored the Senate and agreed to a pact that exempts China, India and other developing nations from any pollution caps, while requiring the United States to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions to 7 percent below 1990 levels by 2012.)

At the February editorial board meeting, Kerry said, "I believe there is a formula to bring the less-developed countries into this solution. And that's what you have to do. You can't have the United States of America and the developed world reducing emissions, while China and Mexico, South Korea and other countries, India, just going crazy spewing about."

Kerry pledged to "immediately go back to the table and immediately indicate America's willingness to be responsible to engage in a legitimate dialogue about how we're going to do this."

While Europeans generally see President Clinton as supporting Kyoto — after all, his administration signed the pact — Clinton never sent the treaty to the Senate for ratification. Hence, it was never official U.S. policy.

More important, when Clinton left office, emissions were 14 percent higher than 1990 levels. Clearly, Clinton was never serious about meeting the Kyoto goals. Clinton, no fool, knew how compliance with Kyoto would damage the U.S. economy.

Emissions have fallen during the Bush years to 11.5 percent higher than 1990 levels. Still, some environmentalists privately agree that it is not practical to expect the United States to meet the Kyoto goals — although they believe

Washington could do more to curb greenhouse-gas emissions.

Kerry has been highly critical of President Bush's unapologetic rejection of Kyoto, which so incensed Our Betterers in Europe.

In retrospect, I have to agree. Bush could have given the pact lip service only — as Clinton did — and Europe would have been mollified. Or Bush could have sent the pact to the Senate, and watched both Democrats and Republicans reject it and take the heat of the (all-bow) international community. By being blunt, Bush unnecessarily alienated allies.

That said, it would be interesting to see how Europe would react if a President Kerry rejected Kyoto. Kerry says that, unlike Bush, he would rush to the bargaining table to work out a new treaty. But after they have spent years demanding compliance with Kyoto itself, would that be enough to appease France, Germany and the United Kingdom?

Maybe it would.

Maybe it is because Kyoto is more about hot air — bashing America's big cars and affluence — than it is about greenhouse gases. Maybe, if a top U.S. pol says nice things about Kyoto, that's enough. So if Kerry could fool John Edwards about his support for Kyoto, maybe he can fool the rarified minds of Europe, too.

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## Report: Most state budgets may be on tail end of budget crises, but problems linger

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Most U.S. states appear to be emerging from the economic downturn, a new report measuring the health of their budgets shows. But that doesn't mean states will celebrate with wholesale spending sprees, experts say.

States wound up the fiscal year in June with a collective ending balance of more than \$6 billion more than this time last year, according to a survey by the National Conference of State Legislatures, released during its annual meeting Tuesday in Salt Lake City.

The report says it's not all good news since those balances are expected to fall at the end of this fiscal year after a one-time gift from the federal government runs out.

"It's a mixed bag," said Corina Eckl, NCSL's senior fiscal analyst. She said that while 2004 was better than expected, there are "still some serious concerns."

The report is based on

data compiled in July from 44 states, where year-end balances collectively went from \$12.2 billion to \$18.4 billion this year. The report found 26 states had balance increases, but 18 saw declines.

The six states not included in the report because they have not passed fiscal year 2005 budgets yet — California, Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan, New York and North Carolina — account for about a third of the national state budget picture.

Aided last year by a \$20 billion one-time infusion from the federal government through the Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act, states' general fund spending grew a collective 2.4 percent, the report says, and education was a prime benefactor.

Spending for K-12 education grew almost 5 percent, up 2 percent from two years ago. Higher education saw a 3.2 percent increase in spending;

it fell 0.5 percent in fiscal year 2003, the report says.

Though the report cautioned that revenues were artificially inflated by the federal government's \$20 billion, "some of the growth is attributable to improved revenue performance," it said.

"Most states are seeing a brightening picture as far as revenues are concerned, and I think that's good news for taxpayers," said Utah House Speaker Marty Stephens, a Republican and president of the NCSL.

Host-state Utah ended the fiscal year with a \$106 million surplus, the largest since 2000, when the state finished \$120 million in the black.

"The budget picture is definitely improving," agreed Michael Calvert, legislative fiscal analyst for Nebraska, where year-end revenues exceeded estimates by more than \$100 million.

States may be seeing higher revenues, but they are not likely this year to again see state coffers

swell like they did just a few years ago, when the stock market was booming and high-tech and telecom companies didn't realize they were on bubbles.

"It was a fine time to be a lawmaker and a fine time for state budgets," said Eckl.

In the subsequent downturn and the aftermath of the terrorist attacks, states tightened up.

