



TEA ratings released

Most Howard County public schools received a academically acceptable ratings from the Texas Education Agency Monday, with Bauer Magnet School, Moss Elementary and Elbow Elementary receiving recognized ratings. Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan high schools all received acceptable ratings, as did Big Spring and Coahoma junior high schools. Also rated as acceptable were Goliad Intermediate School and Kentwood, Marcy and Washington elementaries. TEA rates each school as exemplary, recognized, academically

TEA accountability ratings

Big Spring ISD	— acceptable
Big Spring HS	— acceptable
Big Spring JH	— acceptable
Goliad Intermediate	— acceptable
Bauer Magnet	— recognized
Kentwood Elementary	— acceptable
Marcy Elementary	— acceptable
Moss Elementary	— recognized
Washington Elementary	— acceptable
Coahoma ISD	— acceptable
Coahoma HS	— acceptable
Coahoma JS	— acceptable
Forsan ISD	— acceptable
Forsan HS	— acceptable

acceptable or academically unacceptable. The ratings are based on various test scores and dropout rates. **THIS WEEK:** Area superintendents and principals comment about the results.

Balancing the books

Howard College employees to get raise; students to incur hike in tuition and fees

Trustees OK slight decrease in tax rate as well.

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

A pay raise for all employees, an increase in tuition and fees and a slight tax decrease are highlights of the evolving Howard College budget for 2005-06.

During their regular meeting Monday, college trustees learned that an increase in property valuations of about \$100 million would allow them to actually increase the tax levy while at the same time decreasing the tax rate slightly.

College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks said that trustees approved a tentative drop in the tax rate from 27.6 cents per \$100 valuation to 27.3 cents.

Other items given tentative approval Monday included:

- A \$750 annual pay raise for college employees.
- An across-the-board increase in tuition fees. Students living within the district will pay \$5 more per semester hour, students living outside the district will pay \$7 more per semester hour, while students

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Task force: VA still fits the bill

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

A task force made up of local leaders is doing everything it can to show federal officials that the local Veterans Administration Medical Center is the right facility in the right place at the right time.

In anticipation of a Sept. 1 public meeting concerning the future of the local VA hospital, the task force has compiled information it believes shows that the Big Spring



Concienne

is the ideal site to address future medical and psychiatric needs for West Texas veterans.

A study by PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) indicates that that future veterans needs will shift away from traditional medical services such as surgery and inpatient care toward psychiatric and substance abuse care.

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PREPARING FOR A NEW YEAR



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

The Big Spring High School color guard works on its moves this morning in the schools gym, preparing for the coming school year, which begins Aug. 22.



Herald photo/Steve Reagan.

Pat Simmons receives a standing ovation after receiving the Keep Texas Beautiful Lifetime Award during Monday's meeting of the Keep Big Spring Beautiful organization. Simmons was honored for her many years of support to beautification efforts in Big Spring and Howard County.

Simmons receives Lifetime Award from KTB foundation

Herald, Bauer Magnet, city are also recognized

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Pat Simmons has been at the center of beautification projects in Howard County for many years, and those efforts have been recognized at the state level.

On Monday, Simmons formally received the O.P. Schnabel Lifetime Award from the Keep Texas Beautiful foundation.

The award was presented to Simmons in recognition of her many efforts toward beautification in Big Spring and the surrounding area.

She is best known for spearheading the annual Festival of Lights, but she is involved in numerous other projects as well.

"If she didn't win the award this year, I don't know what she would have had to do to ever win it," said Terry Blackshear in presenting the award to Simmons. "I have no doubt that someday this award will be known as the Pat Simmons Award."

Other Keep Texas Beautiful award recipients named Monday were: • Bauer Magnet School, Youth Leadership Award

honorably mention.

• City of Big Spring Code Enforcement, Government Award Certificate of Merit.

• Big Spring Herald, Media Award second place.

• Keep Big Spring Beautiful, Governor's Community Achievement Award of Excellence. In addition, the organization was named a Gold Star Affiliate of KTB.

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SAYING 'I DID,' 'I DO'

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP) — Minutes after pleading guilty to a gang-related stabbing death, Joshua Martin Miracle got married in the same courtroom. Miracle, 26, who faces death or life in prison without parole, exchanged wedding vows with longtime girlfriend Christina Beltran, 21, during a brief ceremony performed by retired Superior Court Judge William Gordon. The groom, handcuffed and wearing an orange jail jumpsuit, managed to steal a kiss before bailiffs took him back to County Jail. The bride declined comment.

COMING THIS WEEKEND



dents work 15 hours a week to pay their tuition to the liberal arts school in Point Lookout, Mo.

Cover Story: Learning and earning are inseparable at the College of the Ozarks — also known as Hard Work U — where full-time stu-

COMBS HERE THURSDAY

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.

Obituaries

Horace Eldon 'Chock' Nash

Horace Eldon "Chock" Nash, 78, of Big Spring died Sunday, July 31, 2005, at his residence. Funeral services were 10 a.m. today, Aug. 2, 2005, at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Elwin Collom, pastor of Coahoma Baptist Church and the Rev. Don Snipes, pastor of Baptist Temple Church, officiating. Graveside services will be at 5 p.m. today at the Oran Cemetery in Oran with the Rev. Elwin Collom and the Rev. Wayne Livingston, pastor of Oran Baptist Church, officiating.



Horace entered this temporary, earthly life Sept. 6, 1926, in Mena, Ark. He moved to Young County as a very young child. He was raised on a ranch near Jacksboro where his father, Ocie Nash, worked.

Orphaned at a young age, he was raised by paternal relatives in Oran, Palo Pinto County. He learned the hardships and value of hard work during his teen years in Oran and it was at a revival held by the Oran Baptist Church that he accepted Jesus Christ as his personal lord and Savior.

He was drafted into military service in 1944. The following years of Army life took him to the Philippines, training for the invasion of Japan. His life, as well as countless others, was possibly spared by Japan's capitulation. He landed in Japan shortly after the surrender.

His only comments about the Japanese people were about the hungry children. He said it didn't matter who they were or what they (the Japanese) had done, the sight of the starving children was heartbreaking. It affected some of the other troops as well and apparently more than one plate of Army food made it to the children.

Upon his return to Oran, he took whatever work he could find, which was scarce. In 1950, he married an Oran girl, Nancy Patricia Walston, who would be the love of his life for more than 55 years.

Several years after their marriage and the birth of a son and daughter, he went to work for Walsh and Watts Oil Company in Wichita Falls. That employment would last 44 years, from Wichita Falls to Anson to Nocona and then to Howard County in 1969.

He served in a variety of positions until he became the company's production superintendent in Howard County. He was always thankful for his job, never forgetting what it was like having a family to feed and being desperate for a job.

Indeed, the day he found out he was hired by Walsh and Watts, he was working a temporary job digging storm cellars by hand. Horace had what is now called "old fashioned values" regarding work. He had a very strong work ethic. He believed in doing the job right, regardless of how hard it was or how long it took and he never expected any more from his 'hands' than he did from himself.

The men he worked with — the 'hands' — always had a special place in his heart right up until the last day of his earthly life. He had a strong sense of 'right and wrong' and believed in fulfilling his responsibility to do 'what was right' — like paying taxes, serving on juries, obeying the law and respecting other people's rights and property.

He never pretended to be perfect, and although he had definite values he tried not to judge others. He loved working in the oil field and living in the country. Moving to town after retirement, he loved his neighbors and being close to his children and grandchildren, but he missed the country 'especially the sunsets.'

He loved animals and children and was always an easy sell for any child that came to his door selling something. His job consumed much of his life, but he was devoted to his family. Orphaned as a child, he valued his family in a way that cannot be put into words.

He temporarily leaves behind his beloved wife, Patricia "Pat" Nash; daughter, Nancy Gilliam; son, Don Nash and his wife, Rebecca, whom he loved like a daughter; and very special in his life were his granddaughters, Rachel and Jessica Nash, who brought immeasurable joy in his life; a brother, Leonard Wallin and his wife, Evelyn of San Jon, N.M., a sister, Sylvia Norred of San Jon, N.M.; and three close cousins, Kathy Kirkpatrick of Mineral Wells, Sherlene Nelson of Mineral Wells and Gerald Manley and his wife, Shirley of Oran.

He was a long time member of Coahoma Baptist Church. All present and past Walsh and Watts co-workers and their wives are considered honorary pallbearers.

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

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

Paid obituary

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 1-3-10-14-23.
Number matching five of five: none.
Matching four of five: 131. Prize: \$367.
Matching three of five: 3,950. Prize: \$9.
Matching two of five: 37,347. Prize: \$2.

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Roger Carter

Roger Carter, 57, of Big Spring died Sunday, July 31, 2005, at his residence. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 3, 2005, at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Dr. Doug Shelley of East Side Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.



The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He was born July 13, 1948, in Texon. He lived most of his life in Howard County, except for a few years in Indiana. He had been a truck driver and had worked the last few years at Wes-Tex Auto Parts. His hobby was dominoes.

He is survived by one daughter, Misti Avery of Rochester, Ind.; one granddaughter, Sara Avery of Rochester, Ind.; one sister, Cheryl Click of Coahoma; one brother, Ronnie Carter of Big Spring; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Robert Carter, Nov. 20, 1962, his mother, Marcella Carter, Feb. 1, 2004; two sisters, Beverly Yarber, Jan. 21, 2005, and Gloria Ely, June 28, 1986.

