

## Group of fifth-graders getting extra work this summer

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

About 50 Big Spring Independent School District fifth-graders are getting some extra classwork this summer.

Those BSISD students were among more than 40,000 fifth-graders state-wide who did not pass all portions of the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) test during the 2004-05 school year, and are in danger of not being promoted to the sixth grade.

Fifth-grade students must pass both the TAKS reading and mathematics

exams, along with their classes, in order to be promoted to sixth grade, according to information released by the Texas Education Agency.

Any student who has not yet passed the tests can retake the math exam on June 28 and the reading test on June 29.

Many of these students have started summer school this month because school districts must provide extra instruction to try to help the children improve their knowledge and skills.

For the Big Spring fifth graders who didn't pass both portions of the test, that means extra time this summer at Goliad

School, BSISD Superintendent Michael Downes said.

"Our students are continuing to work hard to master the test," Downes said. "And our staff is working just as hard to prepare them to pass."

Texas has been phasing in the TAKS passing standards for three years. The standards are fully phased in this year at grades 3-10. Students take two to four subject area tests, depending on the grade they are in, each year.

There are a total of 32 different tests given to students in grades 3-10, plus four subject-area tests given at the exit-

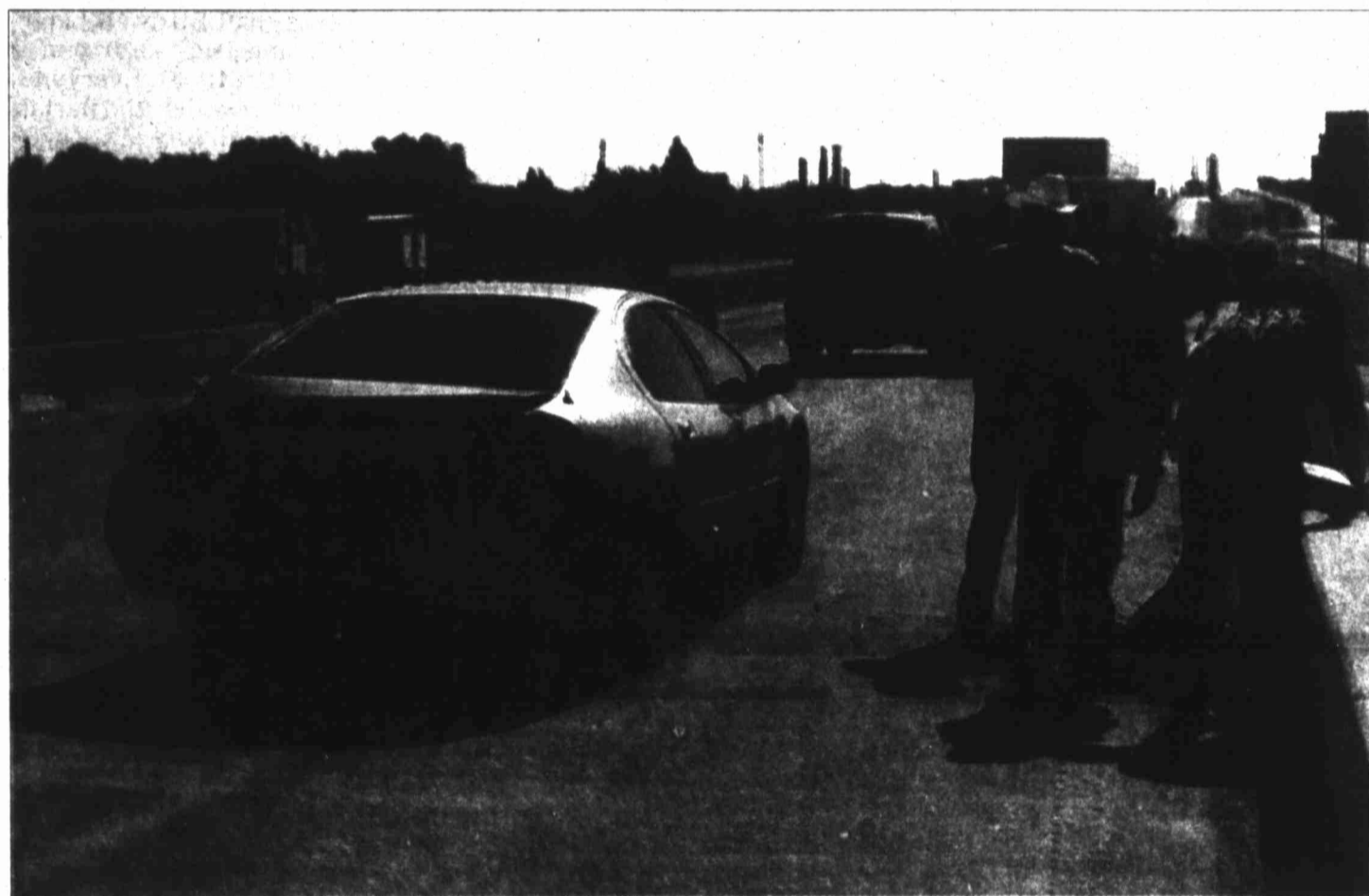
level, according to TEA officials.

If the student fails the third administration of the test or does not attempt the test again, his or her retention can be appealed to a Grade Placement Committee made up of the student's parents, principal and teacher. That committee can review the student's entire educational record.

The committee can promote the child to the next grade by unanimous vote only.

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## WEEKEND MISHAP HURTS ONE



Herald photo/Steve Reagan

One person sustained injuries in a three-vehicle accident Saturday morning on Interstate 20 east of Big Spring. Preliminary reports indicate that an 18-wheeler slowed to avoid debris on the interstate, and was struck from behind by a sports utility vehicle and Dodge sedan. A passenger in the SUV was transported by Big Spring Emergency Medical Service ambulance to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

## Hang gliders set for return to local skies

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Is Big Spring becoming the hang gliding capital of the United States?

That could very well be the case.

The United States Hang Gliding Association is once again gearing up for its annual U.S. Hang Gliding Championship, which is slated for Aug. 7-13 at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

Bobby McDonald, event chairman for the championship, said he's happy to see the national competition coming back to Big Spring, but he's even more pleased that the United States Hang Gliding Association has decided to hold its World Championship here in 2007.

"Only one other time in the last 30 years has the world championship been held in the United States," said McDonald. "The USHGA is the sponsoring organization for the worldwide competition, and they've chosen Big Spring as the location for it."

McDonald said there are a number of reasons many hang glider pilots claim Big Spring is the best place in the nation to ride the wind.

