

WEDNESDAY

July 21, 2004

WEATHER

Tonight:



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INSIDE

House panel slices NASA to benefit veterans

A House subcommittee voted Tuesday to cut NASA's budget by 7 percent next year, including steep reductions in President Bush's proposal for manned missions to the moon and Mars.

The Republican-run panel also approved cuts in environment, science and housing in a wide-ranging \$92.9 billion measure. That freed up enough money for lawmakers to boost veterans' health-care by \$2 billion, to \$30.3 billion, evidence of Congress' desire to make such money a wartime priority, especially in an election year.

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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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Hunnicuttt murder trial set for November

Local man charged with killing his wife in March

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

A November trial date in 118th District Court has been set for a 44-year-old Big Spring man accused in the shooting death of his wife.

Timothy Mark Hunnicutt, who was arrested on March 25 after his wife, 40-year-old Catherine Hunnicutt, was found dead in the



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couple's home, is expected to go to trial on Nov. 15. A pre-trial hearing is currently scheduled for Sept. 29.

Hunnicuttt's attorney, Timothy Yeats, said the trial date seems realistic at this point as he just recently began going through the discovery phase of the case.

"We were provided discovery last week, which is the information that the state is required to turn over to us," said Yeats. "It's going to take some time to go through all of it, but I believe the Nov. 15 trial date is a realistic one for us."

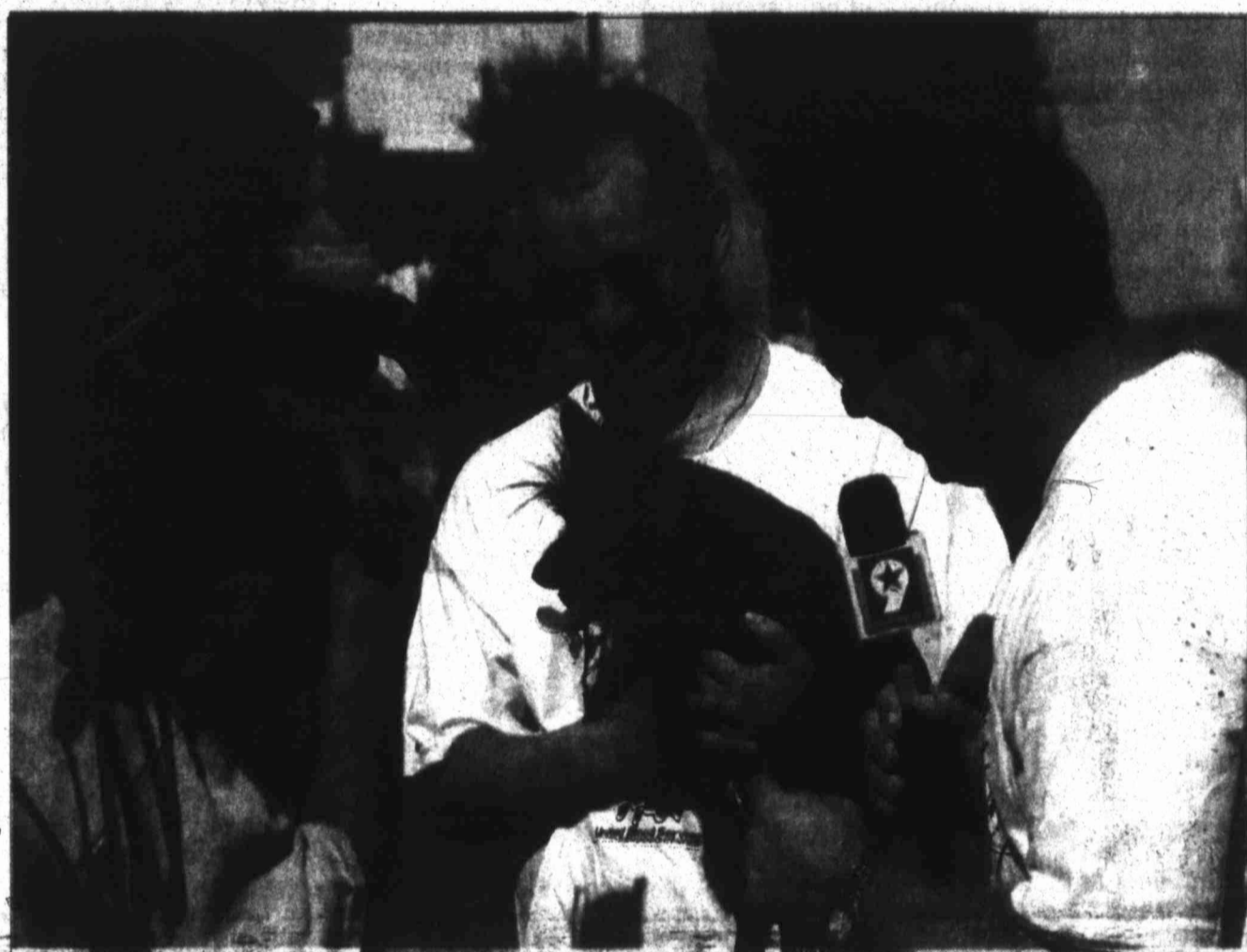
According to the indictment issued by the Howard County grand jury in June, Hunnicutt "intentionally and knowingly caused the death of...Catherine Hunnicutt, by shooting her with a firearm."

District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson recused himself from the proceedings due to personal ties to the defendant, turning prosecution over to Adrienne McFarland and Laura Popps of the Texas Attorney General Prosecution Assistance Division.

Attempts to reach McFarland and Popps concerning the trial date were unsuccessful.

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DOGGONE UGLY



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

Victor Zamora, left, shows off his entry in the Ugly Dog Contest to anchor Jay Hendricks during the NewsWest 9 Under West Texas Skies series, which broadcast live from the Heart of the City Park Tuesday evening. Aply named "Donkey," Zamora's dog was just one of more than a dozen that were entered in the contest.

BSISD hires Christopher as assistant principal for Big Spring High School

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Wenda Christopher, the new Big Spring High School assistant principal, admits to having an adventurous heart and now that heart is calling her to Big Spring.

"I'm excited about the job," Christopher said. "I think it



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will be a great opportunity for me and I hope that I can learn and grow with the students and the community as well as share a lot with them."

Big Spring Independent School District trustees approved Christopher's hiring during a special meeting Tuesday. She was hired on a 12-month contract with an annual salary of \$56,252.

Originally from Lubbock, Christopher graduated from

Texas Tech University and brings 18 years of education experience to the position. She has served as an assistant principal at Crockett Junior High School in Odessa for the past three years.

"I'm a teacher at heart and I also have an adventurous, wanderlust spirit," Christopher said, noting she served in the Peace Corps, teaching in Brazil

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Craddick, PAC spoke often in 2002 campaign, watchdog group contends

AUSTIN (AP) — As Tom Craddick built a network of legislative backers to become House speaker, he exchanged 92 telephone calls over four months with a political action committee known as Texans for a Republican Majority.

The phone records show that Craddick communicated with TRMPAC — which is now at the center of a campaign finance investigation — at least several times a week leading up to and following the 2002 general election in which Republicans took control of the House for the first time in a century.

Of the 92 total phone calls, 32 occurred in the six weeks before the elec-

tion. A political watchdog group whose complaints prompted a grand jury investigation told The Dallas Morning News for its Wednesday editions that the calls could indicate a coordinated effort in the speaker's race, which is supposed to be free of outside influence.

An attorney for Craddick said his conversations were completely legal and part of a normal exchange of political updates.

A Travis County grand jury is looking into whether TRMPAC worked to influence the speaker's race by contributing something of value to Craddick, which would be a misdemeanor. The same grand jury also is examining whether



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No second body found at Moss Lake

Police hope to quell stories from rumor mill

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

The recent drowning death of a Big Spring woman at Moss Creek Lake seems to be the source of many different rumors, including the supposed discovery of a second body.

Big Spring Police Department Public Information Officer Sgt. Roger Sweatt said rumors that a second body was discovered while law enforcement "dragged" the municipal lake searching for the body of 42-year-old Josephine Mitchell are simply untrue.

"No second body was found," said Sweatt. "The only body that was discovered while we were searching the lake was that of Josephine Mitchell."

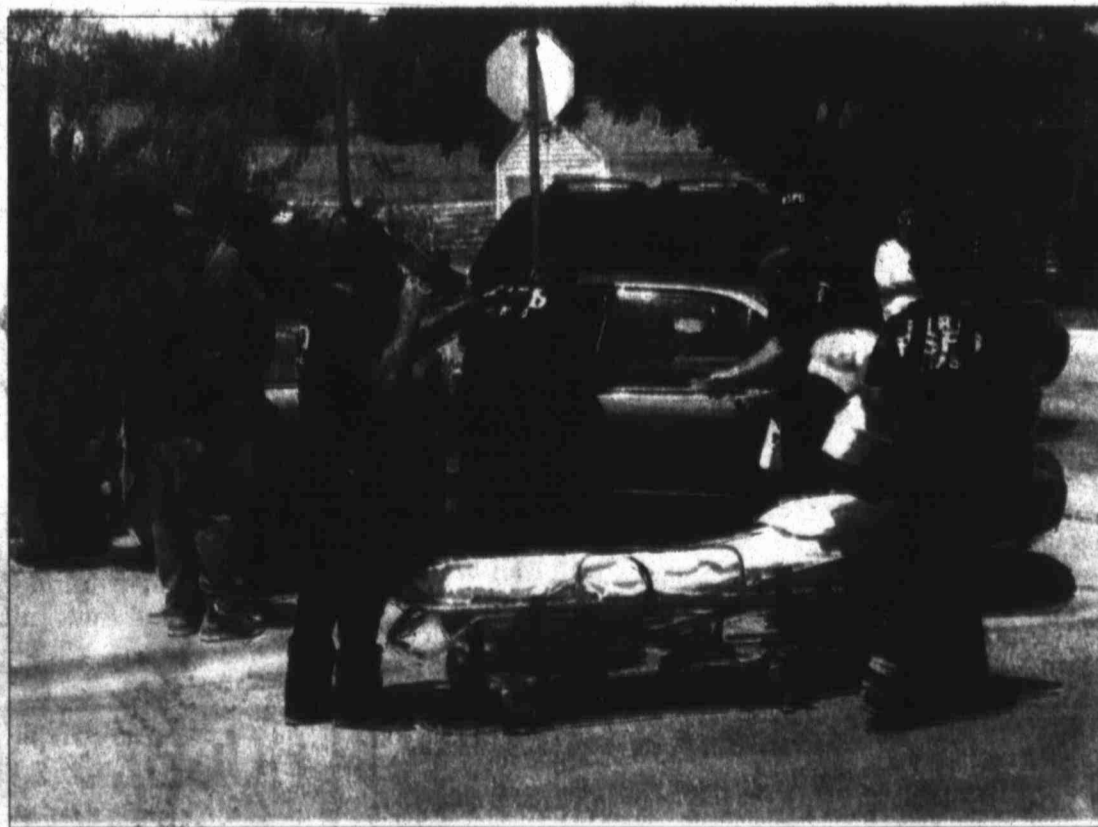
The search for Mitchell's body began on July 4 when she was thrown from a personal watercraft and failed to surface. Her body was recovered on July 6, less than two days after the exhaustive search began.