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Paid obituary

Alifonso 'Leo' Escovedo

Alifonso "Leo" Escovedo, 65, died Monday, Aug. 1, 2005, at his residence. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel.



Funeral Mass is 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 4, 2005, at St. Thomas Catholic Church with burial in Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born Feb. 16, 1940, in Fort Davis. He worked a number of years at Foy Dunlap Fina and Shroyer Motor Company and later owned Leo's Garage, until retiring in 1994 due to ill health. He was an active member of St. Thomas Catholic Church and had held all offices in the St. Joseph's Society. He was a Cursillista, was also active in the prison ministry and had been a coach in PeeWee Football.

He is survived by his wife, Isabel Escovedo of Big Spring; one son, John G. Escovedo of Big Spring; one granddaughter; six brothers, Frank Escovedo Jr. of Kent, Albert Escovedo of El Paso, Trine Escovedo of North Little Rock, Ark., David Escovedo Sr., of Big Spring, M.J. Escovedo Sr. of North Little Rock, Ark., and Fred Escovedo of Big Spring; seven sisters, Erminia Franco of North Little Rock, Ark., Adela Dominguez of Big Spring, Erlinda Rios of Big Spring, Eufemia Brown of Fort Worth, Irene Lara of Kermit, Yolanda Diaz of El Paso and Luisa Hernandez of Midland; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Francisco and Merced Escovedo, one brother, Carlos Escovedo and one sister, Maria Rodriguez.

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Earline Taylor Parson

Earline Taylor Parson, 78, a former resident of Howard County, died Saturday, July 30, 2005, in a Lubbock Nursing Home. Services were at 1 p.m. today, Aug. 2, 2005, in Lubbock.



She was a graduate of Sands High School in Ackerly.

She is survived by a son, Mike Parson of Lubbock; a daughter, Cheryl McKelvy of Lubbock; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren, also of Lubbock; two sisters, Alta Taylor Coy of Amarillo and Jerrye Taylor Hull of Big Spring; and sister-in-law, Mattie Nell Taylor of Lipan.

Jaden Aaron Martinez-Young

Jaden Aaron Martinez-Young, 19-day-old infant, died Sunday, July 31, 2005, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. Funeral service is 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 3, 2005, at Myers & Smith Chapel with Deacon Johnny Arguello officiating, with burial in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Chapel.

He was born July 13, 2005, in Big Spring to Terrence Ali Young and Mariwell Martinez.

He is survived by his mother, Mariwell Martinez of Big Spring; father, Terrence Young of Big Spring; one sister, Miranda Martinez of Big Spring; grandparents, Richard and Irma Martinez and David Young, all of Big Spring; great-grandmothers, Elvira Hilario and Hermina Martinez, both of Big Spring; several aunts and uncles; and several cousins.

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Police blotter

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

• **VICTOR FLORES JR.**, 23, of Lamesa, was arrested Monday on charges of violation of a protective order and assault Class C/family violence.

• **ANDY YBARRA**, 33, of 105 E. 23rd Street, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.

• **DEANNE MARIE THOMPSON**, 31, of 1406 Sycamore, was arrested Tuesday and held for the HCSO.

• **JENEANE NICHOL RICHARD**, 18, of 2906 Parkway, was arrested Tuesday on charges of possession of marijuana - more than two ounces, less than four ounces and two counts of possession of a dangerous drug.

• **JEREMY JAMES WHITE**, 26, of 1505 Tucson, was arrested Tuesday on charges of possession of marijuana - more than two ounces, less than four ounces and two counts of possession of a dangerous drug.

• **VIOLATION OF A PROTECTIVE ORDER** was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road.

• **THEFT** was reported:

- in the 2300 block of Wasson Road.

- in the 200 block of Marcy.

• **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported in the 200 block of Marcy.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 700 block of Lorilla.

• **ASSAULT/CLASS C** was reported:

- in the 500 block of State.

- in the 500 block of Westover Road.

• **AGGRAVATED ASSAULT** was reported in the 600 block of Sixth Street.

Sheriff's report

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

• **STEVEN LOYD BATEMAN**, 26, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on charges of bondsman off bond for evading arrest or detention and bondsman off bond for theft of services.

• **ABEL GOMEZ**, 28, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• **DEANNE MARIE THOMPSON**, 31, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on charges of driving while intoxicated - second offense, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, failure to stop for a stop sign and no driver's license.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 500 block of W. 17th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2100 block of Allendale. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2800 block of Goliad. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2600 block of Gregg Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1600 block of West Martin Luther King Boulevard. One person was transported to Hendricks of Abilene.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard. One person was transported to Odessa Regional Hospital.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1000 block of Old Colorado City Highway. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3000 block of Sherrod. Service was refused.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 300 block of Tulane. Service was refused.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 400 block of East Fourth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to the VAMC.

• **TRAUMA** was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road. Service was refused.

• **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1900 block of Wasson. Service was refused.

• **TRAUMA** was reported in the 800 block of East Fourth Street. One person was transported to the VAMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1600 block of West Martin Luther King Boulevard. One person was transported to Covenant Lakeside in Lubbock.

Weather

Tonight—Partly cloudy in the evening then clearing. Lows in the upper 60s. Southeast winds around 10 mph in the evening becoming light and variable.

Wednesday—Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s. South winds around 10 mph.

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Discovery astronauts prepare for unprecedented shuttle repairs

By PAM EASTON

Associated Press Writer
SPACE CENTER,
Houston (AP) —
Discovery's astronauts are preparing for a high-stakes task that's never before been attempted: sending a spacewalker beneath the craft to repair filler sticking out from ship's thermal tile belly.

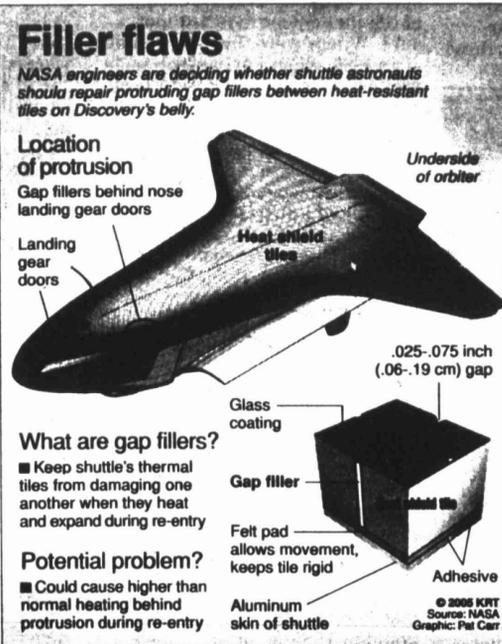
NASA says the protruding material could cause dangerous overheating during re-entry and lead to another Columbia-type disaster.

The agency will put astronaut Stephen Roberson on the space station's 58-foot robotic arm Wednesday as part of an unrehearsed maneuver. The arm will be operated by astronauts inside the station, who will bend and wrap Roberson around so he can reach the shuttle's belly.

Once there, he'll tug out the ceramic-fabric filler with his gloved hands. If that doesn't work, he'll cut away the material, which is sticking out about an inch from two spots near Discovery's nose.

"I am pretty comfortable with using tools very carefully," Roberson said early Tuesday during a crew press conference from aboard the space station. "But no doubt about it, this is going to be a very delicate task. But as I say, a simple one."

Robinson said the makeshift saw will only



be used if other methods to remove the gap fillers are unsuccessful.

"There won't be any yanking going on at all," Roberson said. "It will be a gentle pull with my hand. If that doesn't work, I have some forceps. I will give it a slightly more than gentle pull. If that doesn't work, I saw it off with a hacksaw."

Deputy shuttle program manager Wayne Hale says if none of the proposed methods work, there will likely be some head scratching for a day. However, he says the

agency will find another method and try the repair again Thursday or Friday.

Engineers simply don't know enough about potential problems that could be caused by the protruding gap fillers, some of which protect tiles from hitting one another during launch.

"When we first heard about it, I think a number of us did have misgivings," Astronaut Andrew Thomas said. "We were concerned about it. We were concerned about the implications of it."

After a careful review of information sent from the ground, Thomas said he believes the repairs are justified given "every indication is that the removal of the material should be pretty straightforward and pretty easy."

Hale said the decision to attempt the repairs was simple and a way "to set our minds at rest."

"The bottom line is there is large uncertainty because nobody has a very good handle on the aerodynamics at those altitudes and at those speeds," Hale said. "Given that large degree of uncertainty, life could be normal during entry or some bad things could happen."

Discovery Commander Eileen Collins told Mission Control early Tuesday that her crew would reschedule its joint meal with the space station's crew and instead focus on procedures for the mission's third spacewalk, expected to take seven hours.

Robinson and his spacewalking partner, Soichi Noguchi, will still install a tool platform onto the space station. Once the installation is complete, the spacewalk will alter from the way it was carefully choreographed before last week's launch.

The last minute changes, however, are conservative and won't be a cliffhanger, Robinson said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Abandoned baby girl doing well

HOUSTON (AP) — The baby girl found abandoned in an alley behind a West Houston shopping center is reportedly doing well while Child Protective Services searches for her parents or relatives.

Some have started calling the infant Angel Doe because angels must have been guarding her for her to be found so quickly, said Estella Olguin, CPS spokeswoman. This is the third child abandoned in Houston this year, she said.

The dark-haired infant was about one or two hours old Sunday when a video-game store employee who was taking out the trash discovered her. She was naked and wrapped in a yellow baby blanket. Ants had started to crawl around her, Olguin said.

The baby was doing well Monday and was not receiving anything other than routine infant care, said Jane Lawrence, West Houston Medical Center's director of marketing.