"They've given us a lot of different reasons," said McDonald. "The weather is predictable and the air space is uncontested. There is also a great deal of support from the community, including the airport, which the pilots launch from and coordinate activities from."

McDonald said Big Spring's centralized location in the U.S. and affordable lodging rates have also played a role in the organization's deci-

*"The community support was so good and the pilots felt so welcome that they really enjoyed the time they spent on the ground. Also, the conditions are so special here that people can fly really high up in the air and there are really strong thermals. So they really enjoyed the time they spent in the air as well."*

David Glover  
USHGA

sion to have the competition at the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

"It's an interesting crossroad between community and the flying conditions that keep bringing the pilots back to Big Spring," said David Glover, the competition's organizer and director. "The community support was so good and the pilots felt so welcome that they really enjoyed the time they spent on the ground. Also, the conditions are so special here that people can fly really high up in the air and there are really strong thermals. So they really enjoyed the time they spent in the air as well."

"The terminal building and the support from people like Bobby (McDonald), Joann (Staulcup) and Jim Little just makes it perfect for us. Community and conditions — those are the big things that put every-

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## Texas legend gone: J.J. 'Jake' Pickle dies on Saturday

From staff and wire reports

AUSTIN — Retired U.S. Rep. J.J. "Jake" Pickle, who represented Central Texas in Washington for more than 30 years and was brother of Howard County historian and former *Big Spring Herald* editor Joe Pickle, died early Saturday, June 18, 2005, in his home. He was 91.

The Democrat politician was elected in 1963 to the House seat Lyndon B. Johnson once held, rising through the ranks to become a senior Democrat on the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee. He chose not to seek re-election in 1994.

"Jake Pickle represented the people of Central Texas with integrity for three decades. He was a grassroots politician who made decisions based on the needs of his con-

stituency, not political gain," his family said in a statement released Saturday.

"He was a mentor to many who returned the favor with loyalty and friendship. In addition to a distinguished career, Jake Pickle was dedicated to his family, who will miss him greatly."

As chairman of the Social Security subcommittee, Pickle helped pass major Social Security reform legislation in 1983 that bailed the system out of financial woes by raising the age for full benefits from 65 to 67. He also worked to bring more research funds to the University of Texas.

Pickle was born in Roscoe. In 1932, during the Depression, he became a student at the University of Texas and active in campus politics. Pickle worked, directly and indirectly, for a rising Lyndon

Johnson.

During World War II Pickle was a Naval officer, serving in the Pacific. A ship he served on, the USS St. Louis, was damaged in a torpedo attack. On another ship, the USS Miami, he survived two more torpedoes.

He returned to Austin after the war and with other veterans, started a radio station, still known as KVET.

Pickle got active in Democratic politics as a member of the Johnson camp. The Democratic Party in Texas in the 1950s was continually at war between liberals and the establishment, business-oriented conservatives dominated by Johnson.

In 1963, shortly after the assassination of President Kennedy in

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## Crude oil futures hit new intraday high near \$60

By BRAD FOSS

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — With oil prices marching to new heights of close to \$60 a barrel, the president of OPEC said Monday the group will consider raising its output ceiling by half a million barrels as early as this week.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries raised its output target by that amount just last week, though the move appeared to have little impact on prices, which have risen by more than \$10 a barrel in the past month because of concerns about limit-

ed refining capacity and rising demand for gasoline and diesel.

Light sweet crude for July delivery fell 17 cents to \$58.30 a barrel in morning trade on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Earlier, prices hit a record intraday high of \$59.23.

Oil broker Mike Fitzpatrick at Fimat USA in New York said that any further action by OPEC this week may backfire. "If you add that additional half million barrels, people are going to be talking about OPEC having (production) capacity constraints," he said.

"It looks like we might have difficulty holding these levels. You're seeing a

great deal of reluctance among buyers to pay these higher prices," he said.

In London, Brent crude for August delivery broke the \$57.65 per barrel peak it reached last April to set a new high of \$58.58 Monday on London's International Petroleum Exchange. It later fell back to \$56.13 a barrel, up 37 cents.

OPEC President Sheik Ahmed Fahd Al Ahmed Al Sabah said Monday that "if the prices continue to the end of this week at the same level, I will start consulting my colleagues to release the

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# Nascent embryo debate raising many questions

By ROBERT DODGE

The Dallas Morning News

WASHINGTON — The kernel of today's debate over human embryos may have been planted in 1780 when Italian priest and scientist

Lazzaro Spallanzani developed the first artificial insemination techniques using dogs.

Whatever the origins, science has made it possible for more than a quarter-million otherwise infertile American couples to bear children. But the advances have outpaced politics and law, leaving the nation facing an emotional debate about the fate of 400,000 embryos frozen at the nation's 430 fertility clinics.

The once-private world of patients, doctors and fertility clinics is now the latest front in the battle over when human life begins. Hanging in the balance are thousands of frozen embryos and the rights of the couples who created them.

"The key issue is whether couples will continue to have the right to make dispositional decisions about their embryos," said John Robertson, a reproductive ethics expert and a law professor at the University of Texas School of Law at Austin.

A resolution will be difficult. The issue is tangled in abortion politics and has drawn President Bush and leaders on Capitol Hill into the fray over legislation that would expand federal funding for using embryos in stem-cell research.

On one side, which includes people of faith, are reproductive rights advocates and those who support embryonic stem-cell research. They have different views about when human life begins and want to preserve the rights of couples regarding their embryos.

On the other side are religious conservatives who believe each embryo represents a human life and oppose their destruction or donation for research. They are behind a number of church-based programs that urge families to "adopt" excess embryos.

"This religious perspective," said Susan Crockin, a Massachusetts attorney who specializes in reproductive law, "is supported by the current administration, which means we will see increasing attempts to legislate embryo adoption and make it public policy."

Today's debate is largely shaped by two 1970s milestones — one legal and one scientific.

In 1973, the Supreme Court affirmed a woman's right to privacy and upheld the right to choose in the landmark Roe vs. Wade case. And then, in 1978, scientists made headlines with the birth of the first test-tube baby.

Since then, the status of human embryos has been hotly debated.

The largely unregulated fertility industry has recognized embryos as the property of the couples who provided the egg and sperm. And state courts have upheld that view, mostly in divorce cases where couples disagreed about the future of their

embryos.

There are few federal or state laws regulating fertility clinics or the disposition of embryos. Legal experts say nine states have statutes that address embryo donation. Louisiana has given embryos near human status, requiring fertility clinics to help find adoptive parents for unused embryos.

