

## Entries due for Howard County Fair queen

By MARSHA STURDIVANT

Features Editor

As the Howard County Fair quickly approaches, fair traditions such as the queen contest are swinging into gear. The fair is scheduled for Aug. 24-27.

"The Queen Contest is one of the annual events we have at the fair. This is always fun and offers the girls an opportunity to take the classes we have," said Nancy Howard, Howard

County fair board member and coordinator of the queen contest.

The contest is open to all girls in high school who are unmarried and are not mothers. A \$35 entry fee is required, but contestants may solicit sponsors to off-set that cost, Howard said.

Applications are available at Posey Cotton Co./Southwest Crop Insurance on Scurry Street, Faye's Flowers and the Howard County Extension

Agency office.

The contest is scheduled for 2 p.m. Aug. 20 at the Municipal auditorium. At 10 a.m. that same day, the contestants attend classes that provide them instruction in make-up application, runway presentation, self-esteem and the interview process.

Only the contestants may attend the classes, Howard said. "Each girl competes in both divisions — denim/casual wear

and formal wear," Howard said.

Lunch is provided for all contestants the day of the event and prizes are awarded to the winners.

A gift bag is also presented to the each contestant.

For more information, contact Howard at 353-4448 or Janeice Barnes at 353-4434.

Exhibit booths for the fair are available by contacting Howard as well. Booths measuring 8x10 are available with an electrical

outlet. A table with two chairs is available for rent for \$10. There was a waiting list for booth space at the 2004 fair, she said.

"Last year we had 8<sup>3</sup> booths, which is all we can hold. We will have booth space available until it is all gone," Howard said.

And the Children's Fair for students through fifth grade

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## The Ride

Despite three heart surgeries, Harold Aberegg rumbles to the four corners... one more time

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

You can't keep a good man down.

That's exactly what the friends and family of Harold Aberegg are saying after the Howard County man made the arduous journey to all four corners of the United States on his Yamaha Midnight Venture motorcycle, not once, but twice in 20 years.

To understand Aberegg's trek, you must first journey back to 1985 when he and a few fellow cyclists learned about the U.S.A. Four Corners Motorcycle Tour, which was only in its second year of existence. "The tour is put on by the Southern California Motorcycling Assoc-

iation," said Aberegg. "The tour hits all four corners of the United States, including Key West, Fla.; Madawaska, Maine; Blaine, Wash.; and San Ysidra, Calif. The challenge is to travel to all four cities in 21 days or less.

"We first got our bikes in 1981 and we rode to Colorado. The following year we went to Yellowstone, and the year after that we rode to Western Canada. After that, Jerry (King) called and asked me where we were going? I told him I didn't care, but he said the rest of the guys don't want to ride anymore. So I told him to pick out a spot and I'd be right there behind him."

That open-ended invitation brought on a tremendous challenge. "He called me back and asked me what I thought about the four corners," said Aberegg. "I told him we'd already been to the four corners in all our



Harold Aberegg braves the recent rains on his Yamaha Midnight Venture, a small inconvenience he says in comparison to the positive impact motorcycle riding has brought into his life. Aberegg recently completed the Southern California Motorcycle Association's Four Corners Tour, travelling to all four corners of the United States in less than two weeks.

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travels. That's when he explained the rules of the tour to me."

The rules were simple. The duo would have 21 days to travel to all four target cities, providing

photographic proof along the way, in whatever order they chose.

"I told him let's go," said Aberegg with a laugh. "I'll be right there with you."

Aberegg said the trip, spent riding side-by-side with King, was a grand adventure. But like all tales, it came to an end,

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## City council to resume budget talks Tuesday

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Rising utility costs and a municipal cemetery that consistently "runs in the red" are just two of the issues facing the Big Spring City Council, as it prepares to meet Tuesday to hammer out the 2005-2006 budget.

One of the hot topics during this year's budget planning is water rates. The Colorado River Municipal Water District is expected to increase the cost of water to the city by an amount slightly more than \$200,000 for the next fiscal year and the city is proposing passing that cost

on to its customers.

If the council approves the increase, all city customers will incur a 12-cent increase in the consumption rate, increasing from \$2.25 to \$2.47 per 1,000 gallons of water.

"We're held over a barrel there. We have nothing to do with that," City Manager Gary Fuqua told the council during a recent budget workshop.

According to city officials, the average city water customer uses approximately 8,000 gallons per month, which will loosely translate into a 96-cent increase in their monthly bill.

The council hopes to offset the increased cost to residential

customers somewhat by excluding them from a hike in wastewater treatment fee increases.

During a recent budget session, the council was told that more than \$230,000 would be needed for repairs at the wastewater treatment plant over the coming year, a figure that could be accounted for by an increase of \$2.50 on customers' wastewater base rate fees.

However, after looking at comparisons between Big Spring and area communities, the council asked city staff to work up scenarios whereby commercial customers would bear the entire brunt of the increase.

The council settled on a \$5 increase in commercial customers' base rate, plus an additional 50-cent hike on consumption rates. That would bring the base rate for commercial customers to \$16.75 and the consumption rate to \$1.70. Together, the fees for 770 commercial accounts would bring in an additional \$233,700.

The council has also begun examining its cemetery fund, projected for a shortfall of \$126,296 for 2005-2006. The cemetery's budget also came up short in 2003 and 2004.

Mayor Russ McEwen told staff that it is imperative the cemetery's budget be balanced.

Staff members replied that they had a variety of ideas to "look at," including some that would generate revenue and at least one that would cut costs.

As the council struggles to stem the flow of funds from the cemetery budget, it will also have to look at a projected budgetary shortfall of \$162,341 in the city's general fund.

Fuqua noted that the budget was purposely drawn up to be conservative on the "revenue side." It was noted, for instance, that despite increases each year in sales tax rebates, the city actually budgeted

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### FISD REGISTRATION

Forsan junior high and high school students will begin registration Tuesday. All times are from 9 a.m. until noon, and 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. at the junior high/high school.

New students will register Tuesday, seniors and juniors will register Wednesday, sophomores and freshmen Thursday, Aug. 4, and eighth-graders and seventh-graders Aug. 5.

Students must complete their informational packets (parents signatures required) before picking up their schedules. Orientation for sixth-graders will be at 3 p.m. Aug. 11 at the junior high school.

### COMBS COMING HERE

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs will host a town hall meeting at 9 a.m. Thursday at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

The commissioner will be discussing agriculture and rural economic development issues with farmers, ranchers and the community. The open forum discussion will last approximately one hour.

The community center is located at 100 Whipkey Road in Comanche Trail Park.



### ORGAN DONATIONS RISE

A record 26,984 U.S. patients received transplanted organs last year. This year's numbers will be even higher, thanks to hospitals nationwide that have upped their donation rates with the help of an unsung little federal initiative.



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## Obituaries

## Horace Eldon 'Chock' Nash



Horace Eldon "Chock" Nash, 79, of Big Spring died Sunday, July 31, 2005, at his residence. Funeral services are 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2005, at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Elwin Collom, pastor of Coahoma Baptist Church and Don Snipes, pastor of Baptist Temple Church, officiating. Graveside services are 5 p.m. at the Oran Cemetery, Oran, Texas, with the Rev. Wayne Livingston, pastor of Oran Baptist Church, officiating.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He was born Sept. 6, 1926, in Mena, Ark., married Nancy Patricia Walston in 1950 and they moved to Howard County in 1969 from Nacona. He worked for Walsh and Watts Oil Company for 44 years. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the Army in the Pacific. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Coahoma.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia "Pat" Nash of Big Spring; daughter, Nancy Gilliam of Big Spring; son, Don Nash of Big Spring; two granddaughters; brother, Leonard Wallin of San Jon, N.M.; sister, Sylvia Norred of San Jon, N.M.; and three cousins.

The family suggests memorials to Coahoma Baptist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 376, Coahoma 79511, or Home Hospice, 1111 East Seventh Street, Big Spring 79720.

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

## Mary Louise Burns King

Mary Louise Burns King, 90, of Stockdale, formerly of Big Spring, died Sunday, July 31, 2005, in Wimberly. Services are 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2005, at Finch Funeral Home Chapel in Stockdale with the Rev. Carolyn McGuire officiating. Interment will follow in Stockdale Cemetery.

She was born May 3, 1915, to Glasscock County to pioneer ranchers, Mr. and Mrs. A.M. (Mack) Burns.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Claude W. King, her son, Mack Dyer and three brothers, Bill Burns, Kelly Burns and Morris Burns.

She is survived by her sister, Marguerite Burns Phillips of Big Spring; three grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; three nieces; and two nephews.

Arrangements are under the direction of Finch Funeral Home in Stockdale.

## Jaden Aaron Young Martinez

Jaden Aaron Young Martinez, 19-day-old infant, died Sunday, July 31, 2005, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## James Ellison

James Ellison, 77, of Big Spring died Sunday, July 31, 2005, in an Albuquerque hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

## Roger Dale Carter

Roger Dale Carter, 57, of Big Spring died at his residence, Sunday, July 31, 2005, following a long illness. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Weather

Today — Mostly clear in the morning becoming partly cloudy in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 90s. Light and variable winds becoming east around 10 mph in the afternoon.

