

## Commissioners deeply divided on jail issue

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

In the words of one of their own, the proposed new law enforcement center issue is "floundering" before the Howard County Commissioners Court.

The commissioners are deeply divided over exactly what kind of jail facility to build, and during

Monday's meeting, neither side appeared in much mood to compromise.

On one side are Jerry Kilgore and Bill Crooker, who support construction of a 144-bed jail and joint law enforcement center on the west side of Big Spring.

On the other side are Gary Simer and Emma Brown, who back con-

**"Opponents of this thing have lost sight of the central issue: We need this jail and we're going to be in trouble if we don't build a new one."**

—Phil Furqueron, architect



struction of a 96-bed jail-only facility on county property on the north side of town.

The potential swing vote

on the issue, County Judge Ben Lockhart, was not present at Monday's meeting.

Both sides realized dur-

ing Monday's meeting that a new jail is definitely needed in Howard County, but neither budged from their preferred vision for the facility. That sense of division exasperated Crooker.

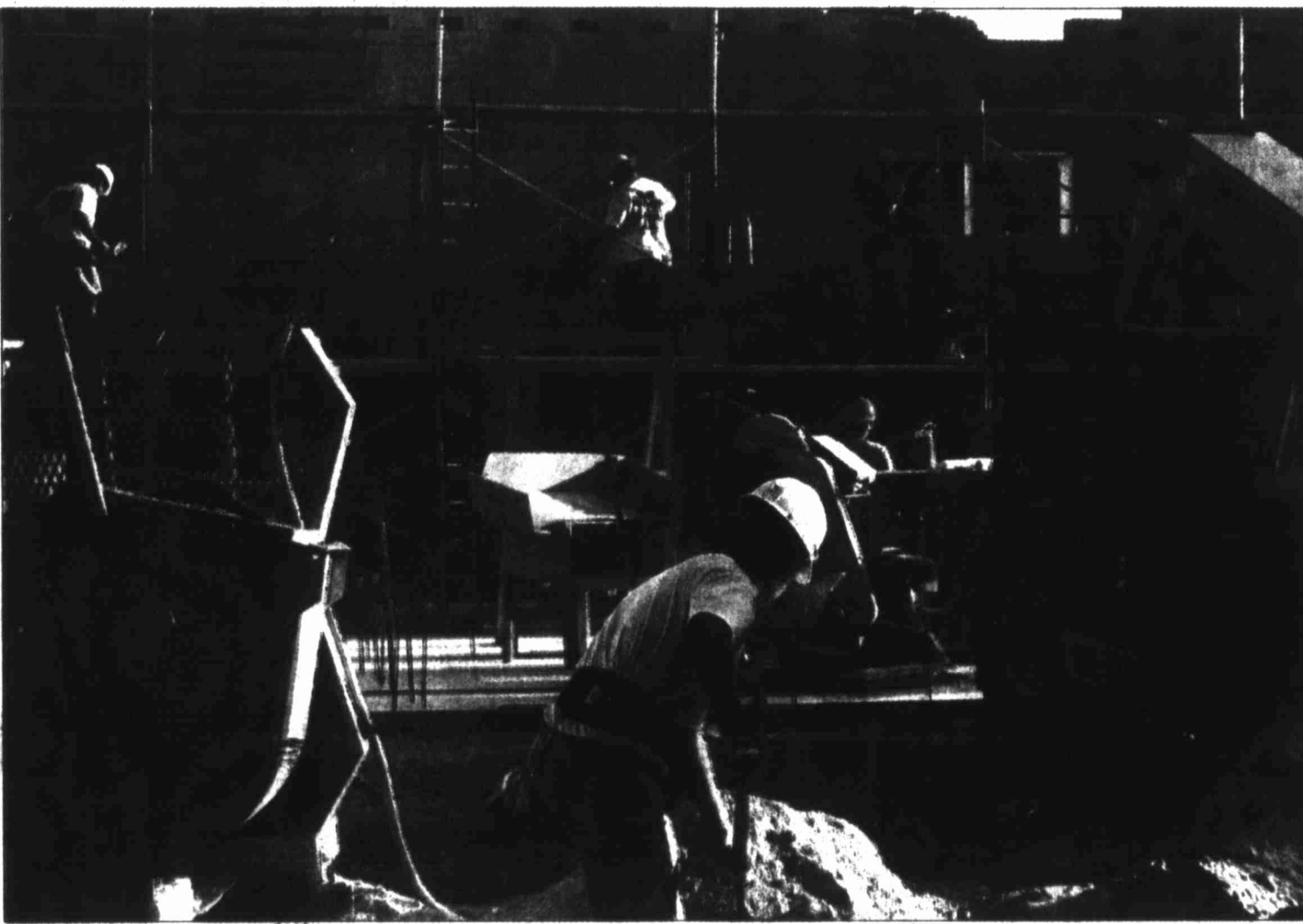
"We're definitely floundering here," he said. "We need to get something started on this issue."

At issue is the proposed

cost for the joint law enforcement facility, estimated at around \$12 million. That price tag is too high for Simer and Brown. They propose instead to save costs by building a smaller facility next to the county precinct barn in north Big Spring.

Kilgore and Crooker,

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Workers take advantage of the relatively cooler temperatures early this morning at the site of the future Visual and Performing Arts Center at Howard College. Construction is expected to be completed next spring.

## Tax hike?

Howard College looking at raising taxes, deficit budget this time around

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

An initial look at budget numbers has Howard College officials considering both a tax increase and a deficit budget for the 2005-06 fiscal year.

HC President Dr. Cheryl Sparks told college trustees during their meeting Monday that much-needed renovations around the Big Spring campus have officials looking at both a tax hike and a red-ink budget.

"In the past, we've always tried to present a balanced budget," Sparks said. "But because of a large number of mainte-

nance projects we're looking at, I've asked the board for permission to prepare for a deficit."

Among the projects the college needs to address are improvements to both dormitories, upgrading heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems across the campus and replacement of bleacher sections at the baseball field. Also included in the list are renovations to college buildings, some of

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## Trustees give OK to tentative suit settlement

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

Howard College trustees gave their OK Monday to a tentative settlement to a lawsuit filed against the junior college district.

The lawsuit, filed in U.S. Federal Court in Midland by former SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf employee Dana Turner, sought damages for

injuries Turner received after allegedly being assaulted by ex-SWCID dean Franklin Fahnbulleh III.

Turner alleges that Fahnbulleh injured her back by grabbing her hair and bending her backward in an incident in November 2002. Turner also claims that he kissed her, bit her on the breast and attempted to remove her pants during the

altercation.

College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks said the draft settlement would end the college's civil liability in the matter and would not cost more than \$15,000 in "college resources." Sparks declined to elaborate further, citing that the agreement is only tentative and has not been agreed to by all parties.

A final agreement, how-

ever, could be forthcoming in a matter of days, she added.

Sparks said she would welcome an end to this matter.

"We'd much prefer to be able to deal with matters of an educational matter here," she said. "The lawsuit was filed in November of 2004, and we have had legal consultations of the issue from the very beginning."

Fahnbulleh, who is now believed to be residing in Bermuda, was indicted by a Howard County grand jury in March 2003 on a charge of unlawful restraint. Unlawful restraint is a third-degree felony, punishable by a term in state prison of between two and 10 years, and a fine not to exceed \$10,000.

Howard County District Attorney Hardy

Wilkerson said the pending civil settlement would have no effect on his prosecution of the case.

"At this time, I've asked Sheriff (Dale) Walker to look into the cost of extraditing Mr. Fahnbulleh, to see if this is something we can accomplish," Wilkerson said.

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## High Court sends mixed message on commandments

By HOPE YEN

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court gave government officials a mixed message about Ten Commandments displays on public property: You can put them up, just don't be too religious about it.

In its first rulings on the church-state issue in a quarter-

century, a closely divided court said a 6-foot granite monument that proclaims "I AM the LORD thy God" outside the Texas Capitol is allowed partly because it sits in a vast park that "suggests little or nothing of the sacred."

But in a second 5-4 decision Monday, it struck down framed copies of the Ten Commandments in two

Kentucky courthouses, even though it was surrounded by other nonreligious documents, because officials had previously stated their purpose was to promote religion.

"What the rulings say is when a government overtly endorses a particular religious viewpoint or tradition, it's unconstitutional," said Marci Hamilton, a church-state expert at Cardozo

School of Law. "Displays are OK if you don't have an in-your-face declaration that the government stands behind Christian tradition."

She and other legal experts said the rulings will bring additional litigation as displays are challenged by both sides case-by-case.

"The court has found no single mechanical formula that

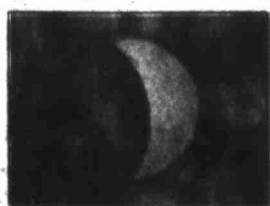
can accurately draw the constitutional line in every case," wrote Justice Stephen G. Breyer, the only justice to vote with the majority in both cases.

The court said the key to whether a display is constitutional hinges on whether there is a religious purpose behind it. But the justices acknowledged

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### UNCOOPERATIVE BEES

TIPPERARY, Ireland (AP) — An Irish man tried to break a world record and create a little buzz by coaxing more than 350,000 bees to land on his body. Alas, the bees just wouldn't behave.

Over nearly two hours Saturday, Philip McCabe, 59, got only 200,000 black bees — or 60 pounds of them — to cover him. The record is 350,000 yellow bees on the body, or 87.5 pounds.

"We had bees flying around so much, we couldn't get them to land," McCabe said. He blamed the 63-degree Fahrenheit weather in Tipperary.

### YOUNGLIFE/CRUISE NIGHT



Travis Callaway, 18, wins the hot dog eating contest Saturday at the Gregg Street Sonic Drive In during YoungLife/Cruise Night. The event, coordinated by the Big Spring Rod and Custom Car Club, raised money for YoungLife camp by selling T-shirts. See story and additional photos Page 6A.

### UPCOMING PARADES

The Coahoma Patriotic Parade begins at 10 a.m. Saturday. The celebration will continue in Coahoma Park with a car show, food booths and vendors. Free set up space for interested vendors. Contact Paulette Lindsey at 394-4975 or 270-0875 to secure space.

The Highland Fourth of July Parade begins at 10 a.m. Saturday. Line up starts at 9:15 a.m. at the corner of Stonehaven and Highland Drive. Call Shayla Seymore at 267-4854 or Linda Kay at 267-8427 for more information.



Obituaries

Arvis 'Dale' Stanaland

Arvis "Dale" Stanaland walked into the arms of his Savior Sunday, June 26, 2005, in Midland. He passed from this life surrounded by his loved ones.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 28, 2005, at Fairmont Park Church of Christ in Midland with Don Mitchell officiating. Graveside services will follow at 4 p.m. at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring with Ralph Anderson of Birdwell Lane Church of Christ officiating.