In 2003, Texas enacted a statute making a fertilized egg an individual for the purpose of homicide and other criminal laws. But the code makes an exception for medical procedures that allow couples to determine the fate of their embryos.

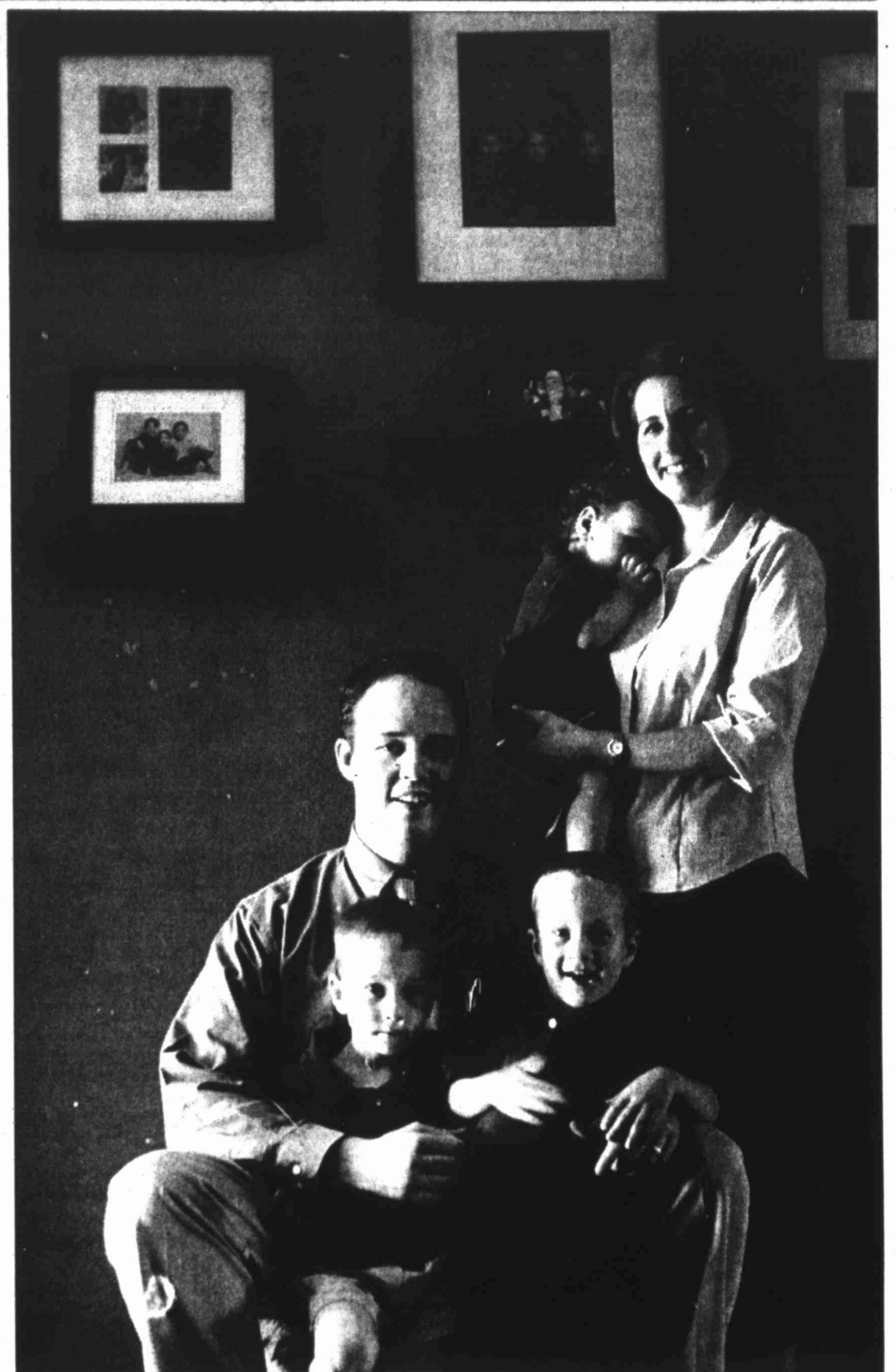
The debate was pushed into the national spotlight again last month when the House, including 50 Republicans, voted to end restrictions by the president on federal funding of stem-cell research.

To highlight their opposition, the White House and Republican leaders on Capitol Hill played host to families with children created in vitro and "adopted" by other couples.

"An embryo is a person," declared House Majority Leader Tom DeLay.

Bush has threatened to veto the stem-cell bill if the Senate approves it. But he sidestepped a question about what should be done with leftover embryos, even though his administration has provided \$1 million to promote so-called adoptions.

"The issue that involves the federal government is whether or not to use taxpayers' money that would end up destroying that



KRT photo/Tom Fox/Dallas Morning News  
Doug and Heather Hutchens, of Argyle, with their 3-year-old identical twins Ben, left, and Sam and 1-year-old son, David. The Hutchens' boys were conceived using frozen embryos from Snowflakes, a Christian nonprofit group.

life," the president said. Religious conservatives know they could never win a fight to end or limit the creation of embryos.

Far too many couples, including people of faith, have used artificial procedures to create families. "The political support

for infertile people using this technology is tremendous," said Dr. Arthur Caplan, an ethicist at University of

# Scientists finding earliest signs of Alzheimer's in bid to prevent the disease

By LAURAN NEERGAARD

AP Medical Writer

WASHINGTON — A subtle change in a memory-making brain region seems to predict who will get Alzheimer's disease nine years before symptoms appear, scientists reported Sunday.

The finding is part of a wave of research aimed at early detection of the deadly dementia — and one day perhaps even preventing it.

Researchers scanned the brains of middle-aged and older people while they were still healthy. They discovered that lower energy usage in a

part of the brain called the hippocampus correctly signaled who would get Alzheimer's or a related memory impairment 85 percent of the time.

"We found the earliest predictor," said the lead researcher, Lisa Mosconi of New York University School of Medicine. "The hippocampus seems to be the very first region to be affected."

But it is too soon to offer Alzheimer's-predicting PET scans. The discovery must be confirmed. Also, there are serious ethical questions about how soon people should know that Alzheimer's is approaching when nothing yet can

be done to forestall the disease.

Still, the discovery may provide leads to scientists searching for therapies to at least delay the onset of the degenerative brain disease. It already affects 4.5 million people in the U.S. and is predicted to strike 14 million by 2050 as the population ages.

Moreover, researchers are honing in on lifestyle choices that may help protect the brain in the first place.

"It's exciting that we can even talk about prevention," said William Thies, scientific director of the Alzheimer's Association. He noted

that just 10 years ago there was hardly any research into that possibility.