Bush says he'll work with Congress on immigration

President Bush says he will work with congressional leaders on an immigration reform bill, will accept the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission recommendations, but won't pick favorites in the Texas governor race.

Bush spoke on the eve

of his return to his Crawford ranch Monday in Washington with five Texas newspapers.

On immigration reform, Bush said his administration is working with congressional leaders to pass a bill that will address competing proposals.

Some lawmakers want increased border enforcement. Others want to provide permanent legal status to the more than 11 million immigrants living here illegally.

Bush has not endorsed either proposal but said he doesn't support an amnesty program.

Aid group returns from trip to Cuba

HIDALGO (AP) — A humanitarian group that travels each year to Cuba to protest the U.S. economic blockade returned to the United States on Monday without incident, organization officials said.

Members of Pastors for Peace had prepared for their belongings to be confiscated or to even be arrested after returning through Mexico from Cuba, said spokeswoman Ellen Bernstein. The group skirts U.S. travel restrictions to the impoverished island by flying from Mexico.

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VA

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rather than dispute those findings, the local task force has decided instead to show how Big Spring would be the ideal location for a VA medical center tasked to meet those future needs.

In a video presentation early Monday, the task force argues that the local

VA hospital, in partnership with Scenic Mountain Medical Center, Big Spring State Hospital, West Texas Centers for MHMR, Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez veterans home, Howard College and the Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf, is perfectly situated to address psychiatric and substance abuse problems for veterans.

"We need to keep ham-

mering home the fact that there's going to be an increased need for this type of care in the future," said task force member Joe Concienna. "We're not going to argue with their data ... Our proposal is going to emphasize what we have and how we can best meet veterans' needs."

Veterans attending Monday's meeting expressed concern for cutbacks in traditional med-

ical services, such as surgery, at the local VA hospital. But task force members urged the vets to concentrate on saving the local facility first, then arguing for increased medical services.

"If we don't stand up and say that we can do that, then you can bet that someone else will," Concienna said. "First and foremost, we have to make sure we have a

functioning medical facility out there."

The Sept. 1 meeting, which the public is encouraged to attend, will be held in the East Room of Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. A time has yet to be selected.

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COLLEGE

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from outside Texas will pay \$10 more per semester hour.

Currently, in-district students pay a base tuition rate of \$30 per semester hour, out-of-district students pay \$40 per hour and out-of-state students pay \$60 per hour.

The tuition increases will take effect in the Spring 2006 semes-

ter, Sparks said.

Several infrastructure needs will be addressed, including renovations at the baseball field, student union building and coliseum. Also, equipment for the distance learning program will be purchased.

Other renovations, including an upgrade to the heating, ventilation and air conditioning system at the Horace Garrett Building, will be put off for now, Sparks said.

College officials will continue

to refine the budget throughout August. Sparks said the first of two scheduled public hearings on the tax rate will be held Aug. 15, with final approval of the tax rate and budget package scheduled for Aug. 29.

"I think this will be a very productive budget," Sparks said. "We're trying to be progressive and forward-thinking as to the things we have to do, and I think we're addressing some of those things in this budget."

In other business Monday, trustees:

- Approved bids for athletic insurance, computer vendors, literacy software and other educational resources.
- Approved the appraisal district audit and an agreement for the assessment and collection of taxes.

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OUR VIEWS

Success differs over two years for FTA, solons

More than two years ago, the Legislature began the first of its failed attempts to revise the method of financing the state's public schools.

Last week, with a second special session producing no progress, some legislators are considering abandoning the effort altogether. If public school teachers achieved so little in the same time period, they would find no shortage of critics. Voters should not hesitate to voice their displeasure to legislators and Gov. Rick Perry for their indifference to the need for an adequate and equitable school system.

Two years is also the time the determined instructors of Teach for America get to make a difference in the classroom. Teach for America is the highly selective, Peace Corps-style nonprofit that trains graduates from top universities for teaching stints at impoverished public schools.

The teachers rise to their two-year challenge brilliantly. An independent study showed that last year, three-fourths of principals surveyed found TFA instructors more effective than other beginning teachers. A separate study showed that a Teach for America instructor hired instead of another beginning teacher had more impact on math scores than reducing class size by eight children.

Perhaps most promising, almost three-fourths of these motivated young teachers stay on in education after their two years are up. Houston TFA members have founded some of the country's most distinguished charter schools, including the nationally recognized KIPP academies.

In large part, Teach for America succeeds because its members are unusually accomplished and driven. They will go to great lengths to make up for shortfalls in school funding, writing grants to buy more classroom supplies and offering one-on-one tutoring before and after school.

But TFA administrators say the other key to their success is the support the group gives teachers from the start. The organization rigorously tracks each classroom's progress, analyzes gains after six months and supports teachers with classroom observation and individual feedback.

A teacher given this kind of backing doesn't need to graduate from Princeton or work straight through vacations to deliver superior instruction. The support Teach for America instructors get should be the rule for Texas public school teachers.

In a summer drenched in dismal news, the knowledge that Teach for America's new instructors are in training should offer Texans a beam of light. Meanwhile, legislators who for two years have repeatedly failed Texas schoolchildren should look in shame at what Teach for America achieves in the same amount of time.

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How the U.K. terrorists could win

"When they try to intimidate us, we will not be intimidated."

When they seek to change our country or our way of life by these methods, we will not be changed," British Prime Minister Tony Blair announced in the wake of the July London bombings.

With all respect to Blair, Great Britain will change. A country that once colonized corners across the globe now invites others to colonize London, and make it the most international of cities.

British laws will change. British immigration will work differently. And the British people, I think and hope, will end any romantic notions they may have had about suicide bombers.

The laws will change. No one will be happier about that than Tony Blair. In December, Parliament's Law Lords ruled that post-Sept. 11 laws that allowed detentions without trials of suspected terrorist figures — including figures who had publicly supported acts of terror while gaming U.K. political asylum laws — were illegal. At the time, judge Lord Hoffman wrote, "The real threat to the life of the nation ... comes not from terrorism but from laws such as these."

Last week, Blair told reporters that he didn't think "those words would be uttered now" in British jurisprudence. Expect British courts to change.

Blair is pushing anti-terror legislation that would allow authorities to detain suspects for more than 14 days. The Blair government also wants to create new offenses — "indirect incitement" to terrorism, preparing an attack and

attending a terrorist training camp.

Civil libertarians fear that free speech could be the first casualty of the incitement-to-terror measure. Where were they — I wonder — in 1986, when Parliament made incitement to racial hatred illegal and commenced some 40 prosecutions in the next five years?

Law enforcement will change, even if police are unlikely to be as armed as American police. The shooting of a suspect who turned out to be innocent appalled a public with little patience for gun violence. Be it noted, then, that authorities used a stun gun when they apprehended suspected July 21 bomber Yasin Hassan Omar last week.

Immigration policies already are changing, as the government — finally — seems poised to deport Islamic extremists who support terrorism to countries that had been off limits, because of poor human-rights records or support of the death penalty. Most notably, Abu Qatada — believed to be the spiritual adviser of Sept. 11 ring-leader Mohammed Atta, would-be shoe bomber Richard Reid and would-be U.S. terrorist Zacarias Moussaoui — should be headed for Jordan.

Bully for Blair, who has long understood that the United Kingdom's desire to welcome immigrants should not require it to smother its instinct for self-defense. No country should, or should feel it has to, harbor immigrants who preach violence against its citizens.

Cherie Blair better change. Three years ago, the P.M.'s wife, a human-rights lawyer, outraged many when she gave this dubious justification for Palestinian suicide bombers: "As long as young people feel they have no hope but to blow themselves up, you are never going to make progress."

Mrs. B. was in Malaysia last

week. She had supported the December anti-detention ruling, and she shows little sign of changing her views, even if they seem at odds with her husband. As the Daily Telegraph reported, she warned against responding to "terror in a way which undermines commitment to our most deeply held values and convictions, and which cheapens our right to call ourselves a civilized nation."

Perhaps Cherie Blair should listen to Liberal Democrat leader Charles Kennedy, who is working with Blair to toughen law enforcement's ability to prosecute terrorists.

After Sept. 11, Kennedy had been among those who argued that if Brits "allow ourselves to get into a situation where in fact we are suppressing our own individual rights, actually the terrorist begins to win."

You hear it in America, too: If we curb civil liberties, the terrorists win. It's a mindless mantra. First, the terrorists don't want tougher laws. They want loose laws. And when government fails to pass laws that make it easier to stop and prosecute them, the terrorists win.

People of good faith can differ on how Brit bobbies should be armed, or how long authorities should be able to detain terrorism suspects. But thinking people should be clear on this much: If the United States or United Kingdom governments are cowed by attacks and buckle by changing their policies, the terrorists really win.

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Xenophobia has an expensive price tag

For those who want to cleanse the United States of its 11 million illegal immigrants — those who want to send them packing back to their homelands as if this were an easy undertaking — now, there is a price tag for their xenophobic condition.

Their illness can be cured with at least \$206 billion, and perhaps as much as \$230 billion, over a five-year period. That's what a new study says it would cost to deport all illegal immigrants in the United States and to keep new ones from coming in.

That's at least \$41.2 billion annually, maybe more. And to put that figure in the right perspective, the report, "Deporting the Undocumented: A Cost Assessment," notes that the cost of deporting all illegal immigrants would exceed the entire budget of the Department of Homeland Security for fiscal year 2006, which is \$34.2 billion.