Tonight — Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s. Southeast winds around 10 mph.

Tuesday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Tuesday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday — Partly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the upper 90s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday night — Partly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms in the evening. Lows in the upper 60s.

Thursday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s. Thursday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s.

Friday — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s.

Friday night — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s.

## Police blotter

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

- STEVEN LLOYD BATEMAN, 26, 101 Jonesboro, was arrested on capias warrants.
- KAREN JEAN ARN, 54, 1609 Owens, was arrested on local warrants.
- DAVID BRIAN WILKINSON, 26, 538 Westover, was arrested on capias warrants.
- LONNIE GRAY JR., 25, 2911 W. Highway 80, was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- KRYRENEA HULL, 43, 1600 Lancaster, was arrested on a charge of burglary of a building.
- CASEY FRANKLIN, 44, 1704 W. Fourth, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- DELIA CASTILLO, 23, San Angelo, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 1400 block of Wood.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1300 block of Stadium and the 800 block of FM 700.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1900 block of Main.
- THEFT was reported in the 1100 block of Lamesa Highway (three times), the 1700 block of FM 700 and the 800 block of Interstate 20.

## Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. today:

- LLOYD JASON IRWIN, 38, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana and possession of a controlled substance.
- DANIELLE MARIE RAWLS, 20, was arrested on a charge of bond forfeiture for forgery, motion to revoke probation for forgery and possession of a controlled substance.
- JUAN CARLOS GARZA-BENITEZ, 18, was arrested on a charge of theft by check and violating promise to appear.
- LEANOR MONTIZ RIOS, 45, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- ALFRED RAY LANG, 53, was arrested on a charge of theft.
- JUAN ROBERTO CONTRERAS, 23, was arrested on a motion to revoke probation for unauthorized use of a vehicle.
- KATRINA MARSETTE ROBINSON, 36, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- KELLY BRIDGE MONROE, 46, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- JESUS MARTINEZ, 27, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- BENNIE LEE ANDERSON, 64, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- JIMMY SCOTT MITCHELL, 24, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- BRANDIE JETTON, 28, was arrested on charges of resisting arrest, criminal mischief, assault on a public servant and public intoxication.
- MICHAEL ANDREW MARTINEZ, 20, was arrested on a charge of driving under the influence.
- ERNESTO MUNIZ, 19, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.
- DAVID RIOS, 19, was arrested on a motion to revoke probation for resisting arrest.
- KEVIN DEWAYNE ELSE, 37, was arrested on a charge of theft.
- MANUEL RAMOS, 17, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- KYRENEA HULL WEBB, 43, was arrested on a charge of burglary of a building.
- DELIA CASTILLO, 23, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- LONNIE RAY GRAY JR., 25, was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- STEVEN LLOYD BATEMAN, 26, was arrested on a charge of bondsman off bond for evading arrest.
- THEFT was reported on the 100 block of Marrick Road.

## Support groups

## MONDAY

• Encourager's Support Group — All widows and widowers are invited to a covered dish dinner beginning at 6 p.m. in the First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Runnels streets. Enter through the north door. For more information, call 398-5522.

## 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.

## 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

- Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room for the annual awards recognition luncheon. The public is invited and lunch is \$7.50 at the door. RSVP to 264-5164.
- The Big Spring Cruisers club meeting at 7 p.m. in the Texas RV Park meeting room.
- District Committee Lone Star of Big Spring meets at noon at 610 Scurry.
- Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the 11th and Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. A different program is offered every week, and anyone 7 years old or older is welcome to attend. Please enter through the northwest door. Call 263-2786 for more information.
- A&M Club Meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the chamber of commerce board room.
- Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in La Posada Restaurant.
- Howard County ARC meets at 806 E. Third in the Bingo Hall. Call 264-0674 for more information.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.
- Big Spring Chapter No. 178 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

## TUESDAY

- Coahoma Senior Citizen luncheon is set for 11 a.m. in the Coahoma Community Center.

## Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. today:

- MEDICAL was reported in the 3200 block of Oasis Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported at Gail Highway and County Road 34. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 100 block of Jonesboro Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1900 block of Simler Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1900 block of Simler Road. Two people were transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block Johnson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 500 block of W. 17th. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to VAMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of W. 17th. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 1100 block of E. FM 700. One person was transported to SMMC.

## Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 3-5-6-17-34. Bonus Ball: 18. Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: \$32 million.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 5-6-21-22-32. Number matching five of five: 1. Prize per winner: \$33,954. Winning tickets sold in: San Antonio. Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night, in order: 9-1-5

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday afternoon, in order: 3-8-8

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# Bush names Bolton U.S. ambassador to the UN; Democrats claiming he's 'damaged goods'

By TERENCE HUNT

AP Correspondent

WASHINGTON

President Bush side-stepped the Senate and installed embattled nominee John Bolton as ambassador to the United Nations on Monday, ending a five-month impasse with Democrats who accused Bolton of abusing subordinates and twisting intelligence to fit his conservative ideology.

"This post is too important to leave vacant any longer, especially during a war and a vital debate about UN reform," Bush said. He said Bolton had his complete confidence.

Bush put Bolton on the job in a recess appointment. Under the Constitution, a recess appointment during the lawmakers' August break would last until the next session of Congress, which begins in January 2007.

Bolton joined Bush and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice at the announcement ceremony and said he was honored and humbled by the president's appointment. "It will be a distinct privilege to be an advocate for America's values and interests at the U.N. and, in the words of the U.N. charter, to help maintain international peace and security," he said.

Bush said that Bolton's nomination had been supported by a majority of the Senate but that "because of partisan delaying tactics by a handful of senators, John was unfairly denied the up-or-down vote that he deserves."

Bush had refused to give up on Bolton even though the Senate had voted twice to sustain a filibuster against his nominee. Democrats and some Republicans had raised questions about Bolton's fitness for the job, particularly in view of his harsh criticism of the United Nations. As Bush concluded speaking, Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, praised the president for using his authority "to end the obstruction against John Bolton."

"This is an important position and its critical that it not remain vacant any longer. Bolton is exceptionally well qualified to fill this role at this

time," Cornyn said in a statement. "I believe John Bolton clearly understands our hope for the U.N., and will fully dedicate himself to reforming a flawed U.N., to one that better advances the principles of democracy, freedom, and respect for human rights."

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., sharply criticized the move.

"The abuse of power and the cloak of secrecy from the White House continues," Kennedy said. "It's bad enough that the administration stonewalled the Senate by refusing to disclose documents highly relevant to the Bolton nomination. It's even worse for the administration to abuse the recess appointment power by making the appointment while Congress is in this five-week recess. It's a devious maneuver that evades the constitutional requirement of Senate consent and only further darkens the cloud over Mr. Bolton's credibility at the U.N."

Sen. Christopher Dodd of Connecticut, a senior Democrat on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said, "The president has done a real disservice to our nation by appointing an individual who lacks the credibility to further U.S. interests at the United Nations. I will be monitoring his performance closely to ensure that he does not abuse his authority as he has in the past."



Harold Aberegg poses with his riding partner, Jerry King, while participating in the U.S.A. Four Corners Motorcycle Tour in 1985.

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leaving him and his friend with tons of stories and memories.

However, it left Aberegg with something else — A desire to do it again.

"As time went by, ol' King couldn't ride anymore so he had to get rid of his bike," said Aberegg. "So about a year ago, I was sitting around and talking to some guys up in Dallas that like to ride. I had told them about the four corners ride, and you know how people are — no one wants to believe it. But we decided to do it."

"We hit Key West, Fla., on July 7. We made Madawaska, Maine, on July 11, the same exact day me and King arrived in that city 20 years ago. We got into Blaine, Wash., on July 16 — again, 20 years to the day we got there 20 years ago. And we arrived in San Ysidra, Calif., on July 18, right on the same schedule. We did the entire trip in 12 days."

While the entire trip is something to remember, Aberegg said the most interesting — and probably the most expensive — came in Mobile, Ala., when he stopped to use an ATM and some bottled water.

"I stopped at the ATM, and I wanted to withdraw \$300, but it would only let me take out \$120," said Aberegg. "Well, I bought two big ol' bottles of water — you had to drink as much water as you could whenever you stopped — and without thinking, I stuck the rest of the cash in my shirt pocket."

"I got back on the highway and had the strangest vision. There were \$20 bills flying by me, just whippin' in the wind. Then I looked in my mirrors and saw those \$20 bills landing on the road behind me and I realized they were real! They had come out of my shirt pocket! Those bottles of water ended up costing me about \$60 each! I'm just glad the machine didn't let me take out \$300 like I wanted."

While the tour may seem rather extreme to

most, Aberegg said time spent on the road is simply a wondrous thing.

"If you like riding motorcycles, the distance really doesn't make much difference," said Aberegg with a smile. "You get to see all of the country. The frame of mind you get in, you're just in a different world. You're just riding."

While 20 years hasn't changed a lot of the cross-country fundamentals, Aberegg said there are a few changes that are kind of hard to ignore.

"When I left 20 years ago, I stepped up to my bike, which was loaded down for the trip, and swung my leg over the bike. This year I still had the 20-year mind set, and I got my bike all loaded up and threw my leg up there and it caught right around the wheel!" said Aberegg.