One of the more popular rumors in circulation seems to be the supposed discovery of the body of 40-year-old Arlin Bynum, who was reported missing by family members on Aug. 15, 2003. Sweatt dismissed the rumor and said, there have been no new developments in the search for the Big Spring man.

"We don't have anything new on Mr. Bynum's disappearance at this time," said Sweatt. "The case is still open and the investigation is ongoing, and will remain that way until he is found. We don't close a case like this until we find the missing person."

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TRAFFIC ACCIDENT



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

The driver of this Chevrolet Cavalier was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center emergency room in stable condition Tuesday afternoon following a traffic accident at the intersection of Lincoln and Washington Drive. According to Big Spring Police Department Patrolman Keith Jones, the Cavalier was headed west on Washington when the driver of a Nissan SUV traveling south on Lincoln pulled out in front of her. The driver of the Nissan SUV suffered no injuries in the crash and was cited for failure to yield the right of way.

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Obituaries

Josephine Votaw Martin Null

Josephine Votaw Martin Null, 98, of Big Spring died on Monday, July 19, 2004, in a local nursing home. Graveside funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday, July 22, 2004, at the Monahans Memorial Cemetery, Monahans.

She was born on Jan. 19, 1906, in Monahans. She was a member of the Church of Christ. She was a Gold Star Mother and a homemaker.

Survivors include a nephew, Gordon Votaw of Odessa, and a niece, Sara Easley of Kermit.

She was preceded in death by a son and a daughter. Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

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.

□ **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.

□ **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.

□ **THE CLASS OF 1974** is looking for the following classmates. If you know where they are please notify Carol Boyd at 432-263-0486 or e-mail Guy Teague at gntea@ddraytech.net: Kim Adams, Steve Adams, Terry Allison, Albert Arriols, Shirley Atwell, Vicki Axelrod, Blaz Bailon, Diane Baldock, Joyce Bennett, Sherri Bertan, Terry Billingsley, John Bowers, Donna Brewer, Kathy Bull, Sherry Burgess, Greg Burris, Randy Callison, Carla Carter, Cindy Cole, Paula Collins, Michael Conley, Linda Curtis, Cynthia D'Angelo, Pam Daniels, Kay Davis, Jimmy Dean, Donna DeFlicht, Joyce DeFlicht, Rosalinda Deleon, Cynthia Dennis, Wendell Dodson, James Dry, Pam Eisler, Dodie Evans, Cathy Ewing, Martha Eysen, Steve Ferrell, Sandra Floyd, Ramon Franco, Sheri Fry, Karen Fuller, Mary Gainus, Raul Garza, Belinda Gomez, Anna Maria Gonzales, Garland Green, Janis Gregg, Sarah Haas, Sue Harris, June Hendrick Rhea, Mitzi Hill, Tracy Hill, Babbette Huckaba, Debra Hurrington, Robert Jackson, Phil Johnson, Patricia Jordan, Virginia Keathley, Patricia King, Kathy Kirksey, Ruth Knight, John Kushaney, Jeff Kuykendall, Barbara Landreth, Robert Lang, Karen Lawler, Russell Leggett, Wayne Lister, Richard Loehman, Barry Loyd, Art Mackie, Rebecca Marin, Jerry Martin, Virginia Martinez, Beckie Mason, Susie McGuire, Walter McWhiter, Frances Meade, Steve Meador, Patsy Medina, Bobbie Meeks, Henry Menchaca, Maria Mendoza, William Messenger, Jeff Miller, Barbara Morris, Paula Muskovin, Eva Palacios, Phil Parmenter, Vicki Patterson, Lana Perry Bruington, Iris Phillips, Randal Phillips, Cindy Phillips, Kenneth Platte, Eunice Ramirez, Libby Reed, Tony Reidy, Robert Renteria, Linda Richardson, Earl Richlart, Daniel Rivera, Bennett Robb, Patti Robertson, Vicki Robertson Martin, James Robinson, Johnny Rodriguez, Jerry Rogers, Martha Rogers, Priscilla Rudd Horn, Irene Saldivar, Patrice Sherrill Fivash, Mike Sieler, Doug Smith, Dennis Stevens, Harlan Stewart, Linda Stewart, Robert Sullivan, Carolyn Toaz, Joyce Turner, Sarah Vigil, Ken Walton, Joe Watson, Debra Way, Debbie Wheeler, Cindy Whitaker Jorgenson, Gary White, Kenneth Wilcox, Jimmy Wiley, Kenneth Williamson.

Police blotter

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

• **JERMAINE EVANS**, 31, of 1002 N. Main Street, was arrested Tuesday on four local warrants.

• **MATT EDWARD**, 19, of 1107 Jeffery, was arrested Tuesday on three local warrants.

• **LEROY WALLACE JR.**, 32, of 1218 E. 15th Street, was arrested Tuesday on a local warrant and a charge of violation of parole.

• **JAMIE SMITH**, 28, of 204 Merrick Road, was arrested Tuesday and held for the HCSO.

• **ANTHONY NOBLE**, 32, of 3309 Drexel, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

• **JOHN STILLWELL**, 17, of 302 Sixth Street, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of minor in consumption.

• **ROBERT FREITAG III**, 17, of 205 W. Seventh Street, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of minor in consumption.

• **TIMOTHY FREITAG**, 17, of Holyoke, Mass., was arrested Wednesday on charges of minor in consumption and possession of marijuana - 2 ounces or less.

• **JALENE RODRIGUEZ**, 20, of 301 E. Sixth Street, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of driving under the influence by a minor.

• **KATHERINE THOMAS**, 21, of Seminole, was arrested Wednesday on charges of assault class C/family violence and public intoxication.

• **DARRIN LEE WEBB**, 33, of 806 12th Street, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of violation of a protective order.

• **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported:

- in the 700 block of W. Interstate Highway 20.

- in the 1200 block of Marijo.

• **POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA - 2 OUNCES OR LESS** was reported in the 1700 block of Highway 350.

• **DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE BY A MINOR** was reported in the 1700 block of Highway 350.

• **RECKLESS DRIVING** was reported in the 2300 block of Kentucky Way.

• **RUNAWAY** was reported in the 1500 block of Oriole.

• **FORGERY OF A FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT** was reported in the 1100 block of Lamesa.

• **VIOLATION OF A PROTECTIVE ORDER** was reported in the 800 block of 12th Street.

• **THEFT** was reported:

- in the 1100 block of Lamesa.

- in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.

- in the 400 block of Birdwell Lane.

• **ASSAULT BY THREAT** was reported in the 1300 block of Fourth Street.

• **DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED/INVALID** was reported in the 4300 block of FM 700.

• **UNLAWFULLY CARRYING A WEAPON** was reported in the 1100 block of Lamesa.

Sheriff's report

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

• **JOSEPH EDWARD OLVERA**, 17, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid.

• **HOWARD BRANDON JOHNSON**, 20, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of sexual assault of a child.

• **WILLIAM WESLEY HALE JR.**, 35, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid.

• **EMANUEL THOMAS MINGUELA**, 50, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of unlawfully carrying a weapon.

• **JAMIE RAE SMITH**, 17, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on charges of no liability insurance, no valid driver's license, violation of a promise to appear and issuance of a bad check.

• **GEORGE VERNON GONZALES**, 50, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of issuance of a bad check.

• **ELENO BENAVIDES MENDEZ**, 49, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana - more than 4 ounces, less than 5 pounds.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 2900 block of Hali.

Weather

Tonight - Some passing clouds. Low 73. Winds SE at 10 to 20 mph.

Thursday - Sunny skies. High 94. Winds SE at 10 to 20 mph.

Thursday night - Isolated thunderstorms ending during the evening, becoming clear overnight. Low 73. Winds SE at 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 30 percent.

Friday - More sun than clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.

Saturday - Partly cloudy with a stray thunderstorm. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the upper 60s.

Sunday - A few thunderstorms possible. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.

Bulletin board

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

TODAY

• 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 Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 4-6-29-33-36.

Number matching five of five: 0.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-1-1

Support groups

THURSDAY

□ Narcotics Anonymous, non-smoking discussion meeting, 8 to 9 p.m., at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.

□ 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. Call 398-5522 for more information.

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Microsoft announces plans to pay as much as \$75 billion to shareholders

SEATTLE (AP) — Bowing to pressure after years of enormous profits but a stagnating stock price, Microsoft Corp. is dipping into its substantial cash reserves with plans to return as much as \$75 billion to shareholders through a combination of dividends and stock buybacks.

The software giant has amassed billions in recent years, most notably from sales of its two cash cows: the Windows operating system and popular Office software. It generated \$10.4 billion in cash during its 2003 fiscal year.

But its stock price has been little changed for almost three years. That has increased pressure on the company to do something with a cash pile that now totals at least \$56 billion — and is expected to continue to grow steadily.

Now that many of its legal troubles appear to have been resolved, the company said it finally felt free to spend part of its stockpile.

The Redmond-based company plans to pay a one-time dividend of \$3

per share — at a cost of \$32 billion — and will double its annual dividend to 32 cents per share. Microsoft began offering a dividend in March 2003. The company also said it plans to buy back as much as \$30 billion of the company's stock over the next four years.

The payout suggests Microsoft has, at least for now, put off plans to use the money to make a major acquisition to punch up growth. Microsoft disclosed last month that it had initiated merger talks with German software maker SAP, but called off the potentially costly deal after deciding it would be too complex.

The Microsoft plan dwarfs \$1.9 billion in dividends that Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Inc. paid its shareholders in April, including \$1.4 billion to MGM's largest shareholder, billionaire Kirk Kerkorian.

Chairman Bill Gates said his share of the one-time payout, which amounts to about \$3 bil-

lion, will be pledged to the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the billionaire's philanthropic organization.

The monumental payout will give shareholders a quick gain and the buyback may help lift Microsoft's languishing share price. Microsoft stock, one of the nation's most widely held issues, has hovered between \$23 and \$30 since April 2002, despite steady profits.

The dividend and buyback plans were announced after the close of markets. Shares of Microsoft surged more than 5 percent in after-hours trading after closing the regular session up 37 cents at \$28.32.

Microsoft withdrew an employee stock option plan in September because of stagnant share prices and instead began giving employees smaller amounts of stock outright.

The company also recently imposed cost-cutting measures amid efforts to keep profits up as its once-stellar revenue growth threatens to slow.

Microsoft chief executive Steve Ballmer defended the company's future prospects Tuesday, saying he believes the company has "some of the greatest dollar growth prospects in front of us of any company in the world. ... Now we have to execute well."

Goldman Sachs analyst Rick Sherlund said analysts might have hoped that more money be spent on stock buybacks instead of the one-time payout, since that could help the stock price more in the long term.

But he said, "Shareholders are getting some immediate gratification from this."

The one-time dividend is subject to shareholder approval of an amendment that would prevent employees who hold stock options or stock awards from being put at a disadvantage.

The concern is that the stock price will drop on the day of the payout, so the company wants permission to come up with a plan to make up for that loss.