Dale was born to Hamilton Buchanan and Verna "Alberta" Stanaland Jan. 21, 1941, in Abilene. He grew up in Big Spring and attended Big Spring High School. Dale was employed in the grocery industry for 35 years and worked for Furr's, Gibson's, Barnett Brothers Brokerage Company and Best Maid Products. Dale is survived by his loving daughter, Laurie Beth Hall of Midland; daughter and son-in-law, Leslie Carol and Joel Carl Strickland of Odessa; brother, Carl Lynn Stanaland of Dallas; sister, Peggy Susan Pack of Houston; five grandchildren Jessica Taylor, Casey Taylor, Jeremy Strickland, Garrett Hall and Courtney Strickland; one great-granddaughter, Josalyn Pylant; an aunt Vera "Althea" Stanaland of Abilene; and three nieces, Brooke Waggoner of Dallas, Lacey Pack and Chelsea Pack of Houston.

Dale was an avid churchgoer and member of Fairmont Park Church of Christ. He loved his grandchildren and they will dearly miss his witty and affectionate sense of humor. Dale loved country music and watching his roses grow in the garden. He was a hardworking man and a good provider all of his life.

Due to an automobile accident in 1991 Dale was left a quadriplegic. The family wishes to express special thanks to his many caregivers during the past 14 years. You are all very special people.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, 444 Executive Center Blvd. No. 234, El Paso 79902.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory of Midland. Online condolences can be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).

*Paid obituary*

Hildred Mandrell White

Hildred Mandrell White, 85, of Big Spring died Sunday, June 26, 2005, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Private service and interment is 10 a.m. Friday, July 1, 2005, at the Dallas/Fort Worth National Cemetery in Dallas.

She was born March 7, 1920, in West City, Ill. She married John "Jerry" White Jan. 2, 1944, at Cape Girardeau, Mo. They moved to Big Spring in July of 1968. She was a homemaker and a Baptist.

She is survived by her husband, John "Jerry" White of Big Spring; three daughters, Jerry Jo Shires of Colorado Springs, Colo., Nancy Lynn Penny of Dallas and Cindi M. Moore of Big Spring; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com).

Kenneth Gartner

Kenneth Gartner, 85, of Big Spring died Tuesday morning at the Veterans Administration Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Ruby Gower

Ruby Gower, 94, of Big Spring died Monday at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Support groups

TUESDAY

The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 6 p.m., a new time, the last Tuesday of each month in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1005 Birdwell Lane. Call Tracey at 263-4948 for more information.

THURSDAY

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

Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30-7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8-9 p.m.

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 until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Noon open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

Jury canceled

The Howard County Court, under County Judge Ben Lockhart, has canceled the jury panel called for 9 a.m. Friday.

Police blotter

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

- JOE WOODRUFF, 34, of 605 E. 16th Street, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.
- CLAYTON WIGINGTON, 19, of 602 Highland, was arrested Tuesday on charges of evading arrest and duty on striking a fixture.
- RICARDO CASTILLO, 26, of 613 McEwen, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of disorderly conduct - language.
- MARIE KAUS, 45, of 800 W. Fm 700, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- THEFT was reported:
  - in the 300 block of Gregg Street.
  - in the 400 block of Birdwell Lane.
  - in the 1700 block of FM 700.
- EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION was reported in the 1900 block of 25th Street.
- ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO CAUSE BODILY INJURY/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 2600 block of Langley.

Sheriff's report

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

- WILLIS JAMES DUVALL JR., 23, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of assault/family violence.
- RONALD TROY LITTLE, 44, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on charges of issuance of a bad check and parent contributing to non-attendance.
- PHILLIP GARCIA, 28, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of theft by check and assault with intent to cause bodily injury/family violence.
- EUGENE G. RODRIGUEZ, 32, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while license suspended and failure to register as a sex offender.
- DELAND WAYNE SAVELL, 46, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on two charges of bondsman off bond for criminal mischief - impairing public communications.
- DAVID ALLEN ROJO, 43, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of manufacturing a dangerous drug.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department reported the following activity:

- MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of Craigmont. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2500 block of Ent. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1100 block of Douglas. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2400 block of Old Highway 80. Service was refused.

Take note

THE BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL OLDTIMERS (those who graduated before 1940) are planning a reunion for the annual BSHS Homecoming Sept. 16-17. Anyone able to attend a reunion Sept. 17 should call 432-267-2900 and leave phone and address information

HIGHLAND FOURTH OF JULY PARADE is set for Saturday at the corner of Highland Drive and Stonehaven. Line-up at 9:15 a.m., parade begins at 10 a.m. For more information, call Shayla Seymore at 267-4854 or Linda Kay at 267-8427.

HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM needs volunteers to work Sunday afternoons. Call 264-1999 or visit the museum, 1911 apron, to volunteer.

COAHOMA PATRIOTIC PARADE begins at 10 a.m. Saturday. Celebration continues in Coahoma Park with a car show, food booths and vendors. Free set up space for interested vendors. Contact Paulette Lindsey at 394-4975 or 270-0875 to secure space.

COAHOMA NON-MARCHING BRASS BAND NEEDS MORE MEMBERS, any age, any instrument, any ability, any experience. For more information, contact Pam Hicks at 394-4312 or Patricia Bennett at 394-4122.

TEXAS LIONS CAMP is looking for children interested in attending camp this summer. Sessions are for children with physical disabilities 7 through 16 years of age. Camp is free for these children. For more information, call Bob Noyes at 267-5811 or 270-0811.

Bulletin board

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

TODAY

- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.
- The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 7 p.m. in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1105 Birdwell Lane. For more information, call Tracey Pounds at 268-4948.

WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Senior Circle meets at 11 a.m. in the Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721.
- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center at the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or 267-1628.
- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.

THURSDAY

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
- Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in Gale's Sweet Shoppe.
- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room. Call 267-6479.
- The Prospector's Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at 606 E. Third St. The public is invited to these meetings. For more information contact Lola Lamb at 263-3340 or Doyle and Virginia McClain at 263-8407.

FRIDAY

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until about 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Members bring their own lunch. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.

Weather

Tonight—Clear. Lows in the upper 60s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.  
 Wednesday—Sunny. Highs around 100. South winds 10 to 15 mph.  
 Wednesday night—Mostly clear. Lows around 70. South winds 10 to 15 mph.  
 Thursday—Increasing clouds. Highs around 101. South winds 10 to 15 mph.  
 Thursday night—Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s.  
 Friday—Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 90s.  
 Friday night—Partly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 70s.  
 Saturday—Partly cloudy in the morning then clearing. Highs around 100.  
 Saturday night—Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 70s.  
 Sunday—Partly cloudy. Highs around 100.  
 Sunday night—Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s.  
 Independence day—Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 90s.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:  
 Winning numbers drawn: 6-15-17-20-32.  
 Number matching five of five: 1.  
 Prize per winner: \$34,754.  
 Winning tickets sold in: Beaumont.  
 Matching four of five: 100. Prize: \$156.  
 Matching three of five: 3,030. Prize: \$12.  
 Matching two of five: 33,992. Prize: \$2.  
 Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:  
 Winning numbers drawn: 8-21-23-32. Bonus Ball: 32.  
 Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: none.  
 Number matching four of four: 5. Prize: \$2,333.  
 Number matching three of four, plus Bonus Ball: 21. Prize: \$68.  
 Number matching three of four: 977. Prize: \$20.  
 Number matching two of four, plus Bonus Ball: 573. Prize: \$22.  
 Number matching one of four, plus Bonus Ball: 3,926. Prize: \$7.  
 Number matching Bonus Ball alone: 6,667. Prize: \$5.  
 Estimated jackpot for Thursday night drawing: \$525,000

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 2-0-1

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# Salary, job description for senior center coordinator approved

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners Monday gave their approval to the salary and job description for the director of the Spring City Senior Citizens Center.

The position has been vacant since Bobbie Leonard was terminated May 23.

Commissioners have been in consultation with the center's board of directors since

Leonard's termination, and asked the board to establish a set of guidelines for the director's position.

At the commissioners' Monday meeting, board member Bebe McCasland presented those guidelines for the position.

The new director — or "coordinator," the term McCasland prefers — will have a wide range of responsibilities at the center.

Duties will include, but will

not be limited to, supervising Center staff and volunteers, managing center activities and programs, planning food service menus and supervising the preparation of meals, establishing and monitoring operational procedures and maintaining effective public relations and liaison with other agencies providing services to seniors.

McCasland said the new director would also have to be adept at dealing with other agencies and coordinating

funds.

Commissioners unanimously adopted the guidelines and voted an annual salary of \$34,400 for the position. The county has already begun accepting applications for the job, County Auditor Jackie Olson said.