"My blood sugar was about 330 when I left. I figured I was a candidate for death row! When I got back, my blood sugar was down around 150 and my blood pressure was about 135 over 63. So the ride really helped in a lot of

different ways."

Having survived three open-heart surgeries prior to his recent trek across the nation, Aberegg said he's proud and satisfied with having made the trip again.

"It's one of the most satisfying things you'll ever have in your life," said Aberegg. "To be able to say you did this. Even a year ago when I was talking about it, I said I was going to lose 100 pounds and get in shape for this, but that never happened. But I got on that bike and went, cause endurance is nothing for me."

"The frame of mind it puts you in with the rest of the world is worth it. You get to see the country and what the Creator did! I had a good co-pilot with me the entire trip. He rode with me, because if He hadn't, they would have buried me somewhere out there. It was one of the best rides I've ever had."

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\$25,000 less for the coming year.

Marking the third budget session in less than a month, the meeting is set for 5:45 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth Street.

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has a theme of Wild, Wild West, Howard said. All project submitted must be three-dimensional work, with the contestant choosing the medium or material for the project.

Contact Howard for

more information about

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## OUR VIEWS

### Harley Shop's bid to assist the MDA deserves support

When you've done something for a quarter of a century, it's time to celebrate. But the Harley-Davidson Shop in Big Spring will do more than just celebrate Harley-Davidson's 25th anniversary as a national sponsor for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

The Harley-Davidson Shop will be selling special Harley and MDA wristbands to benefit the organization.

The orange wristbands will be offered to customers who make a donation to MDA. Additionally, customers who come in for a test ride on a Harley-Davidson or Buell motorcycle during the "Demo Days for MDA" promotion can also receive a Harley-Davidson collector's edition wristband.

A portion of the proceeds from the sale of each bracelet will go to support research, comprehensive medical care for children and adults with neuromuscular disease and MDA summer camps.

The wristbands will be available throughout the summer while supplies last," explained Howard Walker, the local shop's owner.

For more information, contact The Harley-Davidson Shop at 908 W. Third St., or call 263-2322.

We here at the Herald support the Harley-Davidson Shop's commitment to the MDA, and ask our readers to help in that effort.

It is, after all, an effort to raise money and support the programs and services MDA provides to those suffering from neuromuscular disease. And that's a worthy cause in anyone's book, we think.

## YOUR VIEWS

### TO THE EDITOR:

I don't know whether you heard about this, but Denzel Washington and his family visited the troupes at Brook Army Medical Center in San Antonio the other day.

This is where soldiers that have been evacuated from Germany come to be hospitalized in the States, especially burn victims. They have buildings there called Fisher Houses. The Fisher House is a hotel where soldiers' families can stay, for little or no charge, while their soldier is staying in the hospital. BAMC has quite a few of these houses on base, but as you can imagine, they are almost completely filled most of the time.

While Washington was visiting BAMC, they gave him a tour of one of the

Fisher Houses. He asked how much one of them would cost to build. He took his checkbook out and wrote a check for the full amount right there on the spot. The soldiers overseas were amazed to hear this story and want to get the word out to the American public, because it warmed their hearts to hear it.

The question I have is, why does Alec Baldwin, Madonna, Sean Penn and other Hollywood types make front page news with their anti-everything America (nonsense) and this doesn't even make Page 3 in the Metro section of any newspaper except the base newspaper in San Antonio?

RALPH McLAUGHLIN  
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# Jane Roberts creates accord

You have to give Jane Roberts, the wife of Supreme Court nominee John Roberts, credit for a minor political miracle of sorts. She's managed to give liberal Sen. Ted Kennedy and conservative Sen. Rick Santorum something that they can finally agree about: that a spouse's political activities should be out of bounds.

But don't believe it for a second. Technically, what she's done is utterly irrelevant. But in fact, the attention she is getting proves just the opposite.

Mrs. Roberts, a lawyer and major firm partner in her own right, served from 1995 to 1999 as a member of the board of directors of Feminists for Life, and continues to do pro bono work for the group.

As senators and activists read the tea leaves to try to predict the future votes of a man who on the one hand urged the court to overrule Roe v. Wade when he served in the solicitor general's office, and on the other testified in his confirmation hearings two years ago that "Roe v. Wade is the settled law of the land," every bit of evidence is inevitably drawing attention, whether anyone wants to admit it or not.

That is a reflection of the stakes, not sexism.

Vermont Sen. Patrick Leahy has indicated that he for one may vote against Roberts if he is not persuaded that Judge Roberts views

Roe as settled law.

"Just as you would not have a justice nominee who said, 'Well, I wouldn't consider Brown vs. Board of Education settled law,' I don't see how they could get confirmed," Leahy said. "I don't see how somebody who said that they didn't consider Roe vs. Wade settled law ... I don't see how they get confirmed." Brown was the court's 1954 decision holding that separate but equal in matters of race was inherently unequal.

The difference, of course, is that today, the country is united in believing that Brown was rightly decided, while we remain divided on Roe. For some of us, that underscores the argument that the Courts should keep abortion out of politics — for others, it proves just the opposite.

Judge Roberts' confirmation hearings will not resolve that debate.

Most people expect him to "dance" around questions of how he might rule on Roe, which is why they are studying all the tea leaves. Barring something incendiary, it is unlikely that there will be enough opposition to block him. In that light, his wife's activities may be a source of reassurance to some of the women who are most concerned about the judge.

In fact, I'm hard-pressed to think of too many other high-level Bush appointees whose wives identify themselves as members of the "F" group — feminists. Feminists for Life, as opposed to some other pro-life groups, focuses on helping women avoid circumstances in which they are forced to the awful choice of abortion. It is precisely

the sort of group that in a non-politicized world — where the abortion issue was not being used as a political wedge, but was recognized as the painful decision that it is — might find common ground with some of the pro-choice groups that also seek to help young women avoid unwanted pregnancies.

That was precisely the message that earned Sen. Hillary Clinton praise last year, when she urged pro-choice groups to seek common ground to try to make abortions not only safe and legal, but also rare.

The irony is that in the midst of all the noise and heat, the number of abortions has actually increased during the Bush administration.

Last week, the moderate Democratic Leadership Council asked Sen. Clinton to chart the moderate course for the party. On abortion, that path is clear. It involves not attacking women like Jane Roberts, or ignoring her, but seeking to enlist her in an effort to help prevent unwanted pregnancies, even as Democrats maintain our commitment to keeping the government out of the ultimate decision of whether to have a child.

But that will not likely be on anyone's agenda in the forthcoming battles in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

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# Why are they so devious?

Sheesh, all I knew about John Roberts was that everyone says he has lovely manners — and already I was prepared to be against him. Knee-jerk liberal? No, congratulations to the White House, Sen. John Cornyn, Fred Thompson and everyone else involved in "managing" Roberts' confirmation process. Can't these people do anything without being devious about it?

My first reaction to Roberts was: "Sounds like that's about as good as we can get. Quick, affirm him before they nominate Bork, Bolton or Pinochet." A conservative with good manners and no known nut-ball decisions or statements on his record? Hey, take him. At least he's not (whew!) a member of the Federalist Society.

No such luck. Cornyn, who I would have sworn is not this stupid, apparently signed off on having the nominee "forget" he was a member of the Federalist Society, and Roberts obliged, which is strange considering his reputation for brilliance and a spectacular memory.

Turns out the guy is listed in the society's 1997-98 "Leadership Directory" as a member of its steering committee in Washington. How many steering committees have you been on that you've forgotten about?

The reason that matters is that the Federalist Society is the ultra-primo ultraconservative legal group in the whole country. Since we have only two years worth of Roberts' decisions on the bench (in itself unheard of for nominations to the Supremes), the information about how this society plans to steer the country can be very revealing of his positions.

So Roberts already looks disingenuous at best, and then the White House ups and decides it's entirely too risky to let the public in on his record as a government

lawyer and refuses to release documents requested.

Excuuuuuse me, that is public record. Roberts worked for us, he was paid by the taxpayers, this is not a matter of national security. Where does this White House get off pulling this kind of stuff? Right away, it looks like they're trying to cover something up. Lawyer-client privilege? Are they nuts? Everyone's first reaction is, so what's he guilty of?

As Jay Leno notes, this is an important job — these are the people who pick the president. Of course we're entitled to know what the man's public record is.

So, now all we know about John Roberts is that he has nice manners and is being managed by a bunch of morons — and he's willing to say what they spin for him. Then we start getting the record. He's defended the often violent Operation Rescue. He went to Florida to advise Jeb Bush during the 2000 election recount. Other Federalists, Timothy Flanigan (who's now in confirmation hearings for deputy attorney general) and Ted Olson (who became solicitor general of the United States) signed onto the brief to convince the Supremes to stop the count in Florida and install Bush. It's all classic, right-wing judicial activism — the very "activism" they complain bitterly about if it doesn't fit their radical agenda.

Restrict the right of courts to end school segregation, slow down on enforcing laws against discrimination, divest lower courts of jurisdiction over school prayer cases, go easy on Title IX for women and so on. All that was when Roberts was a junior White House lawyer and the records were opened during the Clinton administration. The records from his time as assistant solicitor general during Bush I are what they're trying to keep under wraps.