While most legislative proposals to fix the nation's broken immigration system provide some kind of legalization program for illegal immigrants, the report notes that "a number of people, including members of Congress, favor a more draconian solution to the problem," including a severe crackdown not only against those attempting to cross the border, but

against illegal immigrants already living in the United States.

"Mere assertions by policymakers that deportation will be too expensive have been insufficient to quiet calls for such a policy," the report states, noting that its purpose is to provide a tool for evaluating our national priorities.

"This paper illustrates the false allure of deportation as a response to our broken immigration system," noted Rajeev Goyle, who wrote the report for the Center for American Progress, a nonpartisan research and educational institute in Washington, D.C.

"Policy makers should address the issue of the undocumented seriously, not with unrealistic and costly ideas draining the treasury with no benefits to our security," Goyle added.

In this first-ever cost assessment of its always present, unrealistic idea, Goyle relied on data analysis by Dr. David Jaeger, an economics professor who broke down the expenses for deporting 10 million illegal immigrants into five categories: apprehension, detention, additional prison beds, legal processing and transportation. He also analyzed the additional border patrol expenses that would be required to shut down the borders. And the numbers are scary.

"The costs of a massive deportation policy would not only be substantial, but in many ways, financially reckless," the report concludes. "Implementing such a policy would seriously jeopardize our commitment to secure the home-

land and pay for our commitments overseas, as well as threaten other vital national priorities."

But wait. There's more that needs to be said. This reports' estimates don't include the potentially huge impact of taking the estimated 6.3 million illegal immigrant workers out of the U.S. economy within five years.

There are other studies that have concluded that immigration is an essential component of the U.S. economy and that — instead of a drain — immigrants provide a net fiscal benefit to the country.

"With a population of nearly 22 million foreign-born workers, deporting the undocumented would amount to removing approximately one-third of a vital pillar of our nation's economy," Goyle noted.

Yet, in spite of the studies and their findings, there are still xenophobes calling for sending every illegal immigrant back home.

Of course, mass deportations were always terribly inhumane and illogical. But now that we know their price tag, now that we know the outrageous cost of indulging our xenophobes, perhaps we can get serious about reforming our immigration laws.

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National poker craze may create younger problem gamblers

By LYNN FRANEY

(KRT)
KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Jack's never been to a Kansas City riverboat casino.

He's only 15, after all, well shy of the legal Missouri gambling age of 21.

But he sees plenty of the gambling life anyway, thanks to televised Las Vegas poker tournaments beamed right into his living room.

The high school sophomore can admire his favorite professional poker players. Sit on the couch and ogle gigantic stacks of cash. And learn strategies for \$5 poker throw-downs with his buddies.

Many people, including Jack and his parents, see no harm in betting a few bucks with friends in the security of their home, no matter how young they are. It can be a brain-stimulating social event, one local therapist says.

But experts caution that gambling's expansion — TV poker, casinos and lotteries, Internet casinos, horse and dog tracks, casino-style after-prom parties, publicized sports-betting lines — makes America's next generation more vulnerable to gambling problems.

Between 4 percent and 6 percent of adolescents are problem gamblers, a rate about twice as high as that of adults, according to the most recent studies. An additional 8 percent to 10 percent are at risk of becoming problem gamblers.

And those stats are a few years old, before poker captured such wide interest. Toy stores now sell Texas Hold'em sets.

Counselors and others who work with young people are becoming

aware of the potential for problems and beginning to take preventive measures. They're distributing educational videos to schools, holding conferences and using grants to study the issue.

They're also advising parents to watch for warning signs of potential gambling problems.

Betting more frequently and with larger amounts of money are important signals. But there are others, too: withdrawing from friends and family, losing interest in other activities, exhibiting signs of depression and performing poorly in school.

These signs should prompt parents to get involved and seek a therapist's help, experts say. Children whose parents suffer from gambling or drug or alcohol addictions are particularly at risk.

Many children who gamble now believe they can be big poker winners, said Ed Looney, a recovering compulsive gambler who leads the New Jersey Council on Compulsive Gambling.

"But it's a lot of luck," he said. "You get the cards or you don't get the cards. Parents should be aware of this, and if the kids play, they shouldn't play for money. They should play for fun, or little chips that don't mean anything."

Without money, "They're not getting into the gambling aspect and it becomes a different animal."

Jack's mother, who asked that the family's name not be used, says she's glad she knows where her son is and what he's doing when he's playing poker with his friends.

They're not playing

with much money, said Jack's father, just using bits of their allowance or some of their lawn-mowing earnings. No one in the circle of friends is so good that he wins consistently.

Jack started playing poker when he was in middle school. He says he plays because it's better than sitting there bored. He likes hanging out with friends, and no one ever loses too much money. He says he probably wouldn't bother playing if they didn't play for money, because then players don't take it seriously enough.

By contrast, 18-year-old Steve Yanda said he and his friends are probably "addicted" to the game, but not to the betting.

"Playing poker isn't a problem," said Yanda, who will attend Marquette University this fall. "Playing poker and betting a whole lot of money is a problem."

He isn't playing much this summer: "I use it to relax and you don't need to relax during the summer. There's nothing (like school stress) to get away from."

Based on the children Behman Zakeri meets, the poker craze is not a fad ready to fade.

Zakeri, who just played in his third World Series of Poker, owns a collector's frequented by teens and preteens. They buy cards for other games like Yu-Gi-Oh but talk about how they love to get together for poker games,



KRT Photo/Jim Barcus
With TV poker and Internet casinos all the rage, gamblers are getting younger and the stakes are getting higher.

he said. "What scares me with a lot of these kids is they don't have money. Poker

is the most brutal lifestyle sport that any one person can do as a living. Thank God I have a job."

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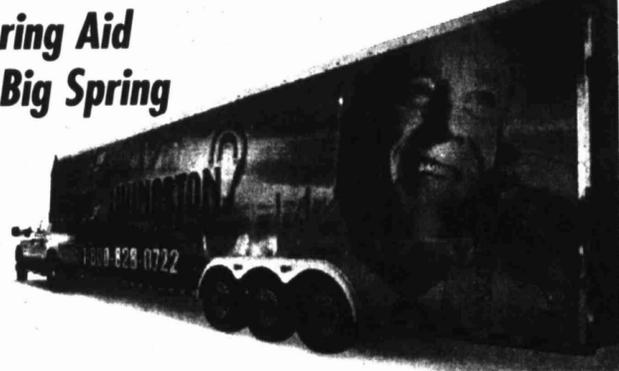
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Marriage: In sickness and in health

By DESIREE CHEN

(KRT)
CHICAGO — Melissa Bussey's mission: To be an unforgettable bride.

Moment of truth: When Melissa got engaged last summer to Matt Siegel, they'd already forged a strong bond: as best friends fighting Matt's brain tumors, which had recently left him blind in one eye and threatened to steal the vision from the other.

Backstory: Both were just starting medical school at Loyola University in Chicago, missing a few classes to see Matt's doctors but refusing to let his condition run their lives.

They'd maxed out their student loans for school and medical expenses, so they planned to economize on their nuptials: make their own centerpieces with roses from Sam's Club; take a road-trip honeymoon; and the bride would do her own hair and makeup.

Then Melissa heard about an essay contest from Q-tips whose prizes included a makeover and \$20,000. She entered, saying she wanted to look radiant on her wedding day so that her fiancé would have the memory of "his beautiful bride long after he has lost his sight."

Outcome: Melissa was a winner. A celebrity make-



Melissa Bussey

up artist flew in from New York to share beauty secrets with her before the July 3 wedding. The prize money bought extra pampering for the wedding party and a honeymoon in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

Side effects: Matt used to say Melissa never looked better than on a recent volunteer trip to the Dominican Republic, when she didn't shower or wear makeup for a week. But after her makeover (photo), "he thought I looked really cool."

Payoff: Marriage means "having that partnership of, what happens to you happens to me, even though we've been like that from the start."

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Younger women with cancer face unique family, infertility issues

By KAWANZA NEWSON
(KRT)

MILWAUKEE — When Tammy Haase was diagnosed with breast cancer in January 2000, her worst fears were death and the loss of her medium-length hair.

But while discussing treatment options with her physician, the 28-year-old quickly visualized another life: one potentially without a husband or children.

"I thought, 'How would my life go on. How would I be able to socialize or meet someone?'" she said.

Women who are diagnosed with cancer before age 40 often have concerns that differ from those who are diagnosed with the disease later in life.

"There's no time that's a good time to have cancer, but when you're in your 20s and 30s, it's pretty tough," said James A. Stewart, an oncologist and professor of medicine at the Comprehensive Cancer Center at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

"Younger women are active in the work force and active in their families," he said. "Often times it's much more devastating because everything comes to an abrupt end."

The American Cancer Society estimates that more than 660,000 women will be diagnosed with cancer in 2005. More than 211,000 of those diagnoses will be breast cancer; of those, 5 percent will be women under 40.

Janet Krahn was diagnosed with breast cancer at 28 and said she immediately was concerned about her future.

"My roommate was getting married, my brother was getting married, it just seemed like I was so out of place," she said. "I felt like I was running and fell in a hole, and that everyone else just kept running past me."

Krahn said she never stopped dating or attending family functions during her treatment.

However, some dates — such as the one with a guy who asked about the scar near her collarbone — ended after one outing, while others fizzled a little later.

"In the back of my mind, I was always scared and afraid of rejection, but that didn't stop me," she said. "I needed to feel like a girl; I needed to dress up and feel sexy; I needed to get out."