Like other states, Nebraska made severe cuts to education spending, Medicaid and had many across-the-board cuts in numerous state agencies to meet the budget. Such cuts put states in a conservative mindset, and many aren't expected to make big restorations just because they've got money to spend, Calvert said.

Utah did not use its share to fund recurring expenses, like salaries, since the money wouldn't be there in the next fiscal year and lawmakers would find themselves scrambling to find funds.

## Ten men convicted in West Texas meth trial

MIDLAND (AP) — Ten men were convicted Monday of manufacturing and distributing methamphetamine in West Texas.

Prosecutors say all of the defendants are members of the Aryan Circle — a prison gang known as white supremacists — but some denied the association.

The federal jury found Charles Samson, Michael Lewis, Victor Wesley Tucker and Malachi David Wren guilty of operating a continuing criminal enterprise involving more than 15,000 grams of methamphetamine.

Those defendants face mandatory life sentences in federal prison.

Jerry Beason, Leonard Griffith, Shane Samson, Michael Martin, Buddy Ford and Donnie Thompson, as well as Charles Samson, Lewis, Tucker and Wren were convicted of conspiring to manufacture and distribute methampheta-

mine. That charge carries a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years to life in prison.

Nineteen defendants charged in the case pleaded guilty and testified during the 13-day trial.

Testimony indicated that between January 2000 and March 2004, the organization controlled 80 percent of the methamphetamine trade in the Odessa-area. They used extortion and robbery against non-Aryan Circle meth cooks to gain control of the market, according to prosecutors. In that time prosecutors say the entire enterprise cooked and distributed 31 kilograms of methamphetamine.

"We got to the point where we felt the evidence was overwhelming," Odessa police Sgt. Mike Tacker said in a story in Tuesday's editions of The Midland Reporter-Telegram. "We had 60 witnesses ready to testify, but we only called 40."

## At least 25 reported killed in Ukrainian coal mine explosion

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — Rescuers battled a raging fire and deadly gases deep in an eastern Ukrainian coal mine Tuesday looking for survivors from a methane gas explosion that killed at least 25 miners.

Oleh Venzhyk, a spokesman for the Ministry for Emergency Situations, said the Monday night blast hit a section of the Krasnolimanskaya mine in the Donetsk region, about 3,180 feet below the surface.

Rescuers had recovered the bodies of 25 miners by early Tuesday; 11 others were still missing, Venzhyk said.

"Rocks and debris make our job incredibly difficult ... it's a complete

mess down there," a rescuer who gave his name only as Volodymyr said by telephone.

More than 50 rescue teams searching for dead and injured miners were being hampered by raging fires, high concentrations of poisonous gases, heavy smoke and temperatures of up to 120, Volodymyr said.

"We will keep searching at all costs," Venzhyk said.

At the time of the explosion, 48 miners were at work; 12 managed to escape.

Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich, Deputy Prime Minister Andrey Kluyev and other top officials traveled to the mine to monitor rescue efforts.

## Haiti seeking \$1.3 billion in aid from international donors

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Colin Powell urged the international community on Tuesday to rally behind Haiti's new government and help its impoverished people build a stable democratic government with a sound economy.

Opening a donors' conference at the World Bank for the Western Hemisphere's poorest nation, Powell said the task of the participants is "to help the people of Haiti build a future of hope."

He said Haiti's new interim government led by Prime Minister Gerard Latortue is determined to take advantage of the new opportunities before it to fashion a better future for those people.

Noting that millions in international funds have been spent in the past on Haiti, Powell said, "Our task here today is, examine what we can do over the longer term to help Haiti build a secure foundation for democracy and development."

He said an international assessment team determined that Haiti needed \$1.36 billion through 2006.

Powell said after taking into account the current resources of the government and pledges already made, the World Bank has determined there is a significant shortfall of \$924 million.

He said the United States has tripled aid to Haiti in the current fiscal year to \$120 million, including \$19 million to help those with HIV/AIDS. He said American aid in 2005 is expected to reach \$52 million, bringing the total for two years to \$230 million.

Powell said the U.S. aid would be used to help Haiti prepare for free and fair elections, meet the health needs of its most vulnerable citizens, support a jobs program and repair neglected infrastructure.

"Together we must ensure that our assistance flows rapidly and expeditiously so that the Haitian people soon see concrete improvements in their daily lives such as

new jobs, better roads, cleaner and safer streets and water that is fit to drink," he said.

Other speakers at the opening session were Juan Gabriel Valdes, the U.N. special representative for Haiti, European Union representative Joe Borg, World Bank President James Wolfensohn, Enrique Iglesias, the head of the Inter-American Development Bank and Latortue.