The Wall Street Journal's editorial page (the People Who Don't Read Their Own Paper) tried to describe the Federalist Society as an anodyne debating society. No, it is not — it is a radical right

organization, which explains why the White House made calls to national media to deny that Roberts was a member.

Jerome Shestack, president of the American Bar Association in 1998, said, "So much of the society's leadership consists of active politicians and others whose slouching toward extremism is self-proclaimed."

The society is funded by millions of dollars from right-wing and libertarian foundations. It attempts to influence legal education and works with right-wing legal advocacy and litigation organizations.

Alfred Ross, of the Institute of Democracy Studies, explains that "through its own 15 practice groups, the society is busy developing new legal theories for every area of American jurisprudence, from civil rights law to national security law, international law, securities regulations law and so on. And if one goes through the publications of their practice groups, one can only gasp not only at the breadth of their agenda, but the extremism of their ideology."

The society has argued for the abolition of the Securities and Exchange Commission, severely limiting the Environmental Protection Agency, and rolling back gender equity laws (Title IX) and voting rights law. Its publications have criticized teaching evolution and attacked the principle of separation of church and state.

According to Ross, they recently launched a state judicial selection project to try to dominate the state, as well as federal, bench. This is all standard, ultra-right-wing claptrap. It's all about control.

If we can't shake loose the actual records on John Roberts, we certainly should pay attention to the group he's most identified with.

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# Organ donation rates rising

By FRANK GREVE

Knight Ridder Newspapers

NEENAH, Wis. — Danny Sadlon's last words to his stepmother were: "Adam oughta get his own damn car."

At dawn the next morning, hustling back from a Halloween celebration in Madison to get to his roofing job on time, Sadlon, 20, hit an oncoming car, killing its driver. Three days later, Sadlon died of head injuries, but that wasn't the end of his story. Nor is it the end in many similar tragedies, thanks to a nationwide surge in organ donations.

Today, an Omaha, Neb., man is off of dialysis thanks to one of Sadlon's kidneys. The other kidney, and Sadlon's pancreas, are enabling a Michigan woman to attend nursing school. A retired Chicago cop with emphysema is doing OK with Sadlon's lungs. A northern Wisconsin man who received Sadlon's liver can drive South and winter on the Gulf Coast again. And Charlie Plugh, a retired air-conditioning sales engineer from Madison who couldn't walk a block before he received Sadlon's heart, now can walk as far as he pleases.

Such transforming stories — unimaginable 50 years ago when transplants began — are commonplace now. A record 26,984 U.S. patients received transplanted organs last year. This year's numbers will be even higher, thanks to hospitals nationwide that have upped their donation rates with the help of an unsung little federal initiative.

More transplants mean increased demand for donated organs, however, as more doctors seek that option for dying patients. And that's intensifying the unique and wrenching pains and pressures that people who are waiting for organs — today nearly enough to fill the Rose Bowl — face. Families who've decided to donate loved ones' organs deal with different but equally exotic emotions, as do transplant recipients.

At first, "you feel so guilty," Plugh, 67, said of his November 2003 transplant. And at first, Danny Sadlon's stepmother, Dawn, who teaches autistic kids in Oshkosh, thought he should. She couldn't bear to think of Plugh and his family "having fun at Christmastime while we were crying our eyes out," she said.

"You look at people and realize that they're alive because your son is dead," Dawn Sadlon recently told Sharlyne Agostine, a woman from Seymour who'd donated her own teenage son's organs in 1997.

Agostine's advice: "You have to recognize that and let it go."

Hospitals that are trying to increase organ dona-



Charlie Plugh of Madison, Wis., center, had his heart replaced with that of 2-year-old victim Daniel Sadlon 19 months ago. He is pictured with Daniel's father Jay and stepmother, Dawn Sadlon. The three of them have become friends and remain in contact with each other.

tions usually look up the University of Wisconsin Hospital in Madison, whose organ-donation efforts cover the state except for the Milwaukee area. Last year, the system persuaded 78 percent of potential organ-donor families to donate their dying loved ones' organs, tying for the nation's highest rate with San Diego's Lifesharing Community Organ Donation. The national average was 56 percent. If the U.S. rate equaled Wisconsin's, almost no one who's on the organ transplant-waiting list would die. Instead, 6,529 died last year.

Wisconsin's story began 14 years ago when then-Gov. Tommy Thompson started promoting organ donation at the urging of Dr. Hans Sollinger, the university hospital's top transplant surgeon.

Today, driver's education in the state includes a mandatory half-hour on organ donation. Driver's licenses have a donation check-off. Stock-car drivers and local TV personalities promote organ donation. The governor confers medals on donor families at an annual governor's mansion ceremony. In Wisconsin, the civic virtue attached to donating organs is up there with donating blood.

But that doesn't ease the wait for a transplant.

"Someone has to die for you to live, so what do you pray for?" asked liver transplant recipient Linda Ourada, 55, a banker's wife from Appleton.

She used to drive two hours weekly to the hospital transplant clinic in Madison on what she called Liver Wednesday: That was when those seeking transplants got checkups.

Everyone hoped to do badly, Ourada said, because of the way the federally regulated priority system works. It requires that the sickest

patient capable of taking a donated organ get the next transplant.

To estimate her chances, Ourada confided, "I'd try to do my urine test last. Then I'd put my sample up on the counter in a row with all the others. Dark urine is a sign of severe disease, you know, so I could bend down and judge where I stood by how dark my sample was compared to the others."

Then she'd go back to the waiting room to appraise the faces of the other patients.

"Really, you saw the same thing in every face," Ourada recalled. "Just give me another chance to keep going at it."

When President Bush summoned Thompson to Washington to head the Health and Human Services Department in

his first term, Thompson took his enthusiasm for organ donations with him. It grew into the Organ Donation Breakthrough Collaborative, an HHS program that employs five people and cost \$4 million last year.

Its strategy is simple: First, learn the secrets of the hospital trauma centers that promote organ donations most effectively. Then convince the country's 200 biggest hospital trauma centers to use them. While some organs, mainly kidneys, come from living donors, the major source is patients who die in hospitals.

The plan is working spectacularly. Long-flat organ donor numbers hit all-time highs nationally in each month since January 2004. The 11 per-

## Some useful Web sites

Identify your local organ-donor agency via the Association of Organ Procurement Organizations, at [www.aopo.org](http://www.aopo.org). Click on "Member Organizations."

To learn more about being an organ donor, go to The Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network, at [www.optn.org](http://www.optn.org).

To learn more about transplants, by organ, go to the United Network for Organ Sharing, at [www.unos.org](http://www.unos.org). Explore the "Data" section

To learn more about the federal initiative to promote organ donations, go to the Organ Donation Breakthrough Collaborative, at <http://organdonation.igsolutions.com>. Click on "About the Collaborative."

cent increase kept 1,368 more transplant patients alive, according to Dennis Wagner, the director of the collaborative.

According to Jim Warren, who's been the editor and publisher of the industry newsletter Transplant News for 20 years, the collaborative is "the best thing the government's ever done" for organ donations.

Among its findings: Potential donor families who think that their loved ones received great care are more likely to donate. Minority families are more likely to give when members of the same minority group approach them. Requesters who

begin their appeals assuming the families will consent are more likely to succeed than ones who simply ask whether the families want to donate organs.

Support from top hospital officials also helps. So does communication about organ donation among intensive care nurses, doctors and others from the moment a potential donor enters the hospital.

"It's not rocket science; it's just good management," said Tom Beyersdorf, the executive director of Flint-based Gift of Life Michigan,

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The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates					
	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.500000	\$0.076300 *	\$1.576300	\$2,755	\$2,986
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.411500	\$0.079000 *	\$1.490500	\$2,721	\$3,031
Proposed Rate	\$1.500000	\$0.076300 *	\$1.576300	\$2,851	\$3,106

\* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence		
	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$31,073	\$31,442
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$9,858	\$10,154
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.576300	\$1.576300
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$155.39	\$160.06
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$4.67

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.584409. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.584409.

Fund Balances	
The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:	
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**DONORS**

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where the statewide donation rate rose 30 percent last year. Michigan now recovers organs from two-thirds of its potential donors.

Some of the biggest increases in organ donation are in big-city hospitals. Among them: Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, Harris Methodist Fort Worth Hospital and the Washington Hospital Center in the nation's capital.

The numbers are watched closely because only about 13,000 deaths a year involve people with organs in good condition to be transplanted. Since each donor's organs can extend multiple lives, as in this case, a potential donor is considered a precious opportunity.

When it comes to organ donations, nobody does it better than Theda Clark Medical Center in Neenah, which serves a population of about 500,000 from a leafy downtown campus about two hours north of Milwaukee.

Clark is the U.S. record holder for consecutive organ-donation consents: 21 in 2003. (The runner-up is Fort Worth's Harris Methodist, with 20.) Since then, Theda Clark's consent rate is 97 percent.