Odessa couple charged in injury to child case involving 3-year-old son

ODESSA (AP) — An Odessa couple have been charged with injury to a child after police say that an at-home swimming lesson led to brain damage for their 3-year-old son.

Kevin Edward Kyzer, 36, and Kerri White Kyzer, 30, were both released Monday from the Ector County Detention Center on bonds of \$10,000 each.

Odessa police Detective Sgt. Paul Shepherd said that the Kyzers were each charged with "injury to a child," a second-degree felony. The two were arrested and charged Monday, the Odessa American reported in its Wednesday editions.

According to affidavits for the Kyzers' arrest warrants, Kevin Kyzer told police he'd been in the family swimming pool, trying to teach Grady Kyzer — his son and Kerri Kyzer's stepson — to swim.

"During this process,

Kevin Kyzer admitted Grady was submerged underwater several times," the affidavit said. "Kevin states he compressed Grady's stomach to get water out as his son was choking and gasping for air. After this incident, Grady was placed back in the pool."

The affidavit says that Kerri Kyzer reported seeing Kevin Kyzer twice "attempt a physical maneuver similar to the Heimlich maneuver to expel water from Grady's body."

Dr. Christopher Blewett, Grady's physician at University Medical Center, said the boy has brain damage consistent with drowning.

The affidavit said Kevin Kyzer first told emergency room personnel on July 3 that he had accidentally struck his son in the face with his knee while they were playing on a trampoline.

Second-degree felonies carry prison terms of up to 20 years in prison.

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but spokesperson for the Attorney General's Office said, "We, the Attorney General's Office, is standing in as prosecutors on behalf of the DA and at the request of the DA."

According to police, a family friend found Catherine Hunnicutt's body in the master bedroom of the couple's Indian Ridge Road residence on the morning of March 9. She had been shot in the back of the head one or more times.

The friend, who police said had come to the residence to do some work, then found Timothy Hunnicutt unconscious on a bathroom floor before calling

police. A 20-gauge shotgun was propped up against the wall of the bathroom.

Timothy Hunnicutt was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center and was unresponsive for days, police said. He was arrested on March 25 by members of the Lubbock Police Department after he was released from a Covenant health care facility and taken into custody by the Big Spring Police

Department that day.

Catherine Hunnicutt had been a life-long resident of Big Spring and was an employee at Leonard's Pharmacy at the time of her death.

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

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and the Philippines. "She is very student-centered, very energetic

and willing to do what it takes to get the job done," said Assistant Superintendent Rey Villarreal. "She will be a very good addition to the high school staff."

In other business,

trustees approved the hires of Monica Kemper, BSJS Spanish teacher; William L. McElroy, BSJS math teacher; Brian Morris, Big Spring Junior High School social studies teacher, coach;

Phillip Pearce, BSJS science teacher, coach; Elizabeth Phinny, BSJS technology applications; Mo Seghier, BSJS math teacher; and Paiga Lou Marsh, Goliad Intermediate School sixth

grade teacher, pending release from her current district.

Trustees also accepted the resignations of Adela Rameriz, BSJS Spanish teacher; and Vickie Riddle, Marcy

Elementary School third grade teacher.

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RUMORS

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Sweatt said investigators are still getting calls concerning the whereabouts of Bynum from time to time, but for the most part the information gathered hasn't yielded anything

solid. "Mr. Bynum has been entered into the computer as a missing person and we get hits on it from other agencies from time to time," said Sweatt. "Anytime an unidentified body matching his height or other characteristics is found in the U.S., we're contacted." Bynum was last seen on Aug.

14, 2003, in the vicinity of the San Franciscan Bar and Grill, located in downtown Big Spring. According to police reports, witnesses claim he left the establishment late in the evening, supposedly accompanied by another man who has yet to be identified. Bynum's truck was later found near the bar.

Bynum is described as a white male with short, bleached-blond hair, approximately 165 pounds with blue eyes. He has multiple tattoos and was last seen wearing a white Harley-Davidson tanktop, blue shorts and sandals.

Anyone having information in the disappearance of Bynum can contact the investigating

detective, Jim Rider, at 264-2556, or contact Big Spring Area Crimestoppers at 263-TIPS (8477). When contacting Crimestoppers you may remain anonymous.

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TRMPAC illegally used corporate donations to help GOP House candidates in 2002. TRMPAC officials have denied wrongdoing.

The phone records recently emerged from filings in a lawsuit brought by four defeated Democratic candidates who have raised allegations of election impropriety similar to what the grand jury is reviewing.

Those court filings already have shown that TRMPAC worked with Craddick to raise at least \$200,000 in campaign contributions and distribute the money to office-seekers who, if they won House seats, would support Craddick in the speaker's race.

Roy Minton, a lawyer for Craddick, said his client spoke frequently

with TRMPAC political consultant Kevin Brannon to exchange political news.

"He said, 'I don't know how many times I called him, but I called him all the time,'" Minton said on behalf of Craddick. "During that period of time, we were checking on races all the time to see how they were going."

Minton said there was nothing nefarious about a speaker candidate wanting to help fellow Republicans get elected.

"I don't know of anything that indicates that he (Craddick) was running TRMPAC or had anything to do with what TRMPAC was doing," Minton said.

Craig McDonald, executive director of the watchdog group Texans for Public Justice, when told of the 92 phone calls which lasted a total of 245 minutes said that it

points to Craddick being "intimately involved in the operation."

Texans for Public Justice filed a complaint in March 2003 with Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle over \$600,000 in corporate contributions that TRMPAC used to support candidates in 23 House races targeted for GOP takeover. The ensuing investigation was later broadened to look at whether TRMPAC unduly influenced the speaker's race.

After the Republicans claimed control of the

Texas House for the first time in a century, Craddick claimed he had the votes to take the speaker's position in November 2002.

TRMPAC's interest in the speaker's race began in September 2001 when Brannon, the consultant, began interviewing candidates in contested Republican primaries.

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His job, according to court depositions, was to assess the candidates and recommend whom TRMPAC should support in the March 2002 primary.

In at least seven instances, Brannon noted whether Craddick favored particular candidates or whether they would support Craddick in the speaker's race, according to handwritten notes pro-

vided to The Dallas Morning News.

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OUR VIEWS

Stargazing Party
an excellent
family opportunity

When one starts listing the benefits we enjoy by living in West Texas, you usually get around to mentioning the beautiful sunsets and big, open starry evening skies.

That quality will be the focus Saturday at the Big Spring State Park during the annual "Stargazing Party" set for 8:30 p.m. on Scenic Mountain. Originally scheduled for June, the party was delayed due to cloudy conditions.

Amateur astronomy club members from the area will be giving a tour of the night sky and presentations about distant galaxies and planets after watching the sun set atop the bluff.

In addition, the amateur astronomers will be giving a short slide show to preview what will be seen in the high-power telescopes.

The party is open to the public, according to State Park Manager Ron Alton, and the only cost is the park entrance fee of \$2 per person.

The Big Spring State Park is located on west FM 700. For more information regarding the stargazing party or the park contact Ron Alton at 263-4931.

We encourage local families to take part by spending Saturday night in what promises to be not only an enjoyable time, but an educational experience as well.

After all, it's an opportunity to take your family on an adventure through the universe. How often does something like that come around for most of us?

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The amazing Bodie Gilstrap

Bodie Gilstrap of Eldorado has a case full of trophies. Some of them are for calf roping, but the majority of them are for showing lambs.

In 1989, when Bodie was sixteen, he rolled his pickup and broke his neck. He was taken to a hospital in San Angelo, then transferred to the Dallas Rehab Center, where Bodie and his parents stayed eight months. When the Gilstraps arrived in Dallas, they learned about the generosity of their neighbors.

"When we got to Dallas, I looked in my purse and found two thousand dollars," says Carolyn Gilstrap, Bodie's mother. "I had no idea where it came from. When my husband got here, he had \$3,500 in his shirt pocket. People would just come in and give us a hug and want to know how Bodie was. Then they put money in our pocket."

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Some of their friends came in and handed them some keys. "They told us they had an apartment in Dallas and wanted us to use it as our own. Before that, we didn't know what we were going to do."

Bodie is a quadriplegic, paralyzed from the neck down. He is ventilator dependent, which means that someone has to be with him all the time.

Jaime, Bodie's father, tends to Bodie every morning before he heads off to work on a ranch. He resumes taking care of Bodie when he comes in after work. In between, Carolyn spends the day with Bodie. Bodie sleeps with one end of a breathing apparatus in his mouth. If it should come out, an alarm sounds. He sometimes has nightmares about that.

Bodie is one determined individual.

While he was in rehab in Dallas, he did some school work. He came back and finished his junior year through the summer, then started the fall semester of his senior year with his regular class.

"He graduated number nineteen

out of forty one," Carolyn says with pride.

Bodie went to A & M and majored in animal science.

"I got into A & M the summer of '92," says Bodie, "and I graduated in the spring of '01. Took me a while, but it was something I had always wanted to do. I had the opportunity, and took it."

Bodie, now 31 years old, is a computer expert. He designed his own computer and ordered the parts over the internet. A friend assembled it.

"I have a computer that's voice activated, which means I control it with my voice."

A dot on his forehead is used as a computer mouse.

"It's called a natural point mouse pointing system. It shoots an infrared beam to a camera and just moves the mouse wherever the dot goes."

He is a big fan of A & M football and has a countdown calendar on his computer screen.

"It tells me the number of days before the first A & M game," says Bodie. "Gig 'em, Aggies."



There's no Jeckyl in Illinois' Hyde

More than 100 Republican House members have signed a letter to President Bush asking that Rep. Henry Hyde of Illinois, currently House International Relations Committee chairman and a leading opponent of abortion, be a prime-time speaker at the Republican National Convention in New York.

The letter was written by Rep. Mike Pence of Indiana, who has led the complaint about lack of strong conservative speakers at the convention during prime time. The schedule includes Sen. John McCain of Arizona, California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani and Democratic Sen. Zell Miller of Georgia.

"Henry Hyde is truly an icon of our party to millions of its most ardent supporters," said Pence's letter. Conservatives, sluggish in supporting Bush, would be energized by the sight on national TV of the 15-term congressman from the Chicago suburbs.

Until John Kerry intervened, Democratic planners were keeping Sen. Hillary Clinton off the national convention speaking schedule in Boston out of a desire not to give her an advantage in the 2008 presidential contest if President Bush is re-elected.

The other reason given by party activists for not including the senator was to break free of the Clintons. Presidential candidate Kerry stepped in to schedule her

as introducing Bill Clinton, who will speak in prime time on the convention's opening night.

A footnote: Democrats have been comparing what they call Vice President Dick Cheney's drag on the Republican ticket to the impact by then Vice President Dan Quayle in 1992, when an incumbent GOP president was defeated. Republicans are frustrated that they cannot contest that comparison without appearing to downgrade Quayle's capabilities.

The Congressional Black Caucus is ignoring the racist and obscene language used by one of its members, Rep. Mel Watt of North Carolina, after a stormy meeting with independent presidential candidate Ralph Nader June 22.