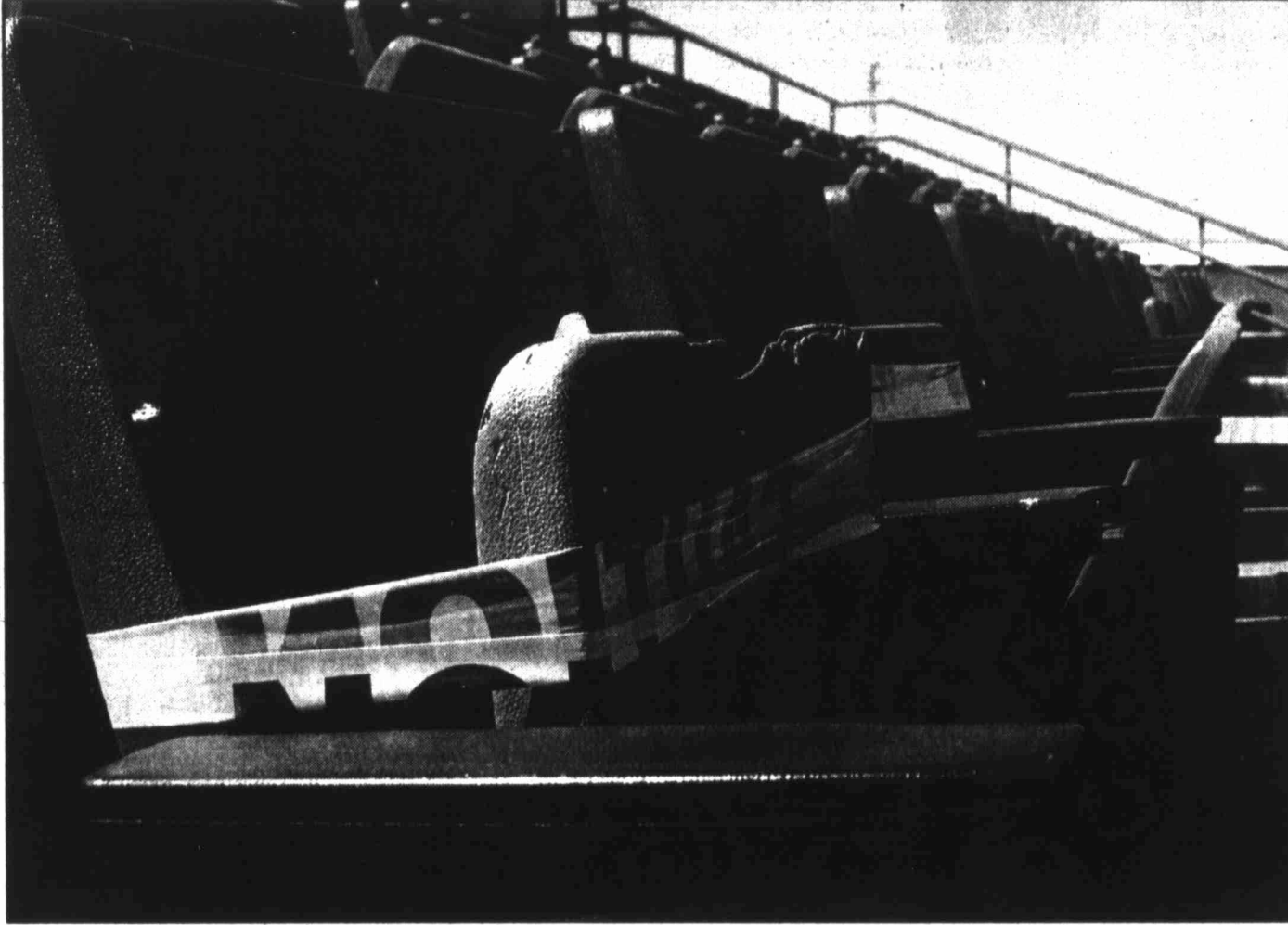
In other business, commissioners:

- Approved a tax abatement contract with Wind Plus Inc., which is planning a \$134.5 million improvement to its wind

farm project south of Big Spring. The abatement will cover 50 percent of the improvements for the next seven years.

- Approved the purchase of 20 additional voting terminals.
- Hired Nurse Practitioner Les White to provide medical screening services for county jail prisoners.

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Herald photo/Steve Reagan

Replacing worn-out bleacher seats at Howard College's baseball field is just one of several big-ticket repair items that college officials are facing in the next fiscal year. College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks said the district may have to resort to a deficit budget in order to finance the needed repairs.

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which date to the college's founding right after World War II.

"There are growing infrastructure needs, some of which we need to address now," Sparks said. "Our people have done a remarkable job in maintaining these structures, but there comes a time when you need to do some major work."

Sparks estimated that the college district has about \$8 million in reserve funds, but she and other college officials are reluctant to dip too deep into those funds, which is why they are considering raising the tax rate.

"Our board has been very diligent in keeping the fund balance in proportion with our budget," she said. "At this point, we are looking at the possibility of going to a 3 percent increase in the tax rate, but that is just preliminary thinking at this point."

The college's current tax rate is 27.6 cents per \$100 valuation.

The district will receive increased state funding this coming fiscal year, but that money cannot be spent on capital improvements, she said.

"We've put off major renovations for several years now," Sparks said. "Sooner or later, those things add up."

Sparks said budget and tax plans will be finalized by the end of August.

In other business Monday, trustees:

- Approved a tax abatement contract with Wind Plus Inc. The college will grant the business a 50 percent abatement on a \$134.5 million expansion of its wind farm complex. The abatement, which covers only the planned expansion, runs for seven years.

- Approved change orders to the construction of the Visual and Performing Arts Center which will add just under \$18,000 to its price tag.

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## JAIL

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however, support the original plan because they said it best fits the future jail needs for the county.

Local architect Phil Furqueron, who has been consulting commissioners on the issue, supports

Crooker and Kilgore on the issue.

"The day you open up (a 96-bed jail), you're going to be out of space," he told Simer and Brown. "You're going to be obsolete."

County Sheriff Dale Walker joined in the debate, urging commissioners to make a decision.

"All these issues have

been discussed. Now, we're faced with the situation of changing it, dropping it, or moving it," Walker said. "If we don't do something soon, we're going to have a situation where our (existing jail) will be shut down ... The (commissioners) just need to set a clear path and tell us where to go. We are letting outside people who have never set foot inside

our jail run this thing."

Furqueron said the current jail, located on the fourth floor of the county courthouse, is in real danger of being shut down by state officials because it fails to meet state standards in several areas.

"The simple fact is ... that they can shut down that jail tomorrow," he said. "Opponents of this thing have lost sight of

the central issue: We need this jail and we're going to be in trouble if we don't build a new one."

Commissioners will revisit the issue again when they hold their next meeting in two weeks.

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## COURT

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that question would often be controversial.

"The divisiveness of religion in current public life is inescapable," wrote Justice David H. Souter.

He said it was important to understand the Constitution's Establishment Clause, which requires the government to stay neutral on religious belief. Questions of such belief, he said are "reserved for the conscience of the individual."

In both cases, Breyer voted with the majority. In the Kentucky case barring the courthouse displays, that left him with the court's more liberal bloc, where he normally votes. In the Texas case, he wound up making a majority with the more conservative justices.

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, often a swing vote, joined the liberals in both decisions.

The rulings mean thousands of Ten Commandments displays around the nation will be validated if their primary purpose is to honor the

nation's legal, rather than religious, traditions. Location also will be considered, with wide-open lots more acceptable than schoolhouses filled with young students.

In sharply worded opinions, Justice Antonin Scalia said a "dictatorship of a shifting Supreme Court majority" was denying the Ten Commandments' religious meaning. Religion is part of America's traditions, from a president's invocation of "God bless America" in speeches to the national motto "In God we trust," he wrote.

"Nothing stands behind the court's assertion that governmental affirmation of the society's belief in God is unconstitutional except the court's own say-so," Scalia wrote.

The justices voting on the prevailing side in the Kentucky case left themselves legal wiggle room, saying that some displays inside courthouses — like their own courtroom frieze — would be permissible if they were portrayed neutrally in order to honor the nation's legal history.

The Supreme Court's frieze depicts Moses as well as 17 other figures,

including Hammurabi, Confucius, Napoleon and Chief Justice John Marshall. Moses' tablets do not have any writing.

The monument on the grounds of the Texas Capitol — one of 17 historical displays on the 22-acre lot — was determined to be a legitimate tribute to the nation's legal and religious history.

Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist argued that the Texas monument with the words "I AM the LORD thy God" was a permissible acknowledgment of religion's place in society.

Breyer, who provided the fifth vote in the holding, did not join Rehnquist's opinion. As a result, his separate concurrence, concluding that the Texas display was predominantly nonreligious and thus constitutional because it sat in a vast park, was the controlling viewpoint.

The rulings were the court's first major statement on the Ten Commandments since 1980, when the justices barred its display in public schools.

"This is a mixed verdict, but on balance it's a

win for separation of religion and government," said the Rev. Barry W. Lynn, executive director of Americans United for the Separation of Church and State. "The justices wisely refused to jettison long-standing church-state safeguards. We're thankful for that."

On the other side, Jay Sekulow, chief counsel of the American Center for Law and Justice, said: "It is very encouraging that the Supreme Court understands the historical and legal significance of displaying the Ten Commandments. Unfortunately, the high court's decision in the Kentucky case is likely to create more questions."

In Kentucky, two counties originally hung the copies of the Ten Commandments in their courthouses. After the ACLU filed suit, the counties modified their displays to add other documents demonstrating "America's Christian heritage," including the national motto of "In God We Trust" and a version of the Congressional Record declaring 1983 the "Year of the Bible."

When a federal court ruled those displays had

the effect of endorsing religion, the counties erected a third Ten Commandments display with surrounding documents such as the Bill of Rights and "The Star-Spangled Banner" to highlight their role in "our system of law and government."

The Cincinnati-based 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeal subsequently struck down the third display as a "sham" for the religious intent behind it.

In Texas, the Fraternal Order of Eagles donated the exhibit to the state in 1961, and it was installed about 75 feet from the Capitol in Austin. The group gave thousands of similar monuments to American towns during the 1950s and '60s.

Thomas Van Orden, a former lawyer who is now homeless, challenged the display in 2002.

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Felix Gonzales, 89, died Saturday. Funeral Mass was at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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Hildred White, 85, died Sunday. Graveside Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the Dallas/Ft. Worth National Cemetery in Dallas.

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OUR VIEWS

Be sure you're paying the fee visiting the park

With Texas Parks and Wildlife Department facilities, including the Big Spring State Park, expected to take at least a \$3 million cut in their overall budget, it's clear to see that rising visitor fees are coming.

Park Manager Ron Alton figures the cuts may impact the Big Spring State Park more than some imagine.

"Our region, which encompasses San Angelo to Brownwood, all the way to Abilene and Wichita Falls — basically most of the Texas Panhandle — is looking at a \$250,000 cut to our budget, which is already super lean," he explained.

While the cuts will be spread out across the region, Alton said the results may be more drastic at the local park than some may realize.

"These cuts are actually going to dig into our operating funds," said Alton. "We'll have to cut some people's hours, if not have to lay them off completely. We'll see our part-time staff possibly with a 25 percent reduction in salary, and depending on Austin, it could even cut into our full-time employees."

What's worse, it could mean a reduction in services, as well as an increase in fees.

Utilities and other operational costs have steadily gone up over the last several years, just as they have for businesses and households.

While Alton says he's going to resist any fee increase for people coming in during the day, he will be submitting a request for a \$1 fee increase for overnight stays.

What will be important is that all of us make sure we're paying our fees when we visit.

Since the park entrance isn't manned and fees are paid basically on an honor basis, we all need to be sure we're paying when we make use of the park's facilities.

It's not only the right thing to do, it's the smart thing.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, may we not waste this day on earthly problems, but trust in You to solve them.

Amen

Kevin Cooper: An abuse of the process

"No person should be executed if there is doubt about his or her guilt and an easily available test will determine guilt or innocence," the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, based in San Francisco, wrote in 2004 when it stayed the execution of Kevin Cooper, who was sentenced to death for the brutal 1983 slaying of Doug and Peggy Ryen, their 10-year-old daughter, Jessica, and houseguest Christopher Hughes, 11. Cooper also left Ryen's 8-year-old son, Josh, for dead, as the escaped convict and rapist used the Ryens' car to flee to Mexico.