Its secret is nurses such as Peg Grambsch, 42, the outgoing, sturdy, intuitive veteran intensive-care nurse who runs Theda Clark's organ-donation program. Most hospitals rely on doctors to ask for organ dona-

tions. Or they depend on outside coordinators — usually former trauma nurses or paramedics — who link trauma centers to hospitals that do transplants. But Theda Clark has the nurse who has worked most closely with a dying potential donor ask the patient's family to make the donation.

It takes courage, time, sympathy, straight talk and Kleenex. That's especially true when the head injuries that often make a patient a promising organ donor aren't visible.

"It's heart-breaking," Grambsch said. "You know they're not going to survive. But how can the family let go? They look fine lying in the bed."

She said the key was to translate the doctor's prognosis into layman's language, then help the family cope. It's a conversation that starts once the doctor has told the family there's no hope.

"They hear that, but often they don't take it in," Grambsch said.

"A mother who asks, 'When does he get to go home?' doesn't get it," she continued. "Once they realize that he'll never be able to open his eyes, never do anything, then they get it."

Toward the end of a conversation that can take hours, Theda Clark's nurses will say something like: "I know this is an awful time for you, but there's a chance to do something good."

Grambsch sighed. "We work so hard to try and save the patients. Then we work with their families. It's a tragic thing and a positive thing at the same time: If we can't

save that person's life, let's save some others."

Her intensive-care unit employs 50 nurses. "Not one of them would not want to approach a donor," Grambsch said. "It's part of the personal practice that they do."

"They take it really personal if they get a no, actually."

University of Wisconsin Hospital transplant surgeons, borne by helicopter or ambulance to Theda Clark, flush and clean the organs they remove, then pack them in ice and insulated boxes and rush them to the transplant center's waiting patients. Organs the hospital can't use are rushed to patients awaiting them at other transplant centers.

Who gets an organ

among the 89,000 patients who are waiting for them depends on which organ it is — a recovered pancreas is highly perishable, for example — plus such factors as blood type, body size, gravity of illness, age and distance. Priorities vary moment to moment.

A terminal case may show up and go to the head of the line. Or maybe the person at the head of the line misses the call. That happened to Lisa Weinlader, a high school Spanish teacher in suburban Madison, who was riding in a school bus that killed her cell phone's reception.

Weinlader later got her liver transplant from Sharlyne Agostine's strapping son, Jason.

Recipients and donor

*To your health*

families can write each other anonymously via the regional organ-procurement agency. It deletes the signatures and sends the letters along. Or, if both sides agree, the agency passes along the contact information.

That's how Charlie Plugh and Dawn Sadlon came to meet at an organ donation seminar in Stevens Point in March 2004.

Plugh, who admits he's a talker, recalled recently that he couldn't speak as

he crossed the room toward her.

"I was overwhelmed," Dawn Sadlon said.

"She came across the room with her head down," Plugh said.

In tears, they hugged. Then Plugh asked: "Would you like to feel your son's heart?"

She would, Dawn Sadlon said.

"It was my Danny," she concluded, "living and carrying on and being the good person that he was when he was alive."

*In tears, they hugged. Then Plugh asked: "Would you like to feel your son's heart?" She would, Dawn Sadlon said. "It was my Danny," she concluded, "living and carrying on and being the good person that he was when he was alive."*

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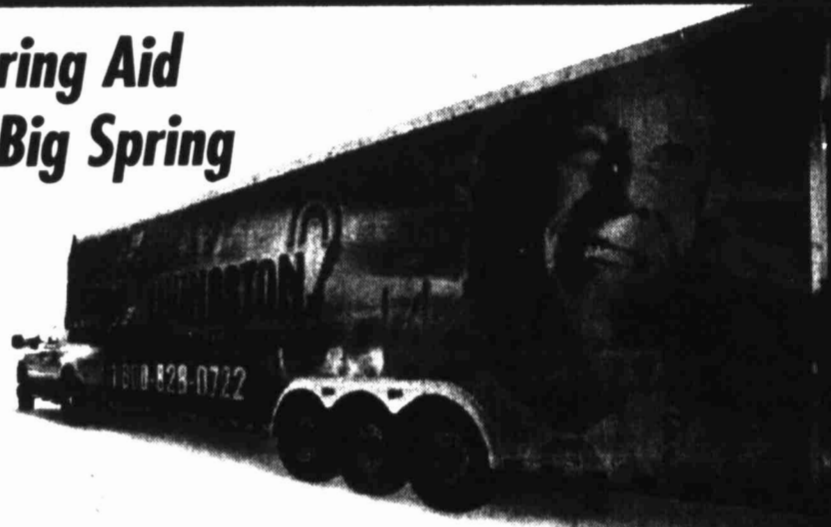
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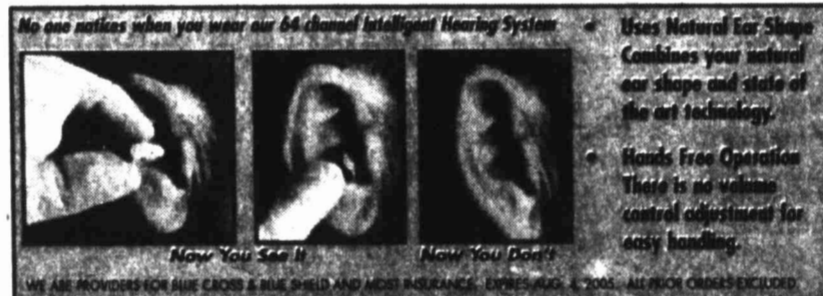
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### IN BRIEF

#### Big Spring volleyball to begin workouts

The Big Spring high school (9-12) volleyball team will begin this season's two-a-day practices today, according to new coach Jason McAden.

The first practice will take place at 8:45 a.m. in the Steer Gym. Also, all incoming freshman and juniors will need to have physicals.

#### Big Spring football practices announced

The Big Spring high school football team will begin this season's two-a-day practices Monday, Aug. 8, according to new coach Tim Holt.

The first practice will take place at 7 a.m. at Blankenship Field. The freshman will go until 11 a.m.

For questions about equipment contact the coaches at 264-3662 between the hours of 7 a.m. and 8 p.m.

#### Signups for football to occur all summer

The Crossroads Youth Football Association signups are currently underway and will continue throughout the summer.

Signups will take place at the Big Spring Mall Fridays from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information, call Daphne Castilaw at 714-4688.

#### YMCA sets date for annual contest

The annual summer skateboard contest will be held Thursday at the YMCA Skate Park starting at 7 p.m. The park will open at 6 p.m. for contestants to warm up.

The skateboarders may enter one of two age groups and the entry fee is only \$5. Prizes will be awarded to the top skateboarders in each age group. Spectators will be admitted free of charge.

For more information, contact Pete Thiry at 267-8234.

#### B.S. football season tickets on sale now

Football season tickets for the Big Spring Steers are now on sale for previous season ticket holders.

Tickets can be purchased at the Big Spring Athletic Training Center from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (closed from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.).

The general public may purchase season tickets Aug. 8-19.

For more information, contact Kay Cook at 264-3662.

#### Big Spring sets next quarterback meeting

The next Quarterback Club (football boosters) meeting will be tonight at 7 p.m. at the ATO.

Parents of all football players in grades 7-12 are invited and encouraged to come. For more information, call Gene Pappas at 616-1194.

## Cowboys sign top two draft choices

### • Ware, Spears agree to five year contracts, report to camp

OXNARD, Calif. (AP) — Dallas Cowboys first-round picks Demarcus Ware and Marcus Spears both agreed to five-year contracts late Saturday after missing the first day of training camp.

The two defensive ends were expected to sign their deals and be on the field in time for the Cowboys' next practice Sunday afternoon.

Ware was the 11th overall pick in April out of Troy, and nine picks later Spears was drafted from LSU. Both are expected to be immediate contributors for Dallas, which is

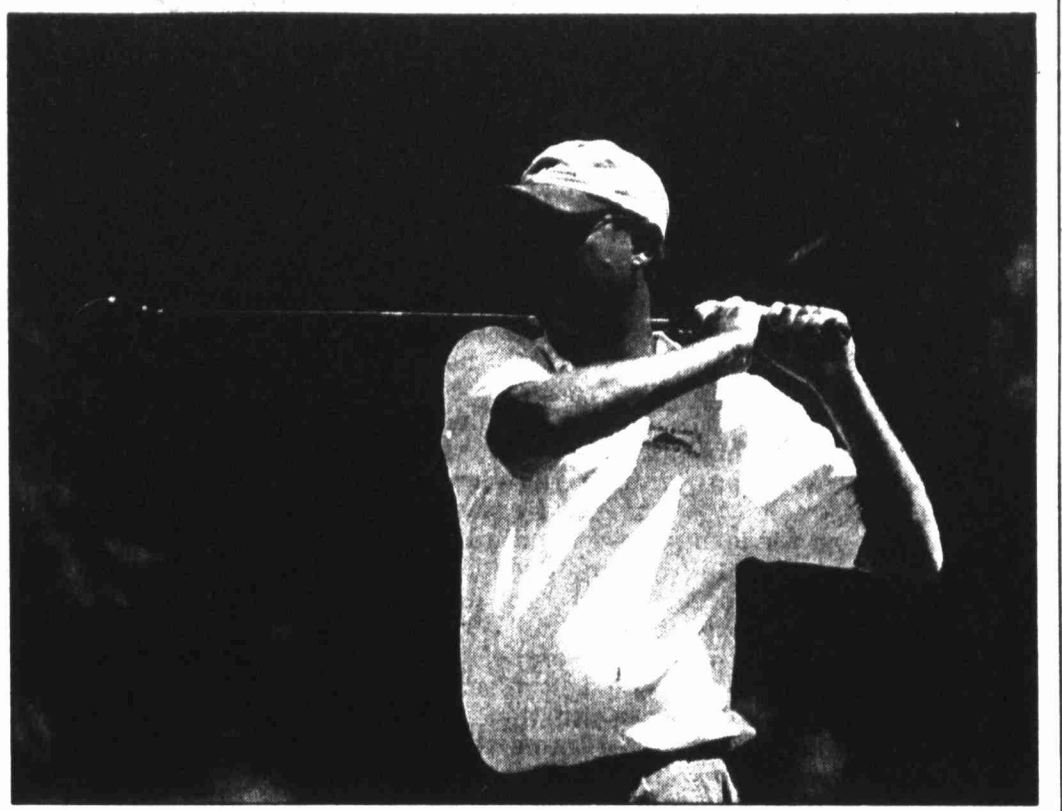
switching to a primary three-man defensive front.