After Nader rejected demands by the Black Caucus to end his candidacy, Watt was heard saying this to the consumer rights advocate as the meeting broke up: "You're just another arrogant white man, telling us what we can do. It's all about your ego — another f---ing arrogant white man."

"I do not like double standards," Nader said in a letter Tuesday to Rep. Elijah Cummings of Maryland, chairman of the Black Caucus, that demanded an apology. Cummings told this column he was leaving the matter in Watt's hands, and Watt has denied making the comments.

While President Bush again turned down an invitation by the NAACP convention in Philadelphia this week, a request to speak there by freshman Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina was ignored.

On May 25, Graham wrote to NAACP President Kweisi Mfume

asking to speak about his proposal for Social Security modernization. "It's my hope," he said, "to find common ground and jump-start the national debate by reaching out to all Americans from across the political spectrum." Neither Mfume nor anybody else in the NAACP replied.

A footnote: Privately, many Republican insiders think the president erred in rejecting the NAACP for the fourth straight year. They contend that getting booed and heckled probably would have been a political plus.

The Oklahoma Republican establishment has broken a truce by running attack ads against conservative Republican Senate candidate Tom Coburn after he took a big lead in the polls for the July 27 primary.

"We can't count on Tom Coburn," concludes a new television ad for his primary opponent, former Oklahoma City Mayor Kirk Humphreys. It cites Coburn's votes, as a House member in the late 1990s, against military and intelligence appropriations bills because they contained pork barrel spending.

The ad went on the air after a Coburn poll showed him leading party establishment favorite Humphreys, 51 percent to 26 percent. The two candidates had agreed not to attack each other so Democrats would not be given ammunition in a tough general election campaign.

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Panel

WASHINGTON
A House subcommittee voted Tuesday to cut NASA's budget next year by 10 percent, a steep reduction for manned space exploration.

The House panel also approved an environmental and housing bill that would raise the federal gas tax by 10 cents a gallon. The bill also would increase the federal gas tax by 10 cents a gallon. The bill also would increase the federal gas tax by 10 cents a gallon.

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To me that's a good thing.

Bergman's 'honest'

WASHINGTON
Former national security adviser Samuel Berger has been criticized for his handling of a document that showed the president's private life.

What could be so embarrassing about a man of experience classified as a top secret source would risk pilfering of most sensitive House Speaker Hastert, R-Ill. Berger has been explaining to

Andrea

HOUSTON
Andrea Yates, a woman who drowned her five children in a bathtub, has been held in Galveston County Jail for refusing to be interviewed by a reporter.

Her conviction was unclear, attorney Parnham said. Associated Press Tuesday. He but was unclear with his client because she went.

"There is a determination that wants to be made to this," Parnham said. "I'm not sure a psychiatric can offset that what occurred her feelings that."

Prison spokeswoman Viesca said she transported Skyview Unit in Galveston.

Jurors rejected Yates' insanity plea in March 2002. Guilt of capital murder for the July



Panel slices NASA to pay for veterans' health increase

WASHINGTON (AP) — A House subcommittee voted Tuesday to cut NASA's budget by 7 percent next year, including steep reductions in President Bush's proposal for manned missions to the moon and Mars.

The Republican-run panel also approved cuts in environment, science and housing in a wide-ranging \$92.9 billion measure. That freed up enough money for lawmakers to boost veterans' health-care by \$2 billion, to \$30.3 billion, evidence of Congress' desire to make such money a wartime priority, especially in an election year.

The cuts came on the 35th anniversary of Apollo 11 astronaut Neil Armstrong's first human steps on the moon and drew howls from the administration, a top House Republican and interest groups. That made it seem likely that at least some money, especially for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, will be restored.

"To me that's unacceptable, and it would be very

hard to get this bill to the floor if it's unacceptable to me," said House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas, whose Houston-area district is near NASA's Johnson Space Center.

Chad Kolton, White House budget office spokesman, said the administration will work "to ensure the president's priorities are funded." NASA spokesman Glenn Mahone called the bill "an early step in the process."

The measure highlighted how painful it has become for Republicans to live by spending limits they imposed to cope with record federal deficits and the cost of Bush's tax cuts.

"The budget crunch we all knew was coming has finally arrived," said Rep. Bill Young, R-Fla., chairman of the House Appropriations Committee.

The House approved by 371-54 a separate bill providing \$560 million to the District of Columbia government, \$18 million over this year, and approving the expenditure of \$8.2

billion in local funds.

Of the 13 annual spending measures lawmakers are writing for 2005, the veterans and space bill was the most vivid example yet of budget pressures. Even projects lawmakers covet for their home districts were cut by 2 percent, said Rep. James Walsh, R-N.Y., though the bill still has over \$400 million for such items.

Walsh is chairman of the Appropriations subcommittee for environment, space, housing and veterans programs. It approved the measure by voice vote after Democrats said its sharp cuts were due GOP priorities.

"They imposed the straight jacket on themselves," said Rep. David Obey, D-Wis.

Even the veterans' increase, \$1.2 billion more than Bush requested, was \$1.3 billion below what veterans' groups and the GOP-led House Veterans Affairs Committee have said is needed. With veterans an important voting block, Democrats emphasized the discrepancy.

"At a time in our nation's history where veterans are demonstrating every day their sacrifice, this is truly inadequate," said Rep. Alan Mollohan, D-W.Va.

The bill would give NASA \$15.1 billion next year, \$229 million below this year and \$1.1 billion below Bush's request.

Just \$372 million was provided of the \$910 million Bush wanted for initial preparations for manned missions to the moon and Mars.

That included just one-fourth of the \$520 million he proposed for the crew exploration vehicle, envisioned as the eventual replacement for the space shuttle. Bush announced the moon-Mars initiative last winter with great fanfare.

The Appropriations committee is supportive of Bush's plans but "does not have sufficient resources" to pay for them, a report with the bill said.

The space station would get \$1.7 billion, \$100 million less than the president wanted. The space shuttle would get the full

\$4.3 billion Bush proposed.

The Environmental Protection Agency would get \$7.8 billion next year. That is \$600 million below this year's total, and \$36 million less than Bush sought.

The national service program that includes AmeriCorps would get \$572 million, \$9 million less than this year and \$70 million below Bush's proposal.

The National Science Foundation would receive \$5.5 billion, \$111 million

below this year's level and \$278 million below Bush's request.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development would get \$37.7 billion, \$1 billion more than Bush proposed but \$108 million below this year.

The chief rental voucher program for the poor would continue growing rapidly, but other housing programs would be cut by 4 percent.

The Senate has yet to write its version of the bill.

Berger says document incident was an 'honest mistake,' but GOP calls for answers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former national security adviser Sandy Berger says he regrets the way he handled classified terrorism documents, calling the whole thing "an honest mistake."

Republicans say the matter raises questions about whether the former Clinton administration official sought to hide embarrassing materials. "What information could be so embarrassing that a man with decades of experience in handling classified documents would risk being caught pilfering our nation's most sensitive secrets?" House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., said. "Mr. Berger has a lot of explaining to do."

The Justice Department is investigating whether Berger committed a crime by removing from the National Archives copies of documents about the government's anti-terror efforts and notes that he took on those documents. Berger was reviewing the materials to help determine which Clinton administration documents to provide to the independent commission investigating the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks.

When news of the investigation surfaced, Berger on Tuesday quit as an informal adviser to John Kerry's presidential campaign to limit the political fallout.

Kerry said later, "Sandy Berger is my friend, and

he has tirelessly served this nation with honor and distinction. I respect his decision to step aside as an adviser to this campaign until this matter is resolved objectively and fairly."

Berger told reporters he was not guilty of criminal wrongdoing.

"Last year, when I was in the Archives reviewing documents, I made an honest mistake. It's one that I deeply regret," Berger said. "I dealt with this issue in October 2003 fully and completely. Everything that I have done all along in this process has been for the purpose of aiding and supporting the work of the 9/11 commission, and any suggestion to the con-

trary is simply, absolutely wrong."

Many Democrats, including former President Clinton himself, suggested that politics were behind disclosure of the probe only days before Thursday's scheduled release of the Sept. 11 commission report. That report is expected to be highly critical of the government's response to the growing al-Qaida threat, a potential blow to President Bush's re-election campaign.

"It's interesting timing," Clinton said at a Denver autograph session for his book, "My Life." Berger served as national security adviser for all of Clinton's second term.

Andrea Yates taken to hospital after refusing to eat

HOUSTON (AP) — Andrea Yates, who is serving a life sentence for drowning her children in a bathtub three years ago, has been hospitalized in Galveston because she is refusing to eat, her attorney said Tuesday night.

Her condition was unclear, attorney George Parnham told The Associated Press late Tuesday. He said he tried but was unable to visit with his client Tuesday because she wasn't coherent.

"There is apparently a determination within her that wants to put an end to this," Parnham said. "I'm not sure what type of psychiatric medications can offset the reality of what occurred and make her feel better about that."

Prison spokesman Mike Viesca said Yates was transported from the Skyview Unit to a hospital in Galveston Monday night.

Jurors rejected Andrea Yates' insanity defense in March 2002 and found her guilty of capital murder for the June 20, 2001,

drownings of three of her five children. The children ranged in age from 6 months to 7 years. Yates was not tried in the deaths of the other two children and will be eligible for parole in 2041.

The hospital did not immediately return a phone message from The Associated Press.

Her husband, Russell Yates, also did not immediately return calls.

Parnham said he visited with Yates in May about her appeal. She seemed fine at the time, but the next time he saw her, he said she had done a "180 turnaround."

"The closer she got to the anniversary, the more thoughts she got, figuratively and literally," Parnham said. "She started losing weight, going

psychotic and it's just not a good time."

Parnham said Yates is down to about 107 pounds. Her Texas driver's license lists her weight as 126 pounds. She is 5-foot-7.

It is not the first time Yates' health has declined since her arrest. In September doctors had to forcibly medicate her when she refused to take her medication.

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Library News

Firefighters work closely together

Lots and lots of new fiction has come in!

The library staff has begun, in response to many requests, to place distinctive stickers on what is called "Christian" fiction. These books have distinct morals, and for the most part, do not contain vulgar language nor are they sexual in nature.

The authors write about everyday life where God is sometimes forgotten.

Authors that we do have in the library are Stephan Bly, Tracie Peterson, Jeannette Oke, Patricia Hickman, Neta Jackson and of course, Jerry Jenkins.

While looking in the fiction aisles, be on the lookout for a purple label with a cross upon it.

New titles received that will be on the shelf include "Shoofly Pie" by Tim Downs; "Fallen Angels" by Patricia Hickman; Ray Blackstock's "A Delirious Summer;" "The YadaYada Prayer Group" by Neta Jackson and the first book in a new series by Jerry Jenkins, "Soon: The Beginning of the End."

This is first in a series and is a true story inspired by Marie Dorion, an Iowan who travels with the Astoria trading party to the Pacific Ocean in 1811. She has asked to join her husband, Pierre, to show anyone they meet that the mission is peaceful. Enduring the wilderness, a pregnancy along the way, and a violent husband, the strength of the woman really comes through.

A book that is a combination of character study and adventure that will keep readers spellbound is "A Name of Her Own," written by Jane Kirkpatrick.