DEBRA SAUNDERS

What's the harm, Cooper apologists asked, in conducting tests that would settle the question once and for all? What's the harm? Chris Hughes' mother, Marianne, testified in April before the court charged with overseeing the tests. She spoke of the guilt she feels for allowing her son to sleep over at the Ryens and for sending her husband the next morning to the Ryens. She watched in horror as police cars rushed to the scene. More than 20 years later, after the preliminary hearing, the arrest, the trial, the guilty verdict and numerous appeals, she testified, "finally" there was going to be an end.

She was in a hotel near San Quentin State Prison when the execution was stayed. "The impression the Ninth Circuit seemed to give is that this is just a few simple tests to make sure that we really had the right person. But now we're 14 months down the line, and there still hasn't been any justice for my son."

What's the harm? There never is harm for Kevin Cooper. A few years ago, he promised to drop his

appeals if forensics experts would conduct new DNA tests.

Lo and behold, the DNA tests firmly placed Cooper, who had escaped from a prison (for the 12th time) and hid out in a house next to the Ryens, at the Ryen house, where he said he had never been, and in the Ryen car, which he said he never drove, and found his DNA on a T-shirt, never presented at trial, as well as the DNA of Doug and Peggy Ryen.

Rather than drop his appeal, Cooper concocted a new story: He was framed.

His credulous lawyers demanded new tests — for a preservative on the T-shirt (never presented at trial) that would show Cooper's blood was planted, as well as tests for hairs police already knew were not Cooper's — so "the question of Mr. Cooper's innocence can be answered once and for all."

Once and for all? The new tests found no extra preservative on the T-shirt blood, U.S. District Court Judge Marilyn Huff ruled in May, and tested hairs presented no proof of "another assailant."

"Every time they ask for another test, he looks more guilty," noted detective Paul Ingels. Ingels worked for the Cooper defense team when he thought Cooper might be innocent, but got out after the DNA results nailed Cooper.

What's the harm? "It's an abuse of process," answered forensics expert Dr. Edward T. Blake in 2004 as he spoke of his unmatched record of post-conviction exonerations. "The reason that I'm outraged is, when you abuse the process, you no longer have a legitimate process that's out there to save people who are actually innocent." Blake, too, worked for the Cooper defense, until the tests bared the lie that Cooper was framed.

What's the harm? Dane Gillette, senior assistant attorney general, noted the damage to reputations of those whom the defense breezily accuses of planting evidence "for

no other reason than it may be a way to get a court to pay attention to some legal arguments that ultimately have no validity."

What's the harm? It never ends. In 2004, I asked Cooper's lawyers if they'd agree their guy was guilty if the tests didn't exonerate him. Not one lawyer said yes. They told me Cooper was an "intensely gentle and kind man." Sure, he's gentle on Death Row. But Cooper was apprehended because, after he escaped to Mexico, he returned to California where a woman went to the police to report that he had raped her at knife-point.

Cooper attorney David Alexander told me Thursday he will fight the ruling because Huff didn't test enough hairs, made bad legal judgments and shouldn't have admitted Josh Ryen's statement.

"To me this has always been a case about innocence, not the death penalty. I think there are very substantial questions. I take her opinion for what it is," he said.

"Now I'll go to the Ninth Circuit." What's the harm? There is no harm for Cooper. The hair tests cost \$2,500 per strand. He won't pay it, and every test delays his day of reckoning.

The harm falls on the Hughes family and Josh Ryen, who testified, "The court says there isn't any harm when Kevin Cooper gets another stay and another hearing," while he has to relive 11 hours of smelling blood while he laid next to his dead mother and held four fingers to his neck to slow the bleeding. Enough.

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The declining power of the parties

Editor's note: Roger Simon is recovering from surgery. The following column was first published in November 2002.

The man on the phone said he was from French TV and HE wanted to come in with a crew and interview me about the election.

Impossible, I said. I don't speak French.

"That's OK," he said, "We speak English."

So I had to come up another excuse.

American politics have become so complicated that it is hard for Americans to understand them. So how was I supposed to explain them to French people, the same people who consider Jerry Lewis America's greatest genius?

OK, you can come over, I told the French TV guy. But promise you won't ask me anything about "Cinderfella."

"Ah, 'Cinderfella!'" the French guy said. "His greatest film next to 'The Nutty Professor!'"

So the French TV crew came in and set up in my office. The interviewer was actually pretty good.

"The last presidential election was virtually a draw," the interviewer said. "The House is controlled by one party, and the Senate is controlled by another. So my question is: Why is America so divided?"

I had to think for a second before I answered.

America is actually the opposite of divided, I said. Most Americans are not divided by the "hot but-

ton" issues that divided them in the past, like civil rights, abortion, gun control, etc.

Sure, those issues still exist, but most Americans recognize that civil rights are here to stay, and that abortion and gun control, while contentious, affect mainly the lives of activists who are devoted to arguing about them, and not the lives of most Americans.

But there is a more important reason for the last election results: Most Americans don't see much difference between the two parties (largely because there isn't much difference) and also because Americans don't care much whether an idea or candidate or initiative is Democratic or Republican.

The power of the two parties has been on the decline for decades, and all over this nation you can see political billboards, banners and leaflets that never mention the party the candidate belongs to.

I gave an example from a story I recently did on Dick Gephardt, Democratic leader of the House: When Gephardt ran for president in 1988, his glossy leaflet said: "Meet Dick Gephardt, Democrat for President." In the biography section of the leaflet, the word "Democrat" or "Democratic" was used eight times. Today, the leaflets that Gephardt distributes in his home district make no mention whatsoever of his political party, nor does the home page of his official re-election website.

When I asked him why, Gephardt replied: "To put it in a word, I think the country has changed, people have changed. Voters are much more independent, moderate, alike and less party loyal."

Candidates also campaign in

almost exactly the same way these days. Eight years of Bill Clinton taught candidates that "connecting" to the voters on a personal level is of paramount importance.

So in the last presidential campaign, we saw both Al Gore and George Bush go on "Oprah," and be warm and fuzzy.

Also, as they ran for president, they relentlessly downplayed their ideologies in a mad dash to the center of the American political spectrum. They did that for the same reason that Willie Sutton robbed banks: That's where the payoff is.

Most Americans are not ideologues. Most Americans are not extremists. Most Americans work, live and try to get along with their fellow Americans in the political center.

And that is where the politicians head these days.

So, if voters don't see much difference between Democrats and Republicans, and don't care too much about either party, if campaigners campaign using the same strategies in an attempt to reach the political center, why shouldn't people pick pretty much equally between the two parties?

After all, does either party really have a monopoly on brilliance?

"Which brings up my last question," the TV guy said. "What do you really think of Jerry Lewis?"

A genius, I said with a sigh. The finest mind of our times.

"Bon," he said. "C'est bon."

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# Victims' families, shaken Kansas city experience relief, disgust over serial killer's plea for 10 murders in 30 years

By **MATT SEDENSKY**  
Associated Press Writer  
WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — A former ordinance enforcement officer's matter-of-fact confession that he is the serial killer who haunted this city for decades may have brought closure to some — but not to Charlie Otero.

Otero, whose two siblings and parents were Dennis Rader's first victims in 1974, said the guilty plea can do nothing to repair the lives of survivors of the 10 people Rader so chillingly acknowledged Monday that he killed.

"It's a release that he's admitted it, but as far as closure goes, it's far from it," said Otero, now 47 and living in Albuquerque, N.M.

"It turned my life around 180 degrees and left me no hope for a future I had seen before the murders. My life went from idyllic and wonderful to dark and dank."

Rader — husband, father of two, scout leader

and churchgoer — will likely spend the rest of his life behind bars for crimes that gained him the moniker "BTK" for his preferred killing method, "Bind, Torture, Kill."

In pleading guilty, Rader was unfailingly emotionless and courteous, answering questions with "Yes, sir" and "Yes, your honor," and at one point launching into an almost scholarly discourse on habits of a serial killer.

"If you've read much about serial killers, they go through what they call different phases. In the trolling stage, basically, you're looking for a victim at that time," he said. "You can be trolling for months or years, but once you lock in on a certain person, you become a stalker."

The judge pressed Rader for details on his crimes, and the killer obliged.

He talked about how he hung Otero's 11-year-old sister from a sewer pipe after murdering her parents and brother. He

described strangling a 62-year-old woman with pantyhose and dumping her body under a bridge. He told of comforting another victim and giving her a glass of water before putting a bag over her head and strangling her.

Those who watched Rader, 60, walk into the courtroom saw a man who looked eerily normal for the crimes he was about to confess — a balding man with a jacket and tie and close-cropped hair and beard. Once he began to speak, though, observers heard the killer calmly describe murders he said were fulfillments of the sexual fantasies he harbored.

"He was so cold about it," said 19-year-old Jared Noble of Wichita, who listened to the court proceedings in his car. "The way he described the details — heartless — with no emotion at all."

It was Rader's demeanor that haunted residents here. How he described his killings as "projects" and his victims as "targets," and the screening

process as typically "trolling" followed by "stalking." How he carried supplies like rope and tape in a "hit kit," as he described a briefcase or bowling bag. How he talked of his first four victims almost as animals, saying he decided to "put them down."

For some in a community that has watched this case unfold for decades, the news brought relief that an end was finally in sight. For others, Rader's words were almost too much to handle.

"I felt sick," said Pat Morriss, 54, an administrator at Wichita State University, where Rader earned a degree in criminal justice and where he said he parked his car during several of the killings.

The BTK killer taunted media and police with cryptic messages during a cat-and-mouse game that began after the first murder in 1974. BTK resurfaced in 2004 after years of silence with a letter to The Wichita Eagle that included photos of a 1986



Dennis Rader, 60, is helped from his seat by defense attorney Sarah McKinnon after pleading guilty Monday to 10 murders during 30 years in the Wichita, Kan., area. The murders were called BTK because of how each victim was killed.

strangling victim and a photocopy of her missing driver's license.

That letter was followed by several other cryptic messages and packages. The break in the case came earlier this year after a computer diskette the killer had sent was traced to Rader's church, where he once served as

president.

Those transfixed by the case must wait until Aug. 17 to hear Rader's fate, though he almost certainly will never leave prison because each count carries a possible life sentence.

The state had no death penalty when the crimes were committed.

# Wal-Mart heir and education booster John Walton dies in Wyoming plane crash

BENTONVILLE, Ark. (AP) — Wal-Mart heir John T. Walton, who threw his considerable financial support behind efforts to educate low-income children, has died while at the controls of a homemade, experimental aircraft.

Walton, of Jackson, Wyo., crashed shortly after takeoff Monday from Jackson Hole Airport in Grand Teton National Park, the company said. The cause of the crash was not known and will be investigated, officials said. Walton was 58.

"I think all you can say is he was just a good man and today, you grieve," Jay Allen, Wal-Mart

senior vice president of corporate affairs told The Morning News of Springdale.