"It was really hard because I didn't want people to know right away that I had cancer because I wanted them to get to know me and like me," she said. "I'd rather be rejected because you don't like my hair color or you think I'm too tall, not because of something that I couldn't control."

Krahn, now 33, says she wants to marry and have children. She and her boyfriend have been dating for about a year and a half and have talked about their future.

Chemotherapy and radiation both increase the risk for infertility because they damage the DNA of the eggs carried in the ovaries. Treatments can also lead to premature menopause



Tammy Haase, 34, was diagnosed with cancer five years ago and is still unsure if she'll be able to have children. Here, Haase is photographed at the hospital in West Allis, Wis.

that may or may not be permanent.

The risk ranges from 40 percent to 80 percent among women who receive treatment in their pelvic area during their reproductive years, according to Fertile Hope, a national nonprofit organization dedicated to providing reproductive information, support and hope to cancer patients whose medical treatments carry the risk of infertility.

While that risk range applies primarily to ovarian and other genital cancers, other cancer treatments that require use of chemotherapy or radiation also can pose a risk to fertility.

"Women, upfront, should be asking: Is there the potential that my fertility will be compromised," said Estil Y. Strawn Jr., director of reproductive endocrinology and infertility for Froedtert Memorial Lutheran Hospital and Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, and an associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the Medical College of Wisconsin.

Strawn said there are a variety of chemotherapy drugs that can be used, some of which are associated more frequently with irreversible infertility.

Alkylating agents, for example, which damage the proteins that control growth in the genes of the tumor cell, are commonly associated with infertility, he said.

Women can talk to their doctors about the drugs that will be used during chemotherapy and decide the best method to improve their chances of having children, Strawn said.

Among their options: doing nothing to preserve their fertility; using medications to stop menstruation in hopes of preserving eggs; freezing eggs, embryos or ovarian tissue; using donated eggs or embryos; and adopting, he said.

But though some women are concerned about their fertility, deciding what to do is tricky, Stewart said.

"For most women, the primary goal is to not let their breast cancer come back," he said. "They're just not willing to cut corners to do anything to compromise optimal

ing to talk about family planning with my husband, I had questions that the doctors just weren't ready to address," Opem said. "They talked more in terms of absolute, and I just wasn't ready to hear that."

Opem, now 33, sought help and information from friends, family and the Internet; ultimately, she changed physicians. She and her new doctor devised a treatment plan that fit her needs.

The chemotherapy regimen she used was believed to be less toxic to her ovaries, but Opem still has not been able to

conceive because the treatment pushed her closer to menopause than expected.

She's tried two fertility treatments and is now working with an acupuncturist to bring her body back into balance.

She's still unsure of what will happen, but says she and her husband have many options, including adoption.

"It'll be up to my husband and I to decide what will work best for us," she said.

Barbara K. Clinkenbeard, a nurse practitioner for the Vince Lombardi Cancer

Counseling Center at St. Luke's Medical Center in Milwaukee, said it's important for women to remember that a cancer diagnosis does not automatically sentence them to infertility.

"You aren't less desirable, you aren't less lovely, you aren't less feminine," she said. "But because (a cancer diagnosis) happens, we just start concentrating on the here and now. What is important to you is still important, and we can deal with those things when the time comes."

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Michele Mick Opem was diagnosed with breast cancer at 30, shortly after her mother learned that her own cancer had returned. Opem discovered a lump after showering, but still had to persuade physicians to take aggressive action to determine whether it was cancerous.

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IN BRIEF

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 Castlaw 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 operate from 7 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.

B.S. Youth Soccer League to meet

The Big Spring Youth Soccer League will have a meeting to elect new officers Thursday at the College Baptist Church beginning at 6:30 p.m.

B.S. tennis team to begin workouts Wednesday

The varsity tennis team will begin practice Wednesday at 9 a.m. at the Figure 7 Tennis Center.

YMCA to hold signups for youth volleyball league

The Big Spring YMCA is holding registration for youth volleyball through Aug. 20.

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

Better late than never as Johnson arrives in camp

By DOUG TUCKER

AP Sports Writer
RIVER FALLS, Wis. (AP) — Linebacker Derrick Johnson finally arrived at Kansas City's training camp Monday, five days late but ready to get started.

The All-American from Texas, the Chiefs' No. 1 draft choice, agreed Sunday to a five-year contract. He is expected to make an immediate impact on a defense that

has been almost entirely revamped and could include five new starters. "The business side is over with now," he said. "I can get on to playing football."

Johnson, who was voted the top linebacker in college football last year, missed nine practices.

"He'll catch up. It will take him time," said coach Dick Vermeil.

Johnson took part in all offseason sessions and

looked very impressive.

"He did a very good job," Vermeil said. "He really gained a basic understanding of everything we're doing. He's nine practices behind. It will probably take him nine practices to catch up."

The offseason work will keep him from being very far behind, Johnson said.

"It gave me a significant edge as far as knowing the plays. ... I'll be up to

par now."

Johnson did not take part in Monday's afternoon practice. But when it was over, he went through some agility drills under the watchful eyes of coaches who wanted to make certain he was in good enough condition to go to work Tuesday.

"I did pretty good," he said. "It will be a little different with pads on. We'll see how it goes tomorrow."

Vermeil also said wide receiver Freddie Mitchell left Kansas City to seek a second opinion on his knee. He had been scheduled to undergo arthroscopic surgery and be gone several weeks.

"I don't know where he's going to have it," Vermeil said. "All he's doing is delaying getting it done so he can get his tail back here and go to work, to be honest with you."

Veteran Palmeiro tests positive for steroids, out 10

• Former Ranger becomes first big name to test positive

By RONALD BLUM

AP Sports Writer
NEW YORK (AP) — Rafael Palmeiro poked his finger in the air for emphasis and raised his voice with all the indignation of a man falsely accused.

"I have never used steroids. Period," he told a congressional panel in March.

On Monday, nearly five months later, the Baltimore Orioles slugger became baseball's highest-profile player to be suspended 10 days for using steroids.

While he didn't deny testing positive for the drugs, he insisted that ingesting them was an accident.

"When I testified in front of Congress, I know that I was testifying under oath and I told the truth," he said during a telephone conference call

Monday. "Today I am telling the truth again that I did not do this intentionally or knowingly."

The 40-year-old Palmeiro became the seventh player to fail a test under the toughened major league policy that took effect in March, rules criticized by Congress as not being stringent enough.

On July 15, Palmeiro joined Hank Aaron, Willie Mays and Eddie Murray as the only players with 3,000 hits and 500 homers. Baseball would not say when the positive test occurred.

Without giving specifics, the four-time All-Star left the impression that the banned substance was contained in a supplement that was not prescribed. He said it was an "embarrassing situation" and still did not know what caused the positive test.

"Why would I do this in a year when I went in front of Congress and I



The Orioles' Mike Flanagan, Vice President of Baseball Operations, left, Jim Beattie, Executive VP of Baseball Operations, center, and Manager Lee Mazzilli answer questions about Rafael Palmeiro's ten-day suspension at Oriole Park at Camden Yards Monday. Palmeiro was suspended after testing positive for steroids.

testified and I told the truth?" he said. "Why would I do this during a season where I was going to get to 3,000 hits? It just makes no sense. ... I'm not a crazy person."

Palmeiro, who is currently in ninth place on the all-time home runs list with 569, wouldn't predict whether his chances of being elected to the Hall of Fame were damaged.

"Really, that's not for me to determine," he said. "I hope that people

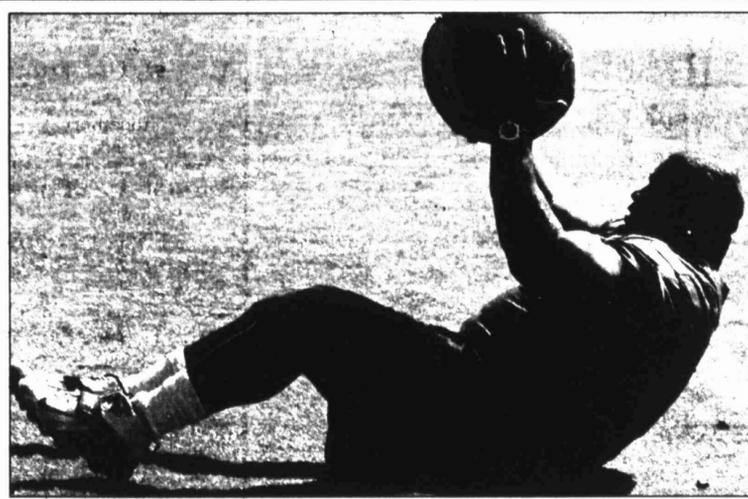
look at my whole career and appreciate that I've given everything that I've got. ... I respect the Hall of Fame, and if they think that I'm worthy enough, I would be very honored. And if they don't, I gave it all that I had to this game."

Appearing with Mark McGwire, Sammy Sosa and other baseball stars before a congressional committee on March 17, Palmeiro made an opening statement in which he said, pointing his finger

for emphasis: "Let me start by telling you this: I have never used steroids. Period. I don't know how to say it any more clearly than that. Never."

Palmeiro also expressed indignation over accusations made by former slugger Jose Canseco, who cited Palmeiro as a steroid user in his tell-all book. In an interview on the CBS television show "60 Minutes," Canseco — who also testified before

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Dallas Cowboy Larry Allen works with an exercise ball during training camp Saturday. Allen failed his physical recently, but returned to workouts with the team Monday.