Latortue said Monday his government has established specific programs for international aid it expects to receive for reconstruction projects.

"I believe the money given in aid will not be money given to the country to do whatever (it wants) but is money to implement a specific program that has already been established, and therefore there is no danger the system will derail," Latortue said in an interview with Associated Press Television News.

He said his government is fighting strongly against corruption.



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### I WISH I COULD TALK

I wish that I could talk, but I can't, for you see, I am a larva. I can hear and I can think, but I cannot talk. So please don't talk about me. That is so unkind! And I am really nice. I do have a beautiful name. I am called Renee.

Most people think that I am not pretty. Do you think I am not pretty? After all, I am just something that looks like a worm, but I can hear, so please do not talk about me.

I see a beautiful ballerina. When I see her dancing with those soft, graceful moves, I wish that I could talk and tell her how beautiful I think she is. Wait, she is walking towards me! Maybe she will notice me. She did!

"Oh, what an ugly worm," she said. "I am glad that I am a beautiful ballerina instead of that ugly worm!" "Oh, of only that ballerina could somehow know how I feel inside, then she would see that I am pretty, too," thought Renee.

I wish that I could talk!

I see an ice skater gliding across the ice as if she was floating. I think that she is beautiful. I wish that I could talk to her and tell her that I will always wish that I could glide across the ice! But I can never tell her that because I can't talk. Look, she is skating towards me! Maybe she will notice me! She did!

"Oh my, what is something like you doing in here?" she asked. Renee did not think that the ice skater was very nice. "The ice skater may be beautiful on the outside, but her thoughts are not very pretty," thought Renee.

I wish that I could talk!

I see a man and his daughter. I see they are laughing and hugging each other. I know that they love each other. Maybe they are nice. I hope that they notice me! Wait, they are walking towards me! They did see me!

The daughter saw me first. "Look, daddy! Look at this pretty worm," she said. The daddy looked at Renee. "Why yes, that is a very pretty worm," he thought. They both loved all birds and animals, and yes, even insects! They thought all living creatures were beautiful!

"My name is Clay," said the father to Renee. "What is your name?" "My name is Brenda," said the little girl to Renee. "What can we call you?" "Oh, how I wish that I could talk. I would tell Clay and Brenda that I think they are very nice, and I would tell them my name!"

I wish that I could talk!

Wait! Something is happening to me! I am changing! I am changing into something completely different! I am different now!

I have changed into a beautiful butterfly! Look at my wings of silk. I am lighter than the breeze. I can fly! I can flutter above the treetops. I can get the sweet nectar from the lovely flowers that I see!

I see the ballerina. She sees me! I hear her say that she wishes that she could be as beautiful as me. But she can never be because her thoughts are not nice, and that is what really makes something beautiful!

I see the ice skater. She sees me! I hear her say that she wishes that she could be as pretty as me. But she will never be! She has unkind thoughts, and that would never let her be as beautiful as me!

I see Clay and Brenda. They see me! They thought that I was always beautiful. They have kind thoughts. They would never hurt my feelings. They are too full of love to ever hurt anything. I love them, too. They are beautiful!

I see now that I really don't want to talk! I don't need to! I was happy when I was a larva because I was beautiful inside. It's so sad that some people could not see that!

Now that I am a butterfly, I will fly all over and somehow let other larva know that I think they are beautiful, too!

I am glad that I don't wish that I could talk anymore!

Here are two flutters of my silky wings. That is butterfly talk for-----

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## Whether cruising the strip or shuttling children Family autos mean much more than just simple transportation

As an un-cool junior in high school, the worst thing that could possibly happen, happened.

My dad brought home what I considered to be an unacceptable-to-be-seen-in-car. At the time, I couldn't appreciate the absolute beauty of the classic vehicle he had bought. All I could see was a large automobile that resembled the shape and colors of a melted Banana Fudge Rocket ice cream bar.



CHRISTY ALTON

My sister and I agonized over this tanker night and day and finally dubbed it "The Brown Bomber."

Bomber had plush, champagne-colored seats. Everything was electric and the paint was pristine. Who cared. It was huge.

Time wore on and I got my license and I decided to risk taking this conspicuous carrier downtown.

My sister and I waited until about 9 p.m. We were naive in the art of "cruising." We thought everyone would be long gone from the strip. Far from being empty, the street was filled with kids.

I pointed the long nose out onto the main drag and began the process of going from one end of the street to the other. (For some reason, this is considered to be one of the top 10 activities of youth.)

My sister and I thought things were fine and that no one had seen us. If they had, they'd never know who's car it was. After all, there were 3,000 other people in that town.