Walton, a son of Wal-Mart founder Sam Walton and a member of the company's board, was a major advocate of school vouchers, supporting efforts to create taxpayer-funded ways for students to attend private schools.

Walton founded the Children's Scholarship Fund in 1998 to provide low-income families with money to send their children to private schools. The foundation started with \$67 million from the Walton Family Foundation and benefited more than 67,000 children.

known and much-loved in this valley, died doing something that he loved to do, which was fly aircraft," said Joan Anzelmo, a spokeswoman for Grand Teton National Park.

Walton's former wife, Washington County Circuit Judge Mary Ann Gunn, told the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette that flying was his favorite pastime. The two were married for three years in the 1970s. When they first married, the couple flew around the South as crop-dusters, she said.

"I certainly have nothing negative to say about the man at all. He was a prince," Gunn said. "He

loved to build things. He loved motorcycles. He built his own motorcycle."

John Walton was a major stakeholder in Wal-Mart. He owned about 12 million shares of the company's stock. He also shared ownership of about 1.7 billion shares with his family in a joint partnership called Walton Enterprises LLC. Walton joined the board of Wal-Mart Stores Inc. in 1992.

John Walton was an Army veteran who served with the Green Berets as a medic during the Vietnam War. He was awarded the Silver Star for saving the lives of several members of his unit

while under enemy fire, according to the company.

He attended the College of Wooster in Wooster, Ohio, and served as a board member of the Walton Family Foundation, which played a key role in fundraising in the university of Arkansas' recent Campaign for the 21st Century. The Walton family made a \$300 million gift to the campaign in 2002.

Walton is survived by his wife, Christy, and son, Luke; his mother, Helen; brothers Rob and Jim; and a sister, Alice.

## Texas briefs

### Body found in burning barrel

LIVERPOOL, Texas (AP) — Authorities are trying to identify the person whose body workers found in a burning barrel in a pasture over the weekend.

Brazoria County Justice of the Peace John Vasut said there was no easy way to say how the person died, but he assumed the person was dead before being placed in the barrel.

A preliminary autopsy

report was expected Tuesday from the Galveston County medical examiner's office.

Sheriff's investigator James Phillips said in a story in Monday's online edition of The Facts the body was burned from the waist down, but the heat of the fire made the rest of the body unrecognizable. Authorities couldn't determine if the body was that of a male or a female.

Workers from the nearby BP Amoco plant saw the fire Saturday night and used the barrel's lid

to smother the flames.

The body appeared to have been clothed or wrapped in overalls and then in black trash bags or plastic, Vasut said in Monday's online edition of the Houston Chronicle.

The 55-gallon drum was red but had no company markings, he said.

### Funeral held for girl beaten, then dumped by parents

LAREDO (AP) — About 200 mourners attended

funeral services Monday for a 6-year-old girl who was allegedly beaten to death by her parents, then dumped near a lake last week.

The funeral for Shanea Laisha Cazares included hand-drawn cards, dolls and seven wreaths of flowers surrounding her casket.

According to police, the child was fatally beaten June 21, then her body was dumped near a lake the next day.

Her mother, Yulianna Espinoza, 20, and her

stepfather, Rene Gonzalez, 23, were charged with murder. Gonzalez's parents and his brother were charged with injury to a child and criminal negligence. Police said the three saw the injured girl but did nothing to help her.

All five are being held at Webb County Jail.

The girl's body was found by a passer-by shortly after her parents reported her missing.

"I know many of us are asking why God took this little girl," the Rev. Pastor

Martinez said during the service at St. Vincent De Paul Church. "But God knows what road each of us must take, when it can end, and we just have to try to understand that."

Shanea's great-aunt, Marisela Santos, said the family is devastated.

"First the loss of Shanea and then her caretakers being arrested for her death," Santos said in a story in Tuesday's Laredo Morning Times. "It's a double loss for our family."

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# YoungLife/Cruise Night

## Fund-raiser filled with contests and classic cars

By MARSHA STURDIVANT  
Features Editor

Contests and classic cars highlighted the YoungLife/Cruise Night Saturday at the Gregg Street Sonic Drive-In with several hundred people attending to buy T-shirts and admire some unique vehicles.

Organized by Big Spring Rod and Custom Car Club, the event earned the Big Spring YoungLife club about \$1,700 for an upcoming trip to YoungLife camp in Buena Vista, Colo.

"I am just amazed and feel so blessed by the level of generosity and the heart this community has for our young people when they're asked," said Shelly Warren, Big Spring YoungLife leader.

"We had so much fun at the cruise night and I really didn't realize how well this would go or how much fun it would be," she said.

YoungLife, a non-profit Christian organization, meets with high school students each Monday of the school year. The highlight of the program is to attend YoungLife camp in Colorado for a full five-day event.

Warren said she really looks forward to attending camp with 10 high school students from Big Spring. She and two other adult leaders will travel with the teen-agers, leav-

ing Saturday at 6 a.m. and will return to Big Spring July 10. The cost for the camp is \$350 per student, and four camperships were donated this year.

"This trip will provide an experience these teenagers will never forget and this is an opportunity many of these kids would never have. All the kids except one whom we're taking this year have never been to YoungLife camp and they are really excited to be going," Warren said.

YoungLife/Cruise Night was organized by Preston Harrison, a member of the Big Spring Rod and Custom Car Club and a YoungLife volunteer board member.

"This was a great way to raise money for YoungLife and do something we all like to do," said Harrison.

Along with the cars and the T-shirts, those attending were treated to a hot dog eating contest, a sour drinking contest, an ice cream eating contest and a singing contest.

Harrison, who claims to have a passion for ice cream as well as his 1957 Cushman Eagle motorcycle, won the ice cream eating contest.

"My dad gave me the motorcycle when I was 7 and I have had it all these years. It is my pride and joy," said Harrison, who transports the motorcycle

in a color-coordinated trailer.

118th District Judge Bob Moore drove to Sonic in his 1961 red Corvette convertible followed closely by John and Carolyn Freeman sporting their black 1962 Corvette convertible. Other cars included 1957 Chevrolet Impalas, a 1939 Plymouth Coup, a 1955 Chevrolet Bel Aire, a 1932 Ford Five Window, a 1923 Ford T-Bucket and a 1955 Big Window Chevrolet Pickup.

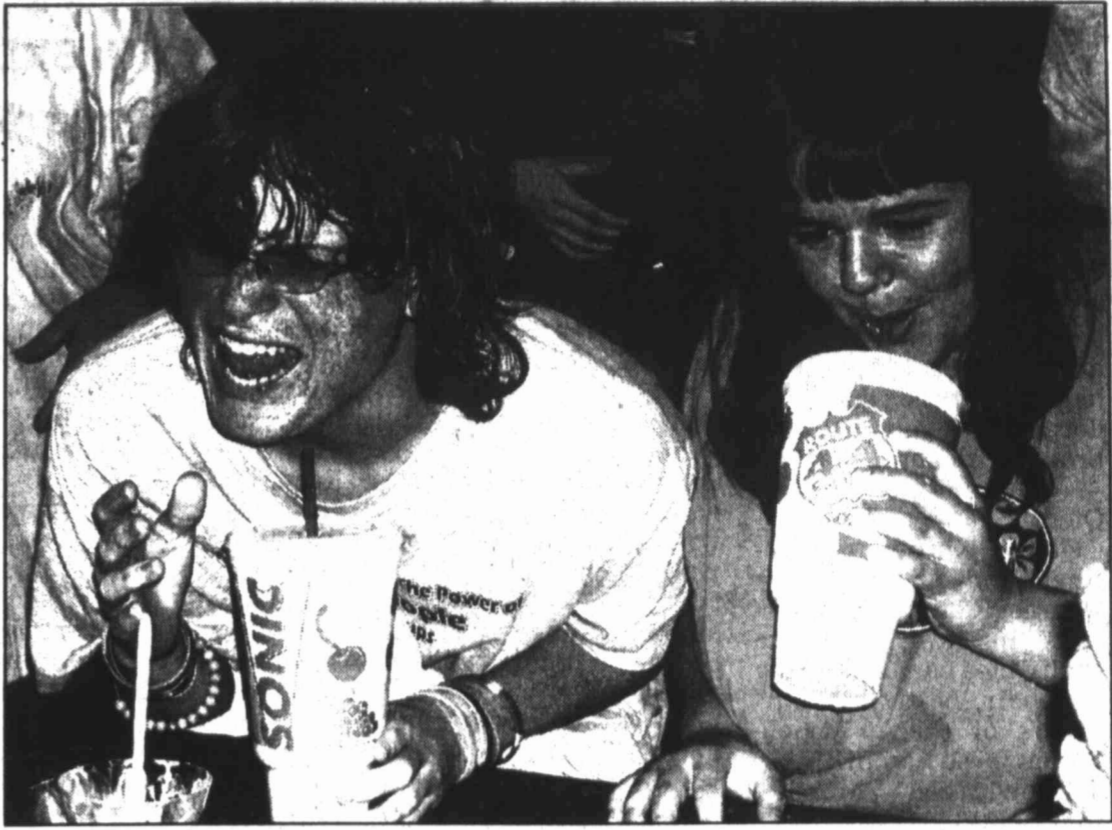
Also, a Rat Rod, which event organizer Preston Harrison said is the latest craze with car builders, was available for admiration.

Most of the vehicles were driven to the event by local car enthusiasts and owners from Big Spring Rod and Custom, Big Spring Cruisers Car Club and Early Cars of Big Spring, he said.

"Word of mouth is always the best way we tell people when we're having a show like this," Harrison said.

"We will also post announcements on the car club Web sites, but everybody loves these and they love to attend," he said.

Big Spring is one of the smallest communities in the nation to sponsor its own YoungLife. For more information, contact Warren at 264-1234.



Herald photos/Marsha Sturdivant  
James Hammons and Melodie Williams, above compete in the sour drink contest during YoungLife/Cruise Night Saturday at Sonic Drive-In. Dakota Harrison, Preston Harrison and Matt Warren, right, at the end of the fund-raising event, posing with Harrison's 1957 Cushman Eagle, which he has owned since he was 7. Harrison, a member of the Big Spring Rod and Custom Car Club, organized the fund-raiser, which brought in about 200 people to the Gregg Street Sonic and earned the YoungLife Club more than \$1,700 for the camp trip to Buena Vista, Colo., July 2-10.



## Exercise equipment serves many needs

Not being one who can fall out of bed looking fabulous, I've been stockpiling an assortment of self-help creams, cleansers and cosmetics.

I also have quite a collection of dusty VHS exercise tapes. In the bedroom, there's a chin-up bar; in the carport, a weight bench. And in the garage, a large ensemble of dumbbells and handweights.