We also have the third book in the series by Kirkpatrick, "Hold Tight the Thread." I'll get the second one ordered.

From another continent (so to speak) is Colin Falconer's "Feathered

Serpent." In Mexico, the name of Malinali, or Dona Marina, as she was known by the Spaniards, still stirs up controversy nearly 500 years after her death.

Born an Aztec princess and sold into slavery after her father's death, when Malinali was 15 she was given to conquistador Hernan Cortes. A highly intelligent woman gifted in several languages, she made herself indispensable as an interpreter to the Spaniards. Her desire for revenge against Montezuma II, whom she held responsible for the murder of her father, and her belief that Cortes was actually the god Feathered Serpent, coupled with the Spaniards' overwhelming greed for gold, initiated a disastrous sequence of events that led to the fall of the Aztec empire.

A continent is heard from with Falconer's novel of Cleopatra (Egypt's first female pharaoh.) "When We Were Gods." She was barely more than a teenager when she fell heir to the richest empire in the world. Falconer, in each book, takes you inside both Mexico and Egypt in these richly written novels.

Now for some titles and short descriptions — "The Tenth Insight" by the author of the "Celestine Prophecy," James Redfield. This is a continuation of the Prophecy book. "Bet Your Bottom Dollar" is one of those sweet, southern books. Taking place in Cayboo Creek, S.C., Elizabeth is the manager of the Bottom Dollar store. Full of southern charm, do check this book out. It is written by Karin Gillespie.

"Multiple Choice" by Clair Cooke is a family book — March Monroe (a.k.a. Mom) is going back to college with her daughter, Olivia.

However, Olivia doesn't know that. A sullen, 14-year-old son, a tired marriage and a ticked off college daughter — how will March manage? This is a cute book.

Here is a trivia question — Where does this phrase "Call me Ishmael" come from? The answer may be

found later "in this column."

When Rachel White, the consummate good girl, gets drunk and ends in bed with her best friend's fiancée, she is determined to put it all behind her. However, doing so proves to be more difficult than she thought. In "Something Borrowed" by Emily Giffin, Rachel discovers that the line between right and wrong can get blurry, and happy endings don't always occur. This is a book to take to the beach or the pool.

The answer to the trivia question — it is the first sentence in Herman Melville's classic book, "Moby Dick." The library has received a new copy of the book about a man and a whale and their fight to the death. It can be found on the shelves.

Another novel that we have received is "Ahab's Wife" by Sena Jeter Naslund. The first sentence in that book is "Captain Ahab was neither my first husband nor my last." This is a national bestseller, an epic work of historical fiction, using Herman Melville's "Moby Dick" as a looking glass into early-19th-century America.

Through the eye of an outsider, a woman, she suggests that New England life was broader and richer than Melville's manly world of men, ships and whales. This ambitious novel pays tribute to Melville, creating heroines from his lesser characters and to America's literary heritage in general.

The Howard County Library is open from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. Monday to Friday and is closed Saturday for the summer.

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Hollis McCright is the Howard County librarian.

By BURR LEA SETTLES JR. Special to the Herald

When I went to work for the Big Spring Fire Department back in 1977, there were a lot of things a new employee had to learn.

One of which was if you are driving the fire truck, you had to know which direction to turn. At the time, we operated out of the downtown station which is now the City Council Chambers.

If your call came in for the west side of town, you would make a right coming out of the station for about a half block and then hit Third street headed west. If it was for the east side of town you made a left on Fourth.

In addition to this, you had to memorize all of the fire hydrants within your district. So for the downtown area it would run from Birdwell Lane all the way to the end of town on the west side, and from First street to about 10th Street.

While on your fire call the driver would think of the address called in and then in his mind locate the hydrant nearest the address. There had been a few times where the driver would miss the location of the hydrant and the second-in driver would have to hook up. You tried real hard not to

make such an error.

The Captain did not like that to happen and he would have a long talk with you.

Anywise, back in those days, the firefighters would ride on the back of the truck, standing on the back board holding on to the rails. Most of the time when you got the alarm you would jump into your boots which had the bunker pants connected and you would just pull them up and put the suspenders on.

Nine times out of 10, you would be putting on your coat and helmet while en route. Remember now, you are holding on to the rail with one arm and having to put on a coat with the other.

Just a wee bit tricky to do.

This was part of the excitement of being a firefighter, and if you missed the truck you were out of luck, and again the Captain visited with you about where you were during the fire.

The driver and the Captain get into the truck and when they are ready to go, they go, and go fast. If you are late...goodbye!

There was one firefighter who was running after the truck, but he just could not reach the rail to hold on to it and pull himself up. I reached out and grabbed his coat and pulled him up in one swoop. He was "late" because he was putting on his coat.

Drivers wait for no one! It is a quick lesson that

you learn.

Drivers like to pull little pranks on you. After the fire is extinguished and all the business is done, the firefighters would get on the back ready to ride home. The driver started up the truck and then called for the rookie firefighter to come up front.

Rookie would get off and walk to the cab of the truck at which time the driver would pop the clutch and off he goes. If you thought quick enough you grabbed the rail as it went by, if not, you had a nice walk.

If you were lucky, he would stop a short distance down the way and you had to run to get your ride.

Whenever you have a group of men "stuck" together for a 24-hour period, you need to have some kind of release in order to handle it all. Firefighters do it all, from fighting fires, rescuing and saving lives, being first responders to hazardous chemical spills or picking up various body parts in extreme accidents.

Also, firefighters experience a sense of personal loss and react by crying over those that they were not able to save and they are most sensitive when little children's lives are lost due, sometimes to lack of a smoke detector.

Yes, a release is definitely needed.

Burr Lea Settles Jr. is the former Big Spring fire marshal.



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Heritage Museum unveils Hispanic celebration display

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

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

students and a mariachi band.

The event is free to the public.

The display, which consists of memorabilia donated by area residents, will bring out the romantic aspect of the culture, seen through its customs and music.

Call 267-8255 for more information.

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IN BRIEF

Young Life Classic annual
Cornell Corra and Young Spring annual fifth annual Life Golf Classic take place Saturday and Sunday at Spring Country. The tournament is a four-orange ball scramble and players must have a verifiable handicap. It will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday and end at 5 p.m. on Sunday. The cost of the tournament is \$100. For more information, call Big Spring Country Club's Bryan at 267-5333.

Crossroads sign-up dates
The Crossroads Youth Football Association announced the dates for the 2004 season. Both football cheerleading sign-ups will take place at Big Spring High School. Football sign-up through 21 on Friday 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturdays (9 a.m. to 11 a.m.) Cheerleaders sign-up at the same time through the same dates. The league kindergarten through sixth grade. The flag football league costs \$30. Football division 2 and cheerleading costs \$55 and \$65 respectively. For more information, call Steve Robert at 432-264-1111.

BSISD annual volleyball open
Big Spring volleyball open on all Mondays and Thursdays from 8-9 p.m. summer from 8-9 p.m. at the junior high. There will be a lifting and conditioning both Monday and Thursday after gym from 8-9 p.m. For more information, contact Dagggett at 432-264-1111.

Herald annual golf tournament
The Big Spring Herald has an annual City Championship July 31 and August 1 at Comanche Trail. The tournament is open to all residents men or women. Howard County annual membership Comanche Trail Course and Spring Country. There is a \$100 fee, which includes a green fee, 18 carts. The tournament will be flight handicap and will be awarded winners. For more information, Comanche Trail Course at 264-1111.

ON THE

Sports Broadband

Event, Time, Day
Rangers vs. Angels, 6:30 p.m., Thursday

Event, Time, Day
Astros vs. Diamondbacks, 4:30 p.m., Friday

Event, Time, Day
Rangers vs. Astros, 6:30 p.m., Friday

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.

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

Herald announces golf tournament

The Big Spring Herald has set its annual City Golf Championships for July 31 and Aug. 1 at Comanche Trail Park.

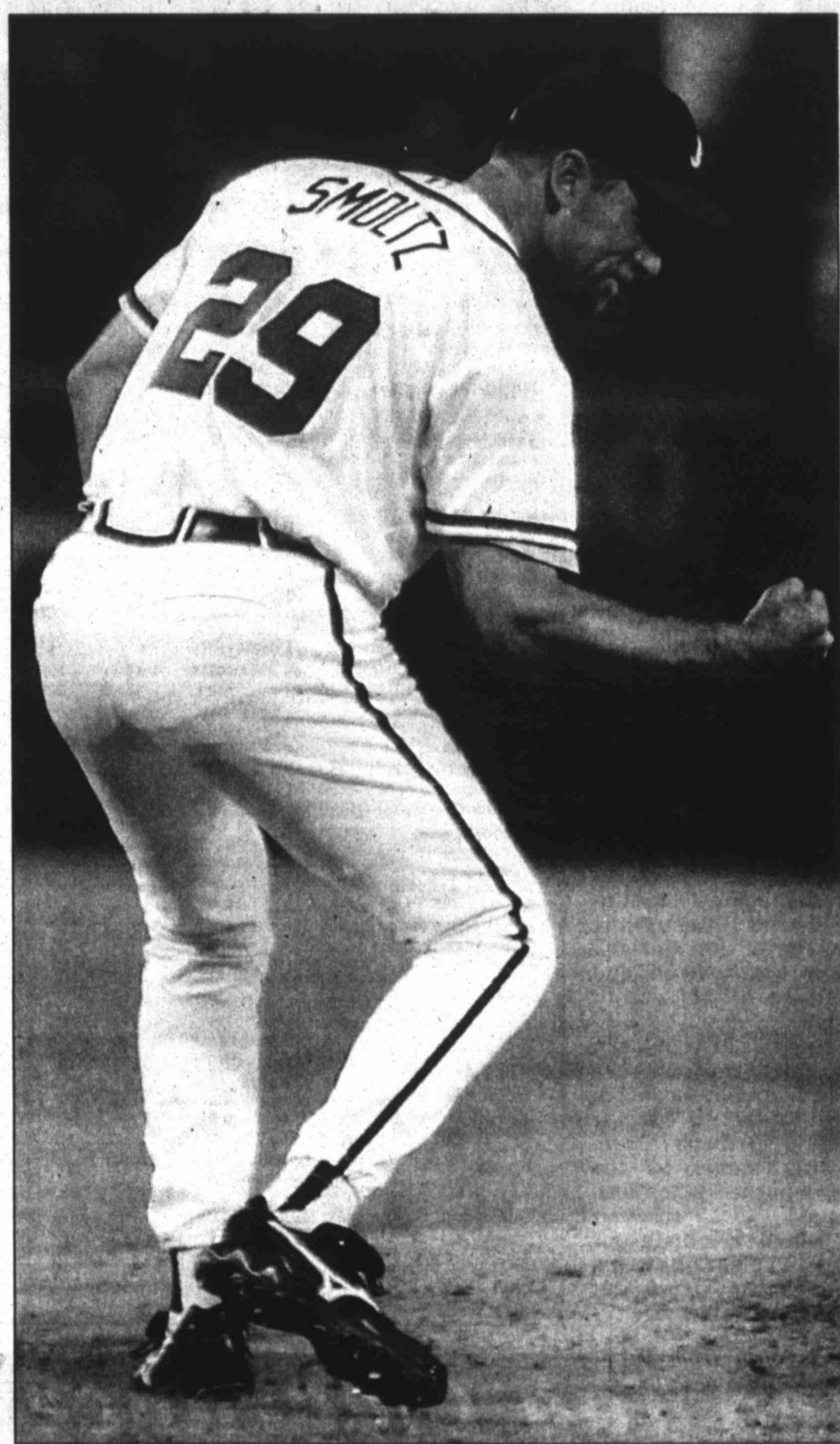
The tournament is open to all residents — men or women — of Howard County and annual members of Comanche Trail Golf Course and the Big Spring Country Club.