The next day, I slipped into class and a kid with a loud mouth said, "I saw ya last night in that big car."

Another car of my youth was a canary-yellow coupe. It stopped everywhere — at stop signs, intersections, grocery store parking lots and dollar stores. If my dad wasn't pushing us into the too-small car, he

was pushing the yellow lemon out of the line of traffic.

While in kindergarten, my brother won first place in an Auto Safety Poster Contest. It was a picture of our family and that car. Mom was in rollers, dad had the hood popped up and all us kids were hanging out all over.

There was "Pattie Pacer," "Speed Buggy," and a 1950-something sedan. None of these were exactly image-enhancing modes of transportation. I remember thinking thoughts like 'when I get my own car, it will have only two doors, be cute and never have engine problems.'

I got my first car. She had two doors. I thought she was cute. Her engine burned completely up. I gave up the quest for coolness and went straight for cars that started. My next vehicle was Merky-Merk.

I brought it to our marriage. It was cute, tan, and economical on gas. It started when I turned the key.

But, right after I said "I do" and we began sharing all things common, problems set in. This once perfect specimen of a vehicle was suddenly under the microscope. It ate tires, constantly needed oil and had to be aligned every few months. I was shocked. It had never given me a moment's grief.

Merky-Merk had to be sold, the sooner the better.

Our second car was my favorite. Its name was "Corti-Cort."

It was a diesel, with a standard shift and I loved it. It was my first automobile with four doors. I couldn't believe how I'd resisted the idea of more than two entrances. That thing got 35-50 miles per gallon.

It began leaking oil. Black stuff was on our garage floor and also on other people's concrete. The idea of getting rid of it was presented.

Heartbroken, I argued that it started. All cars that start surely have worth, but it still got the axe.

The next car was a beauty. But, it had problems. We both held out as

long as possible, but eventually we had to have another automobile.

I think the one we have now is "the one."

It's large and in charge, complete with cracker crumbs, melted crayons, sticky soda and beanie babies. It, too, starts. The amazing thing, though, is that it passed the microscope test with flying colors. It doesn't leak, need oil, eat tires or any other thing that will get it sent to the green mile.

It's here to stay. For a while.

Christy Alton is a full-time student, mother of two children and married to her park ranger, Ron. Her column appears in Tuesday's edition of the Big Spring Herald.

## Bluebonnet Books

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By NATASHA JOBE

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This story takes place in George Washington's time, which was the 1700s. This book tells about the problems that George has with his teeth.

After George is a grown man, he suffers from painful, rotting teeth. When you see a picture of George Washington you might think he was ashamed of his smile.

One time he placed a handkerchief in his mouth to make him look like he had a real smile. He went to the dentist to see if he could help.

To find out the rest of the book you must get this book and read it. You won't be able to put it down.

The author makes this book interesting by telling us real facts that may surprise you. There is

not anything the authors could have done to make this book better.

I learned so many things I thought my brain would burst. I felt like George Washington is someone I've known forever.

I give this book an A-plus-plus-plus because it was very interesting and I learned a lot about George.

"George Washington's Teeth" is written by Deborah Chandra and Madeline Comora and is illustrated by Brock Cole.

Natasha Jobe is a student at Kentwood Elementary School.

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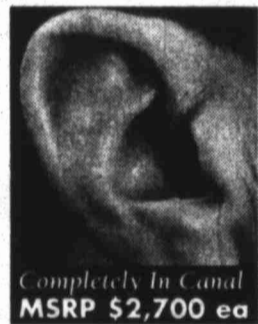
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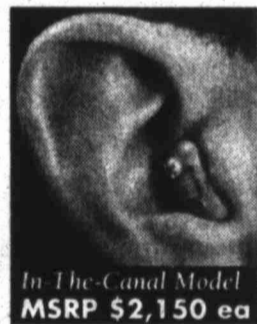
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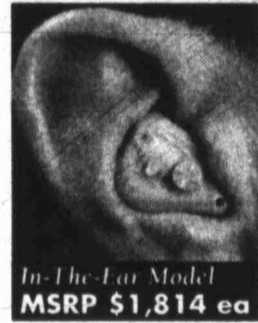
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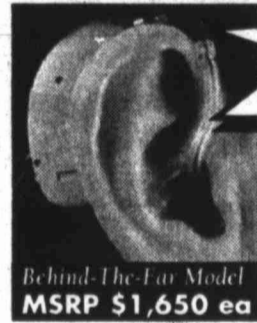
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This campaign is sponsored by Wrangler Jeans and Cowboys for Children to promote awareness of the national CASA program, which serves abused and neglected children.

