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City says 'no' to joint law enforcement center

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council agreed to pull the plug on a proposed joint law enforcement center Tuesday evening, ending several months of talks between city and county officials.

Council members — minus council woman Stephanie Horton — agreed unanimously to end talks with Howard County commissioners that would have possibly yielded a

joint law enforcement center, housing both the Howard County Sheriff's Office and the Big Spring Police Department.

The consensus was reached after Mayor Russ McEwen, who along with council members Joann Knox and Jo Ann Staulcup recently met with county officials to discuss the option, made the recommendation that the city not participate.

According to McEwen, Knox and Staulcup, the city's cost to

participate in a joint law enforcement was estimated at \$2.7 million over a 20-year term. A second study, conducted by the city administration, determined the city can still get out of the jail business by purchasing beds from a new county jail facility, and renovate the existing police building for approximately \$400,000.

McEwen said it came down to a simple matter of dollars and cents.

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\$2 million over 20 years, you have a difficult time trying to justify that," said McEwen.

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that's a quality type situation, and that's what it is. I feel like

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Manuel Ramirez Jr., recently elected to the District 2 seat on the Big Spring City Council, takes the oath of office from City Finance Director Peggy Walker during Tuesday's council meeting. Ramirez defeated local resident Donna Gamboa in Saturday's runoff election.

Changing of the guard

Ramirez sworn in as District 2 representative

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

It was a changing of the guard for the Big Spring City Council Tuesday, as outgoing District 2 council member Woody Jumper said a heartfelt good-bye and newly elected council member Manuel Ramirez Jr. took the post.

Jumper, who served a three-year term, offered his thanks to the council and the city administration.

"It's been a hard, long day and I've been working myself up not to get too emotional," said Jumper. "I just want to thank the mayor and the council for putting up with me for three years. I know I'm kind of a different person, but I appreciate you all very much. The heck of it is, in the third year I started figuring out what was going on, and now here I am."



Jumper

"I want to tell the city manager and the city administration you are the best I've ever seen. I've worked with about four other cities, and you are tops. And the city workers, you are the backbone and what makes this city run and the citizens get by each day ... and I appreciate each and every one of you. God bless you all, and I mean that from my heart."

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Renovation plans set for SWCID; Birdwell campus will take longer

Howard College trustees address San Angelo campus as well.

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Howard College trustees are set to begin action almost immediately on renovation plans for SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf and the district's San Angelo campus.

Plans for the Big Spring campus, however, will require a bit more tweaking.

During the regular meeting Tuesday afternoon, trustees approved in principal master plans for SWCID and the San Angelo campus that will deal with infrastructure needs at those sites for

the next 20 years.

A similar master plan for the Big Spring campus, however, won't be finalized until early August, officials said.

The first big item on the SWCID master plan is construction of a building to house the school's workforce training program, Howard President Dr. Cheryl Sparks said.

All money for SWCID construction projects must come from the state, so local officials will soon submit a legislative appropriation request for the new building.

Currently, SWCID workforce training courses are spread between the deaf college and the Birdwell Lane campus. Those programs at SWCID are located in a World War II-era wooden building.

Plans call for that structure to be replaced by a metal building. Other immediate plans call for enhancements to the dormitory courtyard and construction of a walking and jogging trail.

Sparks placed a "rough" estimate of the cost of those projects at \$828,000. Although the appropriation request will be filed by Aug. 11, it will be next year at the earliest before college officials know if it is approved.

Immediate goals for the San Angelo campus are a bit more modest. Sparks said officials there want to increase office and class space at the West Texas Training Center so that the facility can more easily handle the college's allied health

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CRIMESTOPPERS

Police seek help in locating 41-year-old Larry Ray Bounds

Herald Staff Report

Crimestoppers of Big Spring is asking area residents with information regarding a fugitive from justice to pick up their phones in the fight against crime.

According to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the Big Spring Police Department, Crimestoppers and local law enforcement are



Bounds

searching for 41-year-old Larry Ray Bounds, who is wanted on a charge of indecency with a child and a probation violation.

"Bounds is a white male, approximately six feet tall and 200 pounds," said Everett. "He has black hair and blue eyes, and has tattoos on both arms. His last known address was in the 3200 block of East 11th Place."

"This man should be considered armed and dangerous. Anyone who has information regarding

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FLAG VOTE FAILS BY 1

WASHINGTON (AP) — A constitutional amendment to ban flag desecration died in a Senate cliffhanger Tuesday, a single vote short of the support needed to send it to the states for ratification and four months before voters elect a new Congress.

The 66-34 tally in favor of the amendment was one less than the two-thirds required. The House surpassed that threshold last year, 286-130.

The proposed amendment, sponsored by Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, read: "The Congress shall have power to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States."

PARADES ARE COMING!

Coahoma will hold its annual Freedom Parade at 10 a.m. Saturday. Lineup will be held at the football stadium north of the community and the parade will proceed south on North First Street to the Interstate 20 service road.

Car and tractor shows will follow at the city park.

Highland South Fourth of July Parade will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m.

Participants should meet at the corner of Stonehaven and Highland Drive at 9:15 a.m. The parade will end near the intersection of Higland and Goliad where participants will hold a Fourth of July party.

TWINKIE LASAGNA

CHICAGO (AP) — The Twinkie isn't exactly haute cuisine. But a new cookbook sets out to prove the cream-filled sponge cake is more versatile than most people think.

Twinkie-Misu? Twinkie Pancakes? You bet. "The Twinkies Cookbook" (Ten Speed Press, \$12.95) even has a recipe for Twinkie Lasagna.

Hostess put out a call for recipes that would showcase dishes as part of a Twinkie 75th anniversary celebration.

Interstate Bakeries Corp., which produces Twinkies under the Hostess brand, tested more than 100 recipes and included about half of them in the cookbook.

Obituaries

Peggy Coleman

Peggy Coleman, 70, of Big Spring, died Saturday, June 24, 2006, at her residence. No services are planned at this time.

She was born Feb. 26, 1936, in Lamesa. She is survived by one son, Benny Lee Coleman of Big Spring.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.np Welch.com

Willie Garcia

Willie Garcia, 90, of Iraan, died Wednesday, June 28, 2006, in a McCamey hospital. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Diego Olague

Diego Olague, 76, of Big Spring died Wednesday, June 28, 2006, at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Take Note

• **ROAD TO RECOVERY**, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call LaWanda Hamm at 263-7827.

• **COAHOMA FREEDOM PARADE** begins at 10 a.m. July 1 at the football stadium and continues to the park. Prizes for floats will be awarded in several categories. Booth spaces for vendors are free and available by contacting Shyrlee Reid at 393-5545.

• **THE PET PATROL** helps locate lost pets and owners of found pets. To volunteer or for more information, call Melanie Gambrell at 267-PETS (7387).

• **BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL STEER BAND 10-YEAR REUNION** for classes 1970 to 1980 is planned July 28-29. Send name and addresses to Steer Band Reunion P.O. Box 103 Big Spring, 79721 or go to the Web site www.bigspringsteerband.org. For more information or to leave a message, call 263-2205.

• **BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1986 20th REUNION** needs addresses and contact information for classmates. Call Kelly at 816-4540.

• **BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1996 10th YEAR REUNION** needs addresses and contact information for classmates. Call Mindy at 267-6524 or 267-7631.

• **FORSAN EX-STUDENT ASSOCIATION ANNUAL ALL-CLASS REUNION** is Aug. 5. Names, addresses and class years for Forsan exes are needed. Submit information or pictures for a newsletter before June 15 to Ida Lou Raney, 5216 Dawson Dr., Big Spring or call 432 267-2414, Jimmy Anderson at 432 267-6143 or Opal Stout at 325 574-2150, or e-mail hiraney@rcrom.net.

• **BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1977** is gathering addresses for the 30th reunion. Mail contact information to Emily Boyd, 10817 Sandpiper Lane, Dallas or e-mail emilyboyd1@aol.com.

• **HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM IS COLLECTING RECIPES** to be included in a 2006 cookbook which will display memories of Big Spring over the years. Share your memories and your recipes. Contact the Hangar at 264-1999 for recipe forms.

• **HOME HOSPICE HAS COOKBOOKS** with nearly 500 recipes on sale for \$18 with proceeds to benefit Hospice House. Recipes submitted by volunteers, coordinators and owners of Home Hospice. Call Sherry Hodnett at 264-7599 for more information.

• **ODYSSEY HOSPICE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS** to work in the office and perform patient services. For more information or to volunteer, call 263-5999.

• **THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM** that delivers meals to the elderly and homebound needs volunteers to deliver meals. If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, you are needed. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered to recipients within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

• **LEGAL AID OF NORTHWEST TEXAS** is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.

• **CHRIST'S COMMUNITY CHURCH** is looking for infant cars seats to be given to needy families. Call Karen at 263-3517 or the church at 263-5683.