Allen returns to camp after failing physical

OXNARD, Calif. (AP) — Nine-time Pro Bowl offensive lineman Larry Allen was back in pads Monday for the first time since failing the Dallas Cowboys' conditioning test and missing the first four practices of training camp.

Allen took part in the afternoon practice Monday, and worked with the first-team offense. He went through running and conditioning drills on

the side with a strength coach during the morning session, like he had done the first two days of camp.

"He's in better condition than he was 3-4 four days ago. His weight is better than it was 3-4 days ago," coach Bill Parcells said, without elaborating. "Everybody on the whole team is at or under weight."

Allen declined comment as he walked off the field after practice.

When the Cowboys opened camp Saturday, Allen wasn't in pads after the coach said he failed the conditioning part of the team's physical test Friday. Allen wasn't required to retake the test.

Allen has been a Pro Bowler in nine of his 11 NFL seasons. The team's training camp roster lists Allen at 325 pounds, 10 pounds lighter than in last season's media guide.

Ware, Spears have high expectations in 'Big D'

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer
OXNARD, Calif. (AP) — Besides delivering water to Bill Parcells during breaks at training camp,

rookie Demarcus Ware has bigger chores for the Dallas Cowboys coach: learning a new position on defense and living up to the comparisons to

Lawrence Taylor. Within hours after drafting Ware with the 11th overall pick, Parcells

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Bonds likely to miss entire 2005 season

By JOSH DUBOW

AP Sports Writer
SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Barry Bonds' quest for the career home run record will likely be stalled until 2006, raising doubts about whether he'll ever pass Hank Aaron's mark.

The San Francisco Giants slugger said Monday he doesn't expect to play this season because of an injured right knee that has been operated on three times since Jan. 31.

"I don't think you're going to see me out there this year," Bonds told MLB.com. "That's the reality of the situation. I'm improving. I'm happy with the progress. I'm working out hard on the exercise bike and the elliptical machine, but I'm just not there yet. The last thing I want is to get back on the field and be out again a week later."

Bonds, who turned 41 last month, has 703 home runs, third on the career list behind Babe Ruth (714) and Aaron (755). Carlton Fisk's 53 homers are the most any player has hit after turning 41, and that is exactly the number Bonds needs to break Aaron's record.

Bonds will have to do it after missing an entire season and with a knee that might never be 100 percent again.

But he has often defied the odds, setting the sin-

gle-season homer record with 73 in 2002 and shattering other slugging records that had stood since Ruth dominated the game more than 70 years ago.

Bonds has been rehabbing at the Kerlan-Jobe Orthopedic Clinic in Los Angeles under the care of physical therapist Clive Brewster and longtime Angels orthopedist Dr. Lewis Yocum.

Bonds said a recent MRI showed some fluid building up in the knee, and that doctors advised him to wait until next year to return to the Giants.

Giants spokesman Jim Moorehead said general manager Brian Sabean spoke to Brewster as recently as last Friday and was given no indication that Bonds had a setback that would keep him from returning to action this year.

A phone message left for Bonds' publicist, Rachael Vizcarra, wasn't returned Monday night.

Just last month, Bonds was optimistic when he joined the team briefly during a road trip in Los Angeles. On his personal Web site two weeks ago, Bonds wrote he was hopeful he could return in September.

Bonds now hopes to be ready for opening day in 2006, the final season of his contract with the Giants.

Teagarden signs with Rangers

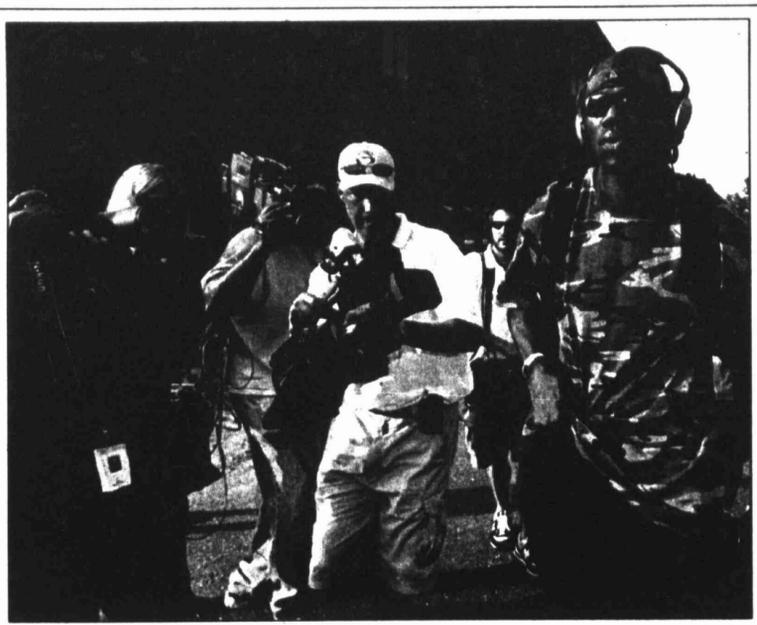
• Former Longhorn catcher reaches contract agreement

ARLINGTON (AP) — Texas Rangers third-round pick Taylor Teagarden, a catcher from the University of Texas, signed with the team Monday.

Teagarden was the 99th overall pick in the June draft.

The Rangers assigned Teagarden to Northwest League affiliate at Spokane.

Teagarden hit .333 with 22 doubles, seven home runs and 33 RBIs in 63 games for the NCAA champion Longhorns.



KRT photo/Barbara L. Johnson, Philadelphia Inquirer
Eagles' wide receiver Terrell Owens arrives at training camp as reporters follow him at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Penn., Monday. Owens had hinted he might hold out due to contract issue, but arrived to camp just before the Eagles' deadline.

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Congress — said he had injected Palmeiro with steroids.

Canseco told CNBC Monday that while he accused Palmeiro of prior use, "I do not believe right now or recently Rafael Palmeiro has taken steroids."

Besides condemning steroid use during his appearance before Congress, Palmeiro also took part via conference call in a round-table discussion last month about how to rid sports of steroids with members of Congress and representatives from the NFL, NBA, NHL and Major League Baseball.

It wasn't clear whether Palmeiro's test was taken before or after he spoke to the congressional panel. Anyone who lies under oath could be potentially subject to criminal perjury charges; Congress has the option of referring the case to the Justice Department, which would decide whether it's worth pursuing.

Under baseball's drug policy, every player is tested at least once between the start of spring training and the end of the regular season. Some players are randomly selected by a computer for additional tests. All tests are unannounced.

Baltimore manager Lee Mazzilli said his players were "a little disappointed" but wanted to support their teammate, who began serving his suspension Monday as the Orioles lost 6-3 to the White Sox. Palmeiro

would be eligible to return for an Aug. 11 home game against Tampa Bay.

"The timing obviously is not good," said Mazzilli, whose team has been steadily slipping out of the playoff picture, having lost 12 of the last 13 games. "We're going to have to make do right now. We're going to have to band together as a team and fight through it."

The players' association challenged the positive test in secret proceedings, and the penalty was held in abeyance until arbitrator Shyam Das decided Monday not to overturn it.

Palmeiro will lose \$163,934 of his \$3 million salary during the suspension. Because the penalty was delayed, it meant at least one member of baseball's management-union medical panel initially found there was a "reasonable basis" for Palmeiro's challenge.

The arbitration panel headed by Das, in a statement released by the union, said Palmeiro could not prove the positive test "was not due to his fault or negligence." It also concluded, however, that Palmeiro's testimony was "quite compelling," and it did not find reason to believe he was lying.

Palmeiro sounded contrite on the conference call, saying he hoped there was something to be gained from his suspension by educating players to be careful about what they put in their bodies.

"I made a mistake and I'm facing it," he said. "I hope that people learn from my mistake and I hope that the fans forgive me."

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was already comparing the 6-foot-4, 255-pound defensive end from Troy to "No. 56."

Now Ware and Marcus Spears, the team's other first-round pick in April, are expected to be immediate contributors in the Cowboys' conversion to the primary three-man defensive front Parcells has always preferred in the past.

"He got two first-round draft picks, one on the right side, one on the left side," Ware said. "They've had a little problem with pressure. I think me and Marcus are sort of that missing link."

Ware and Spears, drafted 20th overall from LSU, were both defensive ends in college. They are the kind of big players Parcells likes in his defensive formations.

Still, they are having to make plenty of adjustments and have a lot to learn. Ware especially will have to learn a hybrid position, part

defensive end and part linebacker.

"It's like a big science book, they throw that on you and say read the whole book in one night, and then come out here and perform," Ware said.

Ware and Spears missed the first day of camp Saturday while their five-year contracts were being completed.

But they made good strides in the three practices since.

Spears was nicknamed "Fats Domino" by Parcells when he arrived at the team's first minicamp after the draft at 316 pounds. On Monday, Spears was already down to 289 pounds and aware of the possibility that he and Ware could both be starters.

"I think coach just wants to see what we can do and can we handle that mode," Spears said. "It's very important for us to perform well here in camp to show him that we are capable of doing our job and going out there and doing good the first year that we're here."

They were still working primarily with the sec-

ond-team defense Monday, but they are expected to get plenty of playing time. That also goes for second-round pick Kevin Burnett, a linebacker from Tennessee, and tackle Chris Canty, a fourth-round pick from Virginia who had a final exam on his surgically repaired eye Monday and should be full speed at practice by next week.

This isn't the first time Parcells will go into a season depending on so many rookies to have prominent roles on defense.