Among the findings presented Sunday at the association's first Alzheimer's prevention conference:

- People who drink fruit or vegetable juice at least three times a week seem four times less likely to develop Alzheimer's than nonjuice drinkers, according to a study of 1,800 elderly Japanese-Americans. The theory is that juice contains high levels of polyphenols, compounds that may play a brain-protective role.

- Less education, gum

disease early in life, or a stroke were more important than genes in determining who got dementia, concluded a study of 100 dementia patients with healthy identical twins. Education stimulates neuronal growth; gum disease is a marker of brain-harming inflammation.

- Decreasing social activity in old age is a risk factor, a National Institute on Aging study suggests. It is not clear if the men in the study became less social because Alzheimer's already was at work, but social activity is mentally stimulating.

- A brain-healthy lifestyle

aside, a big quest is to develop ways to identify Alzheimer's disease before symptoms emerge.

Think of it as hunting the equivalent of the cholesterol test for Alzheimer's, Dr. Neill Graff-Radford of the Mayo Clinic said.

He measured blood levels of different types of beta amyloid, the sticky protein that makes up Alzheimer's hallmark brain plaques, in 565 people.

Those with lowest ratios of a particular amyloid type were three times more likely to develop dementia within five years.

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## IN BRIEF

### B.S. Country Club sets junior clinics

The Big Spring Country Club has set up a summer junior clinic and an advanced summer junior clinic.

The clinics run through August 4.

Both clinics will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The junior clinic costs \$150, while the advanced junior clinic costs \$200.

All participants in the advanced clinic must be entering ninth grade or pass a skills test.

The fee includes instruction and range club membership for the child for June through August.

For more information, call the golf shop at 267-5354.

### Coahoma's annual ragball tournament set for end of June

The annual ragball tournament which takes place in Coahoma has been set for next Friday through Sunday at the Coahoma softball park.

The sign-up date has been scheduled for June Friday at 5 p.m.

For more information, contact Patric Robinson at 432-393-5622 or Randy Clanton at 432-393-5338.

### Coahoma sets dates for baseball camp

Coahoma High School and head baseball coach Brad Harman have set the school's annual baseball camp for June 27-30 at Bulldog Field in Coahoma.

The camp costs \$75 per athlete and will run from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. all four days.

It is also for ages 6-18, but no Coahoma High School students can attend as mandated by UIL rules.

Each camper will need to provide shoes, cap, glove, and one baseball, but you are also allowed to bring your own bat.

Each camper will also be given personal instruction that covers all main phases and fundamentals of baseball.

Proper techniques in hitting, fielding, pitching and baserunning will be taught.

The campers can expect a T-shirt, certificate as well as other possible prizes and awards.

The camp will be led by Coahoma coach Brad Harman and will be assisted by other qualified personnel.

For more information, contact Harman at 816-3258.

### Big Spring sets first Quarterback meeting

The Big Spring football booster club has set its first quarterback club meeting of the year for today at 7 p.m. in the Big Spring ATC.

For more info, contact Gene Piercefield at 816-1134.

## Eakin, Wood take over lead in rodeo's final night

### Steer wrestlers take center stage at Big Spring Rodeo Bowl

By TROY HYDE  
Sports Editor

Four competitors at the 72nd Annual Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo had either a better time or score than competitors in their events the previous two nights, but the results came in two events.

Leland Wood of Silverton and Bill Herbert of Marble Falls both had better scores Saturday in the saddle bronc competition than Lance Kelly had during Thursday's opening night, but only one walked away as champion.

And that was Wood as he recorded an 81, while Herbert turned in an 80 to take second place.

Kelly, who is from Queensland, Australia, took third after scoring a 78.

Wood took home \$1,064 for his efforts, while Herbert grabbed nearly \$800.

The same situation occurred in steer wrestling Saturday as Barry Simpton of Del Rio and Monty Eakin of Slaton found themselves in a battle for first. Simpton, who went fourth Saturday, turned in a 4.6 to take over the lead from Robert Lehrmann, who was timed in 4.9 Thursday night. However, Eakin bettered Simpton two competitors later with a time of 4.5. Lehrmann ended up third.

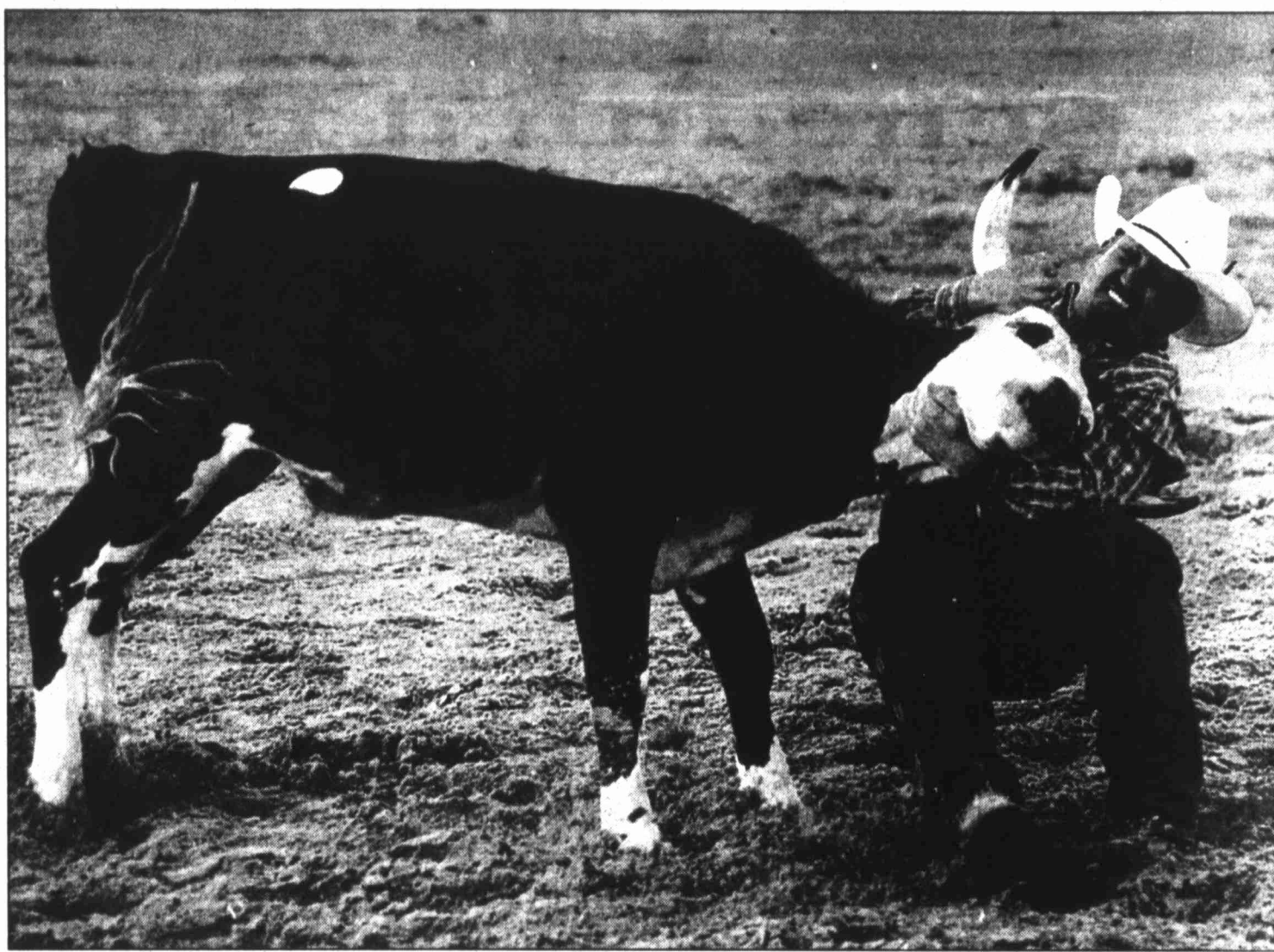
Eakin took home \$902 after the victory, while Simpton settled for \$746. The 0.1 second differential cost Simpton more than \$150.