• **BIG SPRING AND SURROUNDING** counties are in critical need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

• **SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH**, 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy. Distribution is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Tuesday and 7 a.m. today:

- **SUMMER TEETERS**, 23, of 1401 N. Highway 87, was arrested Tuesday on Midland and Howard county warrants.
- **MATTHEW OBRIEN**, 27, of 300 Tulane, was arrested Tuesday on a Howard County warrant.
- **THEFT** was reported:
 - in the 1700 block of FM 700.
 - in the 1200 block of 11th Place.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 2600 block of Hunter.

Sheriff's report

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

- **ERICK DAVE HERNANDEZ**, 27, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while license invalid.
- **JOHN A. RODRIGUEZ JR.**, 25, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.
- **JAMES ODELL PERRY**, 40, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on an Ector County warrant for a motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana.
- **JOSE MANUEL JIMENEZ JR.**, 31, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on charges of open container, disregarding a stop sign, violation of a promise to appear, a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated and a Gaines County warrant for escape from custody.
- **JONETTA FASTORIA TATE**, 42, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction and an accident involving damage to a vehicle.
- **RONALD LEE COVINGTON**, 27, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of failure to identify.
- **ROBERT MATA**, 19, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of burglary of a building, resisting arrest, search or transportation and consumption of an alcoholic beverage by a minor.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of FM 700. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road. Service was refused.
- **TRAUMA** was reported near the intersection of Second Street and Scurry. One person was transported to SMMC.

Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s. Southeast winds around 10 mph.

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

Friday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s.

Saturday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s.

Saturday night...Partly cloudy. Lows around 70.

Sunday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s.

Sunday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s.

Monday...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 90s.

Monday night...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s. The chance of rain is 20 percent.

Independence day...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s.

Lottery

A single player has won the grand prize from the latest Mega Millions lotto drawing.

Lottery officials said the winning ticket from Tuesday night's drawing - worth \$23 million - was sold in Genoa, Ohio.

The winning numbers from Tuesday night's drawing were: 2, 14, 20, 29 and 44. The Mega Ball number was 32.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 2-8-10-18-32.
Number matching five of five: 0.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1-4-3

Bulletin Board

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

TODAY
• Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY
• Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
• Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in Gale's Sweet Shoppe.
• Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room. Call 267-6479.

FRIDAY
• Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.
• AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
• Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Big Spring Country Club.
• Spring City Senior Citizens Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area seniors are invited.

SATURDAY
• Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

Support Groups

WEDNESDAY
• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Tena at 267-1883 or Lucy at 264-1213 for more information.

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

FRIDAY
• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

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

SUNDAY
• Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.

Around Town

• **HERITAGE MUSEUM** is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday. An admission fee, which includes entry into the Pottton House, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children.

• **HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM** is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday.

• **POTTON HOUSE**, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. An admission fee, which includes entry into Heritage Museum, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens.

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COUNCIL

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City Manager Gary Fuqua said Jumper is deserving of the city's praise for his help over the last three years.

"It's always sad for us to lose one of the council members," said Fuqua. "I just want to ask the people in the community to pat him (Jumper) on the back and wish him well. I also hope they will all welcome Mr. Ramirez to the council."

"You've done an outstanding job for our community," Mayor Russ McEwen told Jumper, presenting him with a plaque to commemorate his service. "You served tirelessly, you served honorably... and the city of Big Spring is indebted to you for what you have done."

Ramirez, who finished second in the May 13 general election, defeated Donna Gamboa in

Saturday's runoff to decide the city's District 2 representative.

Ramirez said he knew he had his work cut out for him, but he's ready to tackle the issues.

"I'd like to see better representation for the Hispanic community," said Ramirez. "As the mayor was telling me this morning, I am the defacto leader of the Hispanic community, and I want to do them proud. I want to give something back to Big Spring. I've lived here all my life... and I want to try to make this a better place for my kids and my grandkids."

Also Tuesday, the council agreed to join Big Spring Independent School District in requesting that the Texas Department of Transportation install a traffic light at the intersection of 11th Place and FM 700.

McEwen said he hopes the resolution will change TxDOT's mind about the

intersection, which the state agency deemed did not warrant a light during a study several years ago.

"They do traffic counts, and a light is either warranted or it's not," said McEwen. "What we're saying is we know it doesn't meet warrants, but we feel because of the bus barn out there and those kinds of situations, from a public safety standpoint it would be good to have a traffic light at that intersection. We're telling TxDOT we'd like for them to place a light there."

The council also approved the following items:

- Final reading of ordinances authorizing one-way stop intersections at Grace and Connally streets, as well as Connally and Warren streets.
- Final reading of a resolution authorizing expenditures from the city's Capital Revolving Fund to be used for water

treatment plant renovations.

- Final reading of a resolution authorizing a depository agreement.

- Final reading of resolution that will give the Big Spring Police Department the go-ahead to construct an impound facility adjacent to the Troy Hogue Law Enforcement Center on Fourth Street. The resolution will also change the police department's towing policy as it relates to drivers who fail to provide proof of liability insurance.

- Approval of the Howard County Appraisal District's proposed budget for 2007.

- Emergency reading of a grant application with the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission for a regional solid waste grant and authorization to purchase a rotary tiller and tracking equipment with the funds.
- A resolution electing

to become eligible to participate in a tax abatement program.

- An ordinance amending the electric franchise ordinance to provide a different payment schedule.

- Emergency reading of a resolution assigning the authority to issue single family mortgage revenue bonds to Howard County as a sponsoring political subdivision of the Permian Basin Regional Housing Finance Corporation.

- A resolution authorizing the purchase of property from Howard County, trustee for all taxing entities.

- A resolution ordering Atmos Energy to show cause regarding the reasonableness of its existing natural gas distribution rates within the city.
- Request for livestock permit on Wasson Road.

- Approval of street closures for St. Thomas Church Festival set for July 14, and Under West Texas Skies set for July 21.

The council decided to pass on the first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 14 of the Big Spring City Code by adding Article 4, entitled "Sex Offenders," making it unlawful for certain sex offenders to reside within 1,000 feet of premises where children gather.

McEwen said the item will be picked up when more information on the matter could be gathered.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232.

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Benjamin "Benny" Rodriguez, 61, died Sunday. Funeral Mass will be at 2:00 PM Wednesday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Diego Olague, 76, died Wednesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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the quality of law enforcement would be better, but you have to ask if it's worth more than \$2 million, and my answer is no, it would not be.

"So, it came down to a dollar and cents basis. If it was \$500,000 over 20 years, it's something you can say is worth the extra money. But with the budgets the way they are in our county and our city, you just can't... I can't justify it."

Staulcup said she believes the joint law enforcement center would make more sense in the long run, but can't justify that idea based on the costs.

"I've never made it a secret that I support a joint law enforcement center and a joint jail, and I still believe that's the best option for the citizens of Howard County," said Staulcup. "The figures don't bear me out, however, so I must be mistaken. But I'm convinced that down the line a few years, we would realize a lot more benefits from a joint venture than we ever will if we stand alone. I think we should be working together for the community."

Council woman Gloria McDonald said she voted against the joint venture for different reasons.

"I feel like the difference in the county law enforcement and the city law enforcement, trying to share the same building and have the same staff, I think the crossover is going to be too confusing and it's not going to save on any automobiles or manpower," said McDonald.

Newly appointed council member Manuel Ramirez Jr., who was sworn into office during the same meeting, said he voted against the joint facility because he's not yet comfortable with the details of the matter.

"I don't like to make

uneducated opinions," said Ramirez. "I need to get the facts and figures... I need to know the facts about whether it's going to work or it's not going to work."

While the council said no to a joint law enforcement center, McEwen alluded to other ways the city and county can combine services to save taxpayers money.

"Joint dispatch is something we would like to do," said McEwen. "If we joint dispatch it saves the county some money and it saves us some money. So we actually have a net savings over 20 years."

McEwen said talks between the city and county regarding joint dispatch have not taken place yet, but he hopes to see them begin sometime in the near future.

"What we need to do is get the entities together and see if we can find a common ground. If they can do it in Midland, we can certainly do it in Big Spring," said McEwen. "There's a template out there, and we just need to find out what it is. And if it doesn't work, it doesn't work. But I certainly think there are some logical reasons to do it."

"If you can save \$100,000 a year for the taxpayers, that's another \$2 million over a 20-year period. That's a lot of money and we're leaving it on the table right now, and I'd like to see us take care of that."

Consideration of a new jail facility began many months ago when commissioners identified jail overcrowding and non-compliance with state jail laws as an ongoing and long-term problem.

Commissioners began studying the situation in earnest following a meeting between themselves and Texas Commission on Jail Standards officials that left the county with a 90-day deadline to present a detailed plan for correcting the items currently out of compliance.

The city's decision Tuesday not to join the county for a joint law enforcement facility came on the heels of a multi-

project bond issue totaling \$21 million, which the council recently agreed to place on the November ballot.

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OUR VIEWS

Having egg on your face isn't something fun

You win some ... you lose some ... some are called on account of rain. Oh, well, our mothers told us there would be situations like this in our lives. Somehow that doesn't seem to make them any easier to take.