As defensive coordinator for the New York Giants in 1981, Parcells had four rookies: tackles Jim Burt and Bill Neill, and linebackers Byron Hunt and Taylor. They helped the Giants defense improve from the year before. Parcells is hoping for the Cowboys to get better after giving up 405 points in a 10-loss season in 2004.

While he's playing close attention to what the young guys are doing on the field, Parcells has publicly downplayed his

expectations for the group.

"I just hope that they can be good players at some point," Parcells said. "I just don't think it's right you can put a timetable on guys. ... They have adjustments to make, it's a different game, playing with more intensity."

To get a better understanding of what will be expected of him, Ware has watched films of Taylor, Willie McGinest, Derrick Thomas and Charles Haley — all players who have been in the hybrid position he'll be playing for the first time. McGinest was drafted fourth overall by Parcells when he coached New England in 1994.

Ware got to meet Taylor at an autograph show in the Dallas area last month, and the Hall of Famer has been invited to the Cowboys camp.

"I love Lawrence Taylor. I've been watching films on him and watching games on him," Ware said. "He's like a model for me. He's like a key to me for this season."



GLO GLOW

She wasn't very pretty! Some people thought that she might have been just a little ugly, even! But, she was very nice! And she loved to help all of her friends. She did this many, many times. Yes, she wasn't very pretty, but she did know how to do some things that you or I could never do! And, none of her friends could do those things, either!

I guess by now, you are wondering what in the world we are talking about, aren't you?

Her name was Gloria! She was very tiny! She loved to eat grass. She can be seen at night, when it is very dark. She is very hard to see when the sun is shining. Do you know what

Gloria is yet? Are you ready to find out? Okay, I will tell you. Gloria is a glowworm! Let's just call her Glo Glow, because that would be easier to



remember. Glo Glow lived in a field of grass, somewhere near Arizona. Do you want to know what a glowworm looks like? Do you want to know where Arizona is located? I thought you might! Tomorrow, after you have had your breakfast, and brushed your teeth, look in your encyclopedia or dictionary for glowworms and for Arizona. Then, you will know just what Glo looks like and where she lived. But right now, let's get into our story. Glo had a good friend that was a



very nice horse. The horse had a name, too. But, I forgot what her name was! Can you help me tell this story? You name the horse whatever you would like, and everytime we come to her name in the story, you tell me what it is. Will you do that? Thank you! This story would never be told if you had not helped me!

Glo's friend -----, was out in her pasture one day, eating grass just like Glo was doing when all of a sudden, BOOM! Lightning struck close by and it was beginning to rain and Glo, with her

friend-----, started running just as fast as they could go, straight for the nearest barn. This barn just happened to be where ----- lived. It was a big, pretty barn, and it had just about everything ----- would ever need, except lights! It had no lights! How was ----- supposed to see how to eat her food that was stored in the barn? Do you know what they could do? Well, Glo sure could do something! She walked into the barn and that sure did the trick! That whole big barn lit up very brightly. And then, ----- and Glo could see everything.

But by now, it was getting very late and would soon be night time. Glo said to -----, "I must go, for it is getting very late and I don't want to keep you awake all night. "No," ----- said, "Don't leave, please just stay here for the night. It is too late for you to walk all the way home!" Glo thought and thought

about spending the night with her friend -----, but there would be a problem! How would ----- ever get to sleep with Glo glowing all night? "That will not be a problem," ----- said, "It is very cool tonight and I do have a very nice horse blanket. You can just get under the blanket to stay warm and I will never see your light!" And Glo did just that! She even looked a little bit funny with just her head sticking out from under that blanket! Both Glo and ----- slept very well that night. And they had so much fun that Glo stayed in -----'s barn many, many times after that night.

It is a very good thing

that glowworms like grass for food, too. For ----- had plenty of that stored in her barn. So,

there was never a problem finding something to eat for breakfast the next day.

One time, ----- decided that she wanted to go spend the night at Glo's house, and Glo welcomed her. But, that could never work because Glo lived under a little tiny log in the woods near the green pasture. Poor ----- just couldn't fit under that

little

log! If you think Glo looked funny with just her head sticking out from under -----'s blanket, then you should have seen almost all of ----- sticking out from under Glo's little log!

Now, it's almost time for you to go to sleep, and do you know what? I just remembered -----'s name. But I will not tell you what it was because I like your name for her much better! So, Glo Glow and ----- say, "GOODNIGHT!"

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS
Ethereal Neptune and practical Mercury are in opposition. As with all oppositions, the contrast between the planetary energies becomes more pronounced. It would be tempting to root for one side to win, but you'll get more out of this aspect if you remain an impartial observer of both forces. Base your fantasy life in reality and vice versa.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your valuable contributions on the work front have gone unnoticed — until now. Higher-ups have been watching from a distance and are impressed with your can-do attitude. The stars cheer on self-promotion, so sell yourself!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). An event that has been planned for months goes wildly off-track to the point where you and your friends are ready to cancel completely. Since you all have the time set aside anyway, you may as well get together.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Meditation is not all about endless chanting or twisting your body into awkward positions. Keep it simple today by taking time for personal reflection. For added benefit, find a quiet spot outdoors. Nature is your soundtrack.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). People judge and analyze you all day long at work, so why do it to yourself at home? Give yourself credit for your fabulous ideas and the imagination that sparked them. Your dreams tonight can be very telling.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You want to help people. If your current occupation is not fulfilling this desire, seek out volunteer opportunities before committing to a career change. Your connection to Sagittarius is remarkable.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Traditional expectations in the world of love get turned upside down

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today. Do something out of character to kick your relationship (or search for one) into overdrive. Newspaper and magazine covers are inspirational.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Cleaning is therapeutic. Mindless tasks allow you to take a mental break from the decision-making process and general hectic pace of life. Peaceful music enhances your trance-like state.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The stars are in position to bring major changes in the coming months. Harness this energy by setting mid-length goals (think periods of weeks or months). Prepare a plan to propel yourself to success.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're not entirely directionless, although your priorities are slightly askew. While you can't get back time spent on trivial things, you can start to focus on what's important. Clue: It isn't partying 'til the break of dawn.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your signmate Humphrey Bogart once said, "A hot dog at the ballpark is better than steak at the Ritz." The point of hanging out with your friends is to have a good time, not to be impressive. Kick back, and enjoy!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The stars smile on your general happiness today. There's no line at the store, the street lights seem to be timed for your convenience and dinner turns out especially well. Get out, and do what you love best.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Cultivating friendship is a long-term process. It is rare that a new acquaintance gets best friend status in a day. Shared interests and experiences go far in forming a close bond. Create one such experience today.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "Do you think I have a future with a man who's a Pisces with an Aries moon? I'm a female Pisces with an Aquarian moon."

It's a fabulous match — so good in fact that you could be engaged by Aug. 18 and married by this time next year. You're best friends who push each other to new heights of accomplishment. You have a compatibility too profound to let go of, and I'm sure you feel this on a deep level. Sometimes it even scares you, as it's hard to imagine your independence melting into this new way of thinking. This doesn't have to be all or nothing, and in fact, if you give it a chance, you'll find that you feel stronger and more independent knowing you've got each other. The most significant tie you share is a belief in each other's creative potential and a way of backing up that belief with solid support. Be sure that you give him as much tender loving care as he requires to keep his fiery emotional nature fueled and that you're accountable to each other. You can accomplish a great deal together and enjoy many exciting facets of a varied and interesting shared life.

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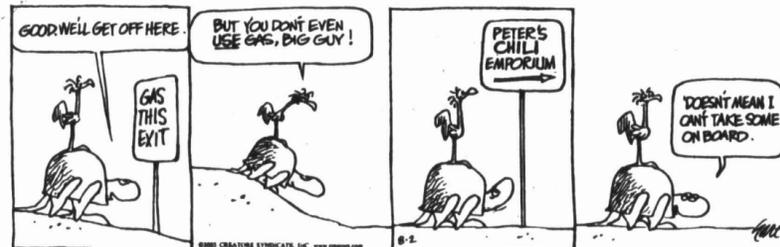
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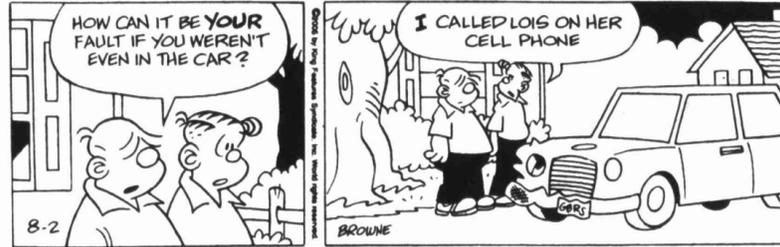
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Aug. 2, the 214th day of 2005. There are 151 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Aug. 2, 1945, President Truman, Soviet leader Josef Stalin and British Prime Minister Clement Attlee concluded the Potsdam conference.

On this date: In 1776, members of the Continental Congress began attaching their signatures to the Declaration of Independence.

In 1876, frontiersman "Wild Bill" Hickok was shot and killed while playing poker at a saloon in Deadwood, Dakota Territory.

In 1934, German President Paul von Hindenburg died, paving the way for Adolf Hitler's complete takeover.

In 1939, Albert Einstein signed a letter to President Roosevelt urging creation of an atomic weapons research program.

In 1943, during World War II, Navy boat PT-109, commanded by Lt. John F. Kennedy, sank after being rammed by the Japanese destroyer Amagiri off the Solomon Islands.

In 1964, the Pentagon reported the first of two attacks on U.S. destroyers by North Vietnamese torpedo boats in the Gulf of Tonkin.