"It's just good to get it done and get them in so they can get to work," said Stephen Jones, the team's executive vice president who handles negotiations. "It was just working through all the different options that we had, getting everybody comfortable with everything, and it worked out."

One reason for the delay was that the bonuses could only be spread over a maximum of five years because the NFL's collective bargaining agreement hasn't been extended, Jones said.

Financial terms weren't

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Wesley Key tees on the No. 1 at the YoungLife golf tournament Sunday at the Big Spring Country Club. Key and his team of Dickie Bailey, Kyle Ditto and Randy Glasscock were leading the first flight heading into Sunday after shooting a 7-under Saturday.

## Boggs, Sandberg placed into elite ML baseball Hall of Fame

By **JOHN KEKIS**

AP Sports Writer

COOPERSTOWN, N.Y.

— Wade Boggs cried when he acknowledged his father, who turned a scrawny kid into one of the game's toughest outs by teaching him that inside-out swing.

Ryne Sandberg was simply Ryno — smooth, stoic and flush with reverence for the game.

Four decades after they once dreamed of baseball greatness, Boggs and Sandberg were inducted Sunday into the Baseball Hall of Fame to the raucous cheers of thousands of Boston Red Sox and Chicago Cub fans.

"There were many stops along the way," said Boggs, who began playing minor-league baseball in Elmira, N.Y., in 1976. "But today that train has pulled into Cooperstown, and I've found this family here at the Hall of Fame. My wife and I believe this is the beginning of another baseball journey."

Boggs, who batted left-handed, was an undersized hitter who didn't attract much attention even though he finished his senior year at Plant High in Tampa, Fla., on a 26-for-33 tear. He was drafted in the seventh round by the Red Sox and then spent five-plus seasons in the minors before finally forcing Boston to promote him in 1981 after he led the International League in batting.

"Life is about obstacles," said Boggs, who also played for the Yankees and Tampa Bay. "Our lives are not determined by what happens to us, but how we react to what happens. Baseball is just a game. You should always play the game with passion, play the game with heart, and play the game you love, and possibly one day your dreams can come true just like mine did."

Boggs learned the trademark inside-out swing from his father, Winfield, a fast-pitch softball star. He learned well, going on to hit .300 or higher 15 times and finishing with a .328 career average. He was the only player in the 20th century with seven straight 200-hit seasons.

And when it came time to pay tribute to his 80-year-old father, Boggs broke down as his dad, too, brushed away tears.

"Daddy, I wouldn't be up here without you, my mentor, my idol," Boggs said. "Anyone can be a father, but it takes someone special to be a dad. That's why I call you dad, because you are so special to me. You taught me the game, and you taught me how to play it right. Without you, I wouldn't be here. Thank you, dad."

The tears continued when Boggs remembered his deceased mother, Susan.

"She couldn't be here today, but she's here in spirit," Boggs, only the 41st player elected on his first try, said as he glanced skyward. "She was the rock of the family. She had to wear two hats, my father being in the Air Force. Mom, I love you. I miss you. I wish you were here."

Sandberg, a darling of Cubs fans because he excelled in every facet of the game as a star second baseman who shunned the spotlight, said he became a Hall of Famer because he respected the game. And the 48 Hall of Famers sitting behind seemed to nod in unison.

"A lot of people say this honor validates my career," said Sandberg, who wasn't picked until the 20th round of the 1978 amateur draft by the Philadelphia Phillies. "But I didn't work hard for validation. I didn't play the game right because I saw a reward at the end of the tunnel. I played it right because that's what you're supposed to do — play it right and with respect. Turning two is more important than knowing where to find the little red light on the dugout camera."

Although the 6-foot-2 Sandberg began at short, he eventually was switched to second and blossomed in 1984, two years after the Phillies traded him to the Cubs.

The trade gave Sandberg a chance to play every day, and he quickly quieted the skeptics who thought he was too tall to play second. He won the first of nine consecutive Gold Gloves, establishing a major league record of 123 consecutive errorless games over two seasons.

Sandberg won MVP honors in 1984, hitting a career-high .314 with 19 homers, 84 RBIs, 114 runs, 32 stolen bases, and made

only six errors in 156 games.

"Baseball wasn't easy for me. I struggled many times," said Sandberg, who was elected in his third year of eligibility. "I had to work hard every day, and I didn't leave many scraps for the writers. I hope you also understand why I would not campaign for this or help to sell this. It's the best award in all of sports, and I think if I had expected anything, if I was thinking about it too much or crunching the numbers, it would have taken away from the prestige of this incredible honor."

Also enshrined were longtime San Diego Padres announcer Jerry Coleman, winner of the Ford C. Frick Award presented annually for major contributions to baseball broadcasting; and veteran sportswriter and broadcaster Peter Gammons, recipient of the J.G. Taylor Spink Award, presented annually for meritorious contributions to baseball writing.

Coleman's playing career was interrupted twice because of military service as a Marine pilot during World War II and Korea. He flew 120 missions, received two distinguished flying crosses, 13 Air Medals and three Navy citations, and earned the rank of lieutenant colonel.

For that, he received a standing ovation.

Pete Rose, ineligible for the Hall of Fame because of his lifetime ban from baseball for gambling, originally was scheduled to appear at Pete Rose Ballpark Collectibles to sign autographs. But the sign above the store, located a little over a block away from the Hall of Fame on Main Street, was taken down sometime in the last week — and Rose never appeared.

Andrew Vilacky, owner of the store and a close friend and business associate of Rose, has pleaded guilty in federal court to one count of felony tax fraud for his part in a scheme that authorities said bilked the U.S. and New York state governments of nearly \$3 million in fraudulent tax refunds between 1997 and 2001. Vilacky is scheduled to be sentenced in October and could face up to five years in prison.



Ryne Sandberg stretches before beginning a round of golf during the Baseball Hall of Fame induction weekend festivities Saturday. He was inducted into the hall with Wade Boggs Sunday.

## Blue Jays end Texas' modest winning streak

### • Chacin shuts down Rangers in Toronto

TORONTO (AP) — Gustavo Chacin won his fifth straight start, Vernon Wells homered during the four-run third inning and the Toronto Blue Jays avoided a three-game sweep with a 5-1 victory over the Texas Rangers on Sunday.

Chacin (11-5) went 5-0 with a 2.97 ERA in six July starts to become the first Blue Jays rookie to win five games in a month. The 24-year-old left-hander gave up one run — none earned — and four hits, while tying a career high with six strikeouts and walking four in 6 1-3 innings. His 3.28 ERA is among the top

10 in the AL. Chacin leads all AL rookies in wins, ERA and innings pitched.

Newly acquired Phil Nevin went 0-for-4 as the designated hitter for the Rangers, who saw their four-game winning streak end. Texas acquired Nevin from San Diego in a trade for Chan Ho Park on Friday.

The Blue Jays scored four runs in the third with two outs. Aaron Hill singled off Texas starter C.J. Wilson (0-3) before Wells homered off the screen attached to the left-field foul pole, his team-high 21st of the season. After Shea Hillenbrand and Corey Koskie hit consecutive

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# Floyd leads N.Y. to win over Houston

Oswalt pitches shaky six innings, relievers blow lead

By JAIME ARON  
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Ramon Castro's bloop single in the eighth inning gave the New York Mets their first lead in three games, then they piled on four more runs in the ninth for a 9-4 victory over Houston Sunday that ended the Astros' seven-game winning streak.

The Astros lost for just the second time in 15 games. They went 22-7 in July, riding that to the top of the NL wild card standings.

New York finished with just two wins on a seven-game road trip. Houston's pitching was so good this four-game series that the Mets hadn't led since the seventh inning Thursday night and had scored only four runs over the first three games. Perhaps taking out their frustrations, the Mets had 17 hits, tying the most off the Astros this season.