The Herald's weekend edition for June 24-25 included a special tabloid section announcing the winners from our annual Herald Readers' Choice Poll in which our readers vote for their favorites on just about everything — from A to Z almost.

Actually the list's span was from A to W — from favorite accountant in town to best spot to buy western wear.

Unfortunately, whenever attempting such an expansive project — numerous categories, countless votes and several people tabulating those votes — the opportunities to make mistakes are rampant.

Wouldn't you know it, we made some. Not many, mind you, but a few.

Everyone makes mistakes, but in the newspaper business, they almost always seem to be right out there for the whole world to see.

At this point it's still a little difficult to explain, but somehow we wound up with two lists of winners — one was right, the other wasn't.

As a result, the listing of winners in the weekend edition's section were correct. But the list our advertising department used in notifying winners and selling them ads in the section was not.

You can't just say, "Oops, we blew it" and act like it never happened in situations like that.

So, it's time to 'fess up.

As best we can tell, there were three major mistakes.

The voting for best nachos was won by Rocky's, but the advertising sales list had the Spanish Inn listed as the winner, so they sold the owners of the Spanish Inn an ad that touted their having the best chile rellenos, enchiladas, fajitas and nachos.

We made a similar mistake with a couple of local banks.

And then there was the vote for the best restaurant server in Big Spring...

The largest number of votes were cast for Darla at K-C Steak and Seafood House. We had that right, didn't we?

Well, almost.

The readers voted for Darla, but it turns out the winning waitress's name is Darlene.

We certainly had no intention of having our advertisers look silly. And we most certainly don't want to look like we didn't know what we were doing. Unfortunately, in those three cases, we didn't.

All we can offer is our heartfelt apologies to all involved. And a promise that we try to do better next time.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, today may we bring others up rather than put them down.

Amen

A dream fulfilled on videotape

For more than 44 years, going home has been my greatest aspiration. Repeatedly, like a broken record, I have been telling myself there is no place I would rather see than the streets of my childhood, the home of my upbringing, the soil where my roots are planted.

I've been to Madrid's Museo del Prado, and the White House, the Eiffel Tower, Disney World and some of the other great world attractions. And even there, I've caught myself thinking, "I'd rather be in La Salud."

It's a small agricultural town near the southern coast of Havana Province, Cuba — the place where I was born and raised until I came to the United States in 1962.

When you can't have something, you want it even more. And that's how I feel about my hometown.

Most U.S. immigrants can go back to their homelands whenever they wish. But for me, returning to Cuba has been forbidden — at times by two governments, and always by my own principles.

Waiting is painful. But as long as Cuba is ruled by a ruthless dictator, I refuse to return. Many other Cuban-Americans feel the same way.

I left Cuba at the age of 11. It wasn't even my own decision. But it was the best decision my parents ever made.

They sacrificed their careers and left behind their possessions so that my brother Beny and I could live in freedom. Had they not brought me here, I know that my life under the world's longest-lasting dictatorship would have been miserable.

Beny feels the same way. Now

we are both proud American citizens, grateful for the opportunities this country has brought us.

And yet he, too, suffers from the same obsession, about seeing La Salud once again.

"Sit down and brace yourself for a rough ride," Beny told me as I visited his home in Miami last week. He popped a video into a machine and suddenly there they were, the streets of my childhood, the friends and relatives I left behind, the home I longed to see again.

Without going back to Cuba, we were watching our fantasy on a videotape recorded by friend who went to Cuba and visited La Salud.

Beny is 62. I am 55. But as we watched our dream fulfilled — even if only on videotape — we couldn't hold back the tears.

We saw that our dream is really a nightmare.

The tape shows people going through very hard times, faces of despair. The world has progressed four decades since we left La Salud, but the town looks as if it has regressed a century.

There are hardly any vehicles on the roads. The town's buses are horse-drawn carriages. Without repair or even a coat of paint, fine homes have turned into shacks, giving the town an eerie aura. It was as if people had just returned to a town that had been abandoned for a century.

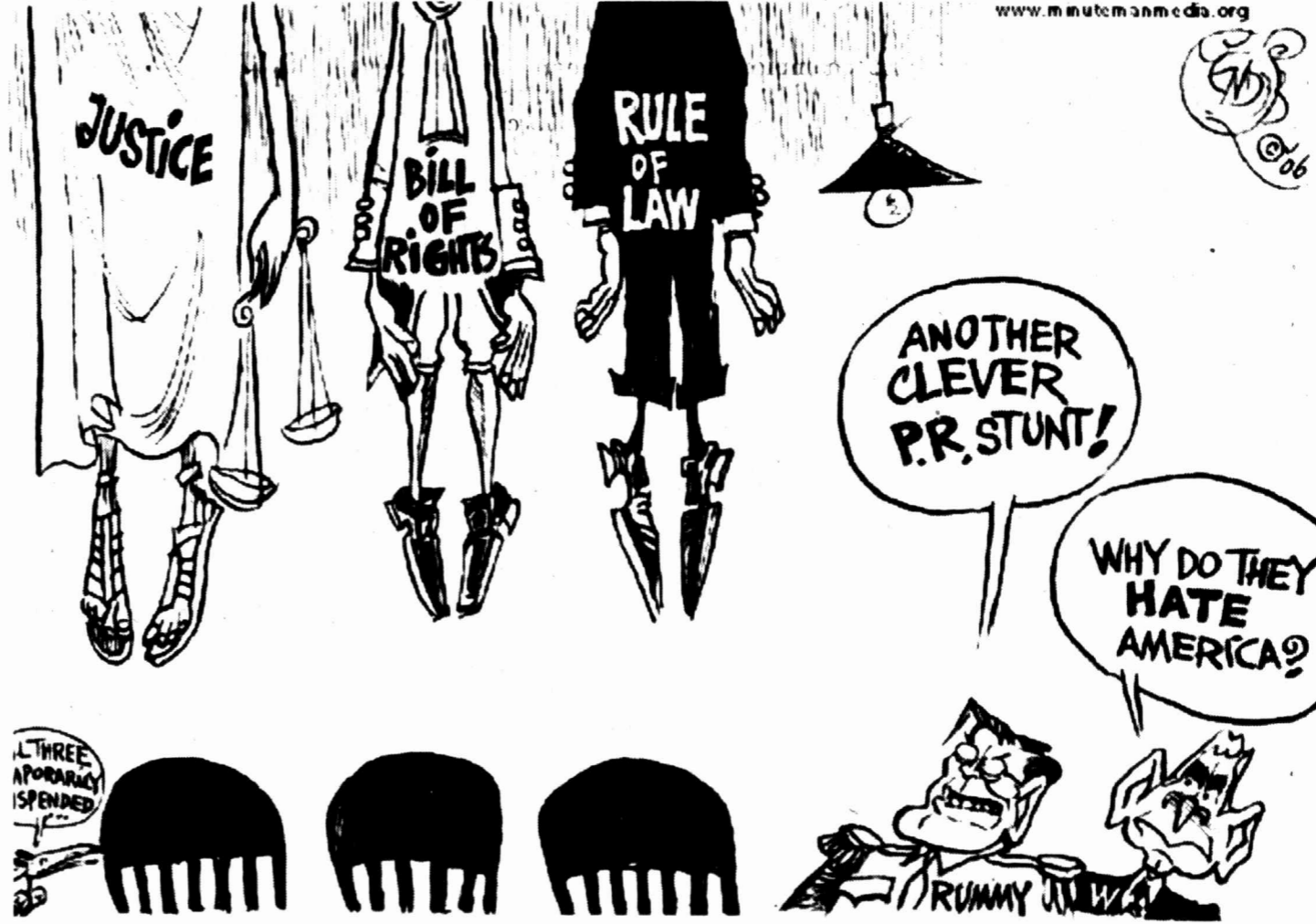
As a farming community, La Salud was always poor, but these are surely its worst days.

Yet these are the people for whom Fidel Castro supposedly fought his Cuban Revolution, these are the people whose lives he was going to improve.

Ironically, the only people who look well-fed and well-dressed and who live in well-kept houses are those who receive money and packages from relatives abroad.



MIGUEL PEREZ



World's most photographed hotel

I lived in the northeast for about six months when I was just out of college. I didn't have a lot of money, but gas was cheap and I had a car, so I did a lot of driving on weekends. One time I ventured up to Quebec City. It felt like I was in France.

The old part of Quebec has narrow cobblestone streets, little sidewalk cafes you just can't pass by, interesting stores, historic buildings with classical architecture and acres of parks. The Saint Lawrence River flows by the city.

On a hill overlooking the river is the Hotel Frontenac. It looks like a fairytale castle when you first see it. The sight is intriguing and makes you want to see it up close, to walk in it and absorb the ambience.

When I was there for the first time I didn't even ask about the cost of a room. I knew I couldn't afford it.

When I left the grounds of the hotel on my first visit, I knew I

would return. I carried the images of Quebec with me for almost 50 years. I saw clearly the green grass, the colorful shops, the inviting restaurants, the couples holding hands, the beautiful flowers and, of course, the Chateau Frontenac.