And there's no way I can forget my step aerobic bench.

I am always amazed at how fresh my skin feels when I actually drag out the whole "cleanse in 50 easy steps" kit.

After two and a half hours in front of the mirror with a scrubby pad that feels like steel wool, my face is actually glowing. Within 10 additional minutes, I've got moisturizer slathered from neck to hairline.

I can almost see myself on an oil-free commercial.

Now that I've entered the high-tech era, my VHS tapes are scum between my toes and I

wouldn't be caught dead sweatin' to the oldies in front of the VCR.

No sir. It's DVD or zippo for me. And, since I don't own any digital video disks with exercise routines on them, I can't possibly get fit in my own living room.

However, I do have exercise equipment. The chin-up bar makes a wonderful closet rod. It makes hanging laundry a snap.

After ironing, presto! There's a handy dandy bar right there across the bedroom doorway. No walking to the closet. No long lines trying to get into the children's rooms. It's so accessible.

The weight bench outside has also been quite useful as an extra shelf for things that can't be put on the ground.

Great weather? It makes the perfect outdoor bench. Even with the rusty weights resting on the bar, it still maintains its purpose: a place to put junk.

Dumbbells and handweights. They're not just for building muscle anymore.

Why, these little beauties can keep a garage door open in gales of wind. Cobwebs are no deterrent, either. Even covered in the spider-spun silk, the weights serve as keepers of the gate.

Going past them to get in the car sometimes gives me a pang of guilt. Fortunately, the pang doesn't last long.

Last, but not least, there's my precious step aerobic bench. Used a total of 4.3 times (and that may be a stretch) it has found a home under my computer's hardrive.

It just goes to show a beauty buff such as myself that those benches are built to withstand heavy pressure.

My knees, however, are not. Therefore, I will allow my bench to hold up my computer equipment alone.

Christy Alton attends college, works full time, is mother of two and is married to her park ranger, Ron.

Her column appears in the Tuesday edition of the Big Spring Herald.



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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.

### Howard announces men's basketball camps in mid-July

The Howard College men's basketball staff will host two week-long camps in the month of July.

The first camp will take place July 10-14, while the second camp starts July 24 and ends July 28. Both camps will cost \$250 per player who wants room and board and \$175 for a commuter. Both camps will take place at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The Hawk camp format consists of morning and afternoon sessions. All sessions include specialized clinics on both the offensive and defensive phases of the game.

For more info, contact Mark Adams at 816-6957 or Jason Sautter at 816-3200.

### Big Spring sets first Quarterback meeting

The Big Spring football booster club has set its first Quarterback Club meeting of the year Monday, July 5, at 7 p.m. in the Big Spring Athletic Training Center.

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

### Howard women's basketball sets three camp dates

The Howard College women's basketball program will be hosting two more camps this summer.

The camps will both take place July 18-21.

The first camp is open for kindergarten through third grade boys and girls. Registration will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. July 18. The camp runs from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and costs \$50 per person.

The second camp is for fourth through sixth grade girls. Registration for this camp will take place from 12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m. July 18. The camp runs from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and costs \$60 per person.

For more information, call head coach Earl Diddle at 264-5043 or assistant coach Eric Rodewald at 816-4327.

## Rogers loses against water cooler, breaks hand

By STEPHEN HAWKINS  
AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON (AP) — Kenny Rogers broke a bone in his non-pitching hand when he hit a water cooler in frustration, and the Texas Rangers pitcher will miss at least one start.

Rogers, 9-3 with an American League-leading 2.46 ERA, broke a bone at the base of his right pinkie after coming out of his last home start, June 17 against Washington, manager Buck Showalter said Monday.

"It's an emotional game ... most of the time you don't break a small bone,"

Showalter said after pointing out a cooler at the end of the dugout. "The good news, it's nothing serious enough to keep him out over an extended period of time."

Showalter said the left-hander will miss his scheduled start Tuesday against the Los Angeles Angels, and indicated Rogers could miss another turn as well because it would take 10-12 days for the broken bone to heal completely.

The Rangers, however, didn't put Rogers on the disabled list to make room for catcher Gerald Laird, who was recalled Monday from Triple-A

Oklahoma and started against the Angels instead of Rod Barajas (strained back muscle). Infielder Marshall McDougall was optioned to Oklahoma.

After a 13-3 loss in which the Rangers used four pitchers, Showalter said the disabled list was still a possibility for Rogers.

"We'll talk more (Tuesday). We'll decide if we need another pitcher," Showalter said. "We trusted Kenny and we talked to him about a lot of things."

John Wasdin (0-0, 1.38 ERA in five relief appearances) will start in

Rogers' place Tuesday night.

Rogers gave up six runs, 10 hits and three walks in 3 1-3 innings of a 6-0 loss last Wednesday at the Angels. He won his previous nine decisions, a career best, including the game after which he got hurt.

"He wanted to pitch with it and felt like it wouldn't be a problem," Showalter said. "How much it had an effect on his last start, obviously it was a break from what he was doing."

Rogers refused to talk to reporters in the clubhouse after Monday night's game. The 40-year-

old left-hander has boycotted most media since a report before spring training that he threatened to retire if he wasn't given a contract extension.

Against Washington, Rogers allowed 12 baserunners in 6 1-3 innings — but only one scored.

Rogers was visibly upset when umpires ruled that the final Nationals hitter he faced checked his swing on a full-count pitch.

Rogers spiked the ball to the ground when Showalter came out to remove him from the game, and found the cooler soon after that.

## Roddick advances to quarters, still not satisfied in England

• Hewitt, Sharapova, Davenport, Venus Williams also move on at Wimbledon

By STEVEN WINE  
AP Sports Writer

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — The last time many fans saw Andy Roddick with a trophy, it was falling out of an overhead bin on an airplane and hitting him in the head.

The TV ad still airs often, and Roddick was asked about it Monday after reaching the Wimbledon quarterfinals.

"Every place I go, it's the first time they've ever seen it," Roddick said. "I've been watching that thing for a year now."

The second-seeded Roddick hopes to fly home next week with his first Wimbledon trophy. He's three wins away and faces frequent practice partner Sebastian Grosjean Wednesday.

It has been 21 months since Roddick won his only major title at the 2003 U.S. Open, but he said he doesn't get much teasing about the TV ad for a credit card company.

"Not really — just the question, 'Did you really get hit in the head with the trophy?'" Roddick said. "It's great. Every six months I get a new person: 'Did you really get hit in the head?'"

"No." A lump on the head isn't the reason Roddick has come up short in recent major events. His fortunes turned on a handful of points: Four of his past six Grand Slam losses have gone five sets.

That made his second-round, five-set victory over Daniele Bracciali especially sweet. He beat No. 15 Guillermo Coria 6-3, 7-6 (1), 6-4 in the fourth round Monday and acknowledged the title being on his mind.

"It's close, but it's far, if that makes sense," Roddick said. "I'm not good enough to overlook the next two matches. I have to get through these first."

Potential remaining obstacles include nemesis Roger Federer, who claimed his second successive Wimbledon title by beating Roddick in last year's final. Federer swept 2003 French Open champion Juan Carlos Ferrero Monday and will next play 21st-seeded Fernando Gonzalez, the first Chilean to reach the men's quarterfinals since 1985.

"Once every 20 years," Gonzalez said. "I hope that we don't have to wait 20 more years to have another one in the quarters."

The other quarterfinal in Federer's half of the draw will be between 2002 champion Lleyton Hewitt and No. 26 Feliciano Lopez, the first Spaniard to reach the men's quarterfinals since 1972.

"He's dangerous," third-seeded Hewitt said. "He can mix it up, serve-volley, stay back. He's a lot different than the traditional Spanish players."

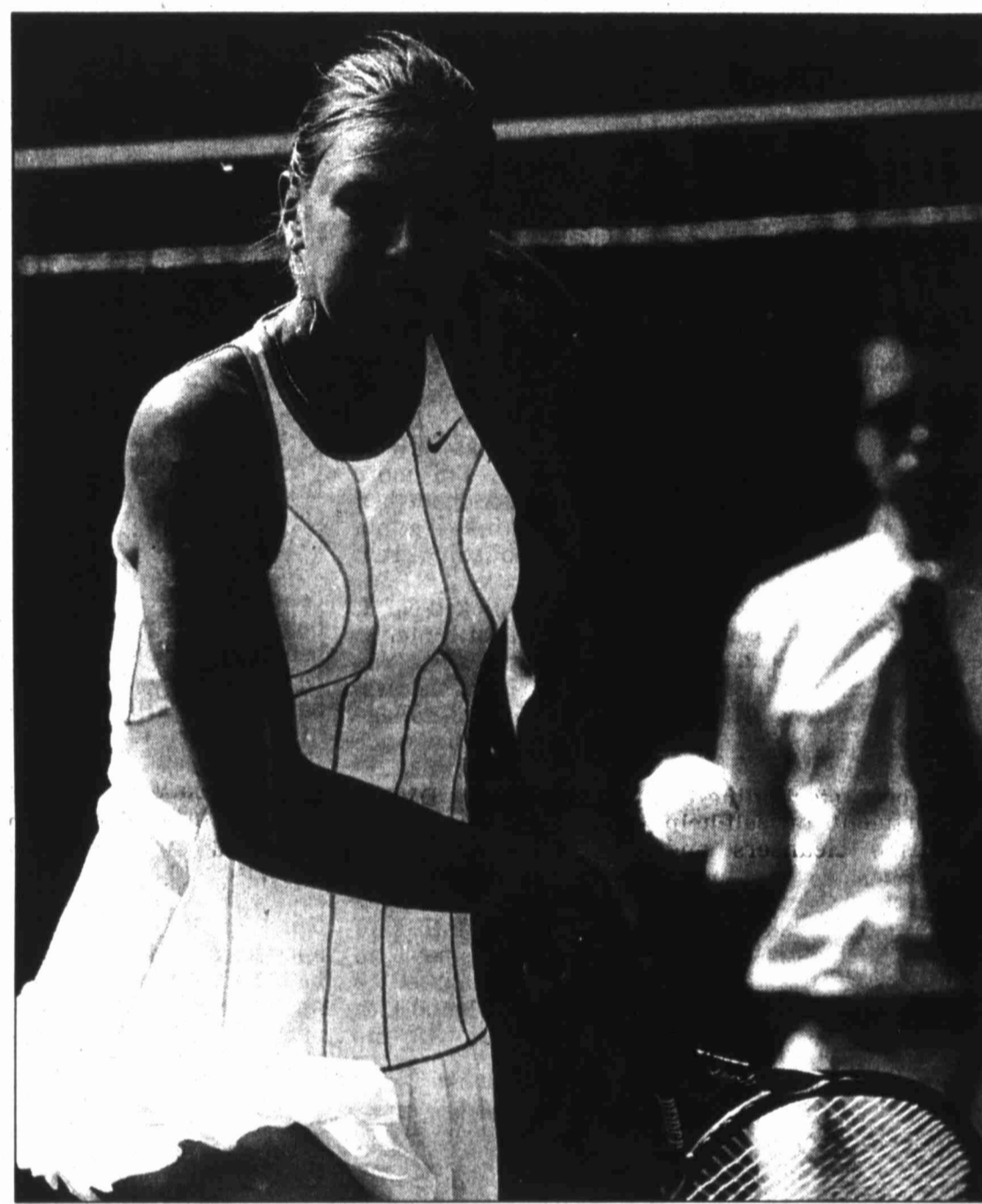
Lopez reached the final eight at a major event for the first time thanks to a deceptive left-handed serve.