There is a \$35 entry fee, which includes green fee, but not carts. The tournament will be flighted by handicap and trophies will be awarded to flight winners.

For more information, contact Comanche Trail Golf Course at 264-2366.

ON THE AIR

Event, Time	Station
1 Day	1400
Thursday	1480
Friday	1480



courtesy photo/Billy Smith II, Atlanta Journal Constitution
Atlanta Braves pitcher John Smoltz pumps his fist after getting the save against the Philadelphia Phillies and putting the Braves in first place. The Braves defeated the Phillies, 4-2, at Turner Field in Atlanta, Georgia, July 19. The Phillies defeated Atlanta in 10 innings last night and are now tied for first place in the division.

Armstrong takes jersey back

By JEROME PUGMIRE

Associated Press Writer
VILLARD-DE-LANS, France — Lance Armstrong's next ride up his favorite mountain will be even sweeter since he'll be wearing the yellow jersey of the Tour de France.

The Texan cyclist sprinted to another stage win Tuesday, reclaiming the overall race lead and inching closer to a record sixth straight Tour victory. After waiting patiently, Armstrong overtook Thomas Voeckler — the Frenchman who wore the yellow jersey over 10 days of racing.

Armstrong now leads by 1 minute, 25 seconds over Ivan Basso of Italy. For the third straight mountain stage, Armstrong and Basso finished 1-2 — with Armstrong winning the last two.

He'll have a chance on Wednesday to widen his lead over Basso during a 9.6-mile time-trial up L'Alpe d'Huez, where Armstrong won a stage in 2001. The 21 rhythm-destroying hairpin bends could signal the end of more distant challengers like Jan Ullrich, Andreas Kloden and Francisco Mancebo.

"There was still a part of me that wanted to ride a legendary mountain like L'Alpe d'Huez in the yellow jersey," Armstrong said Tuesday after the 15th of the 20-stage Tour de France.

In a four-man, uphill-sprint finish, Armstrong held off Basso, Ullrich

and Kloden. He proudly slipped on the leader's jersey for the 61st time, which puts him behind just Eddy Merckx of Belgium and Bernard Hinault of France.

When Armstrong mounted the victory podium to loud applause, he pointed to a small group of fans who were yelling "Six-six-six-six" and cheering. Someone held a banner that read: "Way to go Lance, Austin (Texas) loves you."

With five stages remaining, German Kloden is third, 3:22 behind Armstrong. Mancebo of Spain is 5:39 back in fourth. Voeckler dropped to eighth, 9:28 off the pace. He held a similar lead over Armstrong before the race reached the Pyrenees, but the advantage was cut to 22 seconds in two mountain stages.

Armstrong is riding with such confidence that he was unconcerned when Ullrich attacked midway through Tuesday's 112-mile Alpine stage that featured seven climbs between Valreas and Villard-de-Lans.

Ullrich, the 1997 Tour winner, grabbed a 55-second lead but Armstrong caught up 18.6 miles before the finish.

"Honestly, we really weren't that concerned," said Armstrong, who rides for the U.S. Postal Service team. "In front he can have two minutes. It was not going to be a problem, we knew we'd come back. We knew the course very well."

In this year's Tour, Armstrong has left nothing to chance. He scouted out the mountain stages before the race, dragging his weary teammates on training days that lasted up to eight hours.

That effort is paying off. Armstrong admits he was complacent last year, when in a turmoil-filled race he beat Ullrich by 61 seconds — his smallest winning margin.

Now Ullrich is in fifth place, 6:54 behind. The powerful German likely needs a mishap from Armstrong — and others — to win his second Tour. A five-time runner-up, he finished behind Armstrong in 2000, 2001 and 2003.

Ullrich beat a dehydrated Armstrong by over 1 1/2 minutes in last year's first time trial on a scorching hot day around Cap'Decouverte in southern France. Even a better performance would still not be enough to topple Armstrong — who is now more concerned with Basso.

"I'll have to keep my eye on him," Armstrong said. "I think he is a fantastic talent for the future. He's got a great head on his shoulders."

As leader, Armstrong will start last Wednesday because the overall positions are reversed. He expects Basso will be tough to beat on the ascent.

"I have the good fortune of starting behind him, so I'll know his time splits all the way up, which is a big advantage," he said.

Permian Basin Women's Golf Association Playday results Hogan Park

First Flight

1st gross: Lanell Guelker, Andrews — 80
2nd gross: Joan Daniel, Comanche — 84
1st net: Dawn Dearsley, Green Tree — 70
2nd net: Nita Horton, Andrews — 73
low putts: Mary Robinson, Ranchland — 26

Second Flight

1st gross: Mary Gilbreath, Comanche — 86
2nd gross: Suann Seay, Comanche — 94
1st net: Karen McDonald, Green Tree — 72
2nd net: Sherrin Evans, Ranchland — 75
low putts: Lois Guthrie, Hogan — 25

Third Flight

1st gross: Gloria Preece, Green Tree — 98
2nd gross: Paula Bayley, Ranchland — 99
1st net: Emma Wilkes, Green Tree — 70
2nd net: Dee Hines, Ranchland — 74
low putts: Lydia Thomson, Hogan — 31

*an eagle was made on number 18 by Laure Reynolds from Big Spring Country Club

Gaines County Pro-Am

Professional Division

1. Mitch Shain: 65-66-68=199
2. (tie) Shawn McDonald: 68-70-66=204
2. (tie) Chris Carpenter: 71-68-65=204
4. (tie) Brett Lossin: 71-63-71=205
4. (tie) Blayne Hobbs: 65-67-73=205

Senior Professional Division

1. Ronnie Rosson: 71-68=139
2. (tie) Roger Case: 71-74=145
2. (tie) David Mooring: 70-75=145

Pro-Pro Division

1. Mitch Shain-Chris Lamberti: 63-64=127
2. (tie) Shaun McDonald-Chad Davis: 63-65=128
2. (tie) Chris Carpenter-Bryan Word: 65-63=128
4. David Mooring-Ronnie Rosson: 65-64=129

Amateur Division

Championship Flight

1. Blake Parks: 71-65-68=204
2. Mark Burgen: 65-69-71=205
3. Paul Slaughter Jr.: 69-70-69=208
4. Brett Nichols: 70-69-71=210
5. Amory Droogsma: 70-68-75=213

Presidents Flight

1. Jimmy Nelms: 72-74-68=214
2. Josh Parrot: 69-76-71=216
3. Don Roberts: 76-71-70=217
4. Gary Phillips: 73-72-73=218
5. Greg Gardner: 70-74-76=220

First Flight

1. Steve Cavazds: 74-73-73=220
2. Ross Tyler: 76-74-71=221
3. Brad Yowell: 71-76-75=222
4. Casey Jones: 78-71-74=223
5. Brian Edwards: 74-78-73=225

Second Flight

1. Larry Baker: 73-81-76=230
2. Jerry Thomas: 77-76-77=230
3. Ken Sessions: 74-80-77=231
4. Chunky Nelms: 78-75-79=232
5. Freddie Kieth: 74-79-80=233

Third Flight

1. Tim Peddy: 78-78-76=232
2. David Burgen: 78-79-77=234
3. Jerry Cornett: 78-78-79=235
4. Kim Hawkins: 79-78-78=235
5. Sim Patrick: 79-79-78=236

Fourth Flight

1. Roy Johnson: 82-79-77=238
2. Ariel Luna: 78-83-77=238
3. Brent Woods: 86-78-76=240
4. Pablo Chaves: 81-79-83=243
5. Mike Shain: 83-86-75=244

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Barajas doubles his pleasure against Chi-Sox in Arlington

ARLINGTON (AP) — Rod Barajas hopes his career-high three doubles put an end to his slump.

Barajas broke a tie with a two-run double in the eighth inning, and the Texas Rangers beat the Chicago White Sox 6-4 on Tuesday night.

Barajas, 1-for-13 in his previous four games and 6-for-40 over a 12-game span, raised his average to .267. Despite the slump, the veteran catcher has 12 homers and 37 RBIs, both career bests.

"Everyone's going to go through this," said Barajas, who started the season with a .212 career average. "You go through a dry spell and you're not getting the hits you were early on, but you can't hit the panic button. I've just tried to stay with the same plan that I have all season."

With the game tied at 4 in the eighth, pinch-hitter Chad Allen drew a leadoff walk from Damaso Marte (3-3).

Mark Teixeira singled, and both runners advanced on Laynce Nix's sacrifice.

Matthews was intentionally walked to load the bases, and Barajas flared a double down the right-field line on the first pitch to put the Rangers in front 6-4.

"I wanted to be aggressive," Barajas said. "I got

that good first pitch and wanted to take advantage of it."

Gary Matthews Jr. homered for the AL West-leading Rangers, who have won five of six.

Chicago got homers from Paul Konerko, Jose Valentin and Carlos Lee but dropped out of first place in the AL Central, a half-game behind Minnesota.

Carlos Almanzar (7-1) got a double play grounder and a strikeout in the eighth for the win. Francisco Cordero struck out all three batters in the ninth for his 29th save in 31 chances.

Rangers starter John Wasdin allowed three runs and four hits in six-plus innings.

Trying to secure a spot in an unsettled rotation, he struck out five and walked two.

Wasdin, who has been used by Texas as a starter and reliever, was making his first start since July 1 and fifth start of the season. He had a 9.98 ERA in his previous four outings.

Wasdin allowed one run and two hits in the first six innings before Carl Everett led off the seventh with a single and Konerko followed with a two-run drive to pull the White Sox to 4-3.

"I was really hoping to go deep in the game for

myself and the team," Wasdin said. "It was a nice win."

Valentin's leadoff homer in the eighth off Frank Francisco tied it at 4.

But the White Sox couldn't take the lead, and lost for the ninth time in their last 14 games.

"We had the momentum going, but then it swung the other way and it snowballed from there," Konerko said. "We were able to make a game of it, but a loss is not good."

The White Sox have a chance to make a real impact on the AL Central race over the next month. Chicago plays 22 straight games against the rest of the division, starting Wednesday night in Cleveland.

"We know the race is close," manager Ozzie Guillen said. "Now we're going to start playing our division and we can gain ground or lose ground. It's time to worry about it. But we think we can compete."

Texas took a 2-0 lead in the second against White Sox starter Jon Garland when Nix walked and Matthews hit his seventh homer.

Teixeira's RBI double in the third made it 3-0. Lee's homer in the fourth cut it to 3-1.