We have been busy this year, thank goodness, with lots of speeches, video projects and various other activities. The other day my wife Susan said it was time for us to go to Quebec. So I made reservations at the Frontenac for a long weekend.

Quebec isn't the easiest city to get to. We had to fly to Montreal, rent a car and drive for three hours to get to Quebec. But it was certainly worth any extra effort we made.

The hotel dominates Old Quebec. Its location on a hill makes it visible for miles. Ships passing by on the river have a fabulous view of the Chateau Frontenac.

We had a corner room that gave us a view of the river and part of Old Quebec. Our room was ideal and the hotel was everything a luxurious hotel should be.

The concierge, Ann McKenna, is the very best and has an uncan-

Such are the "accomplishments" of the Cuban Revolution: The new privileged class is not even the faithful communists, but those who have relatives who managed to escape from Cuba.

As my friend Frank Medina videotaped the streets of my town, I saw my school, the church where I was baptized, the park where I played, the cemetery where my ancestors are buried.

I was surprised to see how nothing has changed, except for the worse — even worse than we had seen it on another video 12 years ago. On that other tape, recorded by another friend who visited La Salud, one important site had been omitted — the one I most longed to see.

Although he had taped views of the whole town, the first visitor had feared that shooting pictures of my house would get him in trouble with Cuban authorities.

After all, my house is now the town's police station.

But the second visitor, Medina, was a lot more daring. And so there she was, on a TV screen, my home, just like I remembered her.

Friends tell me that the room Beny and I shared during our childhood has been turned into a prison cell.

For us, this serves as the ultimate reminder to appreciate the freedom we enjoy in this country, the precious liberty so many people often take for granted.

Both of our parents are gone. Last week, Beny and I visited their grave in Miami, where they died waiting for the end of Castro's tyranny, so they could go back to La Salud.

As we watched the videotape, red-faced and drying tears, we vowed to complete our family quest to return to La Salud someday — when Cuba is free.

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ny knowledge about Quebec. She did send us to some great restaurants where we dined on stag, buffalo, caribou, shells from the St. Lawrence (we dug the meat out with needles), sole with vanilla sauce, salads with lavender and orchids, seasoned with rosemary and tarragon. At the Frontenac I had the best meal — halibut with mango salsa.

We listened to jazz, swam, rode the funicular up and down the steep hillside, walked, shopped along the inviting streets and had coffee and chocolate at a sidewalk café while listening to a street musician play romantic tunes on his accordion.

Since the hotel is within walking distance to everything we needed, we didn't move our car until it was time to leave.

Chateau Frontenac, with 618 rooms, is part of the Fairmont group of hotels, which also has the resort hotel Chateau Lake Louise at Banff.

The Frontenac was built in 1893 by the Canada Pacific Railway, named for a flamboyant French governor.

I will go back to Quebec. But I won't wait 50 years to do so.

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IN BRIEF

**Softball tourney set
for July 15-16 at
Cotton Mize Park**

The first-ever Ball
Busters Softball
Tournament will take
place July 15-16 at
Cotton Mize Field
inside of Comanche
Trail Park.

The tourney costs
\$125 per team and trophies
and T-shirts
will be awarded to the
top three teams.
There is also a six
home run limit.

For more informa-
tion, contact Amador
Rios at 432-468-1128,
Pete Carrillo at 432-
818-1245 or Abel Rios
at 432-213-2115.

**Sandlot softball
tourney set for this
coming weekend**

A softball tourna-
ment hosted by the
Big Spring sandlot
softball team will be
held Saturday and
Sunday at Cotton
Mize Park inside of
Comanche Trail Park.

The top three teams
will receive trophies,
the top two teams get
T-shirts and there
will also be MVP and
golden gloves honors
awarded as well.

For more informa-
tion, contact Ben
Flores at 267-4226 or
816-1262.

**BSGSA to hold
ragball tournament**

The Big Spring
Girls Softball
Association (BSGSA)
will be having its
annual co-ed ragball
tournament Friday
and Saturday at the
Roy Anderson
Complex.

The cost of the tour-
ney is \$110 per team
and each team will
play at least six
games.

Interested partici-
pants can register at
the complex between
5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
June 30. The first
game starts at 7 p.m.

For more informa-
tion, contact Ron
Shaler at 432-213-3747.

**BSHS announces
softball camp for
middle of July**

Big Spring head
softball coach
Jennifer Reyes, along
with her assistant
coaches, will be hav-
ing a softball skills
camp July 10-14.

The camp will run
from 8 a.m. to noon
daily and is for girls
through middle
school. It also costs
\$50 per participant.

For more informa-
tion, call 263-4227 or
263-4711.

Agassi starts slow, gets win in opener

• Federer easily wins
record 42nd straight
match on grass

By STEPHEN WILSON

AP Sports Writer
WIMBLEDON, England
— Roger Federer won his
record 42nd straight
grass-court match
Tuesday, beating Richard
Gasquet 6-3, 6-2, 6-2 to
open his bid for a fourth
consecutive Wimbledon
championship.

The top-ranked Federer
broke the record he
shared with Bjorn Borg,
the five-time Wimbledon
champion who won 41
straight matches on grass
from 1976-1981.

"It's nice to get any
streak," Federer said.
"I'm still going, so even
better if I can maybe post-
pone it and make it even
last longer. I'm surprised
myself I've kept it that
long. To come through
today was my only wish,
not to break the streak,
but to have it come
together is nice."

Federer led Gasquet 6-3,
1-2 on Monday when the
match was suspended by
rain. The pair returned to
Centre Court under
cloudy skies, and Federer
needed only 37 minutes to
finish off the 20-year-old
Frenchman, setting up an
intriguing second-round
encounter against
Britain's Tim Henman.

Also winning on Centre
Court was Andre Agassi,
the 1992 champion play-
ing in his last
Wimbledon. The 36-year-
old American, the oldest
player in the men's draw,
got off to a slow start
before beating 71st-
ranked Boris Pashanski
of Serbia-Montenegro, 2-6,
6-2, 6-4, 6-3.

Agassi, who announced
Saturday that the U.S.
Open in September will
be his final tournament,
had 17 aces and capital-
ized on 11 double faults
by Pashanski — two com-
ing on the last two points
of the match.

"I was a bit lost out
there in the first set, a bit
too nervous, then I settled
in and managed to find a
little bit of rhythm,"
Agassi said.

In his customary fash-
ion, Agassi bowed and
blew kisses to all corners
of the court as the fans
gave him a rousing ova-
tion. Among those in the
crowd was his wife,
seven-time Wimbledon
champion Steffi Graf.
Agassi wore a necklace
with letters spelling out
"Daddy Rocks," which he
said was made by the cou-
ple's 4-year-old son, Jaden
Gil.

Second-seeded Rafael
Nadal, a two-time French

Open champion but rela-
tive novice on grass,
started in impressive
fashion by beating British
wild card Alex
Bogdanovic 6-4, 7-6 (3), 6-
4. The Spaniard had 36
winners and played main-
ly from the baseline, but
finished the match in
style with a forehand
drop volley and celebrat-
ed with a customary fist
pump.

Federer closed out his
match with an overhead
smash, then smacked a
ball into the stands and
basked in a huge ovation.
He left the court the same
way he arrived — don-
ning a custom-designed
cream-colored sports jack-
et emblazoned with his
name and a special crest
on the breast pocket.

Federer's last loss on
grass came in the first
round of Wimbledon in
2002, when he fell to
Mario Ancic in straight
sets. His win streak
includes three titles at
Wimbledon and four at
the warmup tournament
in Halle, Germany.

Gasquet was coming off
a victory at the grass-
court warmup at
Nottingham, England, but
proved no match for the
player who is an over-
whelming favorite to
become the third man in
the Open era to win four
straight Wimbledon.
Borg and Pete Sampras
(1997-2000) are the others.

Federer will next face
Henman, a four-time
Wimbledon semifinalist
who overcame Sweden's
Robin Soderling, 6-7 (8), 6-
3, 6-2, 1-6, 6-3. The British
player is unseeded for the
first time in 10 years
because of a drop in his
ranking.

Henman leads Federer
6-4 in career matches,
including a four-set win
in the Wimbledon quar-
terfinals in 2001.

Earlier, Martina Hingis
and Justine Henin-
Hardenne took advantage
of the dry weather to
move into the second
round with routine
straight-set victories.

Hingis, back at
Wimbledon for the first
time since 2001, finished
off a 6-2, 6-2 win over
Ukraine's Olga Savchuk.
The match had been sus-
pended by rain after the
first set Monday.

Henin-Hardenne, who is
seeking to add the
Wimbledon title to com-
plete a collection of all
four Grand Slams, needed
only 56 minutes to dis-
patch Yuan Meng of
China, 6-0, 6-1. Fellow
Belgian Kim Clijsters,
seeded No. 2, advanced
with a 7-5, 6-3 win over

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Four tossed as Texas falls to San Francisco

By JANIE MCCAULEY

AP Sports Writer
SAN FRANCISCO —
Matt Morris won three
straight starts for the first
time this season and
improved to 7-0 in inter-
league play over the last
two years, leading the
San Francisco Giants past
the Texas Rangers 5-3
Tuesday night.