Register for the contest at [www.davidkersh.com](http://www.davidkersh.com).

One lucky winner will be David's guest to the Country Music Awards in Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 9.

The winner will receive free round-trip airfare to Nashville, two nights hotel accommodations, a full day of pre-show spa treatments and makeovers, plus evening attire specially designed for the winner by Denver-based, international fashion designer, Doug Paris.

The contest ends Sept. 17. The winner's name will be

announced Sept. 20. Donations made by music fans in West Texas will be distributed by National CASA to CASA of West Texas.

"CASA make a difference in the lives of abused and neglected children," says Cowboys for Children President Jason Adams, "because they often know more about the children and what's right for them than anyone else working on the case."

"Judges tell us time and again that with the input of a CASA volunteer, they are better able to make decisions to serve the child's best interest."

CASA of West Texas is currently serving seven counties in the Permian Basin which are Midland, Martin, Glasscock, Howard, Dawson, Gaines and Andrews County. The children served have been removed from their home by child protective services because of alleged abused or neglected by their caregivers.

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### IN BRIEF

#### Young Life Golf Classic announced

Cornell Corrections and Young Life Big Spring announce the fifth annual Young Life Golf Classic will take place Saturday and Sunday at the Big Spring Country Club.

The tournament will be a four-person orange ball scramble and players must have a verifiable handicap.

It will begin at 1 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday and each day will have a shotgun start.

The cost of the tournament is \$75 plus a cart fee, but private carts are welcome.

For more information, call Big Spring Country Club's Larry Bryan at 267-5354.

#### 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.

Football players can sign up through Aug. 21 on Fridays (5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.) and Saturdays (9 a.m. to 6 p.m.) only.

Cheerleaders can sign-up at the same time through this Saturday.

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 open gyms

Big Spring will hold volleyball open gyms on all Mondays and Thursdays for the summer from 6-8 p.m. at the junior high.

There will also be lifting and conditioning both Mondays and Thursdays after open gym from 8-9 p.m.

The make-up days for conditioning and lifting will be Wednesday nights from 8-9 p.m.

For more information, contact Big Spring volleyball head coach Revis Daggett at 432-816-9560.

#### Football Boosters to hold first meeting

The Big Spring Football Booster Club will hold its first meeting of the season at 7 p.m. tonight at the Big Spring High School Athletic Training Center.

Parents of all football players are encouraged to attend.

This year's high school team will have its first practice Aug. 2.

### ON THE AIR

Event	Time	Location
Football	7:00 p.m.	Big Spring High School
Volleyball	6:00 p.m.	Big Spring Junior High School
Golf	1:00 p.m.	Big Spring Country Club
Baseball	7:00 p.m.	Big Spring High School

## Chicago trounces Rangers

ARLINGTON (AP) — Carl Everett showed how comfortable he feels in a Chicago White Sox uniform.

Everett went 2-for-5 with a home run, leading Chicago to a 12-6 victory over the Texas Rangers on Monday night — a day after he rejoined the White Sox in a trade.

Everett was the designated hitter and hit leadoff into the fifth spot in a White Sox lineup that started the night averaging .186 in July. He played for the Rangers and White Sox last season, then began this season with Montreal before he was traded for minor leaguers Jon Rauch and Gary Majewski.

"Hopefully that's just the beginning," Everett said. "That's what I'm here for, to help the team out. It was a good first game."

It didn't take long for Everett to get acquainted in the White Sox clubhouse after playing the final 73 games of last season for Chicago.

"We're glad to have him here," said Aaron Rowand, who tied a career high with four hits. "He's going to be a big contributor for us down the stretch."

Mark Teixeira homered in his fifth straight game, hitting a solo shot in the ninth to tie a club record. Hank Bialock also homered in the ninth for Texas, which had a four-game winning streak snapped.

Carlos Lee homered and drove in three runs for the White Sox, who had lost eight of 13 and three of four to start their eight-game road trip.

Chicago's offense has been inconsistent, and manager Ozzie Guillen was pleased to see a number of productive performances at the plate that included Jose Valentin's three RBIs.