There were no changes in the tie down roping, bull riding or barrel racing competition after Saturday's run.

Trent Cormier of Houma, La., scored an 88 in the bull riding competition Friday night and that score held up as Cormier took home \$1,112 for his victory.

Greg Fuller of Dimmitt and Rowdy Thomas of Fritch each scored 85s to finished tied for second. Both riders took home \$725.

Abilene's Tommy Guy scored a 9.5 in the tie down roping on the rodeo's opening night and no one bettered that mark in the final two nights. His win was worth \$1,418, but Shay Good of Midland



Lubbock's Scot Quick throws down a steer during the steer wrestling competition Saturday. Quick was not quick enough in the event as Monty Eakin of Slaton was crowned champion in the event, while Del Rio's Barry Simpton placed second overall. Both Eakin and Simpton's times were under five seconds.

took home \$1,174 for his second place time of 10.1, which was captured Saturday evening.

Dustin Bell of Lubbock also performed well Saturday as he took home third place and \$929 after recording a time of 10.7.

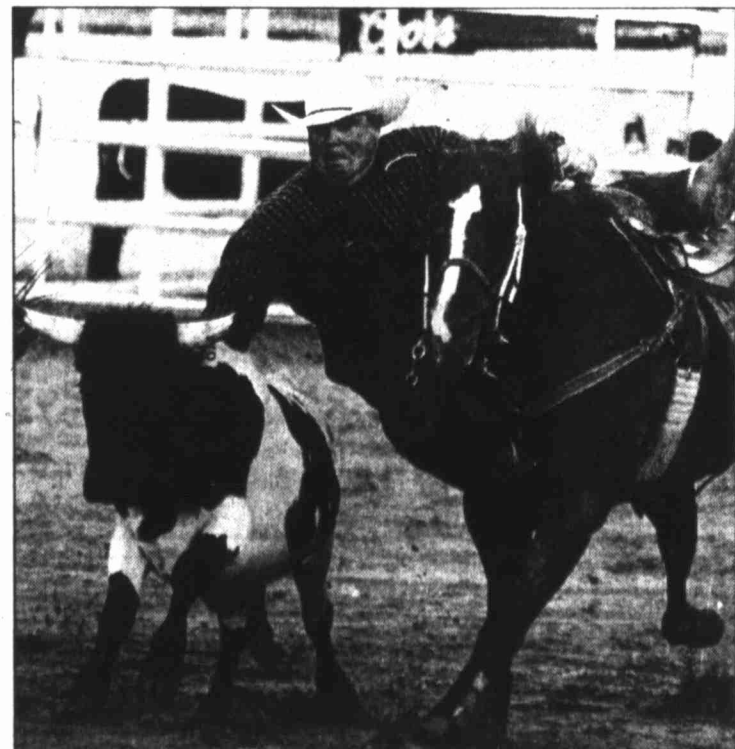
Miami's Jim Locke had a better time than Guy after scoring a 9.3 Saturday, but a break of the barrier on his way out of the chute cost him the first place trophy as 10 seconds were added to his overall time.

The Gainesville duo of Tana Avens and Jessica Love were the big winners in the barrel racing competition as their top times from Friday held up after Saturday's run.