In 1985, 137 people were killed when a Delta Air Lines jetliner crashed while attempting to land at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

In 1990, Iraq invaded Kuwait, seizing control of the oil-rich emirate. (The Iraqis were later driven out in Operation Desert Storm.)

Ten years ago: China ordered the expulsion of two U.S. Air Force officers it said were caught spying on military sites.

Five years ago: Republicans awarded Texas Gov. George W. Bush their 2000 presidential nomination at the party's convention in Philadelphia and ratified Dick Cheney as his running mate.

One year ago: Turkish trucks stopped hauling goods for U.S. forces in Iraq after the shooting of a Turkish hostage was shown on the Internet.

Today's Birthdays: Former Sen. Paul Laxalt, R-Nev., is 83. Actor Peter O'Toole is 73. Movie director Wes Craven is 66. Singer Kathy Lennon (The Lennon Sisters) is 62. Actor Butch Patrick ("The Munsters") is 52. Actress Victoria Jackson is 46. Actress Mary-Louise Parker is 41. Writer-actor-director Kevin Smith is 35. Actor Edward Furlong is 28. Rock musician Devon Glenn (Buckcherry) is 25.

Thought for Today: "Everyone is necessarily the hero of his own life story." — John Barth, American author.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

IN THE MAILBOX by Gail Grabowski Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

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1 Book-jacket copy
6 Petty quarrel
10 Magazine fillers
13 Artist's stand
14 Curved lines
15 Home of song
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18 Waterproof cover
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20 Salesperson's handout
23 Skater
26 Pen filler
27 Lou Grant star
28 Warning sounds
30 Dad's lad
32 Poem of praise
33 Drink served with marshmallows
34 Soup alternative
36 Currency with Hamilton's picture
41 Bumbling
42 Broadcast booth sign
44 Part of PST: Abbr.
47 Lawn material
48 Run out, as a subscription
49 "Am not!" retort
51 Male sheep
53 Dutch cheese
54 The b in "doubt," for example
58 Tater
59 Prefix meaning "self"

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Chatter Box

"To tell you the truth, I simply wouldn't feel comfortable if I didn't have that little wedge of gum to chew on every moment of the day, I really wouldn't."

— Violet Beauregarde (Denise Nickerson) in 1971's "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory."



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KID NEWS

Wacky Facts

- The first patent for chewing gum was issued in 1869 to William F. Semple, a dentist from Ohio.
- In 1994, Susan Montgomery Williams of California set the record for the largest bubble ever blown. It was 23 inches in diameter.

— www.nacgm.org

Health News

What happens to swallowed gum?



PAUL TRAP/KRT

Almost everyone has swallowed a piece of gum, but few kids have ever needed a doctor because of it.

You might have heard that swallowed gum stays in your stomach for seven years. That's not true. Though your stomach can't break down a piece of gum the same way it breaks down other food, your digestive system can move it along through normal intestinal activity. In other words, it comes out the other end when you have a bowel movement (poop).

WHEN IS SWALLOWED GUM A PROBLEM?

Swallowing a large mass of gum, or many small pieces of gum over a short period of time, can block the digestive tract in rare cases. Blockage is most likely when gum is swallowed along with foreign objects, like coins, or when swallowed with nondigestible materials like sunflower seeds.

But apart from these strange scenarios, swallowing an occasional piece of gum is harmless.

WHAT EXACTLY HAPPENS TO THE GUM?

Chewing gum is made of either natural or synthetic materials (gum resin), preservatives, flavorings and sweeteners. The body can absorb sweeteners, such as sugar, but the human digestive tract can't digest the gum resin. It's moved through the digestive tract by the normal pushing (peristaltic) actions of the gut.

ARE SOME KIDS TOO YOUNG FOR GUM?

Kids shouldn't chew gum until they fully understand the importance of not swallowing it. By age 5, most children will understand that gum is different than candy and is not to be swallowed.

So if you have younger brothers or sisters, don't offer them gum until they're older and your mom or dad says it's OK.

SHOULD ANY KIDS CHEW GUM?

Too much of anything can be a problem. Chewing gum is hard on dental work, and most gums that are not sugar free can cause cavities. Sugar-free gum sweetened with sorbitol also can be a problem because it can cause diarrhea. Cinnamon-flavored gums of any kind may irritate the mouth lining.

A good rule would be to stick with sugar-free gum and don't have more than one or two pieces a day. And when you're done with it spit it out (in the garbage, of course).

— KidsHealth.org

Try This

Tiny bubbles

You can send clouds of tiny bubbles skyward with this quick trick.

Instead of a traditional bubble wand, use a number of drinking straws bound together with a few pieces of tape. Dip one end of the bundle into a shallow dish of bubble solution (you can make your own by combining 1 cup of water with 1/3 cup of Dawn or Joy dishwashing liquid and 2 tablespoons of light corn syrup or glycerin), then blow through the straws, being careful not to let the solution run down the straws to your mouth. The cluster of straws will produce scores of diminutive bubbles.

— FamilyFun magazine

Actress pops onto scene

BY ALLISON BERLINER
TimeforKids.com

AnnaSophia Robb plays the gum-chewing, lip-smacking Violet Beauregarde in "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory." But although bratty Violet is a highly competitive character, she'd probably lose any competition against Robb herself.

At age 11, Robb has proven that she is extremely multitasking. She has already starred in "Because of Winn-Dixie," played Samantha in "American Girl Holiday" and is a trained dancer of the Irish jig. Robb took some time out of her busy schedule to chat with TFK about acting, reading and her favorite candy.

Golden girl AnnaSophia Robb is bursting with talent

TFK: Did you read the Roald Dahl book "Charlie and the Charlie Factory" before you decided to act in this movie?

AR: I did. It's one of my favorite books.

TFK: What do you think about making a movie that is based on a book?

AR: I think it's a great idea. When you are reading a book, you have it envisioned in your mind. And then all of the sudden it pops up on screen where you can watch it, and it will just become bigger than life and really amazing.

TFK: Have you seen the original "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" movie? Did you like it?

AR: Yes I did. But this one is going to be really close to the book.

TFK: Do you think that is a good thing?

AR: I think it is a good thing. I think it should be fun to see how Tim Burton does it. He really has a feel for Roald Dahl.

TFK: What was the set like on this movie?

AR: They had this lime green glass that was everywhere. It was a lot of fun to walk on. And then they had all of these candy

trees that had lollipops and one that looked like a willow tree but it was growing candy apples. And then there were big pumpkins filled with jelly beans and marshmallow treats and all sorts of different incredible stuff. And it really looked like actual real candy. Like some odd yummy stuff.

TFK: What is the hardest thing about your job as an actor?

AR: I think the hardest part about being an actor is getting into the character or the role. You have to find that place in yourself and just go to it. It wasn't that hard to portray Violet. Not that I'm like her, but I know what it would be like to be a mean girl. And I like to chew gum.

TFK: What is it like working with Johnny Depp?

AR: It felt like being around someone who you really enjoy. Johnny is a very, very, cool, kind man. And he has this wonderful energy around him that makes everyone calm.

TFK: What do you think kids will like best about this movie?

AR: Even if a kid didn't like candy, the sets were pretty amazing. I've never seen anything like it. And the story, too. It's such a great story.

TFK: What is your favorite book?

AR: My favorite books are the "Harry Potter" books. I love them. I love the adventures. And the Roald Dahl books. Those are good, too.

TFK: Is there any other actor that you'd really like to work with?

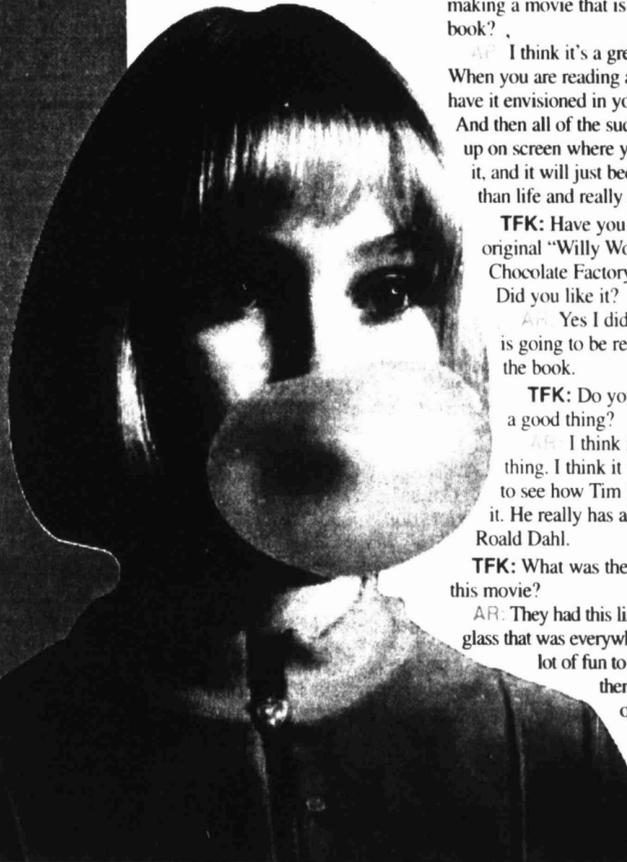
AR: Probably Hilary Swank, Nicole Kidman, Meryl Streep. Those are the big ones.

TFK: What is your favorite sweet treat or chocolate?

AR: I love chocolate. I love gum. I love licorice. I love gumdrops. I love just about any kind of candy there is.

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