"I haven't served that many aces in this tournament," he said. "But I'm serving very good. It's not that important only to ace; it's also important where you're serving to play the next shot."

In the semifinals, Roddick would face No. 12 Thomas Johansson or No. 18 David Nalbandian. But first he must get past Frenchman Grosjean, a semifinalist the past two years.

"He has proven that he's one of the top five grass-courtiers in the

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Russia's Maria Sharapova hits a return during her fourth round victory over France's Nathalie Dechy at Wimbledon Monday. Sharapova won the match 6-4, 6-2.

## Angels extend lead on Rangers

By STEPHEN HAWKINS  
AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON (AP) — Bartolo Colon, Vladimir Guerrero and the Los Angeles Angels all kept their impressive streaks going against the Texas Rangers.

The Angels extended their season-best winning streak to seven in a row with a 13-3 victory Monday night, when Colon won his 10th straight start against Texas and Guerrero had a solo homer and two RBI doubles to give him hits in all 28 games he's played against the Rangers.

Colon (10-4) threw 66 of his 87 pitches for strikes to beat Texas for the third time this year, and ninth

time since joining the Angels before last season. He scattered eight hits over eight innings.

Colon struck out his first three batters, and besides Hank Blalock's two home runs, allowed six singles before Jake Woods replaced him to start the ninth.

The right-hander is 15-5 career against the Rangers, the last loss coming in 2003 when he was still pitching for the Chicago White Sox.

Guerrero went 3-for-4 and has the longest active hitting streak by any player against one team. He is batting .431 (50-for-116) in his career against Texas, all the games coming since he left Montreal to join the Angels last season.

Adam Kennedy hit his first home run of the season, and Juan Rivera was 4-for-5 with three doubles and an RBI single for the Angels, who matched their season high with 20 hits. Darin Erstad had two doubles.

Blalock went 3-for-4 and accounted for all the runs for Texas, which has lost seven of eight.

The Angels' winning streak began with a three-game sweep of second-place Texas last week. They have a 7 1/2-game lead in the AL West, their largest since Aug. 31, 1995.

Los Angeles has won eight of 10 against the Rangers this season, with three more games this

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## Bogut to likely be taken No. 1 at NBA draft

By CHRIS SHERIDAN  
AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Andrew Bogut, the Australian center by way of Croatia expected to be selected first in the NBA draft, has made two things crystal clear: He wouldn't mind playing for Milwaukee, and he doesn't want to be compared to Luc Longley.

The 7-foot center plopped himself down at

an interview table Monday and kept some distance from the microphones placed in front of him, though he didn't shy away from displaying the one personality trait — outspokenness — that has helped make him such a unique commodity.

The Milwaukee Bucks have the first pick, and it would be a major surprise if they did not select the 7-footer with the chubby

face, shaggy hair and blue eyes who played two seasons at Utah before opting to turn pro.

"I know there's a lot of beer and cheese there, and that suits me," Bogut said of the Wisconsin city where he'll likely be making his home for the next five seasons.

Bogut is better associated with beer and cheese

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### Odessa Roughnecks Remaining Home Games

\* July 1 vs. Lubbock Gunslingers  
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

**BY HOLIDAY MATHS** Mercury and Venus have breached the illustrious realm of Leo, bringing generous vibes to the romantic and social arenas. It's easier to occupy yourself with the needs of friends and family while other kinds of work get stacked onto a pile in the corner. And why not? At the end of the day, no one will be sorry they didn't fill out more forms.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). The glass is not half full — it's three-quarters full. Thinking of all the reasons why will get you through a potential snarl. When you make it clear that no one can shake your confidence, no one even tries!

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Your romantic life features issues of war and peace. There is a fine line between expressing yourself to save the relationship and expressing yourself to hurt it. You'll find that line and walk it brilliantly.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You have listened and learned. That's why you'll alternately turn heads and raise eyebrows. Others are surprised, refreshed and impressed by all you bring to the table.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Though you're feeling a bit conservative, it's appropriate for your current circumstances. Your farsighted strategy will ultimately bring success. Put something aside for the Leo in your family.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Experiments are fun. Waiting for an unknown outcome is heavenly tension. It's the perfect day to play scientist with the puzzling elements of your life. In the process, you'll figure out how to better operate your world.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Recently, you've made popular decisions and unpopular decisions — all of them

excellent. There's an accountability moment this afternoon. Step up and say, "It was me." You have nothing to be ashamed of!

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Once again, you are the only one who seems to be able to work with everyone, and therefore, will be given the responsibilities of a diplomat and a liaison. Your guiding principle is full, but tactful, disclosure.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). If you still haven't found a room of your own in which to meditate, create and generally recharge, get on that! Everyone deserves a space. Without it, you'll feel disjointed in the days to come.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You enjoy acceptance and affection — mostly because you give those things. You have discovered that just because somebody doesn't love you the way you want them to doesn't mean they don't love you with all they've got.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). While sailing breezily along, you'll probably come face to face with someone's desperate plight — a reminder of how far you've come yourself. Seize the chance to be compassionate.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Though some still do not understand you, someone is making money — not in spite of your wacky, whimsical, over-the-top contributions, but because of them. Keep being unique.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). The challenge is to remain open-minded even when things aren't going the way you've envisioned them. Progress can't happen without change. An earth sign makes you feel secure. (That's Taurus, Capricorn or Virgo.)

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6 PM	News (CC)	News Wheel-Fortune	News Wheel-Fortune	King of the Hill	News Ent. Tonight	Amario Ad	News Be a Millionaire	Raymond	Booker John Hagee	News-Laher	American Chopper	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	Law & Order (CC) (DVB)	Special	That's Raven	Wimbledon Today at Wimbledon	ESPN2 Today at Wimbledon	UFC - 50 Years of Dana White
7 PM	My Wife-Kids	My Wife-Kids	My Wife-Kids	Trading Spouses	NCIS (CC)	La Mujer en el Espajo	Average Joe: Strike Back	Friends (CC)	Update/Israel Van Inge Prison	The New Heroes	Isobing Cowboys	Market Mingle in Action 2	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	Law & Order (CC) (DVB)	BET Awards '05	Movie: 102 Dalmatians (CC)	Wimbledon	ESPN2 Today at Wimbledon	UFC - 50 Years of Dana White
8 PM	Empire (CC)	Empire (CC)	Empire (CC)	House (CC)	Fire Me... Please (CC)	Los Peloteros	I Want to Be a Hilton (CC)	Sex and-City	Light of the Southwest	The New Heroes	Coast Guard: The Survivors	The Beginning	Movie: Johnny Dangers (CC)	Law & Order (CC) (DVB)					Starting New Evidence
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10 PM	Ent. Tonight	Ent. Tonight	Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)	Booker (CC)	Booker (CC)	La Hora Derbez	Tonight Show	Friends (CC)	Joe McGee	Sign Off	Coast Guard: Survivors	15 Movie: Death Wish II	Movie: L'Orignal	Law & Order (CC) (DVB)					Starling New Evidence
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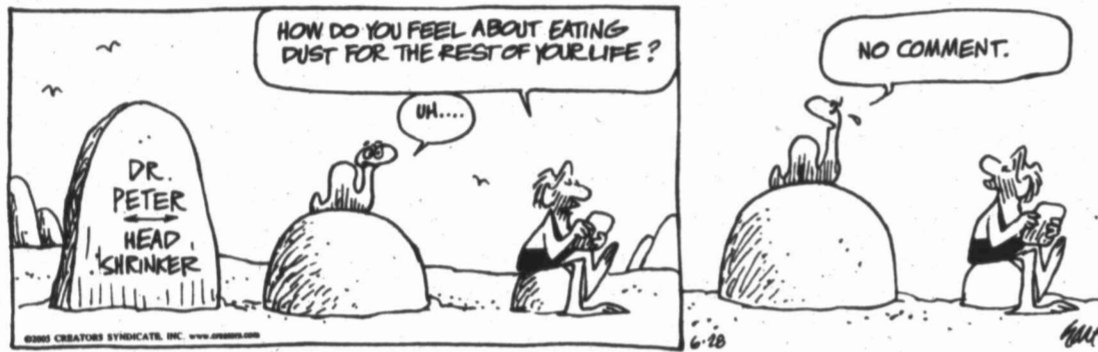
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By The Associated Press

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Today's Highlight in History:

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

On this date: In 1491, England's King Henry VIII was born at Greenwich.

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

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

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

In 1939, Pan American Airways began regular

trans-Atlantic air service. In 1950, North Korean forces captured Seoul, South Korea.

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

Ten years ago: Webster Hubbell, the former No. 3 official at the Justice Department, was sentenced to 21 months in prison for bilking clients of the law firm where he and Hillary Rodham Clinton were partners.

Five years ago: Seven months after he was cast adrift in the Florida Straits, Elian Gonzalez was returned to his native Cuba. The Supreme Court ruled the Boy Scouts can bar homosexuals from serving as troop leaders.

One year ago: The U.S.-led coalition transferred sovereignty to the interim Iraqi government two days ahead of schedule. The Supreme Court ruled that the war on terrorism did not give the government a "blank check" to hold a U.S. citizen and foreign-born terror sus-

pects in legal limbo.

Today's Birthdays: Comedian-movie director Mel Brooks is 79. Actor Pat Morita is 73. Sen. Carl Levin (D-Mich.) is 71. Former White House chief of staff Leon Panetta is 67. Actress Kathy Bates is 57. Actress Alice Krige is 51. Football Hall of Famer John Elway is 45. Record company chief executive Tony Mercedes is 43. Actor Gil Bellows is 38. Jazz musician Jimmy Soffers is 36. Actor Alessandro Nivola is 33.

Thought for Today: "Heresy is what the minority believe; it is the name given by the powerful to the doctrines of the weak." Robert G. Ingersoll, American lawyer and statesman (1833-1899).