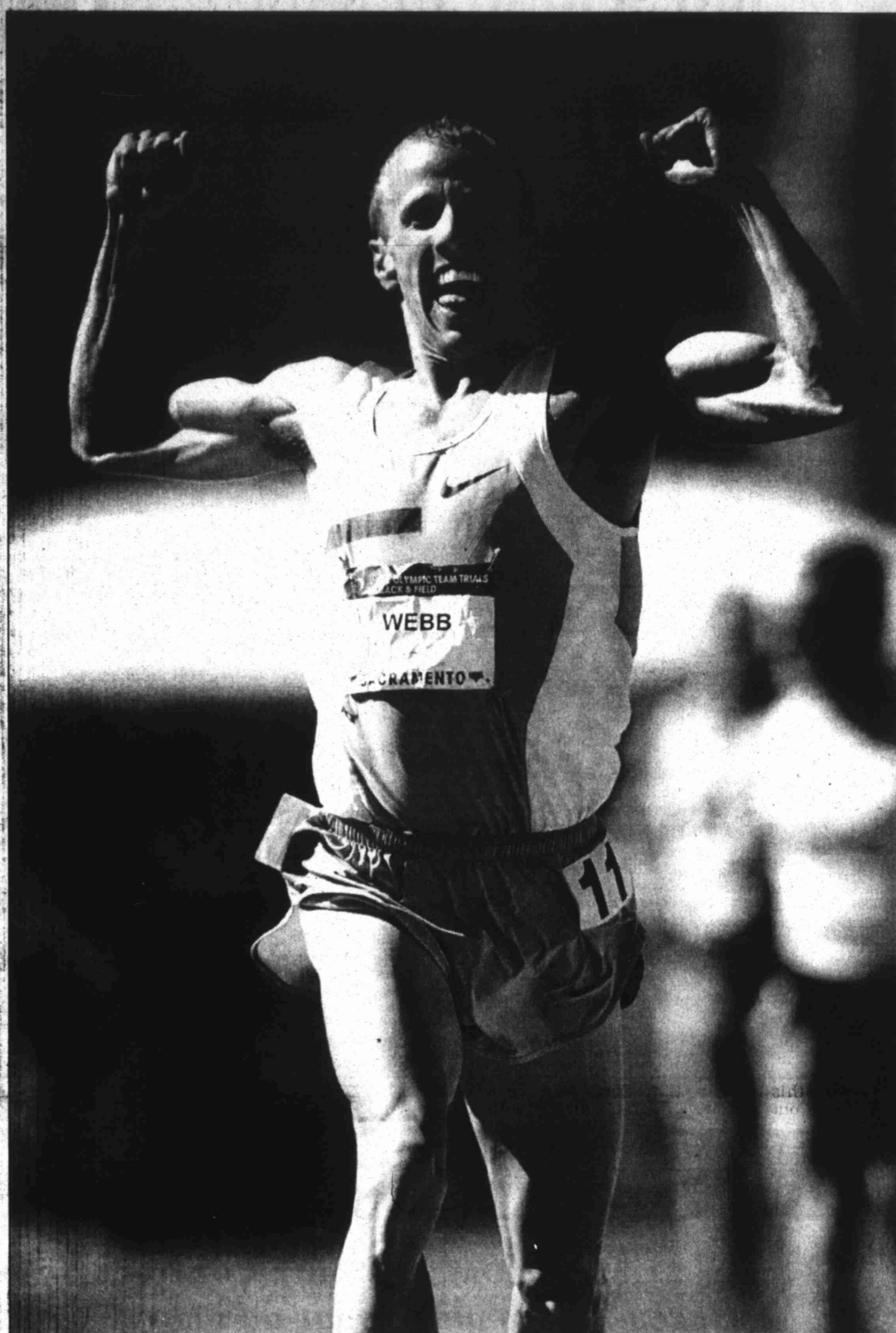
"We had some good at-bats and showed some patience at the plate," Guillen said. "But if you want to beat (the Rangers), you've got to score a lot of runs. They have unbelievable young talent. The way they swing the bats is scary."

White Sox starter Scott Schoeneweis (6-7) had a 7-0 lead following three innings after getting a total of one run in support in his previous four starts. He snapped a five-start losing streak, holding the Rangers to four runs on five hits in. He struck out four and didn't walk a batter as he earned his first victory since May 30.

"We did a good job offensively so I was able to turn some fastballs loose," Schoeneweis said. "That's about as good as I've thrown the ball in two months. It's nice to contribute to a win."

The White Sox took a 2-0 lead in the first against Joaquin Benoit (3-5), who was coming off a three-run

loss in his previous start. Benoit pitched five innings, allowing two runs on five hits and striking out four. He was pulled in the sixth inning after allowing a home run to Everett, but he had the lead in the seventh



First place finisher Alan Webb ran the 1500m in 3:36.13 during the U.S. Olympic Track and Field Trials at the Alex G. Spanos Sports Complex in Sacramento, California, Sunday.

## Back-to-back home runs in eighth doom Astros

HOUSTON (AP) — Milton Bradley and Shawn Green hit back-to-back home runs in the eighth inning to lift Los Angeles to a 7-6 victory over the Houston Astros on Monday night, the Dodgers' seventh straight win.