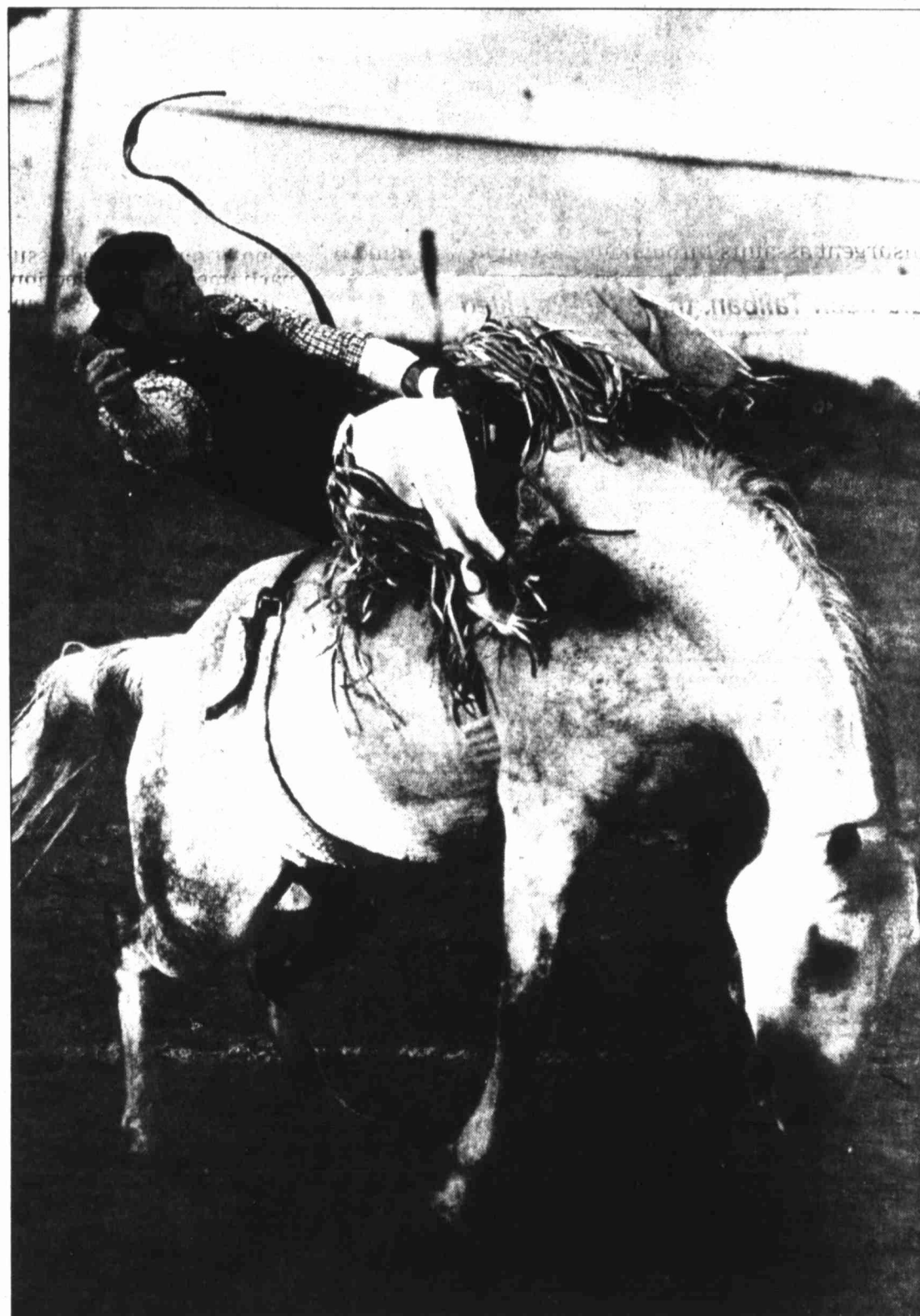
Avens won the event with a time of 16.77, while Love scored a 16.91. Avens took home \$857, while Love walked away with more than \$745. Sheila Zant of Odessa scored a 17.05 Saturday and walked away with third and \$634.

Howard County's Jennifer Driver competed Saturday, but did not place in the top eight after she scored a 17.91.

The Big Spring Fire Department defeated the Big Spring Police Department in the calf dressing competition Saturday, while Tuff Quinn of Big Spring won the mutton bustin' event.



Del Rio's Barry Simpton attempts to tackle a steer during the steer wrestling competition Saturday during the final night of the 72nd Annual Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo at the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl. Simpton, who is a former champ in the event, scored a 4.6 in the event Saturday, but was outdone by Monty Eakin of Slaton, who won the rodeo with a 4.5.



Waller's Clint Cannon competes in the bareback riding competition Friday night at the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl. Cannon scored an 81 for the ride and eventually was crowned champion in the event, taking home \$950 for his efforts. Luis Escudero competed Saturday and scored an 80 to finish in second place, while Stetson Herrera's 79 turned in Friday night held up for third.

<p><b>72nd Annual Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo Champions</b></p> <p>Bareback: Clint Cannon, 81</p> <p>Saddle Bronc: Leland Wood, 81</p> <p>Bull Riding: Trent Cormier, 88</p> <p>Tie Down Roping: Tommy Guy, 9.5</p> <p>Steer Wrestling: Monty Eakin, 4.5</p> <p>Barrel Racing: Tana Avens, 16.77</p>	<p><b>Odessa Roughnecks Remaining Home Games</b></p> <p>June 25 vs. Beaumont Drillers *July 1 vs. Lubbock Gunslingers August 5-6: 1st-ever National Indoor Football League (NIFL) All-Star game.</p> <p>All games start at 7:11 p.m. *exhibition game</p> <p>The Roughnecks are 11-0 this year and have clinched a playoff berth. The home games listed above do not include future playoff games.</p> <p>To purchase tickets to a Roughnecks game at Ector County Coliseum, call Ernie Salcido at 432-332-7277.</p>
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BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

The annual entrance of the sun into Cancer marks the summer solstice. This year, the Sagittarius moon creates a productive transition. Burn through this action packed day, the longest of the year, by preparing for upcoming events. Don't wait until the last minute to pack your bags! Note: Being ready for adventure is also about having an open mind.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). The weekend has altered you in some subtle way so that once familiar environments now seem like outer space. Colleagues and neighbors are aliens. From this POV, you can appreciate your daily routine with a glad heart.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). There are at least 10 reasons to get the feel-good energy flowing this

morning. So when the little mishaps occur — spilled juice, forgotten files and minor traffic jams — put your focus back on those 10 feel-good reasons.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). The kinds of tasks that come up are the ones nobody wants to volunteer for, and yet, everyone benefits from their completion. So be the bigger, bolder human, and take on the responsibility. You won't be sorry.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Dreams — the ones "they" say are "unreasonable" — don't have to make sense in order to come true. The luckiest thing is to let your imagination put you back where you belong.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Though you'd like to spend the bulk of your time nurturing a relationship that has given you much joy, it's time to take your own interests a bit more seriously. You and a loved one can grow separately without growing apart.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Financial stability is

not always about getting a job, a different job or a better job. Sometimes it's simply about trying on a new attitude and then watching your bank account grow. Leave room in your intellect for luck to happen.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your way of getting a job done is off the beaten path. Many will be skeptical as to whether your strange methods will work at all. Einstein said, "Logic will get you from A to B. Imagination will take you everywhere."

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You know you can do better, and in that knowledge is the responsibility to actually do better. Pull your shoulders back, and give them a dose of who you really are.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There's no time to waste today. Of course, reading and relaxing aren't wasteful at all! Look for love where loving people will gravitate. Remember, you teach people how to treat you.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're like a tree that sends its roots down

as deep as possible and grows as high as it can. You simply don't stop. A new acquaintance has the potential to become a valuable, trusted companion.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Choose a muse! When you are inspired, you'll be doubly productive. There are temptations this afternoon. Overindulgence is a potential detriment to your energy levels, so monitor yourself.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You expand your horizons easily now because you're not afraid. Make friends, read books, develop skills. You're so involved in seeing and doing all you can that it doesn't feel at all like work.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "I'm a 46-year-old Libra who has done so many things in my life. I've been writing seriously for the past 10 years and have written two novels. I really want to make my living at this and I enjoy it so much. My first novel was represented but not sold. My second novel is nearly finished, and

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If you would like to write to Holiday Mathis, please go to [www.creators.com](http://www.creators.com).