Randy Winn hit a three-
run homer in the second
inning, doubled and sin-
gled twice for the Giants
in a game that saw three
Rangers and their man-
ager ejected.

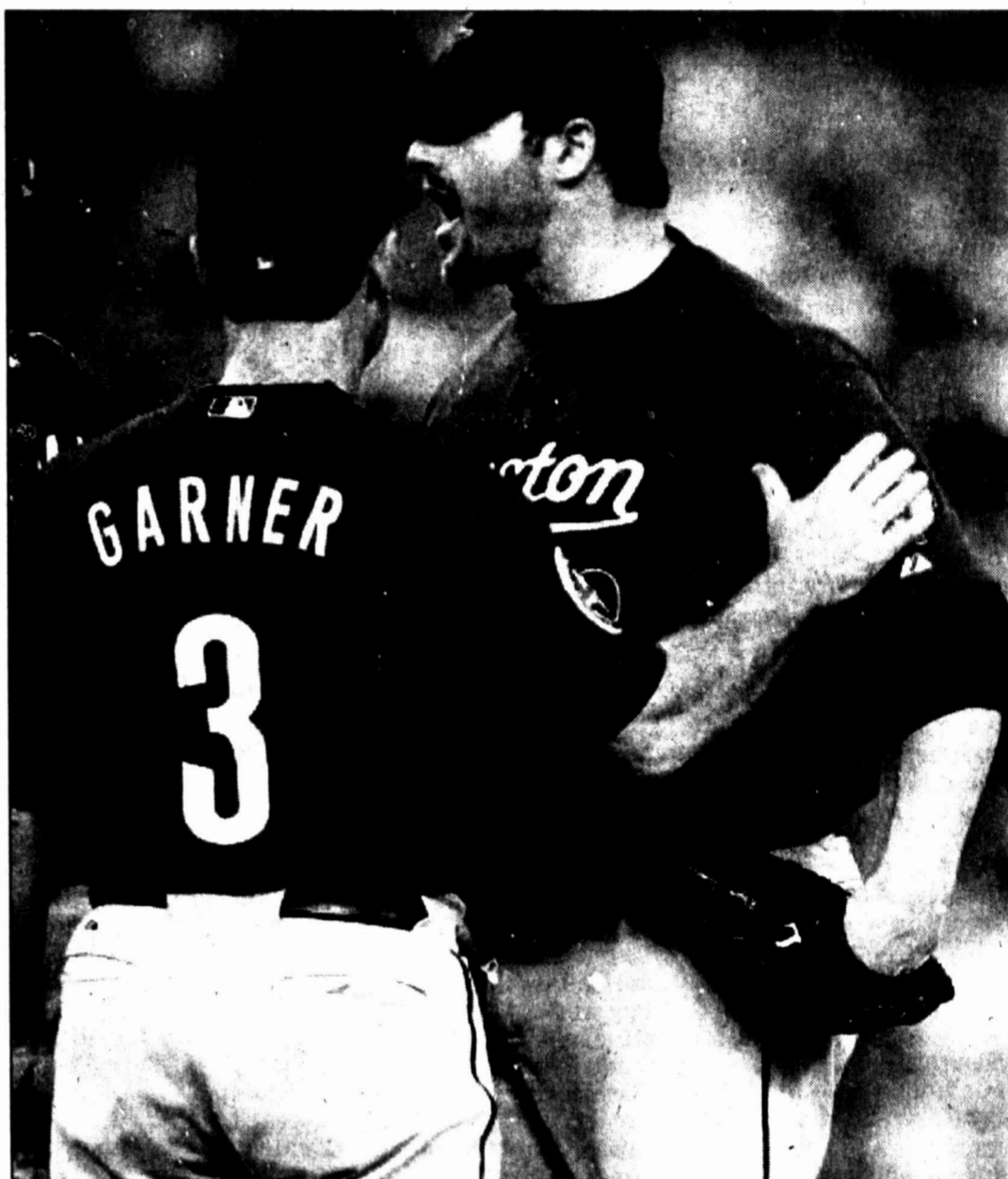
Morris (6-7) pitched

eight strong innings to
remain undefeated in
eight interleague starts
since June 15, 2004, while
with St. Louis. He has a
2.19 ERA in June.

Texas' Michael Young
struck out looking to end
the fifth inning against
Morris and threw his bat
to the ground and was
immediately ejected.

Rangers manager Buck
Showalter immediately
sprinted out of the dugout
and began yelling and
was quickly ejected.

Two more Rangers —
Mark DeRosa and Mark
Teixeira — were thrown
out in the ninth.



KRT photo/Kirithmon F. Dozier, Detroit Free Press
Houston Astros' manager Phil Garner relieves starter Roger Clemens in the seventh inning. The Tigers defeated the Astros 4-0 at Comerica Park in Detroit, Mich., Tuesday. Clemens gave up one earned run in 6.1 innings of work.

Same story, different game

• Clemens pitches
well, gets no run
support in defeat

By LARRY LAGE

AP Sports Writer
DETROIT — Roger
Clemens threw six strong
innings before giving up
a pair of one-out walks in
the seventh and the
Detroit Tigers made him
pay for it.

Craig Monroe hit an
RBI double off reliever
Dan Wheeler in the three-
run seventh and Nate
Robertson threw seven
scoreless innings to give
Detroit a 4-0 victory over
the Houston Astros
Tuesday night.

In his second start this
season, Clemens allowed
two runs — one earned —
and three hits with two
walks in 6 1/3 innings.

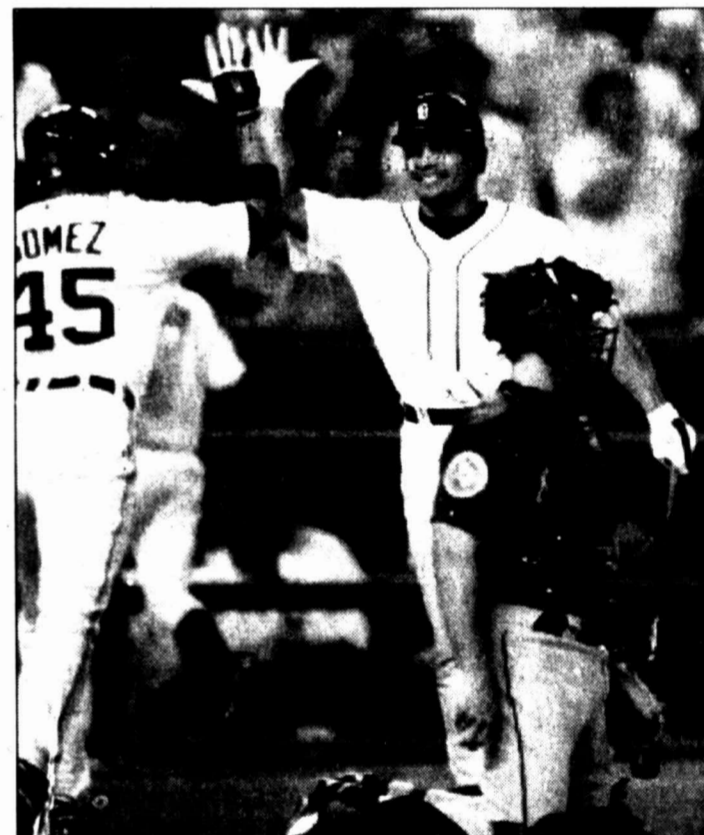
He struck out three con-
secutive batters over the
fifth and sixth innings,
but didn't fan another
Tiger in his 84-pitch out-
ing.

The seven-time Cy
Young winner left the
mound very angry.

Clemens (0-2) pumped
his fist because it looked
like he thought he threw
a second strike to Carlos
Guillen and that Magglio
Ordonez was caught steal-
ing for a second out.
Instead, Guillen drew a
walk on a 3-1 pitch — giv-
ing Ordonez second base.

After Clemens was
taken out of the game, he
shouted at least twice at
plate umpire C.B.
Bucknor as he walked
toward the dugout while a
sellout crowd gave him a
standing ovation.

Wheeler gave up



KRT photo/Kirithmon F. Dozier, Detroit Free Press
Detroit Tigers' Alexis Gomez, left, celebrates with Ivan Rodriguez, center, after his solo home run in the eighth inning. The Tigers defeated the Astros 4-0 at Comerica Park in Detroit, Mich., Tuesday.

Monroe's double — which
almost cleared the left-
field wall — bringing
home the first run of the
game and a second run
scored on shortstop Adam
Everett's throwing error.

Monroe then scored when
Morgan Ensberg bobbled
a grounder, making it 3-0.

Robertson (8-3) gave up
six hits and three walks
while striking out four.
He has lost only one of his
last 13 starts.

Rookie Joel Zumaya got
out of trouble in the
eighth after giving up a
single and a walk before
getting an out, and Todd
Jones pitched a perfect
ninth.