Adrian Beltre hit his career-high 24th homer for the Dodgers, who have won 13 of their last 14 games.

Giovanni Carrera (2-0) allowed two runs and two hits in 1 1-3 innings of relief for the victory, and Eric Gagne threw just eight pitches in a perfect ninth for his 26th save in 27 opportunities.

Dan Miceli (3-5) gave up

the back-to-back homers to Bradley and Green and took the loss, which dropped new manager Phil Garner's record to 1-3 since taking over from Jimmy Williams after the All-Star break.

In the eighth, Bradley homered to right on Miceli's first pitch. Green followed with a homer to right on a 0-2 pitch to give the Dodgers a 7-6 lead.

Beltre gave the Dodgers a 1-0 lead in the second with a homer off Brandon Duckworth, who lasted just 4 2-3 innings.

The Los Angeles third baseman surpassed his career high of 23 homers, set last season.

Houston came back in

their half of the second. Lance Berkman and Jeff Bagwell walked, and Morgan Ensberg's bunt single loaded the bases.

Raul Chavez followed with a grounder to second baseman Alex Cora, who instead of trying for the force, at first attempted to chase Ensberg down as Berkman scored. Failing to get Ensberg, Cora threw wildly to first for an error that scored Bagwell.

Duckworth then hit a grounder to second that scored Ensberg for a 3-1 lead.

The Dodgers scored four runs in the sixth inning, with three unearned because of two Astros errors.

Beltre led off with a walk and went to third when reliever Chad Harville fielded Bradley's

bunt and threw high over Bagwell's head at first base for an error.

Green's grounder to first then scored Beltre and Juan Encarnacion's single to left drove in Bradley to tie it at 3.

Alex Cora's single was misplayed in left field by Craig Biggio for an error that allowed Encarnacion to score. Cesar Izturis then singled in Cora for a 5-3 lead.

Ensberg hit a three-run homer in the sixth to give Houston a 6-5 lead.

Dodgers starter Wilson Alvarez went 5 2-3 innings, allowing four runs, three earned, on three hits.

Duckworth allowed six hits but only one run as the Astros turned three double plays behind him. He finished with one strikeout and four walks.

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The Virgo moon could inspire a spat or two as the Cancer sun has us bristling with sensitivity. The problem is, we think we know what's best for others, and we probably do, but nobody wants to hear it. Make the most of this transit by focusing on your own improvements. Try not to let the details get in the way of creating a beautiful big picture.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). See if you can ban a scarcity mentality, if not forever, at least for today. There is plenty to go around — plenty of love, money, fulfillment and everything you need to survive. Do only activities that reinforce this idea.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Stir up trouble of the most mischievous and immature kind — it's enjoyable to act like a kid! Getting down to business is near impossible now. Don't force yourself, as it's pointless. The mind has many ways of working things out.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). A paradox: Being a little selfish will allow you to give more. By making your own happiness a higher priority, you handle problems. Work on physical self is never a waste, so allow yourself time for the gym.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The theme is illusion vs. reality. You realize to what extent you are manipulating the way

others see you — you show what you'd like them to see. Though you're keeping some things private, you'd be surprised what others sense.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Stories have purpose. If you can move people emotionally, you can get them to do almost anything. But don't try to influence through reason. No matter how logical a decision, if it doesn't feel right, it won't happen.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Work picks up, and slow progress toward a goal continues. You must follow through on a million details in order to set up the meetings, dates and powwows you need to push your whole team to the next level.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Shake off any heaviness you feel. The more carefree you can be, the better. Try being your own best friend. You are capable of this! It means taking your concerns seriously and actively seeking ways to make your own life easier.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Don't be seduced into believing that going somewhere new will give you a clean start. The real truth is that you don't have to go anywhere! Desire is all you need to get that new project or relationship off the ground.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're an excellent team builder — you're the one who finds a common ground that everyone can agree upon. However, make sure your cause is truly going to benefit everyone involved. If it's practical, you'll find support.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your nurturing spirit comes forward, not to smother loved ones but to urge them toward the edge of the nest and even give a push if necessary. You're teaching loved ones to fly. Home offers creative opportunities.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Take the extra time to go over your day in advance. Being prepared will help you relax. Though you are certainly a thinking, conscious individual, you're prone to emotional impulses today.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). From the minute you open your eyes in the morning until you close them for sleep at night, everything in between is a chance for you either to build or diminish your character. Make choices you will be proud of later.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm a 37-year-old single mom of a 17-year-old beautiful girl. My question to you is: How can I teach my daughter that bouncing back from a broken heart or big disappointment is just a part of life, when I seem NOT to understand it myself?"