Cliff Floyd tied it in the seventh with an RBI single, then Castro drove in the go-ahead run in the eighth off Dan Wheeler (1-3). His inside-out swing sent the ball softly into shallow right field, easily scoring Mike Cameron from third.

New York broke it open in the ninth, getting its first four men on before making an out. David Wright, Mike Cameron and Castro had RBI singles, and Marlon Anderson capped it with a sacrifice fly RBI.

Cameron, Carlos Beltran and Doug Mientkiewicz each had three hits. Castro, Wright and Floyd each had two.

Houston's Eric Bruntlett did his best to give Roy Oswalt his 15th win, homering in the first inning and driving in two more runs with singles. Oswalt left with a 4-3 lead despite being shaky over his six innings.

There were no sparks in the first meeting between

Oswalt and Floyd since a June beaming that emptied both benches and bullpens. But it was a good pitcher-hitter battle.

Floyd missed a three-run homer by inches on the first pitch he saw from Oswalt, then ended up lining into an inning-ending double play. Leading off the fourth, he hit his 24th homer for New York's first run.

Aaron Heilman (4-3) pitched one scoreless inning for the victory. Roberto Hernandez protected it in the eighth and closer Braden Loper pitched the ninth, even though the big rally in the top of the inning prevented it from being a save situation.

The game drew 43,028 fans, upping the total for the four-game series to 172,835, the most ever for the Astros. The majority continued to boo Beltran every time he hit or the ball was hit to him in center field.

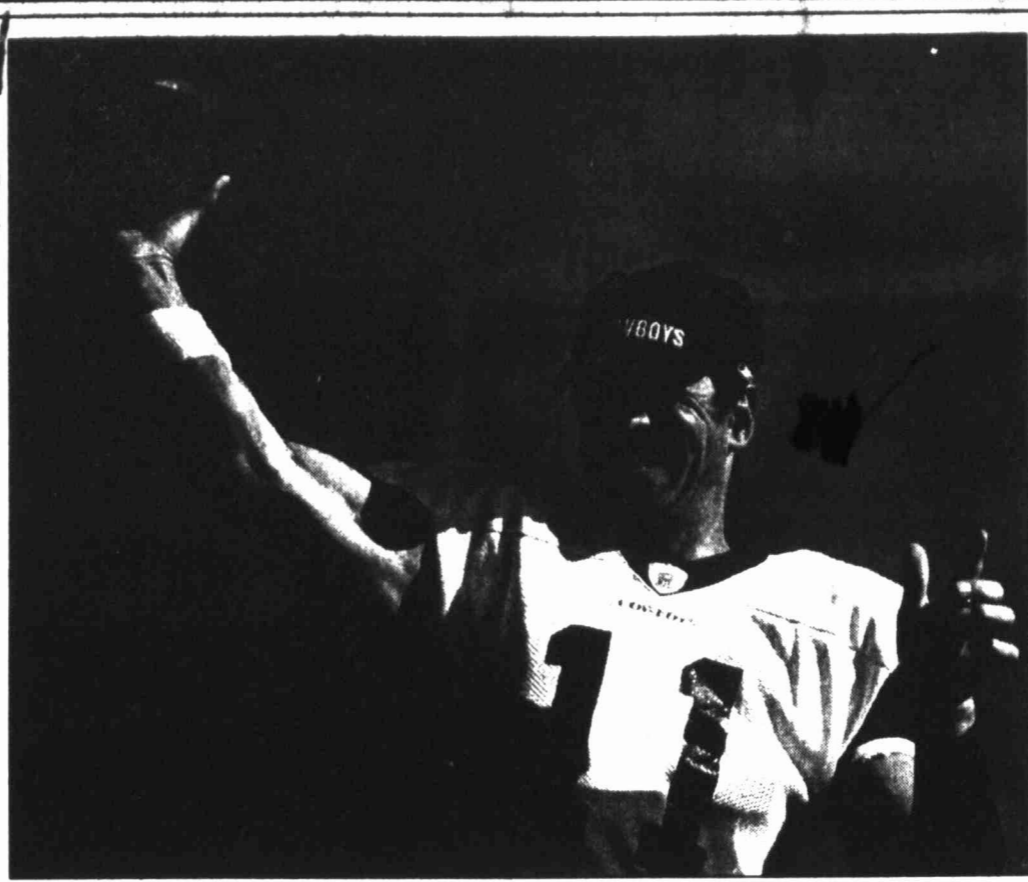
Oswalt allowed three runs on nine hits over six innings. It was the most runs he'd given up at home since opening day. This also was the first time in his 23 starts that he didn't get a decision.

New York starter Kaz Ishii allowed three runs on five hits over four innings. He walked three and two of them scored. He struck out two.

Mets bench coach Sandy Alomar was ejected from the dugout in the first inning following a strange sequence that began with Houston's Morgan Ensberg thinking he'd walked but it was only ball three.

Time was called for him to go back to the batter's box, but Lance Berkman was trotting from first to second. New York tagged him in a rundown, but he was allowed to stay at first.

Mets manager Willie Randolph complained for several minutes, then went back to the bench. Within seconds, third-base umpire Rob Drake turned toward the dugout and tossed Alomar.



Dallas Cowboy quarterback Drew Bledsoe passes during training camp Saturday in Oxnard, Calif.

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singles, Gregg Zaun and Alex Rios hit RBI singles to give Toronto a 4-0 lead.

Wilson, recalled from Double-A Frisco to make the start, allowed four runs on eight hits in eight innings.

The Rangers scored their lone run in the fourth after a throwing error by Chacin.

Alfonso Soriano singled and advanced to second on Chacin's bad throw to shortstop Russ Adams at second base. Chacin's throw took Adams off the bag, but TV replayed showed he got back on it before Soriano reached second.

Richard Hidalgo later followed with an RBI single.

Reed Johnson homered off James Baldwin in the seventh, giving Toronto a 5-1 lead.

# Swift set to sign with Houston next week

LEAGUE CITY (AP) — Stromile Swift will sign with the Houston Rockets early next week, the free agent said Saturday.

"I'm ready to get it over with," Swift said before playing in Tracy McGrady's celebrity softball tournament. "It will relieve a lot of pressure."

Swift's agent told several Houston media outlets on July 18 that the Rockets had reached a deal with the player, but free agents could not be

signed until the NBA completed a new collective bargaining agreement. That agreement was signed early Saturday.

Swift said he's excited about playing for the Rockets.

"This is a great group of guys and I felt that this was the best situation for me," he said. "It was just really an easy decision. This is a good team and a good organization."

Swift, the No. 2 pick in

the 2000 draft, spent the last five seasons with the Grizzlies, first in Vancouver and then in Memphis.

The 6-foot-10 player averaged more than 10 points and four rebounds last season.

Swift said McGrady and Rockets general manager Carroll Dawson both played a role in helping him reach the decision. Dawson visited the player and at his family's home in Shreveport, La.

"T-Mac did a little bit of recruiting," Swift said, adding that he's long been a Rockets fan. "That was pretty big for him to do that. That's the whole thing — to feel wanted in a situation."

McGrady said he looks forward to Swift joining the team.

"We're just going to bring his ability out because we're definitely going to challenge him every day," McGrady said.

# Pettitte's current streak among best all-time

Astros starter now has eight straight starts of one or no runs allowed

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston Astros left-hander Andy Pettitte's streak of eight straight starts allowing one or no runs is

more than just an impressive roll. It's the best in baseball since 1986, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

Bill Gullickson, then with the Cincinnati Reds, was the last pitcher to be so stingy over so many starts, with the caveat that all went at least five

innings.

Only four others have done it since 1960 — former Houston ace J.R. Richard in 1979, Hall of Famers Bob Gibson and Don Drysdale in 1968 and Hall of Famer Sandy Koufax in 1960.

Pettitte (9-7) has won six straight decisions during

his streak, including eight shutout innings against the New York Mets in a 2-0 victory Saturday night. He's given up just five earned runs over his last 56 innings, lowering his ERA to 2.58, fourth-best in the NL going into Sunday's games.

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released.

Spears was already in California, where he had remained with his agent during negotiations. Jones said Ware was flying in Saturday night

from Atlanta. Linebacker Kevin Burnett, the team's second-round pick from Tennessee, agreed to terms early Saturday

morning and signed in time to be on the field for the first two practices. The other five drafted players were also signed before the start of camp.

# Rangers never got close to dealing Soriano

TORONTO (AP) — The Texas Rangers were never close to trading second baseman Alfonso Soriano before Sunday's deadline to make deals without waivers.

"The type of deals that were presented to us did not make sense," Texas general manager John Hart said. "We never got close."

"We countered on a lot of players, discussed a lot of possibilities, but we never got close to what we considered to be a deal that was going to help the

Rangers." Minnesota, the New York Mets and the Chicago Cubs were said to be interested in Soriano.

Hart said his team aggressively pursued starting pitching but that the club was not willing to part with one of its upper-level players for a "two-month rental."

Hart, who added he thought it was a "dry market," also said he tried to reassure Soriano that the club was not attempting to trade him.

"We also told him it's baseball and who knows what's going to happen," Hart said. "I think he was affected more than anyone."