Tomorrow's Horoscope

Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: It's the middle of the night, and I can hardly type because my blood pressure is sky-high and my hands are shaking and my nose is bleeding. Why? Because a few days ago, I came across a leather bag belonging to my husband and it was filled with homemade movie tapes with pornographic titles.

I've read letters in your column from wives who were shocked after finding their husbands' secret porn caches, and I thought they were making too much of it. Then I started thinking I needed to know what kind of porn "Jim" was into, in case he was a pedophile or gay, so I went back and looked again.

Each tape had a note on it, addressed to my husband, describing in detail the porn within. The good news is that it's all adult, straight porn. The bad news is that it doesn't explain why he is not interested in having sex with me.

Apparently, Jim has been corresponding for years with a group that exchanges tapes of private sex acts. He received the most recent tape just a week ago. I have to wonder what his contribution is to this group, since we don't have sex. In the 15 years we've been together, we've had sex maybe 10 times, and lately, not at all.

We've already been to counseling together and separately. Jim told his counselor that I was a "cold fish." I'm not a prude, Annie. I love sex, even though I have to do it by myself. Now I feel cheated out of an important part of my life. It's as if I am married to someone I don't know.

I'd rather leave him than have the necessary conversation. Please tell me what my next step should be. — Having a Stroke in Pennsylvania

Dear Having a Stroke: Nothing like a good shock to get the heart racing. Jim may be one of those men who only becomes sexually excited when watching others. In any event, he has been keeping a major secret from you, and you are not finding sexual and emotional satisfaction in your marriage.

Decide if Jim has other qualities that make the marriage worth saving. If so, wave one of those tapes in front of his nose and insist on joint counseling so Jim cannot lie



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about his sexual proclivities. If both of you aren't willing to do this, you can kiss your marriage goodbye.

Dear Annie: I was married to "Dina" for 27 years and was always close to her side of the family. Her brother was my best friend (that's how Dina and I met). Dina passed away three years ago.

Last summer, I began dating "Gloria," and I believe we eventually will marry. The problem is, Dina's nephew (the son of my best friend) is getting married next May. Gloria's daughter just announced that her wedding will be on the same day. How do I decide which wedding to attend? I can't do both because of the distance. Gloria thinks I should be with her. What do you say? — Need a Clone

Dear Clone: Let's deal with the simplest solution first — can Gloria's daughter change the date of her wedding? Otherwise, your nephew should take precedence. He is a member of your extended family, you are his father's best friend, and you have known him his entire life. If Gloria is a class act, she will let you go without complaint.

Dear Annie: I read the letter about the child who was the recipient of rude comments about her appearance because she didn't look like her parents. I, too, had a red-haired daughter, while my wife and I are brunettes. Whenever anyone made a comment, I answered matter-of-factly: "She was born a week late. It's from rust." — Alan Out East

Dear Alan: We love it. Dear Annie: My daughter is a very sweet, smart and overweight child. I am frustrated because we serve nutritious, balanced meals at home, don't eat out much, don't keep junk food in the house and are involved in physical exercise programs. The prob-

lem is that we have no control over what she eats when she is not at home.

Yesterday in school, there were cupcakes for a child's birthday, and at afterschool care, they gave out candy bars. There is food everywhere she goes, whether it's a friend's house, church, Girl Scouts, dance class, etc.

Naturally, we have spoken with her about healthy food choices. But can you really expect a kid to turn down junk food, or take just a couple of bites? Even most adults can't do that. Please, folks, help us out:

- 1) Don't offer food to a child unless you are SURE it is OK with his/her parents.
- 2) If you must provide food to a child, please have fruits or vegetables, and water to drink. And give these foods to ALL the children. Please don't insult the overweight children by singling them out.
- 3) If the parent sends along a healthy snack for a child, please see that he/she eats ONLY that.
- 4) Reinforce good food choices and discourage bad ones.
- 5) Consider not having food at every gathering. It isn't necessary.

Thank you very much. — Melissa's Mom

Dear Mom: If your child eats a healthy diet at home and gets regular exercise, an occasional treat should not present a problem. You are right, however, that our snack choices tend to run to the rich and creamy, instead of the fresh and healthy. It certainly wouldn't hurt for those who regularly care for children to offer fruits and vegetables as snacks, instead of the usual high-fat, high-calorie treats.

Dear Annie: I just finished reading the letter from "R.," whose wife was upset when he came home with a prescription for Viagra. What is wrong with these women who don't want to be intimate with their husbands? Don't they realize withholding sex may cause their husbands to seek that attention elsewhere?

I am a middle-aged woman. I remarried a year ago and wish my husband would get Viagra. I can count on both hands the number of times we have been intimate. It's extremely frustrating and, I must admit, the thought of cheating has certainly crossed my

mind. The thing is, I don't want somebody else. I want my husband. So, I'm waiting patiently.

To those ladies who are holding out: Your husbands want YOU. They love YOU. They don't see your middle-aged spread, your stretch marks or your crow's feet. And to the men who are holding out: Your wives don't see your spare tire or bald spot, and they've gotten over the shock of washing your dirty underwear.

If you continue to hold out on your spouses, don't be surprised when life starts to imitate "Desperate Housewives." — Not Desperate, But Hopeful

Dear Hopeful: We agree that both men and women must make the effort to be sexually and emotionally responsive to their spouses, or they risk destroying their marriages. Here's one more:

Dear Annie: "R." got what he deserved. Like many men, he thought showing up ready for sex was all it would take. I knew my husband had a prescription for Viagra, but he would take it without telling me and ended up disappointed when I wasn't also ready. I am a loving wife, but I don't come with an on/off switch. It took marriage counseling for my husband to see that the pill worked magic for him, but not for me. If men don't bring regular maintenance to their relationships, Viagra might as well stay in the bottle. A pill is like a spice, adding flavor to a meal, but it should not be confused with the meal itself. — Stuttgart, Germany

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



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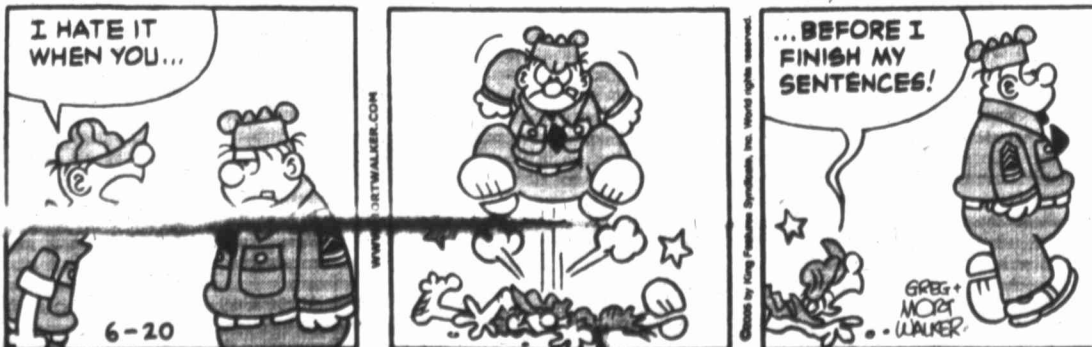
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, June 20, the 171st day of 2005. There are 194 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 20, 1782, Congress approved the Great Seal of the United States.