David Dellucci's run-scoring single in the fourth pushed Texas' lead to 4-1.

Garland allowed four runs and eight hits in six innings. He struck out seven and walked one.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

current standings

American League

East	W	L	GB	Home	Road	Streak
New York Yankees	58	34	—	33-12	25-22	Won 1
Boston	51	41	7	30-15	21-26	Won 1
Tampa Bay	45	48	13.5	26-21	19-27	Lost 1
Baltimore	41	50	16.5	20-26	21-24	Won 2
Toronto	40	53	18.5	23-23	17-30	Lost 1

Central

Minnesota	50	43	—	26-22	24-21	Won 2
Chicago White Sox	48	42	2	25-17	23-25	Lost 1
Cleveland	46	47	4	26-20	20-27	Won 2
Detroit	44	49	6	23-23	21-26	Lost 2
Kansas City	34	57	15	22-27	12-30	Lost 2

West

TEXAS	53	38	—	29-13	24-25	Won 1
Oakland	51	41	2.5	31-14	20-27	Won 1
Anaheim	49	44	5	25-22	24-22	Lost 3
Seattle	35	57	18.5	22-25	13-32	Lost 1

National League

East	W	L	GB	Home	Road	Streak
Philadelphia	49	44	—	26-22	23-22	Won 1
Atlanta	49	44	—	26-21	23-23	Lost 1
Florida	47	46	2	24-22	23-24	Won 2
New York Mets	46	47	3	25-20	20-27	Lost 2
Montreal	33	60	16	18-27	15-33	Lost 1

Central

St. Louis	59	34	—	28-18	31-16	Won 3
Cincinnati	50	44	9.5	28-18	22-26	Won 2
Chicago Cubs	49	44	10	27-20	22-24	Lost 3
Milwaukee	47	45	11.5	25-20	22-25	Lost 2
HOUSTON	45	48	14	23-24	22-24	Lost 2
Pittsburgh	43	48	15	22-23	21-25	Won 1

West

Los Angeles	54	38	—	29-17	25-21	Won 8
San Francisco	53	42	2.5	29-20	24-22	Won 2
San Diego	51	42	3.5	26-21	25-21	Won 2
Colorado	38	55	16.5	22-25	16-30	Lost 2
Arizona	31	64	24.5	16-32	15-32	Lost 9

Glossary:

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

Tuesday's AL scores

Texas 6, Chicago White Sox 4
Cleveland 14, Anaheim 5
Boston 9, Seattle 7
Oakland 1, Toronto 0 (14)
Baltimore 12, Kansas City 3
New York Yankees 4, Tampa Bay 2
Minnesota 5, Detroit 4 (10)

Friday's NL scores

Cincinnati 6, Milwaukee 4
Philadelphia 4, Atlanta 3 (10)
St. Louis 11, Chicago 8
Pittsburgh 2, Montreal 1
Florida 9, New York Mets 7
Los Angeles 7, Houston 5
San Diego 9, Colorado 7
San Francisco 3, Arizona 1

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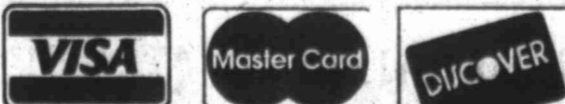
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY JOYCE JILLSON
It's the last full day of the sun's journey through Cancer. Hopefully, all the cocooning of the past few weeks has been rejuvenating. Home never felt so cozy. Spend some time there, gratefully accepting all those belongings in our surroundings that simulate security and comfort. Of course, the real comfort comes from inside.



Joyce JILLSON

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're sure of who you are, and everyone wants to be near someone like that! Numerous offers have you feeling like the most popular person on Earth. But at some point, it's more hectic than fun. Plan some time to slow down.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Though you're not usually one to follow any subject considered to

many to be frivolous, new interests will surprise you and shake up your usual sensibility. Loved ones bond by venturing into strange territory together.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're not only in a loving mood; you're in an adoring mood that verges on co-dependency. This is a good day to reinforce to yourself that your future happiness is not hinging on one particular person. Exert your independence.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's a day of contradictions. You'll be chuckling inwardly, and your amusement seems to give the world more dimension and life. What you see is probably not what you get, but in time, what you get could prove more useful.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The colors of your world may seem to be repeating in an endless bland pattern. It's definitely time to change things. If you've been considering travel, now is the time to do it. You'll find kindred spirits along your path.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're tempted to take a leisurely pace, but cementing business alliances before noon will produce a happy bank account! Exercise! The hardest part is the first 10 minutes. Get past that, and you're on your way.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're feeling open minded and not tied to seeing things one way or the other. This is a perfect day to look at art or listen to music — you may have an epiphany! Financially, this is a powerful day when results are immediate.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Celebrate your friendships and all they bring to your life. Your tight bonds may produce predictable outcomes, but it's never boring. Open communication brings new trust. Tonight, pen diary notes and random musings.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You magnetize what you want, though you might not consciously know what that is. Do some soul searching!

Sagittarius people traditionally want what they can't have, so try to be more realistic and honest.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Reality sets in soon enough, so indulge yourself in the creative fluff around the edges of real life. At work, you may feel you're navigating a political obstacle course and having to use your most diplomatic instincts as a guide.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). After a bout of waning motivation, you're ready to kick into a higher productivity bracket. Social participation will be key to getting your drive back. You are marvelous at entertaining, and your talents are in high demand.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It may be easier for you to focus on your fantasies and projections than your reality. When memory clouds and the details fall away, all that remains is a feeling. It's truly a time when you can re-write history.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "My birthday is

March 23, 1989. Will the rest of this summer be boring or exciting? I probably won't see my friends for a while. Will I be able to talk to them every week?"

A high-energy Aries like you enjoys being constantly challenged. But as my grandmother used to tell me, there are no boring activities, only boring people. Whether or not you talk to your friends, use your time off to develop the interests you don't have time to develop while you're in school. I hear you protesting now, "But what are my interests?" Make a list of 20 activities you think sound fun. Then, narrow the list down to the 10 items that are actually the most doable. Then, use your Aries gift for persuading adults to help you out to accomplish the top three items. What you're really doing is learning to show initiative, and people who make a habit of this will never be boring and will always have lots of friends. I believe an Aries is never too young to take

charge on some level. Remember, everyone wants to hop on a train that's already moving!

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Josh Hartnett has made so many girls swoon that his movies should come with a warning label. And he's got a busy year coming up. Hot Hartnett flicks include "Wicker Park," in which he plays a loved-crazed young lawyer. Cancer people's nurturing yet intense emotional energy means boy-next-door sex appeal for Hartnett. They also have a strong need for supportive people around them.

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Annie's Mailbox ®: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I just left my job of 16 years after being bullied by two female coworkers for two years. I had items thrown at me, doors slammed in my face, shoulders "accidentally" smacked into mine as they walked by, and all my personal items rearranged while I was sick at home.



Kathy MITCHELL
Marcy SUGAR

The leader of these bullies is in her late 50s, and the other one is over 40. I cannot understand why anyone would want to make the workplace so miserable. I tried turning the other cheek, but when my blood pressure became dangerously elevated, and my blood sugar dropped me into unconsciousness on several occasions, I decided I'd had enough and retired — much sooner than I had planned.

I gave up a nice pension in order to get out with my health and sanity intact. There were at least two written complaints filed and countless verbal complaints made to man-

agement, with no results.

I have found new employment, thank goodness, but my question is, how do I recover emotionally from this bullying, and should I go after this large bureaucracy legally for ignoring my pleas for intervention? I am not sure that I am strong enough emotionally for a long, legal battle, but I hate to see them get away with this abuse. — Ex-Law Enforcement Civilian in Sacramento, Calif.

Dear Sacramento: Are these juvenile women still in grade school? No one should have to suffer bullies in the workplace. Ask your doctor to refer you to a counselor who will help manage your stress levels, and then talk to a lawyer. These women need to know their behavior is not acceptable. Even if you are unable to handle a legal battle, the mere threat of a lawsuit is often enough to get results.

Dear Annie: A few months ago, I celebrated my 19th birthday by inviting a dozen or so people out to dinner. I discussed it with a few close friends, and we decided that everyone would buy their own meal. I chose a nicer restaurant than we would usually go to, but it wasn't terribly expensive.

I enjoy your column and know that you feel it is inappropriate to invite people out and then hand them a check. And I agree. I would never dream of doing that for

my parents' anniversary party, my sister's bridal shower or a formal party of my own. But we are all college students, and none of us can afford to treat the others. I bought everyone appetizers and supplied the dessert at the end of the evening, but I still wonder if it was enough.

Was I an inconsiderate hostess, or was it appropriate given the age group and the casualness of the affair? — Seeking Your Approval in Dallas.

Dear Dallas: Here's the way it works — you don't surprise your guests with an invoice. If they know beforehand that they each will be picking up their own tab, and they agree with the venue you have

chosen, it is perfectly OK to split the bill. Of course, you don't issue the invitation by saying, "Be my guest," which implies that you are treating. Instead, ask if they would like to get together with you and some other friends to celebrate your birthday, and make it clear that there will be separate checks. (P.S.: Springing for the appetizers and dessert was a class act.)

Dear Annie: My best friend is getting a divorce. Her heart is broken, and I know I cannot fix it, but I don't have any idea what to tell her. I want to be able to help. Any advice? — Need Advice to Give Advice
Dear Need Advice: Yes

— don't offer advice. She needs a shoulder to cry on and someone to listen. Call her often. Invite her out. Make her laugh. Be a friend.

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Dear Prudence . . .

Dear Prudence: My husband and I were invited to meet some friends and acquaintances (including three gentlemen from New York City) at a downtown Memphis restaurant. Eight of us were seated when the New Yorkers called to let us know that they would be late and we should go ahead and eat.



Margo HOWARD

Our group asked the server for separate checks. As we were finishing our meals, the men joined us. We relaxed and conversed while they ate. One of the New Yorkers ordered two \$50 bottles of wine during the meal for the three of them. He did not offer the wine to the rest of us, though we were not offended, having already eaten.

The server arrived with one bill at the end of the meal. Several of us asked the waiter to separate the checks as we had previously requested. The New Yorker who had ordered the wine raised his voice, made a scene and insulted all of us. He claimed that we were ignorant

and petty to insist on separate checks. He said that we should just divide the bill evenly.

We couldn't believe that he would insist that we pay for his \$100 worth of wine — wine we did not order, and wine we did not taste. Our evening was ruined because of this man's outburst. He was so loud, the manager came to our table to see what was wrong. Finally we paid separate checks, but the evening was a bust.

Are there different "rules" in New York than in Memphis? What would have been the proper thing to do? — Southern Belle

Dear Suth: First of all, y'all, there's nothin' wrong with Memphis manners. There are not different "rules" in New York from elsewhere, but the wine from New York is definitely a boor. The proper thing to do is what you did.

Three guys who come late, polish off two bottles of wine, then expect other people to pick up the bill are way off base. Forget it, forget them, and don't blame New York. — Prudie, equitably

Dear Prudence: Apparently my face seems to have a serious or sad demeanor. Not that I

feel this way all the time, but I guess that's how it appears because men keep walking up to me saying things like, "Why are you so sad/serious?" So I say something like, "None of your business," or "I don't want to speak to you."