Answer to previous puzzle

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| <b>ACROSS</b>                    | 63 Cruise-itinerary phrase    | 9 Man or woman                 | 36 Computer-screen image   |
| 1 Facing the pitcher             | 64 Spot of land               | 10 South American nation       | 38 Ethical quality         |
| 6 Patronize a mall               | 65 Biblical paradise          | 11 Verdi opera                 | 40 Wanderer                |
| 10 Toothpaste-tube closers       | 66 Put on an act              | 12 Said "not guilty"           | 41 Actress                 |
| 14 Money, slangily               | 67 Ball-hammer                | 13 Hang around                 | 42 Redgrave                |
| 15 Earnest wish                  | 68 Weak, as an excuse         | 22 Auto-tire surface           | 47 Mideast land            |
| 16 Sword handle                  | 69 Delete                     | 24 Bookworm                    | 49 Risky                   |
| 17 Objects of adoration          |                               | 26 Twangy-sounding             | 50 St. Patrick's Day color |
| 18 Skilled mimic                 | <b>DOWN</b>                   | 27 Like Humpty Dumpty          | 51 Without company         |
| 19 Notion                        | 1 In the center of            | 28 Religious groups            | 52 Lose one's footing      |
| 20 Day who sang "Que Sera, Sera" | 2 Ruckus                      | 29 "Over There" composer       | 53 Gardener's need         |
| 21 Betty Ford or Rosalynn Carter | 3 Uncultured one              | 30 Going (fighting)            | 54 Doing nothing           |
| 23 Polite guy                    | 4 Everglades beast            | 31 Daffy Duck and Bart Simpson | 55 M*A*S*H star            |
| 25 Aluminum source               | 5 Commencement-hat attachment | 32 Created, as a play          | 56 Checklist line          |
| 26 Cash-register key             | 6 Mine passageway             | 33 Mountains in 10 Down        | 58 Siberia's locale        |
| 29 Walking stick                 | 7 Arizona Indian              |                                | 59 Table quartet           |
| 31 Former United rival           | 8 Letters on a phone          |                                | 60 Copenhagen resident     |
| 34 Assist to do wrong            |                               |                                |                            |
| 35 Something very funny          |                               |                                |                            |
| 37 Squirrel food                 |                               |                                |                            |
| 39 Dotage                        |                               |                                |                            |
| 42 Elroy Jetson's dog            |                               |                                |                            |
| 43 Made of a certain grain       |                               |                                |                            |
| 44 Poker starter                 |                               |                                |                            |
| 45 Misérables                    |                               |                                |                            |
| 46 Wisc. neighbor                |                               |                                |                            |
| 48 Health-care professionals     |                               |                                |                            |
| 50 Helium or hydrogen            |                               |                                |                            |
| 51 Fictional Karenina            |                               |                                |                            |
| 52 Train's electricity source    |                               |                                |                            |
| 57 Burn with water               |                               |                                |                            |
| 61 Went by car                   |                               |                                |                            |
| 62 Singing range                 |                               |                                |                            |

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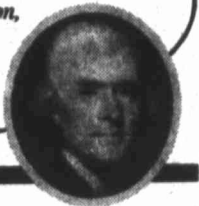
- Thomas Jefferson died on July 4, 1826, the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.
  - Texas was an independent nation from 1836 to 1845.
- World Almanac for Kids

# KID NEWS

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Chatter Box

"The boisterous sea of liberty is never without a wave."  
— President Thomas Jefferson, primary author of the U.S. Declaration of Independence



# Super smoothies

What is the perfect food when you are 7 years old and the very idea of breakfast is a drag? A smoothie — cold, naturally sweet and delicious, not to mention nutritious enough to satisfy Mom! I am a mom, and my younger son, Nick, is a 7-year-old wielding a bending straw. Together, we are on a quest to create the world's most satisfying smoothie. Why?



1. Everyone in our family likes them.
2. They can pack a protein-calcium-vitamin wallop.
4. You can whip up a smoothie in just a few minutes.
3. Making smoothies has the feel of doing a science experiment, without the mess.

Here, Nick and I present our top contenders, all reminiscent in texture of a milkshake (Nick's preference), and all without added sweeteners (my preference). The truth, though, is that it's easy to make a good smoothie and hard to make a bad one, so experiment. Nick and I improvise a lot, concocting

smoothies to round out a simple breakfast, such as cold cereal, or to fortify a not so nutritious one. And here's all we do: Pour some liquids into the blender. Add fruit. Whirrrr.

— Alexandra Kennedy, FamilyFun magazine

Blend together a tummy-tempting treat



Purple Mango

Pineapple Crush

SMOOTHIE SECRETS

● Frozen fruit makes for thicker smoothies. Peel overripe bananas and toss them in a plastic bag for storage in the freezer. Do the same with other fruits, peeling and pitting as necessary so they can go straight into the blender. For an instant supply, most grocery stores carry bite-size frozen fruit in bags. Just be sure you buy the no-added-syrup stuff.

● If you only have fresh (unfrozen) fruit, blend your smoothie with a couple of ice cubes.

● Don't underestimate the need for a straw. A smoothie drunk straight from the glass has the unpleasant habit of sliding in a big blob onto your face.

● For added nutrition, slip in low-fat protein, such as skim milk, soy milk, plain or flavored low-fat yogurt, frozen low-fat yogurt or soft silken tofu.

● In addition to OJ and apple juice, try tangerine juice, peach nectar, cranberry juice mix or some of the new fruit blends.

● You can freeze smoothies in pop molds, ice cube trays, or paper cups. I also regularly pack smoothies in a thermos for school lunches.

PURPLE MANGO

Mango, one of the world's most popular fruits (and a vitamin C powerhouse), is finally getting its due. Some grocery stores now sell it chopped and frozen, so you don't have to wrestle with cutting it fresh.

Blend together:

- 1 cup pineapple juice
- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 1 cup frozen blueberries
- 1 cup cubed frozen mango

CHERRY VANILLA

This sweet-tart smoothie is Nick's favorite. Double the recipe and freeze the leftovers in paper cups. You can have it for breakfast and, later, for dessert.

Blend together:

- 1 cup apple juice or cider
- 1/2 cup low-fat vanilla yogurt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 1/2 cups frozen pitted cherries

PINEAPPLE CRUSH

The riper the pineapple and banana, the sweeter your outcome. This smoothie is fresh, tropical and an excellent source of vitamin C.

Blend together:

- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 1/2 cup pineapple juice
- 1 cup frozen pineapple chunks
- 1/2 frozen very ripe medium banana

PINK BANANA

Skeptical that either of my sons would drink anything with tofu in it, I made this one without Nick at first, only telling him afterward that it had tofu in it. He liked it so much, he even started drinking soy milk, too.

Blend together:

- 1 cup apple juice or cider
- 2 ounces soft silken tofu (1/4 cup)
- 1 cup frozen strawberries
- 1 frozen very ripe medium banana

Each recipe serves 2

In The News

## Researchers say red is a winner

Want to win the big game on Saturday? Wear red! British anthropologists Russell Hill and Robert Barton recently completed a study of sports at the 2004 Olympics, and they say athletes who wear red are most likely to be winners. They say their research showed that competitors were more likely to win their contests if they wore red uniforms or red gear. Their red research was explained in an issue of Nature.



WINNING RED

In their research at the Olympics, the British duo analyzed four sports: boxing, taekwondo, Greco-Roman wrestling and freestyle wrestling. Those events were chosen because athletes in those sports are randomly assigned red gear and sportswear and the color they wear has nothing to do with skill. Hill and Barton found that athletes wearing red gear won more often in 16 of 21 rounds of competition, in each of the sporting events.

"Across a range of sports, we find that wearing red is consistently associated with a higher probability of winning," said the researchers, who work at the University of Durham in England.

DOES RED REALLY HELP ATHLETES?

Scientists aren't completely sure how red helps athletes win, but they have a few theories. One idea is that the color sends a message of danger and strength to the opponent.

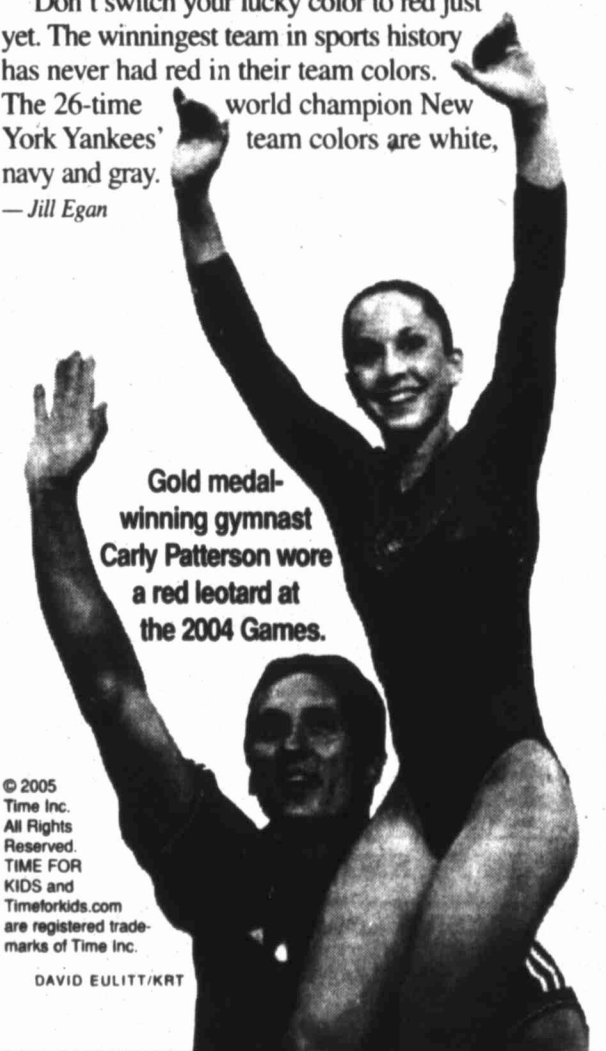
Researchers also used the Euro 2004 international soccer tournament, where teams wore jerseys of different colors in their various matches. They found that teams wearing red scored more and won more games than teams that wore shirts that were blue or white.

The scientists might be on to something. In the past year, many of the professional sports' best teams have red in their team colors. The Boston Red Sox, New England Patriots, Detroit Pistons and the college team the University of Southern California (USC) Trojans all won major competitions and all have red in their uniforms.

WINNING WITHOUT RED

Don't switch your lucky color to red just yet. The winningest team in sports history has never had red in their team colors. The 26-time world champion New York Yankees' team colors are white, navy and gray.

— Jill Egan



Gold medal-winning gymnast Carly Patterson wore a red leotard at the 2004 Games.

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