Soriano came to Texas from the New York Yankees in the Alex Rodriguez trade before the 2004 season.

He's hitting .280 with 26 homers and 69 RBIs for Texas, which fell to 53-51 after Sunday's 5-1 loss to Toronto.

"We're going to fight it out with what we got," Hart said. "We're going to

provide opportunities to guys like C.J. Wilson."

Wilson took the loss Sunday in his fourth major league start.

The 24-year-old left hander allowed four runs and eight hits in six innings. The rotation also includes unproven pitchers like Ricardo Rodriguez and Joaquin Benoit.

Journeyman reliever John Wasdin replaced the traded Chan Ho Park Friday. Texas acquired Phil Nevin from San Diego in a trade for Park that day.

# Singh holds off surging Woods at Buick Open

By LARRY LAGE  
AP Sports Writer

GRAND BLANC, Mich. — Vijay Singh followed up three spectacular rounds with an average one and it was enough to hold off a surging Tiger Woods and win the Buick Open Sunday.

Singh closed with a final-round 70 for a four-stroke victory and a 24-under 264 total.

Woods, who began the day eight shots back, tied for second after vaulting into contention with six birdies and an eagle in an nine-hole stretch.

After making a 17-foot

putt for birdie at No. 17 to pull within two shots, Woods cupped his left ear to coax a louder reaction from the raucous gallery. Woods' drive at the final hole sailed wide right while Singh, playing two groups behind, made his second birdie to take a three-shot lead.

Woods, the top-ranked player in the world, and Singh, ranked second, have alternated positions atop the rankings for nearly a year.

Zach Johnson (69) tied Woods for second at 20 under. Robert Allenby (65) finished 18 under, alone in fourth.



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Mike Smith attempts a putt during action at the YoungLife golf tournament Sunday at the Big Spring Country Club.

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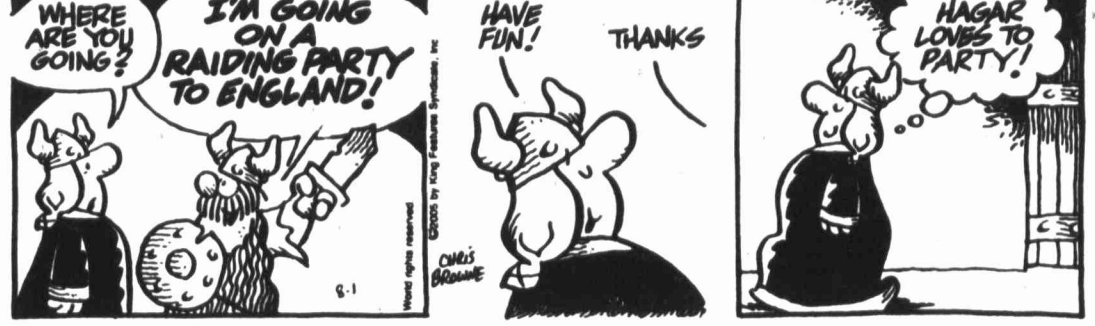
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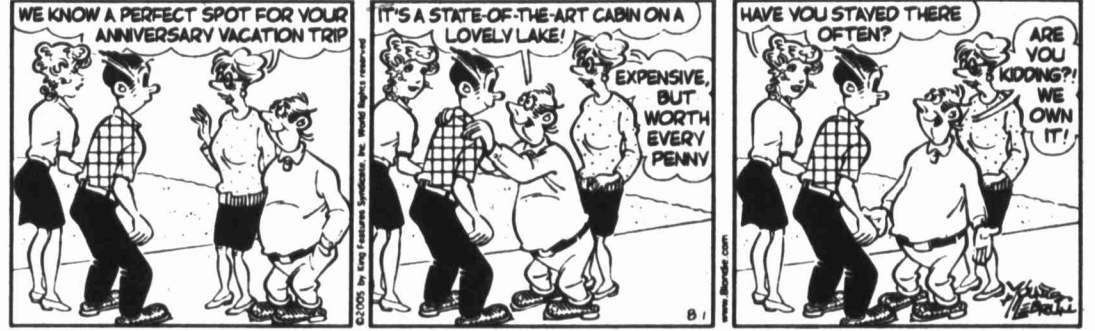


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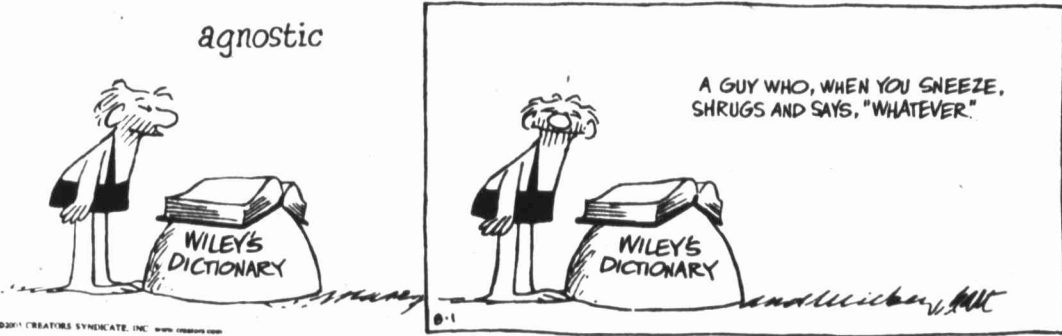
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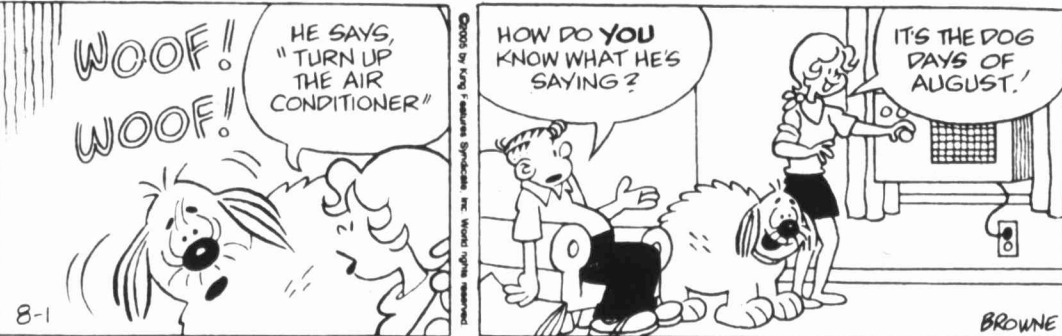
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Aug. 1, the 213th day of 2005. There are 152 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Aug. 1, 1790, the first United States census was completed...

Fulbright. In 1946, the Atomic Energy Commission was established. In 1957, the United States and Canada reached agreement to create the North American Air Defense Command (NORAD).

75. Singer Ramblin' Jack Elliott is 74. Cartoonist Tom Wilson ("Ziggy") is 74. Actor-comedian Dom DeLuise is 72. Fashion designer Yves Saint Laurent is 69.

Answer to previous puzzle: A crossword grid with words like SONATA, APOGEE, SOLITUDE, TETHER, PRATTLER, CREATIVITY, ALAI, HEP, WEIRD, SCOTE, LTD, TOED, COVER, SASHAYS, PAL, DIDDERS, SAIL, CEPS, LEA, DIGIN, GAB, ELL, ACE, TURNOFF, CII, NETS, NEAPOLITAN, CAUCUSES, ROVING, EXPONENT, TRANCE, RESTAREA, HANGER.

Newsday Crossword

BOOMERANG by Sally R. Stein Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS 1 Canaveral or Hatteras 5 Octopus' octet 9 Is the manager of 14 Trebek of TV 15 New Age glow 16 Have a quarrel 17 Detergent relative 18 "He" or "them": Abbr. 19 Cake portion 20 Puts in the trash 22 Pains in the neck 23 Spicy chip dip 24 Rate of walking 26 Engrave with acid 29 Available in one's records 34 It's followed by Fri. 37 Pencil end 40 Vocal 41 Swimming stroke 44 Pine or persimmon "En garde!" sayer 46 Point opposite SSW 47 Motionless 49 Barber's concern 51 "Hey you!" 54 Alpha followers 58 Suez or Panama 62 Attains stardom again 65 Scarlett's surname 66 Not at home 67 Prefix meaning "against" 68 What teachers mark 69 Insignificant 70 Composer Stravinsky 71 Break into bits 72 Toboggan, for instance 73 Legal wrong 10 City southwest of Buffalo 11 Matures 12 Air passageway 13 Looks at 21 Irrigate 25 Part of the eye 27 Partner of 61 Down 28 Healthy 30 In favor of 31 Pakistan neighbor 32 Something to mow 33 Fashion magazine 34 London farewell 35 Injured 36 Computer owner 38 Transgression, together 39 To his own 42 Golf-ball platform 43 Babies' beds 48 Jump into the pool 50 Put another worm on the hook 52 Con games 53 Beachgoer's need 55 South American dance 56 Performer in a play 57 Hula dancer's wear 58 Portable beds 59 Throat-clearing sound 60 Astronauts' org. 61 Painting and sculpture 63 Filly's mother 64 Looked at

Newsday Crossword grid with numbers 1-73 indicating starting positions for words.