People close to me say that I am being too blunt, but personally, I think that they are rude and out of place. To me it's just a lame pickup line, and they just want one thing (most men do anyway). It's also insulting, and on my bad days, when I am really not in a good mood, it drives me close to cursing. If I were a man, I swear it would lead to a lot of fistfights. Am I wrong? — Live and Let Live

Dear Liv: You are not "wrong," exactly, but you sure are angry. There are clearly underlying feelings of discontent and distress manifesting themselves on your face. That you choose to interpret the concern of others as rude behavior or lame pickup lines validates, for Prudie, the dark cloud you are living under. It is possible that you are anti-social, misanthropic or in need of a good shrink. The crux of the matter is that the problem lies with you. — Prudie, analytically



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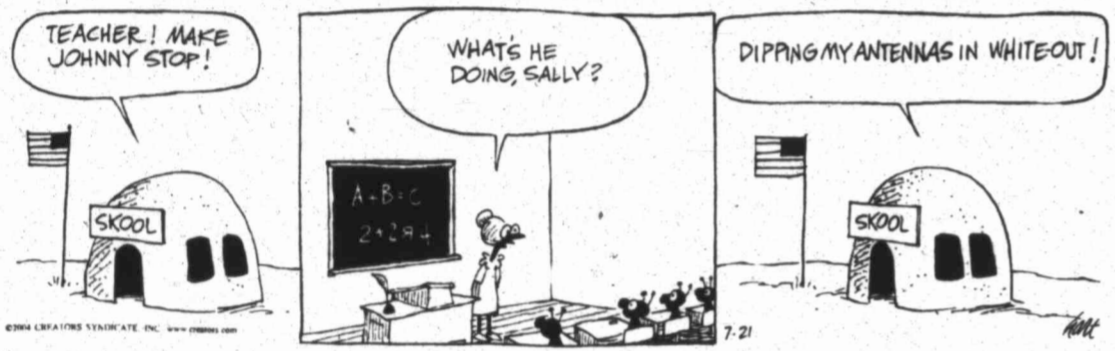
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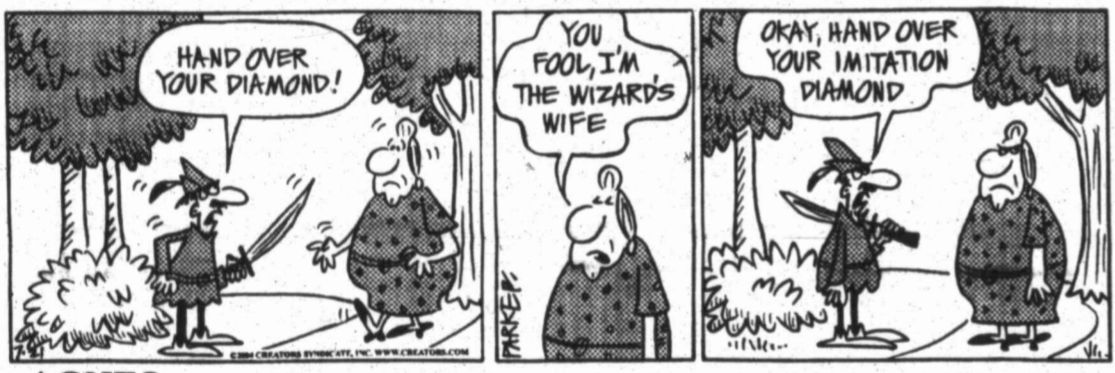
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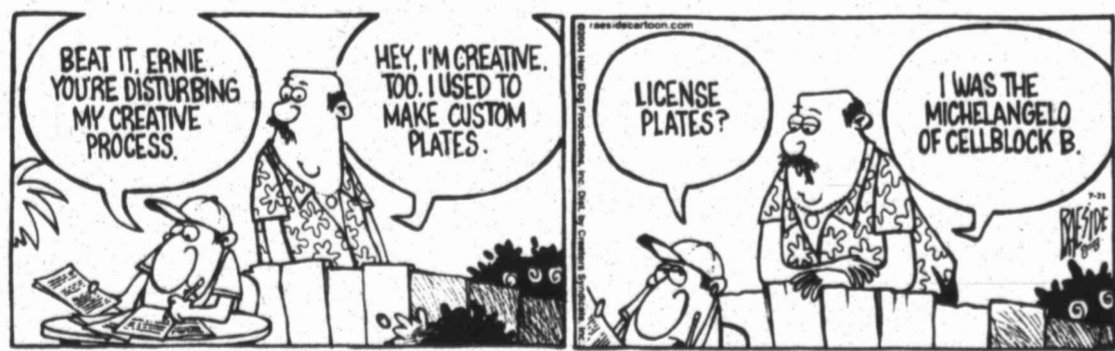
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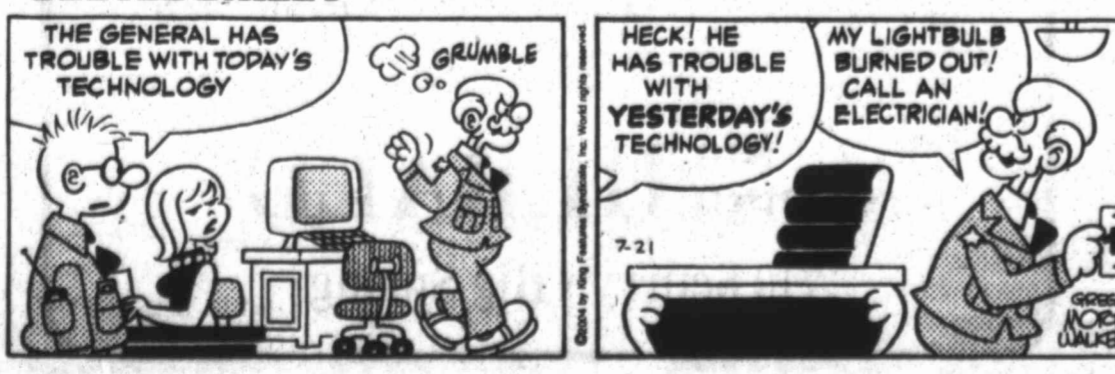
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, July 21, the 203rd day of 2004. There are 163 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 21, 1925, what's called the "Monkey Trial" ended in Dayton, Tenn., with John T. Scopes convicted of violating state law for teaching Darwin's Theory of Evolution. (The conviction was later overturned.)

On this date:

In 1831, Belgium became independent as Leopold I was proclaimed King of the Belgians.

In 1861, the first Battle of Bull Run was fought at Manassas, Va., resulting in a Confederate victory.

In 1899, author Ernest Hemingway was born in Oak Park, Ill.; poet Hart Crane was born in

Garrettsville, Ohio.

In 1944, American forces landed on Guam during World War II.

In 1949, the U.S. Senate ratified the North Atlantic Treaty.

In 1954, 50 years ago, the Geneva Accords divided Vietnam into northern and southern entities.

In 1961, Captain Virgil "Gus" Grissom became the second American to rocket into a sub-orbital pattern around the Earth, flying aboard the "Liberty Bell Seven."

In 1969, Apollo 11 astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin blasted off from the moon aboard the lunar module.

In 1980, draft registration began in the United States for 19- and 20-year-old men.

In 2002, telecommunications giant WorldCom Inc. filed for bankruptcy protection, about a month after disclosing it had inflated profits by nearly \$4 billion through deceptive accounting.

Britain's Labor Party elected Tony Blair its new

leader, succeeding the late John Smith.

Five years ago: Navy divers found the bodies of John F. Kennedy Jr., his wife, Carolyn, and sister-in-law, Lauren Bessette, in the wreckage of Kennedy's plane in the Atlantic Ocean off Martha's Vineyard.

Today's Birthdays: Jazz musician-critic Billy Taylor is 83. Singer Kay Starr is 82. Actor-comedian Don Knotts is 80. Movie director Norman Jewison is 78. Actor Paul Burke is 78. Former Attorney General Janet Reno is 66. Actress Patricia Elliott is 62. Actor David Downing is 61. Actor Edward Herrmann is 61.

Answer to previous puzzle

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 - 18 A nose catches it
 - 19 Out or Horne
 - 20 Cut in half
 - 22 "Bye!"
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 - 26 Coast on the runway
 - 27 Not wild
 - 30 Painter Jean
 - 32 Romanov rulers
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 - 37 One who works hard
 - 40 Procedure
 - 41 "Bye!"
 - 44 Bustling commotion
 - 45 Symbol of home
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 - 27 Certain Mongolian
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 - 31 Docking places
 - 33 Conscious
 - 34 Bring up
 - 35 Church council
 - 38 Give away
 - 39 Racial invention
 - 42 Invention
 - 43 "Bye!"
 - 48 Firstborn
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 - 53 March man
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What are the facts?

A brief history. The primary error is that Gaza belongs to its mostly Arab inhabitants. Gaza, which had previously been a province of the Ottoman Empire, became after the First World War part of the British Mandate of Palestine.

In 1947, the U.N. proposed to partition Palestine into Jewish and Arab sectors. The Jews accepted the partition—the Arabs rejected it out of hand, and in 1948, on the very day of Israel's founding, five Arab armies invaded the nascent Jewish state. Miraculously, the ragtag Jewish forces defeated the combined Arab might. But after that war, Jordan remained in occupation of the "West Bank" and the eastern part of Jerusalem. Egypt stayed in control of the Gaza strip. It remained there until after the Six-Day War of 1967, when, in one of the most astonishing actions in military history, Israel once again defeated the combined Arab might. At the end of that brief but decisive conflict, Israel found itself in possession of all of the areas that the Arabs had previously occupied, including the Gaza strip. After it assumed administration of the Strip in 1967, Israel made every effort to improve the life of the Gazans, and to provide decent housing and infrastructure. All such efforts were rebuffed by the Arabs, who preferred keeping the Gazans in miserable "refugee camps," where they would fester in squalor for over fifty years, dreaming of bloody vengeance against Israel.

The plan for the Jewish inhabitants to vacate Gaza is a thoroughly bad one. It would acknowledge that, in order to be acceptable to the Arabs, Gaza had to be "judenrein" — free of Jews — a concept invented by the Nazis. It would reward terror and would be understood as a sign of weakness. It would leave the Arabs at complete liberty to import the most destructive weapons through their port and their airport. Nobody doubts that they would do just that. It would not bring the solution to the Arab/Israeli conflict one step closer — on the contrary, it would exacerbate it and very likely result in full-fledged war, quite possibly involving weapons of mass destruction.

But here's a better idea: Yes, move all Jews from Gaza and even from those parts of the "West Bank," that might eventually be ceded to form an autonomous Arab entity and repatriate them to "Israel proper." But at the same time, evacuate all Arabs from Israel and resettle them in Gaza, the "West Bank," or wherever they might want to go. Such exchange of populations would be drastic, but certainly not unprecedented. The vast exchange of Muslims and non-Muslims on the Indian subcontinent, though accompanied by much bloodshed, is perhaps the best and ultimately most successful example of such population exchange.

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