Alexis Gomez gave
Detroit a 4-0 lead in the

eighth with his first
career homer, a shot to
right-center off Fernando
Nieve.

The Tigers, who have
the best record in base-
ball, have won five
straight and 15 of 17.

Houston has lost five of
six, and failed to give
Clemens much help in his
second start — continu-
ing a trend.

The Astros didn't score
while he was pitching last
week in a 4-2 loss against
the Minnesota Twins. In
that game, Clemens gave
up two runs and six hits
over five innings.

Last season, Houston
was shut out 17 times —
nine with Clemens on the
mound.

ESPN's Gammons suffers brain aneurysm

BOSTON (AP) — ESPN
baseball analyst Peter
Gammons underwent
brain surgery Tuesday
after he was stricken with
an aneurysm near his
Cape Cod home.

The 61-year-old
Gammons was resting in
intensive care Tuesday
night following the opera-
tion, The Boston Globe

reported on its Web site.

Gammons was taken to
a Cape Cod hospital
Tuesday morning and
then airlifted to a Boston-
area hospital.

The newspaper said he's
expected to be in inten-
sive care for 10 to 12 days.

Gammons, a member of
the writers' wing of the
Hall of Fame, has been a

regular on ESPN's
Sunday night telecasts
this season. He worked
the Braves-Yankees game
in New York Monday
night.

"Our thoughts and best
wishes are with Peter and
his family at this time,"
ESPN spokesman Josh
Krulewitz said.

Rockets' selection is anyone's guess

By CHRIS DUNCAN
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — What the Houston Rockets will take with the eighth pick in Wednesday's NBA draft is anybody's guess.

Including the Rockets. "Usually, by this time, you've got a pretty good idea about who will be there," general manager Carroll Dawson said Monday. "It's not like that this year."

The uncertainty starts at the top, though many believe the Toronto Raptors will use the No. 1 pick to take Italian star Andrea Bargnani. The Raptors may have tipped their hand last week when they made Bargnani's former coach their new vice president and general manager.

Picks 2-7 are open to wide speculation, leaving the Rockets with plenty of scenarios to consider.

"What you try to do is figure out who the top 7 will be, see what's left and go from there," Dawson said. "Now, no one knows who those top 7 will be and that creates more work for us."

Houston's most urgent need is a shooting guard to shore up a depleted backcourt and aid one of the NBA's worst offenses, Dawson said.

Last season, Houston was the league's second-lowest scoring team and ranked last in field goals made. The Rockets shot 43 percent from the field and 33 percent from 3-point range.

"We definitely need a guard who can shoot," Dawson said.

The Rockets took a close look at one of the draft's top guards last weekend.

Brandon Roy, a 6-foot-6 star from Washington, flew to Houston for a last-minute workout on Saturday, a sign of the Rockets' interest.

A player more likely to be there when the Rockets pick is Duke's J.J. Redick, the NCAA's all-time leader in 3-pointers (457) and its most accurate all-time free-throw shooter (91 percent). Redick worked out for the Rockets on June 3.

But like the draft order, the potential of any player is hard to predict.

Players' stocks can rise and fall within days as they work out with different teams.

"It's really hard to answer who will have an impact right away," Dawson said. "You hear rumors about workouts and things about a guy. A guy who looks really good today might slip back behind someone else tomorrow."



Ben Curtis is shown during the final round of the Booz Allen Classic in Potomac, Md., Sunday.

Curtis finally wins Booz Allen Classic

POTOMAC, Md. (AP) — In a sloppy finish to a sweet victory, Ben Curtis made two harmless bogeys Tuesday morning for a 1-under 70 to complete a five-shot victory in the rain-delayed Booz Allen Classic.

It was the first Tuesday finish on the PGA Tour in 26 years, but it was worth the wait for Curtis.

He won for the first time since he captured the 2003 British Open at Royal St. George's, one of the biggest upsets in golf history, and found validation on the TPC at Avenel with a wire-to-wire victo-

ry stretched over six days.

Curtis had a seven-shot lead and was on the 17th hole facing a 28-foot par putt when play was suspended Monday evening because of heavy rain.

He returned Tuesday morning to make bogey, then finished with another bogey on the 18th to wind up at 20-under 264, one short of the tournament record.

He finished five shots ahead of Billy Andrade (64), Padraig Harrington (66), Nick O'Hern (67) and Steve Stricker (68).

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Vera Zvonareva.

Men's fourth-seeded David Nalbandian, runner-up in 2002, crushed South Africa's Wesley Moodie 6-3, 6-4, 6-1. Eighth-seeded James Blake was a 6-3, 7-5, 5-7, 6-4 winner over Danish qualifier Kristian Pless.

Thomas Johansson, seeded No. 12, was eliminated by fellow Swede Jonas Bjorkman, 3-6, 7-6 (4), 6-1, 6-1; and No. 21 Gael Monfils of France lost in four sets to Igor Kunitsyn of Russia.

Wild card Mark



Day One of Wimbledon was the wettest since 1991 as only thirty-six minutes of tennis was played Monday in London, England.

Philippoussis, runner-up in 2003, served 39 aces in a 5-7, 7-6 (5), 6-3, 7-6 (12) win over Paul-Henri Mathieu.

NFL, union sued over lost investment money

By HARRY R. WEBER
Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA — Seven current and former NFL players have sued the league and its union to recover \$20 million they lost in an alleged fraud scheme, claiming the union endorsed the services of an investment firm even though its manager had liens against him.

In a lawsuit, filed Friday in U.S. District Court, the players said the league and the NFL Players Association are liable for the losses because of investments with hedge fund manager Kirk Wright.

The suit says the union recommended Wright through registration in a union investment program even though Wright and his partner, Nelson "Keith" Bond, had active state and federal tax liens against them.

The players also say that the union failed to certify that Wright was properly insured as required by the program, and failed to notify the

plaintiffs about those matters.

He added that only one of the players, Blaine Bishop, asked for a background check, and only for Bond, and that a database reviewed by the league's security department found no record of any liens or relevant information.

Wright was arrested in Miami Beach in May on federal fraud charges. He also faces a lawsuit filed by the Securities and Exchange Commission against him and his company, International Management Associates.

Among the clients deceived by Wright are former Denver Broncos players Steve Atwater, Ray Crockett, Al Smith and Bishop, as well as former Philadelphia Eagles player Clyde Simmons, authorities said.

The five players are plaintiffs in the lawsuit against the NFL and players' union, along with Marco Coleman and Carlos Emmons, who currently plays for the New York Giants.

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By Steve Becker

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♦ A Q
♠ A K Q J 7 5 3

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Many hands offer declarer a choice of two or more lines of play. Declarer's job in these cases is to try to find the method of play most likely to win — in other words, the percentage play.

In considering his options, declarer should examine all the possibilities and not just the obvious ones. Unfortunately, the best line of play is often camouflaged by alternatives that are much easier to see.

For example, take this deal where South, encouraged by partner's posi-

tive response to his forcing two-bid, contracted for a grand slam and discovered he had a potential diamond loser. Making the slam seemed to depend on guessing whether to take a finesse in diamonds or in spades each a 50 percent proposition. As can be seen, neither finesse would have worked as the cards lie.

But South saw a third option that offered a substantially better chance than either finesse — the possibility of establishing a spade trick in dummy by trumping spades in his own hand. Furthermore, he could pursue this possibility without relinquishing the 50 percent chance of relying on a finesse to bring the grand slam home. If the spades failed to divide favorably, he would still have the diamond finesse in reserve.

Accordingly, after winning the heart lead with the queen, declarer cashed the ace of spades and ruffed a spade high. Next he led a low trump to dummy's nine and ruffed another spade high. Then came a low trump to dummy's ten, which drew West's last trump and allowed South to ruff the fourth round of spades, felling East's king.

Declarer now ruffed the ace of hearts with dummy's deuce of trumps and discarded the diamond queen on dummy's spade queen to put the finishing touch on a well-played hand.

Tomorrow: Sylvia has trouble counting to 13.

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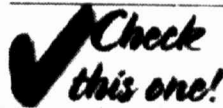
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed this Notice of Revocation of Power of Attorney this date, June 16, 2006. CHRISTOPHER BESERRA WITH THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES AT CAMP ARIFJAN, KUWAIT

Subscribed, sworn to and acknowledged before me by CHRISTOPHER BESERRA, who is known to me to be a member of the Armed Forces of the United States serving on Active Duty, on June 16, 2006. This acknowledgment is executed in my official capacity under the authority granted by Title 10, United States Code, Section 1044a, which also states that no seal is required on this acknowledgment. BERNIE H. LAGASGA III SERGEANT, U.S. ARMY Legal NCO UP AR 27-55. Para 2-2a(2). #4999 June 23, 25 & 26, 2006.

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS Now through July 10, the messenger planet, Mercury, explores Leo.

It's a fine time for self-expression. You may even find that you're expressing a "self" you didn't know existed. The more you put across, the more you discover.