On this date: In 1756, in India, a group of British soldiers was imprisoned in a suffocating cell that gained notoriety as the "Black Hole of Calcutta"; most died.

In 1837, Queen Victoria acceded to the British throne following the death of her uncle, King William IV.

In 1893, a jury in New Bedford, Mass., found Lizzie Borden innocent of the ax murders of her father and stepmother.

In 1898, during the Spanish-American War, the U.S. cruiser Charleston cap-

tured the Spanish-ruled island of Guam.

In 1943, race-related rioting erupted in Detroit; federal troops were sent in two days later to quell the violence that resulted in more than 30 deaths.

In 1947, Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel was shot dead at the Beverly Hills, Calif., mansion of his girlfriend, Virginia Hill, apparently at the order of mob associates.

In 1967, boxer Muhammad Ali was convicted in Houston of violating Selective Service laws by refusing to be drafted. (Ali's conviction was ultimately overturned by the Supreme Court).

Ten years ago: U.S. Air Force Captain Jim Wang, a radar officer, was cleared of wrongdoing in a friendly fire attack on two U.S. helicopters over northern Iraq in 1994 that resulted in 26 deaths.

One year ago: The Arab satellite TV network Al-Jazeera aired a videotape from al-Qaida-linked militants showing a South Korean hostage begging for his life and pleading with

his government to withdraw troops from Iraq.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Olympia Dukakis is 74. Actor Danny Aiello is 72. Movie director Stephen Frears is 64. Singer Anne Murray is 60. TV personality Bob Vila is 59. Tina Sinatra is 57. Rhythm-and-blues singer Lionel Richie is 56. Actor John Goodman is 53. Singer Cyndi Lauper is 52. Rock musician Michael Anthony (Van Halen) is 51. Musician John Taylor is 45. Actress Nicole Kidman is 38. Movie director Robert Rodriguez is 37. Actor Josh Lucas is 34. Actor Peter Paige is 31.

Thought for Today: "Love your enemy...it'll drive him nuts." - Anonymous.

Answer to previous puzzle

MARLA	COMBATIVE
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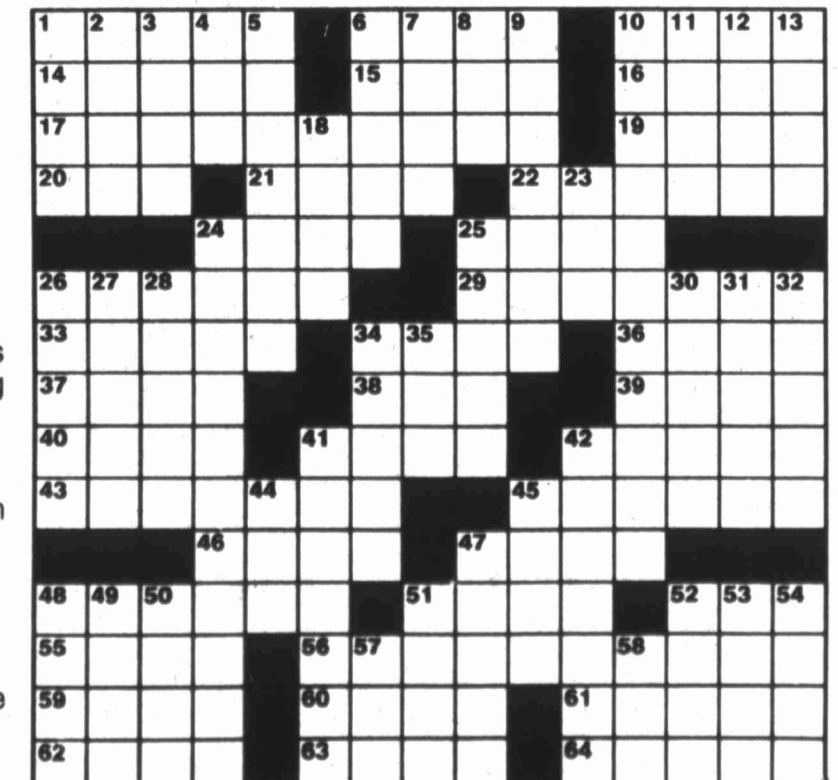
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ACROSS

- 1 Pastry chef
- 6 Get ready, for short
- 10 Small songbird
- 14 Like an acrobat
- 15 Nebraska neighbor
- 16 Possess
- 17 Salad veggie
- 19 Currier and
- 20 Summer hrs. in Boston
- 21 Gen. Robt.
- 22 Evaluate
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- 25 "It Romantic?"
- 26 Picks up the check
- 29 Auto safety device
- 33 Sword handles
- 34 Aquatic mammal
- 36 Author Bombeck
- 37 Prepare for publication
- 38 Wrestling surface
- 39 Aretha Franklin's music
- 40 Pass out cards
- 41 Fence opening
- 42 Coral island
- 43 Arms storehouse
- 45 Fire-prevention bear
- 46 Be a snitch
- 47 Chick's sound
- 48 Athens' ancient rival
- 51 Stein beverage
- 52 "The Greatest" in the ring

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- 9 Belle's umbrella
- 10 Small town on a campaign trail
- 11 Four-star review
- 12 12/24 and 12/31
- 13 Loch monster
- 18 Shade trees
- 23 NBC weekend show
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- 28 Inventor Howe
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- 32 Make a comeback
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- 35 Have dinner
- 41 Round Table knight
- 42 Part of USA
- 44 Butterfly catcher
- 45 Psychic
- 47 Copper-coated coin
- 48 Shut forcefully
- 49 Bread with a pocket
- 50 "Famous" cookie man
- 51 Substance in cereals
- 52 Bullets, briefly
- 53 Impolite look
- 54 Doing nothing
- 57 Guadalajara
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