Interestingly, you forgot to include your birthdays, but I'm compelled to answer you using astrology anyhow. I believe we can ask the stars for guidance in any area of life we don't understand.

Scorpio energy is what you're talking about — rebirth and rejuvenation through loss. Scorpio energy is like the phoenix, the mystical bird that rises from the ashes. One of the key elements in attracting this energy is surrender.

Sometimes, things like heartbreak and disappointment are not to be understood. They are simply to be experienced. They knock you down, and after you've lain there a while, you get back up. You may not understand it — that takes longer sometimes — but you've nothing left to do but surrender to the natural intelligence that is in every living thing — you need to find a way to go on living. The best way to teach your daughter is by the example you set.

Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: We have a 4-year-old autistic son, although there is nothing about his physical appearance to indicate he suffers from a developmental disability. Our son is unable to speak and has social problems, including occasional yelling, hitting us if he hears another child cry, and throwing himself on the floor if he doesn't want to go where we need to take him.

The problem is that perfect strangers feel comfortable saying things like, "What a horrible little boy!" or, "Why don't you spank him?" "Make him be quiet!" and "What lousy parenting skills." One woman got right in my son's face and yelled, "Bad, bad boy!"

We often get hateful and judgmental looks, which are awful enough, but these comments are terribly hurtful and embarrassing to our son and to us. We are doing the best we can, and through special-ed preschool and private therapy sessions, my son has made huge improvements.

We have tried explaining to these people that our son is autistic, but we are annoyed that they are so quick to judge us. We fear our son is in for a lifetime of ridicule. How should we handle these rude people? — Frustrated Parents in Illinois

Dear Frustrated: It's unfortunate that you cannot stop complete



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strangers from being rude. And you do not owe them an explanation for your son's behavior, although it must be tempting to shame them with the honest information. Instead, concentrate on your son's response, because he is the one who must learn to deal with such unkind remarks. He will need your unconditional love and support to strengthen his self-worth, and tactics for ignoring unwarranted insults. You can find suggestions and help by contacting the Autism Society of America (www.autism-society.org), 7910 Woodmont Ave., Suite 300, Bethesda, MD 20814.

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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, July 20, the 202nd day of 2004. There are 164 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On July 20, 1969, Apollo 11 astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin became the first men to walk on the moon as they stepped out of their lunar module.

On this date: In 1810, Colombia declared independence from Spain.

In 1861, the Congress of the Confederate States began holding sessions in Richmond, Va.

In 1871, British Columbia entered Confederation as a Canadian province.

In 1881, Sioux Indian leader Sitting Bull, a fugitive since the Battle of the Little Big Horn, surrendered to federal troops.

In 1942, the first detachment of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps - later known as WACs - began basic training at Fort Des Moines, Iowa.

In 1944, an attempt by a group of German officials to assassinate Adolf Hitler with a bomb failed as the explosion at Hitler's Rastenburg headquarters only wounded the Nazi leader.

In 1944, President Franklin D. Roosevelt was nominated for an unprecedented fourth term of office at the Democratic convention in Chicago.

In 1976, America's Viking One robot spacecraft made a successful, first-ever landing on Mars.

In 1977, a flash flood hit Johnstown, Pa., killing 80 people and causing \$350 million worth of damage.

In 1993, White House deputy counsel Vincent Foster Jr. was found shot to death in a park near Washington, D.C., a suicide.

Ten years ago: Bosnian Serbs rejected an interna-

tional peace plan sponsored by the United States, Russia, France, Britain and Germany.

Five years ago: After 38 years at the bottom of the Atlantic, astronaut Gus Grissom's "Liberty Bell Seven" Mercury capsule was lifted to the surface.

Today's Birthdays: Actress-singer Sally Ann Howes is 74. Video artist Nam June Paik is 72. Rockabilly singer Sleepy LaBeef is 69. Senator Barbara A. Mikulski, D-Md., is 68. Actress Diana Rigg is 66. Rock musician John Lodge (The Moody Blues) is 61. Country singer T.G. Shepherd is 60.

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  - 39 Fruity drink
  - 44 Pizza topping
  - 46 Where Ger. and It. are
  - 47 Supported, as framework
  - 48 Courtroom ritual
  - 49 Hosiery problems
  - 50 Novelist Ira
  - 51 Chasm
  - 52 Mystical glows
  - 53 "\_\_\_ Be" (Beatles song)
  - 56 Armored vehicle
  - 58 Dict. entries
  - 60 Madrid Mrs.
  - 61 Skillet

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