All you have to do is apply yourself to communicating, and your creativity, complexity and talent spring forth.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Communication is the secret to your success now, but the even bigger secret is that your words matter little in the equation. It's your tone and attitude that convey exactly what you want out of life.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Chasing happiness is the most certain way to make it run away from you. The stars favor doing nothing at all over putting yourself "out there" just to prove that you want it. If getting calm takes the whole day, it's a day well spent.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll be around interesting characters — the kind of people with whom you shouldn't make a sudden move. Getting your way depends on your ability to match the energy of those around you long enough to have influence.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The rules don't apply to you. There is no "always" and there is certainly no "never." There's fun 'o be had on this day of most unusual events. You could redefine yourself in the process.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Giving your unsolicited opinion is not advised. Too bad, because if they would only see things from your vantage, the whole problem would disappear.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You invent your own logic. You've probably already done what the experts declare "impossible!" Remind yourself of this today, as the planets align to help you do it again.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're hitting those financial obstacles harder than you have to. To see your way around blocks to wealth, stand on the shoulders of a giant. Go to the store, and buy the first financial book that speaks to you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). No one has to tell you that all people deserve to be treated as equals — your sign invented equality. So when you see someone's money buying preferential treatment, you can't help but speak up.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There you go again, getting carried away. All the best people are incorrigible. You'll attract quite a following if you continue on like this. Maybe you'll even get your very own stalker.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There're days to be unconventional, and there're days to take your lesson from the collective knowledge pool. This is the latter kind of day. There's a reason "everybody is doing it." Maybe you should, too.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). If you're too analytical, you'll miss the miracle. If you're too literal, you'll miss the joke. The omens suggest you can be supremely open-minded when you make the effort to hold back your skepticism.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Most things would be nice to experience at least once. Today brings such an opportunity. You'll be comfortable in the company of one who knows the ropes. Perhaps a Pisces.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I am a 33-year-old Capricorn with a Scorpio ascendant. I have been in a relationship with a Sagittarius for the last three years. He starts to get close and then pulls back. I would like to know if this will ever amount to anything."

As a practical Capricorn, you know that love is as love does. Your Scorpio ascendant leads you to look deeper into the situation though — Scorpio is all about subtlety and hidden meaning. Speaking of this, your wording of this question brings up an interesting topic. What should love "amount" to? The answer (or sum) is in the now moment — Sagittarius men are that kind of sign. You can tell everything about their past, present and future by looking at

little bits of now. Is he courteous now, or does he put his needs first? Is he looking past you instead of looking at you? Do you feel a tug on your heart in his presence, as though there is something unfinished that needs to be addressed? If you can't find enough evidence that you're bonded together, the ideal time to make your move is also in the now moment.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Cancer is the sign of mothers. Women of this sign are most beautiful when nurturing others, but could someone like Liv Tyler possibly get any more beautiful? Just wait. I predict another child for her and husband Royston Langdon, followed by a career moment that will "dwarf" her role as a statuesque and stunning elfin princess in the gargantuan "Lord of the Rings" trilogy.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: My husband sucks his thumb. He does this when sleeping, watching TV or playing computer games, but only if he doesn't think he can be seen. He'll stop abruptly if I walk into the room.

We've never really talked about it, and frankly, I am embarrassed for him. I think this must be the result of really low self-esteem. I know he experienced some childhood trauma — his father was abusive and abandoned the family. Also, one of his siblings died young.

Do you think he has unresolved childhood issues? I've never known an adult who still sucks his thumb. What can I do — or better yet, what can he do? — Baffled in the Northeast

Dear Baffled: Your husband may have started thumb-sucking to provide comfort, but now it is simply a habit that is hard to shake. You can bring up the subject and ask him if he wants to stop. There are techniques that will help. But if he enjoys this and wants to continue, leave it alone. He doesn't do it in public, and it harms no one.

Dear Annie: I am a 25-year-old successful woman who has never given a second thought to marrying anyone. I was never interested. I've had my share of intimate relationships, but nothing I considered serious. Now I am at the point where I am ready to settle down.

I think I have found my prince. He's 23, very supportive and caring, and I think he's "the one." Here's the problem: He has diabetes and says it sometimes causes erectile dysfunction. What can I do to make this relationship work without eventually cheating on him? — Sexless in Seattle

Dear Seattle: Erectile dysfunction (ED) is a common diabetes-related problem. We assume your boyfriend has seen his doctor and perhaps spoken to a urologist.

Sexual satisfaction in a marriage can be achieved, even with ED, if both parties are willing. Also, there should be other fac-



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new, healthier you. You have every right to be proud.

Dear Annie: I am a high school student and have a friend, "Alicé," who is only 14 years old. We are very close. We even call each other brother and sister. Alice has been in some sketchy relationships in the past, but her most recent one has really got me worried. She confided that she is going out with a 20-year-old man, "Steve."

Alice says she met Steve at a party and she thought he was younger. (Like that makes it OK.) Steve also has a daughter, which means that he has knocked up somebody before.

I asked two of my female friends for advice, and one said I need to take action or something bad will happen. I know I should, but if I say anything to Alice, I'm afraid she might think I am interfering and it will hurt our close relationship. My other friend said I should not get involved because Alice won't listen to me. She also said Alice's problem is not my fault and Alice knows it's wrong to date Steve.

Because I am the only person Alice has told about this, I feel somewhat obligated to do something. Please help. — Concerned Friend

Dear Friend: Sometimes friends must make difficult choices. You need to protect Alice, and this means telling someone about Steve. Please confide in your parents and ask them to discuss the situation with Alice's folks. If you don't speak up, you will never forgive yourself if something terrible happens. Alice may become angry with you, but she also will know you care enough about her to take that risk. In fact, we think that's what she is hoping for. Good luck.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, P.O. Box 118190, Chicago, IL 60611.

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

"Billy's our advertising manager. He's in the house blogging about our business."

HAGAR

SOMETHING TELLS ME I FORGOT TO TAKE MY ANNUAL BATH THIS YEAR

BLONDIE

THIS IS TOO MUCH WORK FOR ONE PERSON TO DO, BOSS!
BE REASONABLE
I CAN'T...
THAT WOULD BE OUT OF CHARACTER FOR ME

BC

WHAT WAS THAT?
KARAYUCKY
THAT'S KARAYOKE!
AH, YES... SORRY.

WIZARD OF ID

FLAP FLAP FLAP
SIR RODNEY SAYS HE'S STARVING
TAKE A MESSAGE
Eat the pigeon.

AGNES

I'D BETTER SAVE A TWINKIE FOR HORACE.
I THOUGHT YOUR IMAGINARY FRIEND WAS A GIRL.
SHE IS.
AND HER NAME IS HORACE?
HEH-HEH... I DON'T NAME 'EM... I JUST HALLUCINATE 'EM.
GOT IT.

HI AND LOIS

I HAVE TO VACUUM THOSE DUST BUNNIES FROM UNDER THE COUCH.
RUN, BUNNIES, RUN!
GOOD! THEY LEFT THEIR DUST BEHIND, BUT THEY GOT AWAY!

THE OTHER COAST

TOULOUSE, MUST YOU SPREAD CRUMBS ALL OVER THE TABLE EVERY TIME YOU EAT TOAST?
BARF!
AAW, SAMURA SPIT UP ON THE CARPET. ISN'T SHE CUTE?
IN MY NEXT LIFE, I WANT TO COME BACK AS A DOG.

SNUFFY SMITH

BOOK REPORTS TODAY!!
BUT IF YA READ ALL TEN ISSUES, IT'S JUST LIKE A BOOK!!

BETLE BAILEY

CAN I TAKE YOUR PICTURE?
NO.
DO YOU THINK I WAS TOO HARSH?
I WOULDN'T KNOW, I'VE NEVER HAD A PAPAARAZZI PROBLEM.

This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, June 28, the 179th day of 2006. There are 186 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On June 28, 1914, Austrian Archduke Francis Ferdinand and his wife, Sofia, were assassinated in Sarajevo by a Serb nationalist — the event that triggered World War I.

On this date:
In 1491, England's King Henry VIII was born at Greenwich.
In 1778, "Molly Pitcher" (Mary Ludwig Hays) carried water to American soldiers at the Revolutionary War Battle of Monmouth, N.J.
In 1836, the fourth president of the United States, James Madison, died in Montpelier, Va.
In 1838, Britain's Queen Victoria was crowned in Westminster Abbey.
In 1919, the Treaty of Versailles was signed in France, ending World War I.

In 1939, Pan American Airways began regular trans-Atlantic air service.
In 1944, the Republican national convention in Chicago nominated New York Gov. Thomas E. Dewey for president and Ohio Gov. John W. Bricker for vice president.
In 1950, North Korean forces captured Seoul, South Korea.
In 1978, the Supreme Court ordered the University of California at Davis Medical School to admit Allan Bakke, a white man who'd argued he was a victim of reverse racial discrimination.
In 2000, seven months after he was cast adrift in the Florida Straits, Elian Gonzalez was returned to his native Cuba.

ny chief executive Tony Mercedes is 44. Actress Jessica Hecht is 41. Rock musician Saul Davies (James) is 41. Actress Mary Stuart Masterson is 40. Actor John Cusack is 40. Actor Gil Bellows is 39. Actress-singer Danielle Brisebois is 37. Jazz musician Jimmy Sommers is 37. Actress Tichina Arnold is 35. Actor Alessandro Nivola is 34.

Thought for Today: "One of the sources of pride in being a human being is the ability to bear present frustrations in the interests of longer purposes." — Helen Merrell Lynd, American sociologist and educator (1896-1982).

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Newsday Crossword

TAKE A BREAK by Fred Piscop

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| 19 Comfy room | 8 Play about Capote |
| 20 Pub offering | 9 Copycat |
| 21 Tulip-to-be | 10 Nine-sided figure |
| 22 Chaucer's Inn | 11 Angler's gear |
| 24 Victory goddess | 12 On one's toes |
| 25 Purplish red | 13 Bamboomunching beast |
| 26 Conditional release | 18 Use a microwave on (cheese) |
| 29 Handed down orally | 23 Paese |
| 30 Where you live | 24 Junction point |
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| 32 Apt. ad abbr. | 26 Cut back |
| 35 "Dirty" Cajun dish | 27 Irish Rose's man |
| 36 Down the road | 28 Sugary liquor |
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| 38 "A mouse!" | 31 Expos |
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Answer to previous puzzle

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News briefs

Cadet to ask for leniency in court-martial

NEW LONDON, Conn. (AP) — A Coast Guard Academy cadet was acquitted of rape charges but convicted on other sex-related charges in the institution's first-ever court-martial of a student.

Webster M. Smith was expected to ask the military jury for leniency at a sentencing hearing scheduled Wednesday.

Jurors on Tuesday deliberated eight hours before finding Smith, 23, of Houston, guilty of indecent assault, extortion, sodomy, failure to obey an order and absent without leave.

Smith, the first student in the school's 130-year history to be court-martialed, was stoic as the verdict was read, but wept afterward.

"This is an extraordinarily emotional time for him right now," said his attorney, Merle Smith, who is not related to the cadet. "There's so much emotion right now, both relief and also disappointment."

Smith faces up to 13 1/2 years in prison, but his attorney said he would argue for little or no jail time.

Prosecutors, who declined to comment after the verdict, said Smith was a predator who took advantage of women when they were vulnerable.

The allegations were brought by four female cadets. The jury acquitted him of sexual misconduct charges involving three of the female cadets.

The rape case involved Smith's on-again, off-again girlfriend, who said she drank two bottles of wine at a

party in Annapolis, Md., last summer and can't remember anything.

'Railroad Killer' executed in Texas

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — The last ride for infamous train-hopping serial killer Angel Maturino Resendiz was in a Texas prison van, from death row to the death house.

Resendiz, 46, received lethal injection Tuesday evening for the fatal stabbing and beating of a Houston-area physician 7 1/2 years ago. He had roamed the country by jumping aboard freight trains and was linked to at least 15 indiscriminate murders near railroad tracks around the nation, earning him the nickname the "Railroad Killer" and a spot on the FBI's Most Wanted list.

The Mexican drifter, speaking from the death chamber gurney, asked for forgiveness from God and from relatives of some of his victims watching through a glass a few feet away. He then was executed for the slaying of Claudia Benton, 39, at her West University Place home during a deadly spree in 1998 and 1999.

"You did not deserve this," he said, looking at them,

his feet nervously tapping under a white sheet. "I deserve what I am getting."

Boy shot with paintball gun dies

EL PASO (AP) — A 9-year-old boy who was shot in the eye with a screwdriver-loaded paintball gun died Tuesday, El Paso police said.

Matthew Holguin was injured late Monday when two men were playing with a paintball gun with a screwdriver loaded inside, police said. When the gun was fired by one of the men, Matthew was wounded in his right eye and taken to a local hospital.

Police said Christian Sifuentes, 22, of El Paso, and Filiberto Soto, 21, of Las Vegas, were both arrested after the shooting on charges of injuring a child and possession of marijuana.

BOUNDS

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ing his whereabouts can call Crimestoppers and may be eligible for a reward of up to \$1,000." Everett said anyone

with information on Bounds' location should call 263-TIPS.

"The information we receive through Crimestoppers is confidential and callers may remain anonymous," said Everett. "No caller-ID is ever used."

COLLEGE

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program. Financing for that would come from college use fees and private sources, she noted.

The most ambitious master plan — and the one that would most directly affect local taxpayers — is still in the development phase. Sparks said architectural consultants are scheduled

to present a finalized plan for refurbishment on the Big Spring campus in early August.

Sparks said the campus faces a litany of infrastructure needs but is hesitant to put a dollar figure on those needs until the finalized master plan is in her hands. She concedes, however, that solutions won't be cheap.

"When you're looking at infrastructure, those items are not inexpensive," she said.

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Summer readers are 'champions'

Howard County Library children's program to wrap up Thursday with special program

This summer has been a summer of reading champions at Howard County Library. Attendance has been great, and the champions have been reading many books. I am so proud of all the reading the summer champions have done this summer. What a wonderful way to exercise their minds!

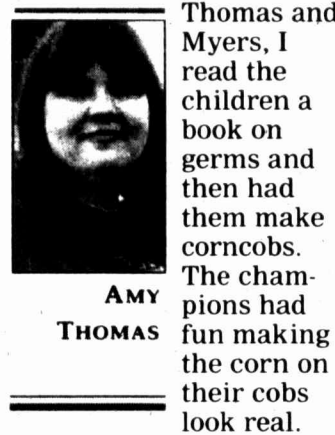
The summer reading program, "Reading: the Sport of Champions," has been filled with interesting speakers, interesting books, fun songs and sports-themed art projects.

June 5 and 6, Dean Thomas, a former microbiologist, came and spoke to the children about germs. He presented pictures of viruses, bacteria and other parasites, giving the children an idea of how real germs are and how sick they can make us. Thomas also showed the children how microbiologists run tests to determine what germ is making a person sick. The champions responded enthusiastically, wanting to share all their vomit stories.

Also speaking June 5 and 6 was Kori Myers. She taught the children about proper nutrition, giving them handouts on foods that are good for the body and foods that aren't. Myers, Cooperative Extension agent for Family and

Consumer Services, got the children involved by asking them about food and food groups. All that talk about food was as exciting for the champions as it was for me.

To reinforce what the champions had learned from



AMY THOMAS

Thomas and Myers, I read the children a book on germs and then had them make corncobs. The champions had fun making the corn on their cobs look real.

Our reading champions are great artists with great imaginations. Cadet Bryant, an English professor at Howard College and a cycling enthusiast, spoke to the champions about all the different types of bicycling events June 12 and 13.

Bryant presented an excellent Power Point presentation with the theme of encouraging children to never give up on their dreams, to see their failures as a means to success, and to enjoy exercise. Bryant mentioned to the champions that Michael Jordan was not picked for his high school basketball team and that Michelle Kwan has not won a gold

medal, but they are both the best in their fields. Most importantly, Bryant pointed out the positive attitudes Jordan and Kwan have.

June 19, Quail Dobbs came to talk to the champions about being a rodeo clown and how the people who participate in the rodeo are athletes. Dobbs was gracious enough to give each child a handkerchief and signed photo of himself. He also encouraged the champions to keep reading and to get a good education, saying that a good education would allow them to do and become whatever they wanted to be.

June 19 and 20, I read books on baseball, football and soccer. Then all the children got to sing "Take Me Out to the Ball Game," inserting their favorite team in the song.

After discussing baseball, football and soccer, the champions got to make a sports mobile with a baseball, football and soccer ball to color and tie to their mobile. The champions also glued pictures of their favorite sport stars to the top of their mobile.

Monday and Tuesday of this week, Larry Moore, who played for the Pittsburgh Steelers, talked to the children about football and the need to have an education to fall back on. He Moore discussed the

importance of practice and perseverance.

Monday and Tuesday we also "wear your favorite sport T-shirt" day. We summed up the summer reading program by discussing our favorite sports and then making our own favorite sports shirts to take home.

The most important part of "Reading: the Sport of Champions" is that the champions read as many books as they could. The mind needs exercise just as much as the body and the champions this summer have exercised their minds well.

All the champions who read at least 15 books in June will get to participate in a special party just for them and their parents Thursday. We will play blanket volleyball, jump rope, football toss and other sports-related games. All instruments used at the party will be soft so that no one gets hurt and none of the glass windows are broken.

There will also be lots of healthy watermelon to eat as well as some not-so-healthy, but delicious, cake.

I would like to thank the friends of the library and everyone else who helped make this summer's program a success. I thank the parents who came to encourage their children to read and have

fun. I would also like to thank HEB for donating some of the treats for the sports party.

Last of all, I thank all the children who participated. Every child was so well behaved and attentive. The summer reading champions deserve our applause for a job

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Amy Thomas is the children's librarian at the Howard County Library.

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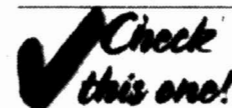
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